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SYRIA SHRINERS ANNUAL BUSINESS & ELECTION MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020 @ 7:30 PM

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Illustrious Potentate

Port. Allra Syria Recorder



Syria Shrine Center 1877 Shriners Way Cheswick, PA 15024-1075 Non-Profit Standard Mail Rate Paid at Butler, PA Permit #89

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# Syria Shrine's Annual Children's Christmas Party

WHEN: Sunday December 15, 2019

TIME: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

WHERE: Syria Shrine Center, Cheswick PA



Bike Raffle, Face Painting, Games, Bring your camera for pictures with Santa, Christmas Stocking, Cotton Candy, Popcorn, Lite Lunch

for <u>everyone</u> and Entertainment.

COST: \$7.00 per person

SNOW

Send Reservations to: John Colaianne, President 616 Whispering Pines Drive Gibsonia, PA 15044-7854 Make Checks Payable to: "Allegheny Valley Caravan 16"

Name:	Each Attending Child's Sex/Age
Address	M F
	<u> </u>
Phone No	M F
Email Address:	M F
Total:@ \$7.00/person = \$	<b>■</b> M F
	Cutoff is Age 12

Reservation deadline December 4, 2019 or maximum ballroom capacity is reached.

We cannot accept walk-ins this year.

This event is not a benefit for the Shriners Hospital for Children and is not tax deductible.

William L. Weiss

**Potentate** 

Donald J. Taylor

Chief Rabban

Donald I. Green

Assistant Rabban

Terry N. Steinheiser

High Priest & Prophet

Jerry A. Sciullo

Oriental Guide

Alan R. Tedeschi

1st Ceremonial Master

Thomas E. Prager

2nd Ceremonial Master

David J. Gardy, P.P.

Treasurer

Robert T. Addleman, Jr., P.P.

Recorder

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# "IMPERIAL REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION"

Nobles...first I would like to thank all who supported my candidacy for sixteen (16) years to be one of the four elected Representatives to Imperial Council. It has been a great honor to serve the SYRIA Nobility. This year at Imperial, I was awarded my Emeritus status.

Back in 2012, the elected Divan met and thought it would be fiscally responsible to nominate and elect the top four (4) Divan officers. This would save approximately \$1,500 from our budget expenses each year. The Recorder and Treasurer are required to attend a meeting at Imperial on Sunday morning each year before the Imperial Session starts on Monday.

I would suggest in the future when electing your four (4) Imperial Representatives, regardless of whom is elected to the Divan, that you give careful consideration to casting your

ballot for the newly elected Potentate, Chief Rabban, Assistant Rabban, and the Recorder. It has been an unwritten rule that we elect Past Potentates to be Imperial Representatives Past Potentates are always encouraged to continue traveling to Imperial session as Colorado Representatives. They have full rights to vote on all Colorado issues. Past Potentate Larry Burton has been a Colorado Representative for fifteen (15) consecutive years, and at the 2019 Session, Larry received his Colorado Emeritus status. No election is necessary for any Past Potentate to continue attending Imperial Sessions.

Again, I thank all the Nobility for supporting me. It is a great honor to achieve the position of Emeritus Imperial Representative. And we should all congratulate Larry Burton on achieving his Colorado Emeritus status.

Dave Gardy, P.P., Treasure



#### OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING January 6, 2020

7:30 PM

#### FROM IMPERIAL BYLAWS IOWA CORPORATION ARTICLE 25

§ 325.4 When Elected. Each temple must elect its officers and representatives at its annual meeting in January unless its bylaws allow the election to occur at the temple's stated meeting in December.

Amend. 1987

§ 325.5 Ballot.

(a) Separate Ballot. Election of officers shall be by a majority vote of those present and voting. When there is more than one candidate for election to a particular office, a separate written ballot is required. A blanket ballot is prohibited.

Amend 2012

(b) Retention. The ballots cast in any contested election for temple office shall be retained in the custody of the Recorder for a period of 90 days following the election, after which they may be destroyed unless the Imperial Potentate otherwise orders.

Amend. 1978
(c) Void Ballot. Blank ballots or ballots containing any markings other than the name of a candidate nominated from the floor are not votes and are not

to be considered for any purpose. *Add.* 2006

§ 325.6 Time of Election. Nominations must commence not later than 9:00 p.m. and when that hour arrives all other business must cease and none may be transacted until the election is concluded.

Amend, 1972 b

§ 325.7 Other Officers. The temple may elect such other officers as it's bylaws provide.

§ 325.8 Nomination. Candidates for office and Representative must be placed in nomination from the floor.

Amend, 1993

§ 325.9 Leadership Search Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint a committee consisting of not more than five (5) Nobles to study the qualifications of possible candidates for elective office in the temple. This committee may report their findings to the Board of Directors and/or to the temple members in the form of a nomination at a temple election. This committee may also consult with the Chief Rabban on his appointments if so requested.

Add. 2001

§ 325.10 Representatives.

- (a) Single Ballot. Where a temple elects more than one Representative, all candidates must be balloted for on one written ballot.
- (b) Complete Ballot. Each member voting must vote only for the total number of Representatives to be elected, otherwise his ballot cannot be counted as a vote.
- (c) Majority Vote. A majority vote of those present and voting is necessary to elect each Representative.
- (d) Election. Only those candidates who receive a majority vote shall be declared elected.
- (e) Successive Ballots. Successive written ballots must then be taken in the same manner on other candidates until all Representatives are elected.
- (f) Highest Vote. If more candidates receive a majority vote than the number of representatives to be elected, then those receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected.
- (g) Void Ballot. Blank ballots or ballots containing any markings other than the name of a candidate nominated from the floor are not votes and are not to be considered for any purpose.

Amend, 2006

- § 325.11 *Election Regulations*.
- (a) Electioneering. A candidate for an elected office in a Shrine temple may print, publish and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a résumé consisting of his educational background, his vocational history, and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, email or other devices, by a unit, club, Noble, or group of Nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing, or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited.
- (b) Expenditures Prohibited. The expenditure of money for gifts, favors, or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for elected office is prohibited.
- (c) Violation. For any violation of (a) or (b), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of the officers void and order a new election.
- (d) Notice. At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election, the temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section. Amend. 2011

Iteliam L. Weise Illustrious Potentate Attest Port Allera Recorder

This announcement is the official notice required by 325.11 (d) above

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2020 DUES CARD REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION AND VOTING





















Chief Rabban **Potentate** William L. Donald J. Weiss **Taylor** 

Green

& Prophet. Terry N. Steinheiser

HighPriest Oriental Guide Jerry A. Sciullo

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1st C.M. Alan R. **Tedeschi** 

2nd C.M. Thomas E. Prager

## POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe this is the last "Potentate Message" I will be writing in my year as Potentate of Syria Shriners. This year has gone unbelievably fast for Lady Phyllis and me. The experience has been challenging at times, but well worth the effort. Going forward, we look forward to contributing our time and talent volunteering to help whenever needed.

A HUGE "Thank You!" to all the volunteer nobles, ladies, aides, ambassadors and committee chairmen who helped to make this year a success for Syria Shriners. We could not do it without your support.

Lady Phyllis and I will be pooling our "Project Money" donated by various units, clubs and caravans to complete as many of the "Wish List" items as funds allow. Our primary project is to replace the Pavilion lighting with LED lights.

# Other "Restricted" contributions received to date:

- Ladies of the Motor Corp \$1,000 for improving the Shrine entrance signage
- NACO Caravan #19 \$1,900 for improvement, repair or replacement of the Pavilion Sound System
- Director's Staff \$2,500 for a new Wet Bar for the Ball room

#### Additional items still on the "Wish List" are as follows:

- Portable Wet Bars for the Ballroom
- New LED lighting in the Pavilion and Ballroom
- New remote-controlled LED Spotlights for the Pavilion and Ballroom
- Improved sound system in the Pavilion and Ballroom
- Parking Lot Security Camera System

Lady Phyllis and I wish Chief Rabban Don Taylor and Lady Eleanor nothing but the best as they begin their year on January 6, 2020, as Potentate and First Lady of Syria Shriners.

Iteliam L. Hass, Potentate



Official Philanthropy of Shriners International

Please be reminded that the Recorder's Office MUST be notified of any and all parades you may be participating in. A simple email will suffice, but we must have prior record of your involvement so you may be assured of insurance coverage. Send it to: "syriarecorder@gmail.com" and please put the word "PARADE" in the subject line. A letter or memo to this office will also be sufficient.

Fraternally,

Robert T. Addleman, Jr., P.P.,

## FROM THE RECORDER'S DESK...

Greetings, Nobles, Ladies and friends of Syria Shriners.

It seems hard to believe that I have served as Recorder for almost a year now. It has truly been an honor and one of the highlights of my Masonic career. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve you. All of us in the Recorder's office are happy to assist you in any way. Just let us know how we can help.

In the last issue of *THE VOICE*, I wrote during the third week of August that I was eagerly anticipating a couple of trips: First, to Milwaukee for the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, and then to Virginia Beach for the annual Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association convention. Both were great trips, but much of what was scheduled for the MASA convention was canceled, including the parade, and all of the unit competitions. It seems Hurricane Dorian had plans of its own that trumped our plans in the end.

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In Milwaukee, 27 Syria Shriners were coroneted Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, 33°, including Ill. Sir Mike Aaron, P.P., and Noble Terry Steinheiser, High Priest and Prophet. Syria Shriners led the way among all Shrine Temples with such a large representation in the class. A photo of all of the newly-made

33° Nobles appears in this issue. Congratulations to all of them!

In Virginia Beach, Syria took first place in the Golf Tournament. The trophy for that event was the only one presented at the President's Barbecue and Trophy Bash. It was a clean sweep for Syria! Congratulations to the winning team, featuring Nobles Scott Green, Todd Green, Randy Hobaugh, and Tom Prager, Second Ceremonial Master!

The only day we really lost to the hurricane was Friday (competition day), but public safety resources in Virginia Beach were pressed into more critical operations than policing a parade on Saturday. Nonetheless, a good time was had by all. We'll be back at the beach next September to try again. Mark your calendar for September 9-12!

By the time you receive this, our historic November 18 Ceremonial will be in the books. I hope you had a Candidate in the class, or at least that you took the chance to witness our premiere performance of the Knickerbocker ritual. Kudos to Noble Barry Lipson, Director and his cast for staging this first-ever Pittsburgh rendition of that ritual.

It is unfortunate that we were forced to suspend so many members for non-payment of dues at our October Quarterly Meeting. We remain hopeful to reinstate as many of those Nobles in arrears as possible. If you can assist in that effort, please do. The list of suspended Nobles is available from the Recorder's office. If you know anyone on the list and can help to return them to good standing, your work would be much appreciated,

Restorations are equally important as Creations in keeping Syria Shriners strong and poised for continuing success.

Finally, be sure to mark your calendar for Monday, January 6, when we will hold our Annual Meeting, and Election of Officers. Your voice and vote will help to shape Syria Shriners for 2020 and beyond, as we elect Temple Officers, Representatives to Imperial Council, and Members of the Executive Committee. Please remember that your Lodge and Shrine dues must be current for 2020 to attend and participate in this meeting.

In the meantime, please accept my best wishes for a blessed holiday season. Merry Christmas, Happy Channukah, and Happy New Year to all!

Bob Post : Allera Syria Recorder





2019 IM	PORTANT DATES
Sunday, December 15, 2019	Children's Christmas Party
Sunday, December 29, 2019	Youth Dance
Tuesday, December 31, 2019	New Year's Eve Party
Monday, January 6, 2020	Syria Annual Meeting & Election of Officers

## SHRINER'S FLEA MARKET

# by Dennis Conrad

Our second year of Shriner's Flea Markets is history. We had five flea markets this year in the north parking lot of the Shrine Center, starting in June and ending in October. We switched the date from the last Sunday of the month to the first Sunday of the month on the recommendation of the vendors.

A lot of the vendors from last year returned again this year. We averaged 21 vendors per Sunday which is a slight improvement over last year, but we also had rain three out of the five flea market days which helped to keep vendors and shoppers away.

Next year's flea market depends on if we can recruit some co-chairmen to help me out.

We need someone to run the concession stand, which entails setting up a simple menu and buying the food and supplies needed, handling the money and making sure you have volunteers to staff it. We need someone to put up and take down the banners at the Shrine Center and also put up and take down the yard signs along the streets and roads around the Shrine Center. They also need to set up the orange cones in the north parking lot, marking off the vendor spaces. This needs to be done on Saturday, the day before each flea market.

A third person is needed to come in at 5:30 am on flea market days to open up the building and get things going, to direct the vendors to their spaces, collect the money from the walk-ins and make sure that all vendors are happy.

This would be three out of the six events. Unless we get some volunteers to step up to the plate there will not be any more flea markets.

If you're interested in being a co-chair and handling one of these

three jobs, please call me (Dennis Conrad) at 412-956-2245.

I would like to say Thank You to all the people that came out and volunteered their time on Sunday mornings to help make this fundraiser a success for your Shrine Center. Yes, this event is for the benefit of the Syria Shriners to help keep the doors open.

Once again, Thank You.

Dennis





Let's Make Some Music

Do you know someone who plays a musical instrument?

Maybe it's you, a friend or a family member

The Syria Shrine Band is looking for new members to join the band.

The band performs in parades and plays several concerts throughout the year.

Rehearsals are held at the Shrine twice a month (second and fourth Thursday's from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)

Encourage the musician in your life to come and make beautiful music.

For more information contact Michael Panza at <a href="mailto:mpanza@centurylink.net">mpanza@centurylink.net</a>, or call 412-979-7645.



# THANK YOU!!!

I want to thank all the Nobles and Ladies for a wonderful year. With everyone's support I have managed to purchase two (2) new commercial refrigerators for the Pavilion and have enough money hopefully, (after the end of the year and the payouts for the Calendar) to purchase the lights. Any monies I have left after my bills will go to the Potentate to help with this same project.

This has been a fun year for me. The friendships extended to us at all the Unit, Club and Caravan parties has been wonderful. We have had good food, fun, conversation and support for our projects, and it is greatly appreciated. Come January I will join the ranks of the other "Past" First Ladies but, I will have many memories to reflect on and relive in the coming years.

Thank you for a great 2019.

*Phyllis Weiss* First Lady of Syria

# Nobles of Syria Shriners who were Coroneted Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, 33°, at the Biennial Session of the Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, NMJ, in Milwaukee, on Tuesday, August 27



Left to Right:

Richard Bower, Richard Hudson, Robert Ruff, William Johnston, Harry Smail, Robert Holderbaum, Brandon Neuman, Robert Dunkle, J. Michael Aaron, P.P., Jacque Hauser, Peter Leary, Terry Steinheiser, James West, David Moore, Austin Shifrin, Richard Kocian, Maurice Snyder, Eric Teasdale, J. Blair McGill, Howard Matthews, Vincent Monardo, Randall Connell, Ronald Troy, Brian Phillips, Shane Connor, William Chishko, N. Floyd Montgomery.

Chief Rabban Donald Taylor Invites you and yours to attend the

# Oldies Show Dinner Dance

featuring

# "PURE GOLD" SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020

Syria Shrine Center 1877 Shriners Way Cheswick, PA 15024-1075

6:00 p.m. Doors Open 7:00 p.m. Buffet Dinner 8:00 p.m. "PURE GOLD" -OPEN BAR- Take your Valentine out for an evening of music, food and libation. Enjoy the top oldies group-"PURE GOLD" nationally known and Pittsburgh's own.

\$55.00 per person Casual Dress

Make checks payable to: SYRIA SHRINE Send payment and reservation to: Frank Sims

815 Clover Lane

Murrysville, PA 15668



Number of persons @ \$55.00 each	Total \$
Name	RESERVATION DEADLINE
(please print)	JANUARY 25, 2020
This event does not benef	it the Shriners Hospitals for Children

# HAPPY 2019 BIRTHDAYS!

Thomas Barlow, 7 Mustang Ct., Grayslake, IL 60030

Warren E. Greene, 106 Srader Grove Rd., Freeport, PA 16229

Harry Roman, 104 Shirehill Dr., Glenshaw, PA 15116

Kenneth L. Nolf, 144 Oak Manor Dr., Natrona Heights, PA 15065

Thomas E. Blandford, Jr., 161 Marina Del Rey Ct., Clearwater, FL 33767

Kenneth Leah, 1153 Leah Lane, Vandergrift, PA 15690

92 years of age 90 years of age

88 years of age

87 years of a

85 years of age

80 years of age

December 20, 1927

September 21, 1929

October 30, 1931

July 15, 1932

November 2, 1934

August 3, 1939

# 2019 WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES!

71 years

Warren E. and Mary Greene, 106 Srader Grove Rd., Freeport, PA 16229

Freelon Jr. and Mary Ellen Pate, 2325A 1st Ave., Fernandina Beach, FL 32034 Gene R. and Lois Maxine Fouse, 7900 Walnut St., Unit #8, Boardman, OH 44512

63 years

Kenneth L. and Dottie Nolf, 144 Oak Manor Dr., Natrona Heights, PA 15065

58 years

Robert W. Peters, P O Box 143, Cabot, PA 16023

46 years

Denny "Radish" and Cathy Schweinsburg, 558 Armbrust Hecla Rd., Hunker, PA 15639

42 years

Kenneth and Sandra Leah, 1153 Leah Lane, Vandergrift, PA 15690

November 10, 1948

February 12, 1953 November 22, 1953

September 8, 1956

December 1, 1961

November 16, 1973

October 29, 1977

Birthday and Anniversary listings must be sent to Syria Shrine Center, 1877 Shriners Way, Cheswick, PA 15024-1075 by the deadline listed.

To have your address included with your Birthday and Anniversary listing, you must provide it. The editor cannot take this information by telephone and please DO NOT CALL Syria Shrine with this information. Please include all required information when sending the coupon for your Birthday or Anniversary listing. Please print all information or use your own address labels for your name and address. The preferred way to relay this information is by E-mail to: voice@syriashriners.org

# PAST POTENTATE DAVID J. GARDY

Receives the Order of DeMolay Active Legion of Honor



On October 13, 2019, Noble David J. Gardy, Past Potentate and Treasurer of Syria Shrine, was honored with the presentation of the DeMolay Active Legion of Honor.

The Legion of Honor is the highest award the Order of DeMolay gives to a Senior DeMolay or Master Mason for service not only to the Order of DeMolay, but all of Freemasonry & Humanity. Noble David was a member of the former South Hills



Congratulations to all the men who received the DeMolay Legion of Honor that day.

# **SONS OF VETERANS**

The Syria Shrine Sons of Veterans (S.O.V.) is out of the gate and rolling along. With our Charter in review, we should be an official unit of the Shrine very soon. Our officers being elected for not only this year, but 2020 as well, now have the job ahead to getting our mission as a unit down. What would that mission be, you ask? Well the SOV will operate as a unit promoting Americanism, Patriotism and honoring our forefathers (and mothers!) who served in the Armed Services of the United States.



To perform our designated duties, we have monthly meetings and rehearsals for presentations and for what we hope will result in being the official Honor Guard & Flag detail for the Syria Shrine.

Membership in our unit requires one thing, you have to be a son or a grandson of someone who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, mothers and grandmothers included! Within our membership we also have some nobles who are also veterans themselves from an old crusty sailor from the Vietnam War to a younger Army paratrooper who spent too many days in the hot sun and blazing sands of the Middle East (no wonder he's a Shriner).

Our regular monthly meetings/rehearsals are on the Second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in the Syria Unit Meeting Room. If you qualify to be a member, come and join us!

For those inquiring about membership to the Sons of Veterans, you will need some form of proof of your parents or grandparents service such as a DD-214 (military service record) or another type of document showing their service. Pictures are also a great way to show proof of their service.

You can email our Secretary/Treasurer Ray Pfister with your contact information, name, address, email, telephone number. Email *sovsecretary@comcast.net* and become a fellow patriot of the Syria S.O.V.!

Ray Pfister, Secretary/Treasurer, Syria Shriners Sons of Veterans

•	k Anniversary Listing Form 1877 Shriners Way, Cheswick, PA 15024	
Please list my 2019 Birthday in The Vo	,	
Name	Age	
Address	Birthday	
City, State, Zip	Birth Year	
Please list my 2019 Wedding Annivers	ary	
Nama	Wife's Name	
Name	# Years Married	
NameAddress	# Years Married	

# FORT LIGONIER DAYS PARADE

Oct 12, 2019

Featured a Strong Syria Shrine and Masonic Presence



Clowns getting ready for parade



Patrol Unit member Charlie Zurcher



Rode Rigs random



Clowns hitching a ride with the Patrol Unit after the parade



Some relaxing time after a wet, but successful Fort



Ligonier Days Parade for the Patrol



Shriners Hospital Scoreboard



The Patrol Unit Tailgate Party after the parade



The Patrol mixes with the Clowns -Post Fort Ligonier Days Parade First row – Noble Patrolman Charlie Zurcher Second row - Barkley, Dots, Splotchee, Radish and Putts



Clowns, Shriners and Masons

# New Year's Eve Celebration

# **Pittsburgh Shrine Center Ballroom**

Tuesday, December 31, 2019

Open to the Public

Social Hour: Hors d'oeuvres: 6:30 P.M.

Dinner: 7:00 P.M. Menu: Beef Brisket, or Crab Cakes,
Honey Glazed Carrots, Twice Baked Potatoes,
Spring Mix Salad w/apples, Holiday Cookies & Mini Cheesecakes

Open Bar

Carving Stations with Baked Ham and Turkey Breast, petite rolls and condiments will be available later in the evening.

\$65.00 per person - \$130.00 per couple

# Dance to the sounds of the Syria Shrine Stage Band



Attire: Men - Black Tie, Business Suit Ladies - Gown, Cocktail Dress

Overnight Accommodations Are Available
Hampton Inn & Suites, Harmar
2805 Freeport Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238
Ask for the Syria Shriners Block of Rooms at \$119.00 per night
Available December 31, 2019: 412-423-1100
DTEL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY DECEMBER 10, 2019

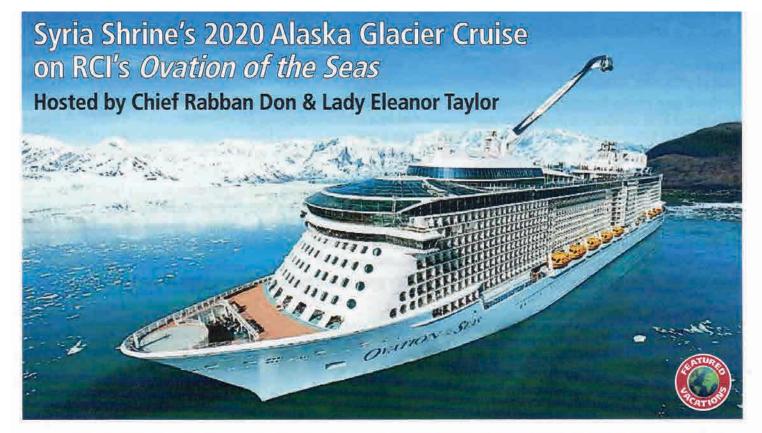
Send this reservation for the "New Year's Eve Celebration" no later than December 23, 2019 to:

Tom Prager - 957 Pony Farm Road, Kittanning, PA 16201

Name:	Lady		
Phone::	No. of Reservations @ \$65.00 ea.		
Dinner Selection: Crab Cake:	Beef Brisket:		
Check enclosed for \$	Payable to Syria Shrine		
Name of others in my party (No mo	re than 8 per table please)		

No tickets will be mailed - Reservations will be verified at the door.

Proceeds are for the benefit of Syria Stringers and are not destrible as a charitable contribution.



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# 7-NIGHT ITINERARY: AUG 14-21, 2020

Date	Port Location	Arrive	Depart
Aug 14	Seattle WA		4pm
Aug 15	Cruising at sea		
Aug 16	Alaska Inside Passage (cruising)		
Aug 16	Juneau AK	12pm	9pm
Aug 17	Skagway AK	7am	8:30pm
Aug 18	Endicott Arm & Dawes Glacier	7am	12pm
Aug 19	Cruising at sea		
Aug 20	Victoria BC	8am	6pm
Aug 21	Seattle WA	6am	

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# **Payments**

A deposit of \$250.00 per person is required at time of booking with final payment due May 1, 2020.

#### Notes

Proof of citizenship is required.

For closed loop cruises departing and returning to a US port, proof of citizenship is: A valid US Passport Card or an original state-issued birth certificate with a raised seal accompanied by a state-issued photo identification such as a driver's license. However, AAA STRONGLY recommends all passengers obtain a passport to avoid financial repercussions due to missed connections or to expedite emergency situations requiring you to return to the US by air from the Caribbean, Mexico, Canada or Bermuda. (Note: A notification of birth IS NOT acceptable.)

If you are unable to produce proper documentation, you will be denied boarding, and all penalties or other fees that may apply will be your responsibility. Please contact your travel agent if you have any questions on documentation. Fare is subject to availability at time of booking. All schedules, itineraries, hours of arrival and departure and special programs are subject to change without prior notice. AAA Travel shall not be required to refund any portion of fares or other charges nor make any other compensation under these circumstances.

Rates are per person based on double occupancy and include government taxes and fees of \$436.58 per person.

#### Cancellation Penalties

In days, prior to departure:

Cancel 89 – 75 days prior to departure: penalty of 25%

Cancel 74 – 61 days prior to departure: 50% penalty

Cancel 60 - 31 days prior to departure: 75% penalty

Cancel 30 days or less: no refund

### Travel Insurance

Please advise if you would like to protect your investment with Travel Insurance when you make your deposit.

# Required Reservation Information

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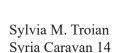
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Short –Sleeve Royal Blue Button-down Collar Syria Shriners Logo on Left Chest and "Silent Messenger" Logo on Sleeve Name embroidered on right chest (*Optional*) (Add \$3.50 per line)

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# SYRIA SHRINE HIGHLANDERS







# PIPES AND DRUMS

The most joyous greetings of the season where Christians celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and our Jewish brethren celebrate Hanukkah, the eight day Festival of Lights where Judah Maccabee and his small band of Jews stood up to a government and it's army intent on forcing it's will on the people. The Maccabeeans retook the Holy Temple in Jerusalem and rededicated it to the service of God. How appropriate for us as men and Masons, that we honor our brethren and recognize what they did for freedom of religion for the same God we all worship, differently. What a unique group.

Aye, some oddball weather we had over the "summer." A hurricane took away power in parts of Virginia Beach. First responders decided their priority was to restore basic services in affected areas. Our parade was cancelled. Oh, the songs of sorrow and the gnashing of teeth that were heard at the beach. "We need more beer." "I'm taking a pizza down to the water." Oh, the humanity!

Aside from the basic problems that arise when words and letters are used to insure everything is correct at the time agreed upon, move in for the opening of the hospitality room was accomplished and the food and drink was provided. My Lady, Susan, and I had the duty of hosting the Highlander hospitality room. Big thanks to the Gledich Clan for helping get menu items and Richie Diehl's crew for helping move stuff from room to room. Drew and Jerie Keele always checked in to see if they could render

assistance or relieve Susan or me.

MASA went off, no parade, hardly any leftovers, except beer and some good memories. Then the weather did us a bit of a turn for the Ft. Ligonier Days Parade. Full dress can smell a bit "doggy" when it gets wet.

We waited. Then marched. Rain was not our friend. We are going to have to look into buying big umbrellas. Maybe those CINZANO ones on the decks at outdoor restaurants.

Good news! We had the Highlanders elections. I am no longer the Assistant Clan Chief! Drew Keele is! He and Jerie get to do MASA next year. For some reason the election did not turn out that well for me. I was elected Clan Chief. I didn't bribe anyone, I didn't offer free stuff, free ice cream or all the other inducements used to obtain votes. I just sat there, looked stupid, heard my nomination and thought "Oh, these poor Brothers." But, I will do my best to be a good Clan Chief and live up to the reputation established by those who have gone this way before me.

The Highland Ball was, again a success. Thanks to Frank Sims for making sure we had everything right. Fun is why we are Shriners.

Our great charity of The Shriners Hospitals for Children is known throughout the world. We march so children can walk. There is hardly a burn doctor or nurse that has not done specialty training at Shriners. Our one specialty hospital for bone disorders is in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. What a group! Men gathering to celebrate and help children.

#### **OUTSTANDING!**

"Pappy" Patchin, Drum Major, Clan Chief

HAPPY NEW YEAR Y'ALL (Southern Scotland)

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Covers October, November, December 2019



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# **MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE**

The fall ceremonial is over, but it's not too soon to start planning for next spring. Our Imperial Potentate Jeff Sowder has launched his 'Just One' campaign. If each Shriner will commit to signing "just one" recruit or restoration, the fraternity will experience tremendous growth. We have brethren out there that have considered joining us, but have hesitated to take that step. I've attended many Blue Lodge meetings during my tenure in the Membership Committee and I see that these Brothers are interested but are unsure about committing. This is where I need you to step in and re-enforce my message. A word or two from a Brother that they know and trust is all it takes. Guide them on their next step.

Keep in mind that this campaign is not only targeting new members but also restorations. Situations change, and many Nobles who have dropped from our fold due to outside circumstances may be interested in rejoining our ranks. Help them understand that we welcome them with open arms.

Speaking of my Lodge visits, I want to commend our Nobles on remembering that we are Masons first. When I begin my Lodge presentations, I always ask how many Brothers attending are Nobles. I always find that most of the room raises their hands. Since you regularly attend your Lodge meetings, find the opportunity to begin a Shrine conversation.

Lastly, I want to remind you that in the last issue I had asked all of our Brethren to make ourselves more visible to the public. Wear your Masonic/Shrine shirts and coats, put emblems on your car, and wear your fraternal rings. We want the public to realize that the people they see everyday are members of our wonderful fraternity.

Jim Cornwell

412-952-1275



Get that Petition!
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SYRIA SHRINERS ANNUAL BUSINESS & ELECTION MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020 @ 7:30 PM

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# Greetings, Nobles, Ladies, and Friends of Syria Shriners:

As the retail environment continues to change in the 21st century more and more people purchase items online rather than at a brick and mortar store. Many of you may purchase items through Amazon, with or without a prime membership. Did you know that you can designate a favorite charity to which Amazon will donate 0.5% of every dollar that you spend? One of the charity choices is Shriners Hospitals for Children. As of June 9th, 2019, Amazon has donated \$145,890.76 to the hospitals.

When using Amazon, please consider designating Shriners Hospitals as your charity. Purchases that benefit a charity can ONLY be made through www.smile. amazon.com NOT www.amazon.com. Therefore the phone apps/tablet apps will not work with this program. You must use a browser. I personally have found it convenient to bookmark the link for easy access. Please be aware that you will NOT pay any more for your purchases. If we can all make a concerted effort to purchase through this method we can help the hospitals, which of course is our mission.



# **NIGHT AT THE RACES**

On Saturday, October 19, 2019 we held our second "Night At The Races." The turn out and support was disappointing, however all of those attending had a great fun filled evening. We used a different Race Caller this time, and Jeff and his wife Michele were very entertaining and had a lot of fun with the crowd. The food we served was delicious as usual. Thanks to all of you who attended the event.

Thanks goes out to the Race Sponsors:

The RODE RIGS

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The Directors Staff sponsored two races

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And still another thanks goes out to all of you who supported this fund raiser for Syria and attended the event.

The biggest Thank You goes out to those who helped and worked this Fundraiser. There are too many of you to list, and I do not want to miss anyone, so a *BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU*, we could not have done it without you.

# THE WHISPERING STORM

by Windy Yarn and Fred Shridan

OMG can you believe it is December and everybody is Christmas shopping and attending Christmas parties and you are sitting there reading Windy's report of the O L's October Dinner meeting. Well since you are desperate for entertainment, here goes. It was Jim Wehrheim's last full meeting as President of the O L's. True there was still the Christmas party and in January he will open the meeting and then relinquish control to the new administration, but this is his last full meeting and what better time of the year. The fields are full of color with squash and pumpkins and apple trees flush with ruddy fruit and vines laden with purple grapes and all are being relieved of their burden to the ecstasy of our palates. With Halloween being immanent and Columbus Day and Oktoberfest parties enlivening the neighborhoods, did President Wehrheim select a popular theme for his bash? No sir, just like there is no pool in our pool party, there was no dinner in our dinner meeting. Instead President Wehrheim opted for hors d'oeuvres which were seafood, pigs, and poultry, possibly inspired by our guest speaker Allan Marshall from the Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium.

As usual the evening began with limburger and an open bar and tonight butter kase cheese was available. Sitting at a table behind Grant McLaughlin and not far from the cheese, 96 year old Norm Arthurs and his chauffer Bob Eckbreth were telling Fran Bellante and Larry Palmer how Norm has finally moved to the Masonic Homes. Norm says he is so old the candles cost more than his birthday cake. On a nearby stool Don Reisch was relating his big move to Scott Reisch and Bob Truver from a country home in Valencia to the urban sprawl of the metropolis of Butler and all the amenities that are now available. available. Further down the room Rip

Miller was telling Vito Urso, Herb Brant, and Tony Battilana, and others, "I said it is not how many times you fall down, but how many times you get back up, and then the State Trooper said, sir that is now how we run a field sobriety test". Nearby Bob Petty was overheard telling Ron Gongaware, Ed Monroe, and Tom Smith, I don't care how much you like the soap, never walk out of a public restroom smelling your fingers. Jack Bock came in and asked Grant Mclaughlin if he could use Apple Pay or Google Pay and Grant said he only takes cash for the dinner. Over by the cheese Norm Flaherty was telling Joel Elizeus and Eric Gumto I'm on two diets now. I wasn't getting nearly enough food on one. Lawton Stokes in disguise with a clandestine name tag was telling Cab Whitaker, Charlie Myers, and Dan Vitchoff - so maybe next time wasn't the correct RSVP for the wedding invitation. Mac McIlrath said his secretary came into his office and said there was a man in the waiting room who thought he was invisible. Mac said I told her to tell him I could not see him today. Meanwhile Ray Wickline toured the room selling 50/50 tickets and Al Douglas, famous for his Road Runner articles elsewhere in the Voice, was telling Barry Lipson and Bob Nelson how he broke his forearm at hunting camp while cutting down trees and a large one fell on him. Al insists there is no alcohol at their camp. Be sure to ask Max Smith why he is known as the Lone Stranger. Max is also famous for his Arab Patrol articles in the Voice. Only Bob Sabilla can make a Political statement with socks as he kept lifting a leg to show off Trump. Bob Barkus says he recently returned from deep sea fishing where he caught over 200 cod weighing over 5 pounds. Not sure if that was total weight or weight of each fish.

After our hors d'eouvres of jumbo shrimp, chicken liver in bacon,

shish-ka-bob and few other delicacies president Wehrheim Wehrheim introduced our guests for the evening, Bill Magnotti, Tom Edwards, Bob Reddinger, Bill Johnston, Ray Hess, and Mike Taylor. I might add some of our gormandizing members actually defied the laws of gravity as they loaded their plates while attenuated and dieting members balanced plates whose only challenge was the weight of the plate.

Next Secretary Addleman announced we would dispense with the reading of the minutes, however, he did report on John Clark who has had cancer for the last five years and has amazed everyone with his strong and cheerful attitude and belief in God and Bob asked each of us to remember John in our prayers and to give him a call if possible. Sadly John's battle ended on October 29th as he joined his parents George and Rita in that house not made by hands. John was always very proud of his father, a fellow Shriner and O L. John was also very proud of his membership in the various Masonic bodies and recently served as president of the Masonic Veterans. He will be missed whenever the O L's get together.

Treasurer McLaughin gave his report, said we are financially solid; no one ever stops by his office to buy him lunch and examine his books, which are considered truly a work of art.

Hard to believe we had over 80% in



O. L. Officers for 2020 – L to R: Ed O'Brien, Treasurer, Bob Addleman, Secretary, Dave Beery, President, and Ron Gongaware, VP



# PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP SYRIA SHRINERS



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# Meet & Greet your 2020 Officers

# Learn of the exciting events planned for the year

Saturday, January 11, 2020, 12:30pm

Pittsburgh Shrine Center Ballroom \$5.00 per person

Deadline for Reservations: January 4, 2020

A light luncheon will be served, prepared by Airys Temple, No. 48
Daughters of the Nile

Send reservations & checks payable to Syria Shriners to:

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## SYRIA SHRINE BAND

The Mid Atlantic Shrine Association Convention (MASA) began on September 4th and lasted thru September 8, 2019. As members of the Shrine Band began to arrive at the Holiday Inn in Virginia Beach, the main topic was the upcoming hurricane Dorian and how it would affect our plans for the weekend.

On Thursday, September 5, 2019, the Band members and their families began to gather for our annual banquet at Bubba's. While the winds began to pick up outside, there was a lot of good talk and friendship shared inside. A special thanks goes out to Noble Ray Langer and his lady for planning the banquet, and for the favors made by Patty.

Dorian came ashore early Friday morning, about 3:00 AM, and remained till about mid-afternoon on Friday. We started to plan for what upcoming events we could do with the storm bearing down upon us. We agreed that on Friday afternoon we would meet at the Convention Center to do the walk through to honor our incoming Potentate Donald J. Taylor and his Lady Eleanor, and what a great turnout we had for the Syria Shrine.

Since the activities were cancelled, it was decided to meet in the hospitality suite that evening and perform. The Band, along with the Chanters and Highlanders entertained all of the Shrine members at the hotel. Each unit helped each other out to create a wonderful evening. So in the end, Dorian did not ruin our plans. The major parade was canceled so the clean-up could get under way.

October 12, 2019 was the Ligonier Days Parade in which many units come together. This is one of the largest parades we do. The weather was cold with rain which is common for this parade. The streets are four (4) to five (5) people deep. If you have never been to Ligonier days, it's worth going to see. Just remember that the roads close at 9:00 AM. Afterwards on the way back to the Shrine, a stop was made for a late lunch. During the meal we were approached by patrons in the restaurant and were told how they enjoyed the parade and what good things we do. Makes you proud to be a Shriner.

Prelude to Christmas is November 10, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Prelude to Christmas is the combined concert, with the Band, Chanters, Highlanders and Stage Band all performing. Tickets are \$10 per person. Children age 12 and under are free, with refreshments served afterwards. Come out for an afternoon of great music to start off the Holiday season.

The Syria Shrine Band once more will host Cool Jazz on a Hot Summer's Night. Local school jazz bands come together with local professional musicians for an evening of good music and great talent.

December 6th, 2019, we will once again join for the annual Christmas banquet, where there will be a white elephant gift exchange and plans in the making for the 2020 season.

A special congratulations goes out to one of our own, Noble Donald J. Taylor, for reaching that fifty (50) year milestone in Syria Shrine. Let us show him all of our support as he becomes our next Potentate.

The election of officers was held with all officers remaining in their chairs.

On behalf of the members of the Band we wish all Nobles and their families a joyful and safe Holiday season.

Our rehearsals are the (2) second and (4) fourth Thursdays at (7) seven pm at the Shrine Band room.

Anyone who plays an instrument and wishes to join us will be welcomed with open arms and a warm heart.

Respectfully Submitted by *Noble Thomas M. Kostelansky* 

#### For more information contact:

Noble Michael Panza, Presdent mpanza@centurylink.net 412-979-7645

*Noble Thomas M. Kostelansky* thomkost53@yahoo.com 724-568-1302

# KENNYWOOD 2019



First row – L to R: Past First Lady Paige Herbert, Illustrious Sir Robert Herbert, Past Potentate

Second row – L to R: Nobles Max Smith and Charlie Zurcher



# ON THE ROAD WITH THE RODE RIGS

by Dennis Conrad

As you may or may not know, the Rigs have come home from M.A.S.A. for the last seven years as First Place winners in the Mini 18-Wheeler division. We had our sights on an eighth straight win, but this year Mother Nature interrupted our winning streak with Hurricane Dorian. The Rigs didn't let any stinking hurricane ruin our M.A.S.A. trip. We battled back and had a great time. We went out and bought all kinds of goodies and had our own hospitality room.

While the storm pounded Virginia Beach with high winds, rain and surf on Thursday & Friday, we still did our thing. Thursday night we had our unit dinner at Gusto Italian's on Atlantic Ave. The food was great and so was the fellowship.

On Friday, a couple of brave members went out in the eye of the storm to show Mother Nature that the Rigs can do battle with what she was dishing out. The only unfortunate thing about the hurricane was that all the competitions and the parade were cancelled but, that means that we're still Champs of the Mini 18-Wheeler division for another year. We still had a great time despite the weather.



L to R: Nobles Dennis Conrad, John Handshue and Randy Hobaugh in the "EYE" of the storm!

We are getting into the Christmas parade mode. The guys are decorating their rigs and jeeps and are ready to start parading. This part of the parade season



Just a "wee" bit rough out there today.

kicks off at Glassport and then we travel up to Tarentum to do the combined Tarentum & Brackenridge parade. Then we're down to Etna to their light up night parade, and last but not least we finish up in Homestead and Harrison Township for their Christmas parades.

We have had another very busy year, on the parade route, chairing fundraising events and helping at the Shrine Center. The Rode Rigs chaired & participated in both "Night at the Races" and the Flea Markets. We also participated with the Bunny Bash, the Kennywood Family Pinic, and the Children's Christmas party.

As members of The Rigs, we were able to make quite a few donations this year starting with Shriners Hospital for Children Erie, with a \$5,300 donation. Another donation to the Shrine Center for \$1,000 for the new tables and chairs in the picnic



Don't let go John, you'll make it back to Pittsburgh before me!!!

pavilion, plus the Rigs paid for and donated all the food for the first Night at the Races in March. We also made donations for the Bunny Bash, the Kennywood Family Picnic and the Children's Christmas party.

We participated in 26 parades this year and sometimes it's hard knowing where we are supposed to be and when we're supposed to be there. Thanks to our parade Captain Don Wiles & Lady Gloria, they kept us well informed and made sure everyone had an up to date parade schedule.

A Big Thank You goes out for another Fantastic year to all the members of the Rode Rigs and their Ladies for all their hard work and dedication. That's what makes our unit so Great. It's the members and their wives, all working together for the common good of our unit, the Temple and the children in our hospitals.

After all the parades and events are done for the year, it's time for the Rigs to kick back and have our own annual Christmas party at the Shrine Center with lots of good food, fun and fellowship. We will then take a well-deserved rest.

We would like to take this time to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Safe, Healthy and Happy New Year. See you in 2020.

Remember Keep on Truck'n for the kids

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# **NOTES FROM THE** SYRIA SHRINERS CHANTERS

The Chanters have been singing up a storm since the deadline for the last Voice came by. A goodly number of us traveled to Virginia Beach in September to sing at the competition but a strange thing happened! We were doused with rain from a passing hurricane and our competition turned into a concert for those brave enough to turn out to listen. We didn't do a rendition of "Singing in the Rain" but we had a good time singing our competition numbers for the small and large groups plus a few extra numbers that had members of the Rajah Chanters singing along. Good music and good fellowship was enjoyed by all in the Convention Center.

Friday evening we sang a few numbers and also accompanied the Syria Shriners Band in the hospitality suite for those who hadn't been over to hear our earlier concerts.

In addition to our trip to Virginia Beach, we have participated in a number of parades and concerts. We are eagerly looking forward to the Benefit Concert on November 10, 2019, when many of the music groups will work together to raise money for the Transportation fund and for the Erie Shriners Hospital for Children. Like last year's concert, we offered a kickoff to the Christmas season with holiday music. Unlike last year, we also included patriotic music in honor of our veterans. Light refreshments were offered afterwards.

In October we elected the following officers for the next two years: President: Bob Barkus; Vice President: Jack Doverspike; Secretary: David Eichelberger; Treasurer: Gary Ridgway. We look forward to their installation in January 2020.

If your organization, church, lodge, etc., is looking for a musical program for next year, contact our director, Lee Pfeifer lpfeifer@zoominternet.net or David Eichelberger, Secretary Secretary davideosl@yahoo.com to book a concert.

We ask for a donation to the Shriners Hospitals for Children in return for a good concert and a brief presentation about the Shrine. If we can fit you in our schedule, we would love to sing for your group.

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We are also inviting Shriners who enjoy Singing to come and sing with us most Tuesdays at the Shrine from 7-9 PM. See how you like it and join one of the many very active groups at Syria Shrine. New members can join all through the year.

The Chanters hope everyone has a joyous Holiday Season! David Eichelberger Secretary

# SYRIA SHRINE **CENTER**

# **MEMBER SURVEY**

The Syria Shriners are here to help the Children in our Hospitals, but we are also here to promote fellowship to our members and community. We are looking for positive suggestions to accomplish this task.

We are looking for positive ideas for Social Events, Community Oriented Events and Fundraising.

If you have any suggestions, please submit them to: Syria Shrine Center, 1877 Shriners Way, Cheswick, PA 15024.

MARK THE ENVELOPE "SURVEY"

Thank you for your feedback.

W.O.W. CLUB

INVITES

NEW MEMBERS

Widows or Widowers Singles Club meets

monthly for luncheon at various Pittsburgh area February. All widows, widowers and single
February. All widows, widowers

be held at Houlihan's, Galleria at Mt. Lebanon, 1500 Washington Road, Space #1210.

The December 5, 2019 luncheon will be held at the Olive Garden, 6000 Oxford Drive, Bethel Park.

We urge all who are eligible, to come out and join the W.O.W. group for an enjoyable afternoon.

Please call:

LaVerne McConnell, Secretary

(412) 833-4243



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elections, although the ballot went pretty smoothly as President Wehrheim left little choice, only announcing one candidate for each office. President Wehrheim explained that Syria Bylaws called for an election this month. Newly elected to take office in January are President Dave Beery, VP Ron Gongaware, Secretary Bob Addleman, and Treasurer Ed O'Brien. Gongaware and O'Brien are newcomers to our administration.

President Wehrheim then introduced Allan Marshall from the Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium by way of Australia, Boston, Baltimore, Virginia Beach, Portugal, Boston, Pittsburgh, Florida, Springfield, and he is now back in Pittsburgh again. Either he has had a lot of promotions or he can't hold a job. Based on his skills as a raconteur there is no doubt it is the former. He said he is a Marine Biologist and a self-proclaimed fish head and now Director of the Aquarium. He once worked at SeaWorld in Australia, never liked dolphins, and had an epiphany one day to start his career as a marine biologist. He has a wealth of humorous stories, has been swimming with the sharks and once while transporting a large fish in an equally large tank he found the seawater sloshing over the electric circuits as they took off from a New Jersey airport. Flight controls were damaged and communications became non-existent. Returning to the airport they dumped fuel enroute while the tower unable to contact them cleared the field for a crash landing and fortunately the pilot got them in safely. He knew fellow Australian Steve Irwin and said all his outtakes contained laughter from the cameramen. In one outtake Steve's wife fell in the lagoon containing a rogue crocodile and as he hung onto a branch while pulling her out a large non-venomous snake on the limb kept biting him so that blood was spurting all over. Allan did not say how

many takes this took, but laughter from the cameraman described his schadenfreude.

Burgermeister Dom Pascucci was next on the program, but he is in Italy looking for stinkier cheese than our traditional limburger. Ed Aiello filled in admirably fining President Wehrheim a king's ransom for his failure to provide the traditional Oktoberfest brats and kraut, fined a number of members missing O L lapel pins, and Lawton Stokes for wearing a



Celebrating a birthday at the October O. L. dinner are from L to R:
Jim Wehrheim, Don Reisch,
Ed "The Enforcer" Aiello, Rudd Van Horn,

Fran Bellante, Herb Brant, Scott Allen,

Vito Urso, and Max Smith



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# To all Units, Clubs & Caravans

If you maintain your own mailing list, you might want to use the Recorder's office to purge your membership mailing lists.

This needs to be corrected at least annually, as the Shrine has the master list that is updated daily with suspensions, deaths and demits.

# **CLOWNING AROUND**

# w/ little georgie

Wow it's already the December issue and time to close another exciting year. We have high hopes that Ill. Sir Bill and Phyllis have enjoyed their year thoroughly and it will remain a positive thought in their memory banks for eternity.

As for our Unit, it has been a pleasure to serve, not only an honored Harige member, but a true friend and one that understands our values and needs.
Unfortunately, advancing from active Captain to Past Captain status will be my hero Rob "Splotchee" Brinkley. As active as he has been in my tenure, the sidelines will not have his presence too long. I am sure he will continue to offer his experience and talents to best of his abilities and the Unit will be quite appreciative of it.

I would love to submit a list of the elected members and their titles but our election this year is slated after this article is due. I do have my own premonition as to who our next year's leader will be and he is named after a cold weather crop. He is the best thing to ever come out of Hunker, PA. In fact he is probably the only noteworthy value to that region. He has been a Shriner for what seems to be eternal.

He has gained accolades for his impec-cable costume, make up, and judging skills throughout the country and we are very proud to have him as a member. He maintains the leadership skills, experience and fortitude to take us into the future, and we will be glad to follow his direction. It would be ill-advised of me to mention his name at this time. (as I think of the printed 1948 Presidential election results).

Hooray! I have the distinct pleasure of presenting to you our newest member John Mann, known to all of us as "Bark Lee." "Bark," has his character costume and makeup approved and is out with the rest of the zanies. I am sure he is currently

up as much good-natured barbs as the rest of the Unit. Please extend all courtesies when you meet him, or at least try to make him feel welcome. I hope to be able to meet him at our next stated meeting as I have been unable to attend a gig with him as of yet. His appearance shows that he is ready for fun and that is what we need.

I hope he isn't getting too tired, as this is a busy time for the Unit. We have plans to participate in light up nights in Kittanning and Tarentum and have another in Chicora, as well as a parade in Pittsburgh. We also hope to share a Christmas visit at Cannonsburg Hospital with Caravan #2, and don't forget we still have our Children's Christmas Party, Teen Dance, and New Year's Eve at the Shrine Center.

At this point of time, we are still actively seeking persons for membership. You should possess a good disposition and willingness to become involved with a Unit that works hard to meet its financial and charitable goals.

These goals are achieved by donating your time completing the gigs received. Not all of these gigs are profitable, as we accept some that are gratis because we do our best to help everyone's needs. Some fraternal organizations however express their appreciation by donating to the Unit.

The New Kensington Eagles and their Auxiliary led by Linda Laurinatis held a Challenged Adults Dance this fall and as expected all in attendance had a great time and generated \$1993.68 for our charities. Past Captain Vince "Officer Murfy" Bachar in attendance received this generous contribution on our behalf and checked his socks and delicates to round that figure to \$2,000.

These gigs usually just take a couple of hours at a time and the fellowship attained is immeasurable and at times have been a Godsend to me.

We have a taskmaster that keeps account of attendance as you will need 25 points or

50 hours in make up to stay active. All it will take from you is 50 hours of fun and a desire to help others. The possibilities are endless. As John "Hissie" Hisiro says: you meet a lot of clowns during a lifetime but most of them don't wear make up. Join the Harige Unit and be counted: contact our Captain or Secretary for details.

I received a picture from Jaffa showing 7 members helping to man a beer table at their Sports Bash. As I perused this picture further I was somehow not astonished to see 2 Harige Unit members there to help. The tasting talents of Gary "Big G" Dunsey and Joe "Grumpy" March are unsurpassed by anyone in the state as you can tell by the size of "Grumpy's" glass.

As I try to bring this issue to fruition, I want to Thank the Unit for allowing me to express our thoughts and compile them into the verbiage that you have received the past three years. Most of the time it has been a lot of fun and I have appre-ciated the responses received. My life has changed a little this year but I can assure you that when I can, I will be Clowning Around. Please keep all the Harige Unit in your prayers and if you can add an extra one for the following:

Mike "Mugsy" Aaron, George "Dewfy" Black, George "little georgie" Edwards, Ron "RL" Gongaware, Richard "Ricki" Humes, John "Bunkey" Koedel, Dennis "Radish" Schweinsburg, Jerry "Dots" Sciullo, Walter "Wee Bee" Beck, Lou "Lou-ie" Azzolini, James "Dapper Daffy" May, Dennis "Uncle Witty" Barnette. Remember Kneel for Our Lord and Stand for Our Flag

"GOD BLESS YOU ALL REAL GOOD"

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# **CAMEL WHEELS**

by Vic Perry

Our Mt. Pleasant and Ford City parades were both perfect events with great crowd participation and beautiful weather. We always look forward to performing there. However, once again, Mother Nature wasn't very kind for our Ligonier parade. A light rain came down during the annual parade on Saturday, October 12, and the weather was a wee bit nippy! However, nothing could stop the thousands of people from lining up on both sides of Main Street to watch the bands, bagpipers and, of course, Shriner groups during the hour and a half plus parade. Local high schools and the University of Pittsburg marching band, along with French and Indian War reenactors also made the 60th Anniversary of Fort Ligonier Days a special event. Unlike other parades we have participated in, a 12-pound gun periodically went off! Great crowds and plenty of food – now if the weather could have been better... oh, well – two out of three wasn't bad.

On a somber note, the Camel Wheels recently lost one of our own, Dr. "Doc" Ronald Marshall. 'Doc" was born and raised in Turtle Creek and was a resident of Monroeville for 25 years. He was a graduate of the Palmer Chiropractic College in Iowa. He served the Turtle Creek Valley with his chiropractic practice for 48 years and was a member of the Turtle Creek Fire Department for over 50 years. He also served as the team doctor for many of the area youth football teams. Dr. Ron was a longtime member of the F&AM Valley Lodge #613 and he was a proud member of the Camel Wheels for over 20 years. Rest in peace, Doc, you will be missed!

On November 18, the Shrine Ceremonial was held. At this time, the Camel Wheels presented our donation to the Potentate.

At this time, I'd like to give a little history on our group. The original members were all from the Mon-Valley and Washington, PA area. The members are now from throughout Southwestern PA.

The equipment used are three wheeled "trikes" powered by 5 and 8 horsepower engines. All of these were manufactured by Alsport Tri-Sport in the early 1970's and can no longer be purchased. Some of the "trikes" are equipped with a special fourth wheel in the rear that allows "wheelies" to be performed by the riders.

The group performs swift and complicated drills during the parades. "Wheelies" are performed between each different maneuver. Audiences ranging from toddlers to golden-agers are extremely appreciative of their performances and invite them back year after year. As always, Dennis Raible and Don Pazone do a fantastic job throughout the season entertaining the crowds with their wheelies. Joining them is Randy Hobaugh who will thrill the crowd along with Dennis and Don in their routines. Thank you, guys for a job well done!!

The Camel Wheels would also like the Shrine to continue the support and prayers for our Noble, Gary Gresh, as well. We miss you, Gary!

The Camel Wheels Patrol participates in parades mostly in Southwestern PA, but some have been as far north as Canada and south to Virginia. This group prides themselves as being professional "paraders" and perform from May through October, weather permitting.

Meetings are usually held the 3rd Sunday in the Camel Wheels unit room at the Shrine Center. If this interests you, please contact *Herb Brant*, 412-889-6113, for additional details. We would love to meet you and introduce you to our group.

The Camel Wheels unit is currently looking for Nobles to join our unit and you won't find a better deal. The only cost you

will have is the initiation fee that covers the cost of the uniforms. The trikes are available to ride for any new member.

Current officers of the Camel Wheels are, President Dennis Raible; Vice \
President Don Panzone and SecretaryTreasurer Herb Brant. Captains are Gary
Gresh (temporarily on a leave of absence) and Larry Douglas.



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## **BUTLER CARAVAN #14**

September 20, 2019 at the Butler Country Club

Butler Caravan 14 has been raising money for the Shriner's Hospitals since 1970. It is a tradition for the 500 member Butler Caravan to work together, "going the extra mile" for another successful year in 2019. Caravan #14 President Ron Fodor said "As Shriners, we look beyond ourselves to serve the needs of others, especially children who cannot help themselves."

The Shriners hospitals are always supported from annual fundraising. Fodor said, "This year has been fun and a very positive experience, as we work together in harmony. Friendship and fellowship are a joy, as we endeavor to make a positive difference."

Butler Caravan #14 honored Illustrious Sir William Weiss and



Left to Right:

Ron Fodor, President. of Butler Caravan #14, William Weiss, Illustrious Potentate, Larry Barr Caravan #14 Raffle Coordinator, and Cal Wonderly, Caravan #14 Member. Lady Phyllis. Butler has a rich history of past Potentates who served with distinction. They are: Lloyd Kildoo 1980, William Young, Jr., 2001 William McCarrier 2007, Ken Eastgate 2008, and Erich Gumto, 2016.

Richard Musko serves as the Secretary and Howard Neff is the Treasurer of Butler Caravan #14, for 2019. Caravan #14 donated \$16,000 to the Shriner's Hospitals for Children–Erie, for the second straight year. Terry Steinheiser was Caravan #14 President in 2018. It is also the second year in a row that \$7,000 was donated to the Syria Transportation Fund in remembrance of Past Potentate William Young, Jr. Funds are generated from an Annual Raffle and Golf Outing.

## PROVOST GUARD



Front row – Captain Bill Fisher, and First Lieutenant Tim Kolesar

Second row – Past Captain Lou Azzolini, and Second Lieutenant Bill Swank

Third row – Incoming Captain Jack Glass, Past Captains Bob Graham, Joe Provenza, and George Polnar, and Quartermaster Jim Eichner Photograph by Past Captain Ray Petronio To all those that want to place an article in the Voice of Syria, the following criteria must be adhered to:

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**Send changes to:** Syria Shrine Center 1877 Shriners Way, Cheswick, PA 15024 or Email: syriarecorder@gmail.com.

# SHRINE MOTOR CORPS

# A VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR THE MOTOR CORPS

by Rick McClean

As we wrap up the year, we reflect on what was a successful year for the Shrine Motor Corps. More than 25 parades and other functions kept us quite busy. And speaking of busy, on a few dates, we had two parades on the same day! We were able to pull it off to the delight of the people lining the streets to watch us. And in 2019, we added several parade venues, which hopefully will continue well into the future.

As reported earlier, we had a successful car show in August at the pavilion. More than 100 cars were displayed in the field. And major thanks to the GTO Club of Pittsburgh for their tremendous assistance in many phases of the show.

We recently elected officers to serve for 2020. Tim McKiernan will assume the office of President. Andy Talento will remain as Captain, and Harry Truax will maintain the records as Secretary. Tom Ruch will assume the duties of Treasurer. The Lieutenants of the various divisions will be Tim McKiernan, Mini-Model T's; John Rubinich, white Harley Davidson's; Brian Brinkle, Touring motorcycles; Jim Warburton, yellow roadsters, and Tom Beatty, Antiques.

We recognize and thank Ben Lutz, outgoing treasurer, for his several years' service. Ben stepped in literally at the last minute and assumed his duties quite admirably. And kudos to Jerry Robison, who served three terms as president. His enthusiasm and support of the motor Corps has been exceptional and unparalleled.

The Motor Corps is quite proud to report that we provided generous financial support to various Shrine projects in 2019. Earlier in the year, we donated \$1,000 to the Temple to help purchase new tables and chairs for the pavilion. We donated \$10,000 to the Erie Hospital Unit to assist

in obtaining a new specialized operating room table. And recently we donated \$5,000 to the Cincinnati Hospital Unit. Finally, we gave \$5,000 to Syria Shrine for the purchase of a new public address system at the pavilion.

As this was being written, we learned of the sudden and unexpected passing of longtime Motor Corps member Paul Seufert. Paul was a twice-Past Master of John E. Mair Lodge No. 729 in Mars, and active in many Masonic and Shrine groups. In the Motor Corps, he had earlier paraded on a white Harley. Most recently he had been seen in his red Corvette coupe. We offer our sincere condolences to his wife, Carla, and their family. His presence will be missed.

We are always looking for new members, both young in age and young in heart. And there are always vehicles available in each division.

Join us. We promise you a great time!

# HARIGE UNIT WITH **NEW KENSINGTON EAGLES AUXILIARY**

w/ MURFY



(Continued) Harige Unit





BIG G / GRUMPY at JAFFA

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#### **ROADRUNNERS**

by Al Douglas

Roadrunner activity picked up during September and October. Several days we had two or three vans going to Erie and Philly hospitals. Some drivers had two or more trips for those two months. The vans are in good shape, since August only a few minor problems, to nclude wiper blades, and key fob batteries. Near the end of October the vans will be relocated from the parking lot to the pavilion.

The proposed future garage for the vans is on hold for this year, but we are still campaigning for the garage building fund. Our total is now over \$10,000.00 and hopefully will grow more during the last quarter. If you or your group can help with the building fund, the check should be made out to (Syria Shrine Holding Co.) and on the lower left corner of the check, mark (van garage building fund). A reminder that the building fund is not part of the transportation fund that is used for all transportation expenses.

During the September Roadrunner meeting, two new roadrunners applied, were voted on, and accepted. Shashi Patel and Einar Erickson were both excited and were scheduled for trips to Erie. Unfortunately both of their 1st trips were canceled, the day before the trip. Shashi's patient had a death in the family and rescheduled the appointment. Einar's patient was called several times, with no answer, and the phone mailbox full. After arriving at their home that morning, we were told that the hospital sent a letter canceling the appointment.

The patient thought the hospital would inform drivers. The hospital does not because they don't know if our transportation is to be used. The patient family was reminded to always call us no matter who cancels the appointment.

About 15% of all transportation appointments get canceled for various reasons, to include weather, doctor, hospital, patient, etc. and 99% are canceled days before.

Einar was able to schedule another trip the next week, and it was a very successful trip. The patient had a successful operation on her foot that did not require an overnight stay, as all procedures at Erie are as an outpatient. She is Amish and her father makes table tops. Jake was happy to give us a guided tour through his shop when we returned. His son was gluing boards together before dad runs them through a planning machine, and grandma was hammering plugs into screw holes. There is no electricity. All the machines are run by belts to pulleys and shafts that are driven by a diesel engine outside the building. They have an impressive operation and they make thousands of table tops a year. These tops are used by restaurant chains.

While waiting for Ada's surgery, Einar was able to get a mini tour of the hospital and he talked with drivers from two other cities who were also waiting. His 1st trip to Erie was a pleasant and productive trip, plus the weather in Erie was warm and sunny.

I met Einar Erickson, Jeremy Manners, Joe Moore, Jay Snyder, Keith Chuala, Wayne Shannon, Brian Bielek and several others from V.A.L. Caravan 13 and the Gun Club, in the Shriner Center lobby on Aug. 29. These are all the names I can remember and did the best I could with the spelling. This was a check presentation in memory of one of our original and oldest Syria Shrine Roadrunners, Emerson Klingensmith.

Emerson was a very active Shriner. He marched with the Hillbillies, he drove patients to hospitals, he attended Caravan 13 meetings and functions, and he was active in other organizations as well. Emersion was loved by all. This year Caravan 13 had a successful fundraiser and made donations to the Roadrunners, the Gun Club, and to the



A donation check to the Van garage building fund. Emerson would have been proud to have such a large donation made in his name, for a garage to protect the vans he loved to drive. Pictured L - R:

David Gardy, PP and Syria Treasurer, Jeremy Manners Caravan 13 Secretary/ Treasurer, Al Douglas Roadrunner Chairman, and Joe Moore, a dedicated Caravan member.

Syria Shrine.

Einar Erickson is secretary/treasurer of the Gun Club and received a check for his club. Dave Gardy, Syria Treasurer received the check for Syria. And while we all were gathered there, I explained what all the Roadrunners do and where we go. Several Nobles said that they would be interested in joining our Club. I gave Einar an application, he completed it and now has taken two Roadrunner trips.

The Roadrunners have had many drivers out of commission this year with many different medical problems. I want to thank those drivers who stepped up and filled in for those who were not able to drive this year.

If you would like to be part of this Roadrunner Club of drivers.
Call the office 724-274-7000.
Say, "I would like to drive the kids to Shriners Hospitals, can you help".



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#### **FLYING FEZZES**



Bob Golden, Craig J Buzz Conroy, Nardo Berardinelli, Bryan DeFranco

A recent meeting @ Primanti Bros Hangar in Harmarville, PA. the officers for the Year 2020 are Bryan DeFranco, President, Bob Freeman, Vice President, Eric *Stormy* Stormfels, Secretary/ Treasurer, Nardo Berardinelli, Director of Hospitality, Bob Golden Historian and Flying FEZ Parade Plane, Craig J *Buzz* Conroy, Recorder.

The Flying Fezzes are unique blend of aviation aficionados with varied backgrounds. Pres. Bryan is actively pursuing more aviation licensing and active in CAP, while VP, Bob Freeman, a former member of the U.S. Air Force and a private pilot. is a highly regarded member of the Flying Fezzes.

Stormy Stormfels recently retired (10-19) Pres of the AIR TRAFFIC Controller Union @ Pittsburgh International Airport is now the CFI (Chief Flight Instructor) for ACES Aviation Flight School in Beaver Falls, PA.

Bob Golden serves as our Historian and is the man who designed and maintains our combination Bi-Plane & Parade float. Look for Bob's handiwork in the 2020 parade season, it is a Stunner!

Nardo Berardinelli is a gentleman with a Landing strip - Airport in his backyard (not many can say that) it serves as the mooring sight when Blimps come to Pittsburgh to film games. It is a research test site for various aviation designs and GA (General Aviation) field.

Craig Buzz Conroy is referred to as the Father of Aviation Crisis Management having wrote the industry standard Effective Aviation Crisis Management 1st, 2nd & 3rd revised editions. He serves as resident expert for Fox News Channel & various other news outlets globally.

The Flying Fezzes have been a unit of the Shrine for decades and have flown patients to various Shrine hospitals as well as serve the Shrine in other activities.

If you have an interest aviation or a vocation in aviation contact:

#### bedfranco@caps602.org.

We are a unit rooted in Aviation with a long tradition of helping the Children. There are several Multi-generation members of the Flying Fezzes. Remember, there are old pilots & bold pilots but there are *NO OLD*, *BOLD*, *PILOTS!* 

Remember, you have an interest in aviation or ever rode in a plane consider joining the fun service unit of the Pittsburgh Shrine *THE FLYING FEZZES*. We do it for the kids and the hospitals which serve them.

# SYRIA SHRINE HOSPITAL TRANSPORTATION FUND

Washington Lodge No. 164 Free and Accepted Masons recently presented a check for \$1,500 to the Syria Shrine Hospital Transportation Fund. This was part of the proceeds from the 16th Annual Blue Ride held earlier this year.

The ride was a joint effort between the Lodge and the Blue Knights Motorcycle Club Chapter #16.



Pictured from left to right are: Noble Alvin Douglas, Rodney Bush Vice President Chapter 16, Noble David L. Richards PM of Lodge 164, Past President of Chapter 16, and Ride Chairman and Ill. Sir Robert T. Addleman P.P., and Recorder of Syria Shriners.

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#### CARAVAN #20

by George W. Polnar, P.P.

Well here it is, the last Voice of Syria for 2019. While we had a few disappointments during 2019, I do believe Caravan #20 had a successful year. Our outings were well attended and dare I say everyone had fun.

Unfortunately we were unable to have a Bocci Stag, but it wasn't for lack of trying by Noble Clark Kemmerer. He gave it a good Shriners try, but we just couldn't make it happen.

Noble Randy Hobaugh however, was successful in setting up the "1st Annual Dinner Theater" on Sunday September 29. We partnered with the Westmoreland Forest – Tall Cedars of Lebanon. The event was held at the Apple Hill Playhouse in Delmont, where the day began with a wine and cheese soiree. Then we watched "Blithe Spirit" which dealt with a husband and wife, a séance, a deceased wife, and a bunch of farce, emotion, and wit.

After the show we met at the Lamplighter Restaurant on Rt. 22 in Delmont. The play was good, the dinner was great, and the company was grandiose. I couldn't think of another "g" word, sorry.

Please remember that as a member of the Syria Shrine, you too are invited to our events. If we plan an event and it sounds interesting to you, or is something you would like to attend, you're more than welcome, even if you are not a member of Caravan #20, or even a member of the Shrine. For example, the Bocci Stag, would have been open to all members of the Syria Shrine, as well as their male family members and their male friends - it's a STAG remember. Please watch the Voice next year for this great event.

We have one more event planned for 2019. Our annual Bingo/Christmas Party. It will be held at Palmieri's Restaurant – 951 Old Frankstown Rd. in Plum Borough, PA, on Saturday December 14th, from 12 noon until 4 pm. It features Palmieri's famous buffet for the low cost of only \$25 per person. Please see the flyer in this issue of the Voice of Syria.

Come on out and meet our new Officers for 2020:

President Randy Hobaugh Vice President Jerry Silverstein Secretary George Williams Treasurer Greg Kobasa

Nobles, while we would love to have you a member of Caravan #20, you're still welcome to come join us for the fun and fellowship we offer even if you're not. Think about it, and give our affairs a try.

In the meantime, Es Salaam Aleikum.





SYRIA SHRINERS ANNUAL BUSINESS & ELECTION MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020 @ 7:30 PM

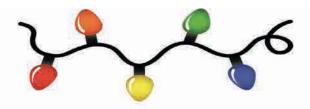
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## SHRINER HAPPENINGS

Make it your business to attend as many Syria Shrine, Unit, Club, Caravan, & Committee events as possible.

There are Parties,
Spaghetti Dinners,
Potentate parties, and
many more
Get-Togethers for you.

This is a good way to meet and greet your fellow Shriners for fun activities.



# Please join us for the annual Syria Shriners Youth Dance!

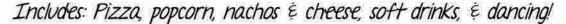
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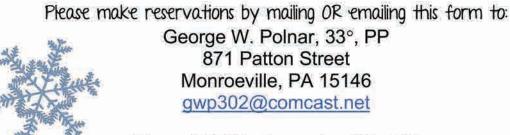
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TWNO: 7 to 10:30 pm

DUSS. Semi-formal (shirt & tie or dress)

AdMISSION Free!







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Nobles, we are now at the end of 2019 and the beginning of 2020. Boy it sure went fast. When I look back at all the wonderful things we accomplished in 2019, it amazes me we got them all done, and we had fun doing them. A few of the last things we have yet to do at the end of this year are the New Fall Ceremonial, the Children's Christmas Party and as always we are there for the safety and security of our young people at the annual Shrine Youth Dance which is on December 29, 2019. All youth aged 13 and up are invited and encouraged to attend.

Now we start fresh again with the 2020 year. For the new year, we begin by having already installed our new Captain Jack Glass, along with the rest of our line. We're looking forward to a great year. Captain Jack is already working on some new and interesting ideas for 2020. We will be starting off our new year sometime in March by honoring our newly elected Potentate, Illustrious Sir Donald Taylor, and it keeps rolling after that. This year just as last year, we will be combining our efforts with Caravans #16 and #20 to honor our new Potentate. Our next big duty call then will be the Potentate's Stag which the Illustrious Sir has revived for 2020.

The Provost Guard does accept help from volunteers, if you would like to help out and see if this is for you. If you are interested in joining the Provost Guard, we currently have openings for a few good men. If you desire to be a part of the fun, to be eligible you must be in good standing with the Syria Shrine and have an interest in providing safety and security.

For more information or an application, please contact Captain Jack Glass at 412-427-3613 or PG Secretary
Ray Petronio PC at 412-818-2848

Submitted by Ray Petronio PC

# VOS Is Now On Our Website!

The Voice of Syria is now available to read and/or print from our Website,

www.syriashriners.org.

From the home page, click "Voice of Syria" and you will find the December 2019, and past issues of the Voice of Syria in pdf. format.

Select which issue you wish to view and scroll through to view each page.

You can print the entire issue or whatever pages you want.
Watch for each future issue as it is published.

#### LEGION OF HONOR

by Bob Golden, PC.

Very short Legion article this issue due to some health issues and the deadline creeping up on me. We are still going strong with elections for both the Drill, Drum and Bugle Corps and the General Body coming up within a week. I understand that the suspense to see who our next Commander and Captain might be is difficult for most of our members, but I can assure you that a full report will be available in the next issue of the Voice.

Again, I apologize for the brief article in this issue. Until then, stay healthy and remember to "Be All You Can Be," "Anchors Aweigh," "Looking for a Few Good Men" and "Off We Go." I know, Hooligan's Navy, - "Pass me another beer mate."

#### SUPPORT YOUR LEGION OF HONOR





#### HILLBILLY CLAN NO. 53 NEWS

Howdy, Cuzzins! It is I, Preacher Dave bringin' greetin's to one and all as we prepare to wrap up another excitin' year for the Hillbillies of Clan 53 at Syria Shrine.

I suspect that there were a few of our cuzzins who were mighty surprised to learn that we were headin' back to the scrublands north of Greensburg for the Hillbilly Holiday festivities. When, well if'n I read the green flyer proper, it is November 30 at 1 PM. The vittles were amazing: salad, vegetables, Roast Beef, Walleye and Apple pie for dessert!

Everyone was invited to bring a present worth about \$10 for a gift exchange, plus somethin' for the famous Hillbilly auction! I figured that our Rabban of the Clan Andy Caldwell had forgotten his favorite hat out there at the golf outin' and just needed a good 'scuse for a git together to retrieve it, but we will have had us a good time of good vittles and good fellowship among all those who were able to come and share. We do know how to have ourselves a good time! Yessiree Bob! Thanks to Cuz Bob Kording for keepin' us all coordinated. We had lots of fun with the auction and some cuzzins' went home to their hollers with some great gifts.

2019 was a good year for the Hillbillies, but we hope that 2020 will be even better! All of us cuzzins can do that if folks step on up and volunteer to assist the Rabban with his many responsibilities. The golf outing was a big success and we hope the 2020 version will be even better. If any cuzzins have some barn burnin' ideas of fun activities for the Clan and can give a hand into makin' it happen, contact the Rabban. The Clan is more than one person. If'n we all do a mite great things will be sure to happen!

I am fixin' to get my house all red up for the holiday season and I even have a good sack of fresh corncobs for the outhouse. I hope and pray that every cuzzin and their kin are healthy and that 2020 will bring peace and good will for all.

Afore I forget! Keep an eye or two out for those flyers from the Rabban of the Clan for future events. They may come asailin' into your mailboxes any ole time! We are always happy to bring Flatlanders up to true Hillbilly Light. Contact Cuz Bob Kording at 724-472-5330 if you wish to join. We charge a flat rate for initiation and permanent dues! If this has peaked your interest, write him at 732 Bell Point Road, Apollo, PA 15613!

All for now, May the Good Lord bless all yinz and your kin and keep those pesky Revenoors far away!

#### Preacher Dave



Lovely Hillbilly cabins once lived in by Abraham Lincoln in Kentucky



#### THE PATROL NEWS

by Max Smith

We have lots to talk about. Way back in August, at the Masonic Family Picnic at Kennywood, Charlie and I were the only ones to man the table at the entrance. We gave out almost all the candy and sold quite a few car raffle tickets. It got busy at times with only two guys, but help came along with Illustrious Sir Bob Herbert and Lady Paige. Illustrious Sir was selling the car raffle tickets and did a great job. Sometime in the afternoon Charlie and I had to leave and Don Taylor and Lady Eleanor came over to help. Thanks to all.

#### (Continued) Patrol News

The attendance was down this year, but I'm sure the weather had something to do with it. As you know, the rain came in the afternoon and stopped everything. On to Virginia Beach. I think in four years I have been in two hurricanes. It was not so severe at The Beach this year as the last time. We just had to spend one day inside.

As you know by now, the parade on Saturday was canceled due to the storm. Since the storm hit on Friday, all of the competitions between the units were canceled. Maybe next year. Other than Wednesday, and Friday, the weather was good. On Wednesday the heat index was over 96. Great for the beach - bad for golf.

Then there was The Ligonier Parade - wow! Just cold enough after standing around for two plus hours waiting for the parade to start. When the parade started, I could hardly walk. We had a nice turn out, with Capt. John bringing the trailer. Past Capt. Dick Gratton driving Capt. John's truck in the parade worked out well. Then the best part, the tailgate. Great food! I took some of Joy Sampey's baked beans home – boy were they good. Thanks Joy.

That's all for now, except the next time I want to talk about Al Douglas' broken arm. I don't know whether to take Al with me when I buy a lottery ticket or run like heck the other way when I see him.

The situation with the Lone Stranger has to be solved. Also I need to show a picture of the youngest patrol member.

And I hope Fred S. takes it easy on me.

That's all for now, but remember, if your teeth are like the stars and come out at night, don't forget in the morning where you put them.

See ya!

#### **AHOY MARINERS!**

Calling all who enjoy sailing, boating and cruising! The Syria Shrine Mariners' Yacht Club is the group for you. We may be a smaller group, but we make up for it in the enthusiasm we have for the Shrine and the Children's Hospital in Erie.

Our group will be gathering on Thursday, December 12 for our holiday party at Max's Allegheny Tavern on the corner of Middle and Suismon St. in Deutchtown on the north side of Pittsburgh a few blocks southeast of the Allegheny General Hospital. Plan to arrive around 6 for a time of fellowship and then we will order our meal a la carte. 2019 Commodore I.S. Larry Burton, P.P., and his Lady Elaine extend a hearty welcome to one and all for this festive occasion. Please contact the Commodore at j.larry@prodigy.net to make a reservation. At our October

meeting Past Commodore Jim Elmer, Sr. and Lady Dorothy were elected to serve as Commodore again in 2020. Secretary David Eichelberger, and Treasurer David Gardy were both reelected to their respective offices. The Change of Watch Ceremony will take place in January. Watch for a flyer in your email.

If you have an interest in boating, sailing, or cruising, and would like to join the Mariners, the dues are \$15 per year. All meetings include our spouses. We tend to have 4-6 meetings per year in addition to the Sports Bash and the First Mates' Picnic in the summer.

Contact Jim Elmer, Sr. at jelmersr@gmail.com or David Eichelberger, P.C., at DavidEOSL@yahoo.com if you would like to join the Mariners.

Annual Business & Election Meeting January 6, 2020 7:30 PM





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# Caravan 20 Annual Christmas Party



When: Saturday, December 14, 2019

Where: Palmieri's Restaurant

951 Old Frankstown Rd, Plum, Pa 15239

Time: Noon to Four

Cost: \$25.00

**Buffet Dinner** 

# Dead Line for Reservation is December 7th

## Send Reservation and payment to:

Randy Hobaugh 39 Rosanne Circle, Irwin, Pa. 15642 - Phone 724-858-7158

Email rhobaugh23@gmail.com

Name :	No of Reservation	\$25=

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### HELP BUILD #SYRIASHRINERS BRAND THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA ADVOCACY

by James Elmer Jr.

Pew Research Center reports that as of May 2019, 69% of US adults use Facebook. Many of you have Facebook accounts. It is now time to activate you, our biggest Facebook-user fans. Every time someone shares, likes, or comments on Facebook posts, or mentions @SyriaShriners Facebook page, our brand is made visible to that individual's own Facebook friends. That means potentially hundreds, even thousands, of users see our content.

Promoting our organization, engaging with the Nobility, sharing our experiences through fun, original content, and encouraging fundraising are all goals shared by the membership of Syria Shrine.

So, make it a habit to post Syria Shrine-related content, share Syria's posts, like Syria's posts, and comment on Syria's posts.

It's an easy task with huge rewards, and we need your help, Nobles. We need you to regularly cheerlead for Syria at our events, our fraternal activities, our fundraisers now and into the future.

#### WHY DO IT?

Social media advocacy is much more effective than traditional advertising methods. In the digital age, peer-to-peer recommendations are the most powerful advertising tools available.

The primary benefits social media delivers to membership organizations:

- 1. Increases awareness. By engaging with Facebook users and sharing relevant content, photos, and events, we can reach a greater number of people on behalf of our organization.
- 2. Attracts new members. Prospective members are intrigued by social media pages that feature member interactions, event photos, and interesting and relevant content. This type of dynamic

social media presence demonstrates an exciting community that people want to join.

- 3. Builds relationships with members. Social media fosters relationships by engaging in real-time conversations, answering questions, and sharing helpful and relevant content. We can build meaningful member connections and encourage long-term loyalty.
- 4. Inspires action. An active and exciting social media presence inspires people to take action and get involved. This allows our organization to more efficiently raise support and elicit new member applications.

#### **HOW DO I HELP?**

Easy! Post Syria Shriners-relevant content on Facebook and tag Syria Shriners when you do.

What's a tag? Meet # hashtags and @ symbols, your new friends. A hashtag is a hash sign (#) in front of a word or phrase without spacing, as in #SyriaShriners. it creates a link which can be searched and tracked.

When an @ symbol is used in front of an organization's Facebook user name without spacing, for example, "@SyriaShriners" it notifies that organization that you've mentioned them in your post.

So, it couldn't be easier: tag us in your Facebook posts about Syria Shrine using #SyriaShriners and @SyriaShriners. Remember to make sure these posts are "public", not private to only your page, so that we can share them.

#### WHAT DO I SHARE?

Pictures and videos. It allows those who were unable to attend to feel connected and still be a part of things. Then, interact with the Nobility. "Liking," "commenting" or "replying" to relevant posts keeps you engaged.

Share what goes on behind-the-scenes, it makes members feel connected.

We'll also want to share high quality posts. But what exactly is high quality?

- 1. Is this timely and relevant content?
- 2. Is this content from a source you would trust? (You? No problem!)
- 3. Would you share it with friends or recommend it to others?
- 4. Is the content genuinely interesting to you or is it trying to game News Feed distribution? (e.g., asking for people to like the content)
- 5. Would you call this a low-quality post or meme? (No memes)
- 6. Would you complain about seeing this content in your Facebook news feed?
- 7. Is it personal? These posts perform well because our audience immediately feels an emotional connection and may feel compelled to take action themselves.

So, every time you're at one of the Syria Shrine event's or Fraternal activities – a comprehensive list can always be found here: syriashriners.org/events – snap a pic with your fellow Nobles, friends and family, post it to Facebook, and be sure to tag Syria Shriners! Thank you!



#### **The Shriner's Center Presents**

"A Night at the Races"

## Saturday, March 14, 2020 Doors Open at 5:30 PM First Race at 7:00 PM

Open to the Public - Walk-Ins welcome

Admission—\$20.00 (Prepaid or at Door)
Purchase a Horse—Addtl. \$10.00
Winning Horse Owners Win \$50.00
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## SYRIA MOTOR CORPS CAR SHOW 2019

























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