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FUTURE.”
JOHN F. KENNEDY

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Elf Khurafeh Shrine

PSA from Shriners Children's Ohio

Dear Nobles,

I'm very excited to announce Shriners Children's Ohio has a new Public Service Announcement! This 30-second video highlights OUR new name, OUR new location, OUR patients and OUR staff. It will air on select TV stations in Dayton, Cincinnati and Columbus. *Click [HERE](#) to watch the video and share it with your contacts. We can all do our part to spread this valuable message. **PSA** on page 6

Family Picnic

Fun for the entire family! Food provided by the Midland Shrine Club. Ice Cream provided by Oasis Shrine Club. There will be plenty of games, raffles, and contests... don't forget Bingo, Corn Hole, Egg Toss, Pie Eating Contest, and much more. The best part - no entrance fee! **PICNIC** on page 2



“We are dedicated to helping Shriners Hospitals for Children give patients every possible advantage and opportunity to achieve their goals” — First Lady Debby.

First Lady Debby Bailey's Transforming Lives fundraising program shines a light on the amazing contributions Shriners Hospitals for Children® brings to the field of scoliosis care and supports these efforts. Scoliosis is an extremely

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Ramp up to the Sportsman's Raffle



Our Sportsman's Raffle is right around the corner. By the time you get this edition of Arabian Knights, the tickets should be available. We need people to sell tickets!! We will additionally need volunteers to help with the event. As in the past, we will need people to help cook and serve food, bartenders, assistance with parking, volunteers to work front and rear doors. It is essential to have skilled help with the computers and projectors. We will need 50/50 sellers

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Fall Ceremonial

All Shriners are Masons, but not all Masons are Shriners. It's not too late to get in more Shrine membership petitions!

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FAMILY
PICNIC

GAMES ● RAFFLES ● FOOD

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PM

August 29, 2021

CIRCUS PARK - CLIO, MI

BINGO, CORNHOLE, LADDER BALL, EGG TOSS, CHICKEN DROP BINGO, PIE EATING CONTEST, AND MUCH MORE!



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Potentate's Message

Greetings Nobles, the year is going by fast and it's been a long time since anyone has written anything. We have decided to get something out electronically due to finances. Print media is still very costly and not practical due to our low cash flow. Your Divan and myself have been actively searching for ways to make money but most of them will not come to fruition until next year. We had a very good Chili Cook-off and a fantastic Easter Party. Our Shrine Family Picnic is coming up and a Halloween "Trunk or Treat" is in the near future. We did sell Cash Calendars this year and they are still available. Since it is late in the year, we will sell them for \$10 each. Let me know if you want any. It has been a shame that our regular fund-

raisers have been postponed to later dates but we will do our best to make them happen. Our Sportsman's Raffle is scheduled for October 16th at Circus Park and tickets should be available very soon. We are also looking at having a spring (mid-May, 2022) Circus under the Big Top at Birch Run Motor Speedway. Owner Andy Suski has graciously allowed us to hold up to 5 events at the speedway at no charge. On a sad note, our office manager Betty Kincaid has retired after eleven years of dedicated service and will be sadly missed. Until we can find (and afford) someone to replace her, Treasurer Barry Thurston and Recorder Clarence Meyer P.P. and myself will do our best to run the office. Hall rentals have picked up and Lady Lisa Brack is taking care of the hall rentals for the time being. If you need to take care of some business at the office,

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Chief Rabban's Message

Greetings Nobles and Ladies, I hope this message finds you all doing well and staying safe and healthy. The last year and a half has certainly been challenging for us all. Hopefully, the worst will soon be behind us, and we can get back to some sort of normalcy. It will really be nice to see everyone again.

Recently, some members of Elf Khurafeh went to Houston to take part in the Imperial Session of Shriners International. I had the pleasure of competing with Elf Khurafeh's Marshal, Rob Garceau, in the Cornhole tournament. We had a lot of fun, played a lot of matches, and wound up in sixth place out of over 50 teams.

Illustrious Sir Clarence Meyer, Jr 2010 finished his term as President of the International Records Association and has

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Recorder's Message

Nobles, Ladies and Friends, we're praying that everyone is having a safe summer. This

has been a very stressful year for Potentate Brack and the members of Elf Khurafeh Shrine with Covid 19 Pandemic and Delta Strain following it. Some events are still scheduled, Temple Family Picnic August 29, GLSA September 15-19, Ceremonial November 9, Temple Sportsman's Raffle October 16 along with Club and Unit Picnics. Come out and enjoy the fellowship with Shriners and Friends.

Due to safety restrictions placed on hospital trips by Chicago Shrine

Hospital to drivers, parents and patients we have not been transporting to Chicago Shrine Hospital since March of 2020. Looking like that will change soon and our need for drivers still exists. Hospital drivers are required to attend one Safety Seminar each year. Seminars are scheduled for September 11, 2021, 9:00 A.M. at Saginaw Hall and October 9, 2021 at Circus Park, 9:00 A.M...

NOBLES: We need Hospital drivers in a serious way, some of the trips to Chicago Shrine Hospital were cancelled due to lack of available drivers. This leaves a bad image to the public and to the patients' parents.

We're not asking you to marry the Drivers Unit, but we only ask for a trip or two now and then when you're available. Please Nobles, if you can help, call either Noble Thurston at 989-708-0694, Noble Gaffney at 810-516-4677 or Noble Ecklin at 989-954-9464 and offer your help. Remember that the only cost to you is your time.

Sportsman's Raffle tickets are available; PLEASE SELL THEM to help make the Raffle successful.

Fraternally,
Clarence W. Meyer, Jr., P.P.
Recorder

2021 Imperial Session - Houston , TX



Lady Lisa & Illustrious Sir Phil Brack



National Patient Ambassadors
Seth - Fort Wayne, Indiana
Sydney - Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



Rob Garceau
(Marshal)



Beautiful city of Houston, TX



Jeff Downing (Chief Rabban)
Imperial Sir Bill Bailey



Today, there are approximately 310,000 Shriners belonging to 200 temples (chapters) in the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Philippines, Germany, Puerto Rico and the Republic of Panama.

Tact is the knack of making a point without making an enemy.

MISSION STATEMENT

“The Ladies’ Oriental Shrine of North America promotes fun, fraternal fellowship, and philanthropic endeavors supporting Shriners Hospitals for Children and community based charities.”

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LOTS AND LOTS OF 50/50 SELLERS! And much more! If you are available and able to help, get in touch with Ill. Sir John Arnould 2020 or Ill. Sir Phil Brack and let them know.

This is a big fundraiser for 2021.

We need all hands on deck to make this work!



Saturday, October 16, 2021 @ Circus Park
Doors open @ 11:00 AM, Raffle begins @ 12:00 Noon
Tickets \$20.00 in advance, \$25.00 at the door
Main Raffle 50 firearms, Seller’s Raffle 15 firearms
Plus, Randy’s 52 card gun raffle and several side raffles
Food and beverages provided with Main Raffle Ticket
Watch for tickets in the mail, at Circus Park, and online
www.eksportsman.com www.ekshrine.com
Sell tickets early and often. Help support Elf Khurafeh Shrine.

El Said Court 28



To the amazing ladies of El Said Court 28 - We are excited to announce the move to Swartz Creek Masonic Hall (7449 Miller Road, Swartz Creek) was completed on Tuesday, August 8th. Many thanks to Ladies Mary Lou, Evelyn, Peggy, Judy, Carole, Sandie, Laura and Beth for ensuring all the courts prized possessions were safely transferred.

Please note that all future meetings will be at the new Swartz Creek location on the first Thursday of the month, social at 6pm, meeting at 7pm, unless otherwise informed. *Standard court meetings will resume on October 7, 2022.

Tuesday, September 21, will be the official Grand Visitation with potluck at 5:30pm, meeting at 7:00pm, at our new location. All members are deeply encouraged to attend to meet our Grand High Priestess Lady Kate Kalmbach and show our appreciation for her guidance to make LOSNA successful in changing the lives of children.

*Lady Kate does have some very specific food allergies we need to be aware of while planning the potluck. Please coordinate with Sandie Dameron accordingly.

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A Message from the Chairman

Shriners Children's Ohio
BOARD OF GOVERNORS



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This video is a shorter version of a longer video about our hospital that will debut at our Open House celebration on Saturday, August 28. The video features both a burns and cleft lip and palate patient along with our medical team and a roadrunner. I think you'll be proud of the final product once it debuts.

Speaking of the Open House Weekend, time is running out to register! This is a great opportunity to gather in person with fellow Shriners and hospital leadership as well as meet a current patient and two sisters who were patients back in 1971, just a few years after we opened our doors in Cincinnati. Click [HERE](#) for all of the details.

Lastly, I hope you'll take a moment to watch a [video of 4-year-old Avery](#) (pictured below) on the day she was able to go home to her family. She was severely burned in a fiery car accident in April. When she arrived at our facility in June, she couldn't sit up, let alone walk. As you'll see in this video, she can now do all that and more. I couldn't be more proud of her and our amazing medical team. It really shows why we do what we do.

As always, thanks to you and your ladies for your dedication and support of Shriners Children's Ohio.

Yours in the Faith,

Bill Rasner
Chairman
Board of Governors
Shriners Children's
Ohio



Request an appointment
for a loved one today!
Applications are available
in English, Spanish,
Portuguese and French
formats.



4-year-old Avery is all smiles on the day she was able to return home.

Introducing Shriners Children's Ohio <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nYxjlfIP61E>

Shriners Children's Ohio Open House Weekend

<https://files.constantcontact.com/9be50b40701/268aff0b-47df-4bfa-bada-553ec1114c9a.pdf>

Video of 4-year-old Avery (pictured above) <https://fb.watch/7jPW-b2Wwc/>

Easter Party

Happy, smiling faces from ear to ear is the best way I could describe the Easter Party attendees!

Everyone had a wonderful time at the all indoor event. Games and Craft events were a great success. Children and Adults had their faces painted by the lady Clowns. Shrine Clowns made balloons which included hats, animals, swords and even a balloon Easter Basket. Oasis Shrine Club provided a wonderful sack lunch for everyone to enjoy and they did. Each child was given a bucket to collect all the goodies given away at each station. The Easter Bunny (Tim Corrigan) was busy the entire event. Hundreds of Easter Eggs were given away this year!

This was the First public event for Elf Khurafeh Shrine since our 2020 Shrine Circus. We look forward to this being the beginning of "Bring Back The Fun in 21"

Thank you to all involved in making this a Great Success!

Jon "Ashis" Jacobs
Captain of the Guard



Easter Bunny, eggs galore, face painting, exciting games, crafts, balloons, and more!



Tim Corrigan (Chief Aide) giving families a hoppin' good time as the Easter Bunny



Face painting by Lady Evelyn McMullen and the LaDias Clowns



Elf Khurafeh Shrine Clowns

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HERE ARE TWO PROGRAMS WORTH CONSIDERING FOR YOUR TEMPLE:

ESTABLISHING A MENTORING PROGRAM

START AN E-NEWSLETTER

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The next Ceremonial will be Saturday, November 6 at Circus Park. For event information, please reach out to the Oriental Guide Jim Dameron or Illustrious Sir Phil Brack.



8:30 AM	Registration	Coffee & Donuts
10:00 AM	First Session	Open
11:30 AM	Men's Lunch	\$15 - New Candidates are FREE
1:00 PM	Second Session	Closed - Nobles only
4:00 PM	Noble Fezzing	Open
4:30 PM	Reception	Open

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relinquished his position to his successor. Make sure to congratulate Illustrious Sir Clarence the next time you see him! I, along with my fellow representatives, sat through three and a half days of resolutions, legislation, presentations, and reports regarding the operations of our fraternity and our hospital system. Some notable legislation that was brought to the floor included raising the per capita from \$30 per noble to \$50 per noble (amendment failed), removing the requirement to be a Master Mason to become a Shriner (amendment failed), allow women to parade in Shrine parades as long as they dress differently than Nobles (amendment failed), a resolution to recognize the many temples having "Taproom" clubs into an international association (resolution passed), and much more. While many of these more controversial amendments failed, the margin of failure was very small. These topics may well be brought to the floor again in future sessions, and should be items that we, as a temple, discuss and plan for.

Unfortunately, 2021 may be the last time we have four voices at an Imperial Session to represent our temple. The black camel has been taking more nobles than we are creating. As of this writing, we have 962 members. By falling under 1000, we lose a voting member to Imperial - or one of our voices. Brother Nobles, we really

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Clowns at Frankenmuth Festival

Elf Khurafeh Clowns, Motorcycle Drill Team and Mini Cars at the Frankenmuth Annual Fest!! I want to thank everyone that came out (in the Rain) and Help put this on especially Finn, Hollywood, and Sunshine, who came all the way from Detroit to help us out!! I don't want to forget Robert and

Sandy Swartwood, who stocked the Hospitality Room, with Snacks and Drink.



We put on several Skits in the Street, the Mini Cars did some Maneuvers there also, it was too wet for the Motorcycle Drill Team to perform.

Illustrious Sir John Berry 2018





Michael & Michelle Stecco from Flushing are regular participants of our event and always celebrate crossing that finish line.



Robin Shaffer from Clio shows her excitement as she collected her award for 1st place in the woman's age division 65-69.



Melissa Biazza from Davison is thrilled with her new mile split time "14:33... still can't beat the old ladies but this may be a new PR for me. I rock!"

Shriner's Run 5k

On Saturday, June 5th, we held our 5th annual Shriners' Run 5K event at Circus Park. This event was one of the first in-person events locally since the start of the Covid pandemic over a year ago and it was a well-attended event. We were also blessed by an amazing day with plenty of blue sky and sunshine.



Jami Geiser preparing the sponsor donated door prizes.

The day started early for the Race Committee and volunteers. Gates were opened around 6:30am as the setup began. Special thanks to the following volunteers:

Rob Garceau for handling route signage and the mid-race water station.

Brian Geiser for tent setup, help with the post-race refreshment station and being willing to get sweaty during setup and teardown.

Jami Geiser, Annette Barnaby & Nancy Siedmiorka for working the Refreshments and Awards tables.

Connie Arnould and Phil Gean for working the Race Registration and Packet Pickup tables.

Illustrious Sir Phil Brack, Illustrious Sir John Arnould 2020 and Robert Siedmiorka for handing out finisher medals to all competitors as they crossed the finish line.

Verne Barnaby for directing traffic for parking and grounds patrol.

Steve Steele took a break from his Shrine clown detail and brought the

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Annette Barnaby & Nancy Siedmiorka organizing the sponsor donated placement awards.

Reminder for Election of Officers

Nobles – please take note of this passage from the Elf Khurafeh Shrine bylaws regarding election of officers for clubs and units:

§9.3 Membership and Election of Officers.

(c) Election of Officers. Elf Khurafeh units and shrine clubs shall elect their officers for the ensuing year **on or before September 30th each year**. The list of the elected officers is to be presented to the recorder of Elf Khurafeh on or before October 7th of each year for approval by the incoming temple potentate.

This does not mean the new officers have to take over their elected office in October. If your club or unit bylaws state an officer's term is from January through December, that doesn't need to change. But we need clubs and units to have their elections prior to the October reporting deadline so the Recorder can keep an accurate record, and so we can make sure the annual pocket calendar has the correct contact information listed.

Lady Luncheon & Supreme Fashion Show

The Ladies Luncheon was held on May 22nd and a good time was had by all. Lady Donna Storms and Lady Joyce Bowles did a splendid job of planning and implementing the show. The turnout was one of the best ever and Lady Joyce Bowles fashions were a big hit! Over \$2300 dollars was raised and donated to the Temple. We had a number of Ladies from Moslem Temple as well as friends and relatives. Chief Aide Tim Corrigan set up a potato bar and the men served it up. Nobody left hungry.

Sincerely, Lady

Lisa Brack

"What a great afternoon - lots of laughs. Of course had to purchase several of the stylish outfits." - Ann Burt

FASHION on page 19



Verna Shoultz



Sandy Stanley



Susan Ceno



Pat Houston



Dee Frisby



Lisa Brack



Joyce Bowles



Sandy Swartwood



Debbie Grazier



Linda Conlay



Joann Kinne



Lisa Clayton



Linda Conlay

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contact me at (810) 577-3316 and we will try to set something up. If your dues have not been paid, please do so as every dollar we take in is needed. You can also pay them on-line at

www.ekshrine.com

I am sure that many of you know that all of our properties (Saginaw and Clio) are up for sale. We have received a few offers for Circus Park but have rejected them for being too low. If we do sell either one of them, we will still make sure that any hall rental agreements will be honored. We are also looking into some commercial activity to make the properties self-supporting. We will

keep you informed. I truly hope that this pandemic will be over and normalcy returns in the near future. Our grounds crew are working diligently every week to keep the grass mowed and the places looking good. If you would like to help out contact me or Illustrious Sir Ryan Stanley (810) 394-1860.

Our Shrine Family Picnic is scheduled for August 29th at Circus Park and is open to all Nobles and their families. Please come out and have some food, drink and fun. Our "Party Committee" has been working hard to plan things and I know there are many things for the kids

to do. Midland Shrine Club has committed to providing and cooking hot dogs and Oasis Shrine Club will be providing ice cream. Please bring a chair if you can. We will also be having a fall ceremonial in November at Circus Park so get the petitions in.

I will close now but want to remind all Nobles that if you would like to be a Hospital Driver, please contact Recorder Clarence Meyer P.P. at (810) 686-2641 ext 4 and let him know.

Yours in Faith,
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3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off

On February 20th, we had our 3rd annual cook off. This was our best one yet. Our winners were, 3rd place Lisa Brack, 2nd place Adam Abt and 1st place Evelyn McMullen. We had a good turnout.

Between admission, registration, 50/50 and Chinese Raffle the Temple made \$830.

Tim Corrigan - Chief Aide



*Tim Corrigan (Chief Aide),
Evelyn McMullen (1st Place),
Illustrious Sir Phil Brack,
Adam Adt (2nd Place),
Lady Lisa Brack (3rd Place)*



It was great to see the support from many local and Shrine Families. Thank you Evelyn McMullen for bring your entire crew.

Hillbilly Clan 55 Annual Corn Roast

The Hillbillies hosted their annual Corn Roast on July 25th and had a fantastic turnout this year. They had hamburgers, hot dogs, many contributed side dishes and desserts, and of course some delicious corn! They offered a Hillbilly Degree and had quite a number of new members come through. I believe it was in the area of 16 or 17 new hillbilly guys and gals that took the degree. We also installed a new Possum Queen, Hollie Mast, from Moslem Shrine. Congrats Hollie! So a fun time was had by all eating, enjoying each other's company, and welcoming our new cuzzins into the clan.

A special thank you to the members of Moslem Shrine that came out and enjoyed the day with us,

any other friends/family that came out for the day, and a big thank you to all of our clan members that helped in any way before, during, or after the corn roast. Without you this wouldn't even be possible.



*Holly Mast
2021-2022 Possum Queen*



Jami Geiser, Brian Geiser, Troy Thompson, Diana McCusker

What would you like to see in the next edition of the Arabian Knights?

Do you have information about your Club/Unit or an upcoming event you would like shared with the Nobility? Send article and/or flyer to the AK email.

Do you have pictures you would like submitted with or without an article? Attach them to an email to AK.

Would you like to acknowledge someone's special act of kindness? A birthday or anniversary? Send all detail via email to AK.

Email ArabianKnights@ekshrine.com

*PLEASE NOTE - At this time, per Illustrious Sir Phil Brack, the Arabian Knights will be digitally available bi-monthly (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec) via the temple website (www.ekshrine.com), temple Facebook Page and temple email communications. If you need assistance accessing the digital version, please contact Laura (810) 412-8813 and she will walk you through the process.

If there is no feasible opportunity for you to view the Arabian Knights digitally, please email the editor at ArabianKnights@ekshrine.com to be confirmed on the current mailing list. Limited physical printed at this time.

50th

ANNIVERSARY

CONGRATULATIONS
John Shearer Jr and
Shari on their 50th
Anniversary!

Arab Patrol Steak Fry



Ken Scott

Dear nobles Arab Patrol would like to thank everyone who came out and enjoyed our steak fry on the 5th of August. As you know we have a 100.00 raffle on Sept. 12th. Top prize 8000.00. As we all face difficult times trying to find people to parade or just help out. Arab Patrol purchased 20 mini bikes to parade on. So we are no longer a marching group. If you would like to join Arab Patrol contact me for more information.

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*Clarence W Meyers Jr, PP
(Recorder)*



Ron Regalado (Assistant Rabban)



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Chris Pangborn



Jim McQuinn

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Fundraising



Since 2020, I've arranged Elf Khurafeh fundraisers like the 3 popcorn sales, the cookie dough sale and most recently the Coffee sale. Because of my work on fundraising, I was asked to run for the board of SFA (Shrine Fundraising Association). This will be a learning experience for me. This year's seminar is in Fort Wayne, Indiana. While with SFA, I'll be able to bring back what I learn at the seminar and the monthly Zoom meetings to all the Nobles as well as the clubs and units of Elf Khurafeh.

Tim Corrigan - Chief Aide



CUSTOM PENDANT NECKLACE

This is a specially designed pendant necklace which has the word "LOVE" spelled in Braille inside, a nod to Lady Debby's career teaching children with vision impairments.
\$40

Helping Our Patients Overcome Challenges and Reach for Their Dreams

Transforming Lives

FIRST LADY from page 1

common condition that, if left untreated, can have debilitating impacts on a child's life.

First Lady Debby is dedicated to helping Shriners Hospitals for Children give patients every possible advantage and opportunity to achieve their goals. The family-centered, innovative and compassionate care we provide helps children transform their lives and achieve their highest potential.

Lady Debby invites you to join her in Supporting the Transforming Lives program of Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

Please reach out for information and products immediately available for purchase:

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Mobile Medical Response (MMR) cart out to make sure anyone needing medical attention were well taken care of.

We are grateful Karen Effner, a volunteer all the way from Livonia, provided the high speed route lead support once again this year.

Thanks also to anyone we may have missed that helped make the day a success every volunteer and participant made a difference!



Karen Effner lead the 5k race through Vienna Charter Twp on a fast flat course.

We would also like to thank the many sponsors that helped with the event this year. We received donations anywhere from products to give away, to water for our racers, to discounts on race gear, to cash donations which helped absorb costs for many of our expenses. For a list of sponsors, check out our Shriners Run page on our temple website:

<https://www.ekshrine.com/shrinersrun.html#sponsors>

Nearly 90 runners and walkers took off a little after 8:30am. The volunteer staff barely had time to set up the post race refreshment stand and get the finisher medals out before the first runner came back in. Ethan Taljonick crossed the finish line at 16:40 for the 3.1 mile course - our second fastest finish yet! Suzanne Larsen was the first female in at 19:06. All participants were done and off the course in approximately one hour. There were additional athletes that participated off site under Virtual registration. They were able to complete a 5k run/walk on



Steve Steele with Mobile Medical Response was out on the route to ensure all athletes made their PR without putting their health at risk.



Illustrious Sir John Arnould & Lady Connie

their own schedule and at the location of their choice, all while still supporting Elf Khurafeh Shrine.

Participation this year was down slightly over previous years - the uncertainty over whether we would be able to have the event, due to Covid, was definitely a factor. But even with lower participation numbers, our profit this year was the second best in our five years of having this event.

Next year's race is already in the planning stage. The committee is reviewing this year's event and looking for areas of improvement, as well as looking forward to what needs to be done to have another successful event next year. If you are interested in participating next year, make sure to save Saturday, June 4th. We will need both runners and volunteers to make this event a success.

Faternally,

Jeff Downing - Chief Rabban, Shriners' Run Chairman
 Laura Downing - Shriners' Run Race Director



Illustrious Sir Robert Swartwood's sponsorship via the Clio Law Center provided high quality awards to the overall Male, Female and Masters divisions for both the 5k run and 5k walk.

Moslem has requested help at their upcoming State Fair and Detroit Shrine Circus. Volunteers are needed for ushers, wrist banders, wrist band checkers, firewatch, stroller coral, ticket counters and hall office guards. Sign UP Genius [HERE](#) can be used to volunteer directly for specific shows and specific dates. Let's join forces and support our fellow Nobles.

2021 Imperial Session - Houston , TX



Ron Regalado
(Assistant Rabban)



Rob Garceau (Marshal), Ill Sir John Arnould 2020
Jeff Downing (Chief Rabban), Greg Cartwright (HP& P)

Laura Downing, Lisa Brack,
Lisa Calcut, Connie Arnould



Laura Downing, Lisa Calcut,
Diane Zelmanski, Michelle Geske

CHIEF RABBAN from page 9

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need to figure out how we can convert more Master Masons into Shriners. Each year, the incoming Potentate appoints a membership committee that he entrusts to bring in new members. But we need to realize that we are ALL part of the membership committee. We are ALL entrusted to bring in new members. In 2019, Imperial Sir Jeff Sowder created the "Just One" program. He asked each noble to bring in "just one" new noble. That was a lofty goal, but one that we all tried to reach. I think a more reasonable goal for us would be to ask each club, unit, and club-sponsored unit to bring in "just one." Elf Khurafeh has 37 clubs, units, and club-sponsored units - if each club, unit, and club-sponsored unit could bring in "just one," we could bring in 37 new Nobles, a number not seen in many years. Look for low-hanging fruit, such as legacies. Sons (or grandsons/great grandsons) of current nobles that want to carry on the family legacy should be high on the list of people to talk to. Also, if you have not been to blue lodge in a while, now is the time! Go to lodge and promote the Shrine to your Masonic

brothers. Be creative! Think outside the box!

"The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails" - William Arthur Ward. Nobles, we need to adjust the sails. If we intend to continue our legacy in the greatest philanthropy in the world, we need to find newer, better ways to keep our fraternity alive. In the recent past, we have added a Sportsman's Raffle to our list of fundraisers. We have added a new club in the Flint River Shiners. We are trying to look for newer, better things. But it needs to be a collaborative effort. We need your input! What are new events we could have that would bring in large crowds? What new clubs or units would entice new members or bring back inactive members? How can we get more people involved? If you have any thoughts or input, please feel free to contact me at jdowning@ekshrine.com. Looking forward to seeing everyone again soon!

Fraternally,
Jeff Downing
Chief Rabban
Elf Khurafeh Shrine



INTRODUCING OUR 2021-2022 NATIONAL PATIENT AMBASSADORS:

MEET SETH AND SYDNEY

Every year, Shriners Hospitals for Children® selects National Patient Ambassadors to represent the health care system's patients. The ambassadors spend the year sharing their stories of perseverance in the face of adversity and the ways Shriners Hospitals for Children has made a dramatic difference in their lives. This year, new National Patient Ambassadors Seth and Sydney will be joined by Connor and Mia, who are continuing their National Patient Ambassador journey after a year interrupted by the coronavirus pandemic. We are honored to have these four impressive young people advocating for our health care system.

SETH

Seth was 11 when his doctor noticed a curvature in his spine. They began with a “wait and see” approach, and later treatment from a chiropractor. Still, the curvature of his spine quickly progressed to a severe degree. He and his family learned about Shriners Hospitals for Children from a social media group focused on the Vertebral Body Tethering (VBT) treatment for scoliosis.

Seth, who is from Fort Wayne, Indiana, underwent VBT surgery at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Philadelphia in 2017. The surgery, performed by Joshua Pahys, M.D., helped the young athlete quickly return to the playing field. “My pain has been reduced dramatically, my curvature is half what it used to be, and my flexibility is on par with my peers,” Seth said.

Seth, now 17, enjoys playing many sports, including football, baseball and basketball, and is now focusing on competitive golf. “VBT has given me the opportunity to perform my best in athletics without the limitations of scoliosis,” Seth said. “The extra inch I gained on the operating table didn’t hurt on the basketball court either.”

Seth is pleased and proud to have the opportunity to be a National Patient Ambassador for Shriners Hospitals for Children. “I was impressed by the amazing treatment that I received at Shriners Hospitals, and I would be honored to guide someone to their care,” Seth said. “It will mean a lot to me to give back to the Shriners community because of the gift that they gave me.”

SYDNEY

Sydney, who is from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, learned she had scoliosis when she was 10. Her treatment began with bracing, but despite a strict exercise regimen and wearing her brace 23 hours a day for 1½ years, her curvature progressed. Searching for an alternative to spinal fusion surgery, Sydney and her family learned about the VBT treatment option.

Sydney had her VBT procedure at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Philadelphia in 2018, performed by Steven W. Hwang, M.D. “VBT has allowed Sydney to retain her flexibility and to get back to all the things she loves faster and stronger than ever,” said her mother, Melissa.

Now 16, Sydney loves playing the oboe in the school band, and enjoys painting and swimming. Sydney, whose great-grandfather was a Shriner, looks forward to continuing that family legacy by telling her story as a National Patient Ambassador.

“To make my scoliosis journey a more positive experience, I had to reach out and to help others,” Sydney said. “I said ‘yes’ to being a National Patient Ambassador because Shriners Hospitals has done so much for me, and I feel I could never repay that. That surgery has changed my life. It has shaped me to be the person I am today.”

REACHING NEW HEIGHTS • Watch Seth and Sydney’s video at [YouTube.com/ShrinersHospitals](https://www.youtube.com/ShrinersHospitals).

To learn more about Shriners Hospitals for Children, please visit [shrinershospitalsforchildren.org](https://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org).



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Shriner Vehicle Raffle



The first Shriner Vehicle Raffle was held on June 20th during the Elf Khurafeh Shrine's Annual Car Show at the Birch Run Speedway in Birch Run, MI. Tickets were only \$5 each, or 6 for \$20.

The raffle was a success with support from several Regional Raffle Captains and various online sales.

1st place - Sandy Swartwood - 24 month lease of a Chevy Silverado or Chevy Equinox

2nd place - Roy Kinne - \$500

3rd place - David Roldan - 3 free oil changes from Suski Chevrolet in Birch Run

Sandy Swartwood and her new Chevy Equinox courtesy of Suski Chevrolet of Birch Run



Cash Calendar Winners

Are you a WINNER??
Each month there are ten \$40 winners and one \$100 winner.

June 2021				
Ticket #	Winner	Amount	Seller	Club/Unit
0944	Emil Tamm	\$40	Joel Jacobs	White Pine Shrine Club
0450	Jim Clark	\$40	Dave Schmidt	White Pine Shrine Club
1466	Travis Schlosser	\$40	Travis Schlosser	Security Unit
0656	Gerry Terry	\$40	Byron Vowell	Clowns
0370	Makenzie Huier	\$40	Rob Dickinson	Oasis Shrine Club
1455	Phil Smith	\$40	Phil Brack	Security Unit
1321	David Benn	\$40	David Benn	Security Unit
1340	Josh Fernbach	\$40	Chris Pangborn	Arab Patrol
0279	David Martic	\$40	Ron Stanley	Military Patrol
1319	Robert Swartwood	\$40	Robert Swartwood	Fenton Shrine Club
1338	Mark Cabala	\$100	Chris Pangborn	Arab Patrol



July 2021				
Ticket #	Winner	Amount	Seller	Club/Unit
1459	Edward Parks	\$40	E. Parks	Security
1334	Russell Leitz	\$40	C. Pangborn	Arab Patrol
0303	Philip Brack	\$40	P. Brack	Temple
0053	James Roark	\$40	J. Roark	Oscoda Shrine Club
0001	Rod Robertson	\$40	R. Robertson	Lapeer Shrine Club
0945	Emil Tamm	\$40	J. Jacobs	White Pine Shrine Club
1499	Jessica Banning	\$40	J. Banning	Arab Patrol
0647	Byron Vowell	\$40	B. Vowell	Clowns
1346	Debbie McGinnis	\$40	R. Stanley	Military Patrol
0943	Gail Spiridiglozzi	\$40	J. Jacobs	White Pine Shrine Club
0300	James E Peck	\$100	J. Peck	Shiawassee Fire Brigade





GLSA

The 2021 session of the Great Lakes Shrine Association (GLSA) hosted by Medinah Shriners - Addison, Illinois will be held on September 15th-18th, 2021 at Eaglewood Resort and Spa, 1401 Nordic Rd, Itasca, IL 60143

(630) 773-1400

All information is now online! Just click on the "Fall Session for 2021" navigation button to access the information at

<https://www.greatlakesshrineassociation.org/>

FASHION from page 11

The 2021 Ladies Fashion Show was truly like NO other. I was blown away by the enthusiasm and creativity of all the ladies involved. Can you guess which lady is wearing which style wardrobe?

- A) Pinafore dress with ruffled sleeves and a boat necklace
- B) A scoop necklace, bloomers and a bare midriff
- C) Spring coat paired with a pill bottle hat and briefcase
- D) Double breasted jacket and bell bottoms with a clutch purse
- E) Sundress, 4 carrot necklace and box pleats
- F) Slip over sweater with a plunging neckline
- G) Check dress with a scoop neckline
- H) Straw hat and hand bag
- I) Joker card jacket
- J) Your guess?



Membership Update

As a lot of you know. I was a Shrine Patient as a Child and that's why I'm a Shriner. I've really enjoyed my time on the Membership Committee. However, Membership is an issue here at Elf Khurafeh. While contacting the members on the delinquent, through deaths that were not recorded and demits, we've lost over 40 members. That puts our total membership under 1000, which means we lose one voting

delegate at Imperial. "Membership" should be the goal of every Noble, not just the Membership Committee. Through information received from Imperial I've learned this; it's important to remember that a Temple's very existence greatly depends on a strong, ongoing membership program. It should be up to the Potentate, Divan, Membership Committee and Every noble to assist with membership, so remember to

"Think Membership." Let's work together to grow our temple numbers. We still have the program going to restore members who were suspended for NPD to be a current active Noble again for the flat fee of \$100.

Contact met to find out how at Knobyclown@gmail.com

Tim Corrigan
Membership
Committee



Black Camels



It is with extreme sorrow that we announce the passing of our fellow Nobles.

05/10/2021	Gerald H Willis	Saginaw, MI	02/01/2021	Leo (Buddy) Bauman	Clio, MI
05/04/2021	Billy C Gordon	Flint, MI	01/30/2021	Leo Seide	Charlotte, NC
04/25/2021	Alvin L Dasen	Owosso, MI	01/28/2021	Donald D Gorte	Owosso, MI
04/18/2021	Richard F Nesgoda	San Mateo, FL	01/15/2021	John F West	Lennon, MI
04/15/2021	Rev Charles L Wood	Southern Pines, SC	01/11/2021	Theodore Shad	Marlette, MI
04/08/2021	Richard T Abbott PP	Bradenton, FL	01/10/2021	John N Maxwell	Hale, MI
04/04/2021	Charles C Hill	Saginaw, MI	01/03/2021	Larry J Palmer	Fenton, MI
04/04/2021	Charles F Whitman	Burton, MI	01/02/2021	Henry M Wandrie	Flushing, MI
02/17/2021	Sven Victor Nyberg	Fenton, MI	07/07/2020	Maynard W Hughes	Midland, MI
02/08/2021	Maxwell B Allen	Blanchard, MI	03/19/2019	Cecil J Stevens	Holt, MI
02/08/2021	Donald P Jones	Flushing, MI	09/10/2018	Robert S Sterling	Lansing, MI

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Elf Khurafeh Shrine Schedule of Events

08/20-08/22-2021	Blueberry Festival	Montrose, MI
08/29/2021	Family Picnic	Circus Park
09/08/2021	Business Meeting	Shriners Hall
09/11/2021	Drivers' Meeting	TBA
09/15-09/18/2021	GLSA	Addison, IL
10/01/2021	Meat Raffle	Circus Park
10/09/2021	Drivers' Meeting	TBA
10/13/2021	Business Meeting	Shriners Hall
10/16/2021	Sportsman's Raffle	Circus Park
10/24/2021	Halloween Party	Circus Park
11/06/2021	Fall Ceremonial	Circus Park
11/10/2021	Business Meeting	Shriners Hall
12/05/2021	Oasis SC Installation	Circus Park
12/08/2021	Business Meeting & Election of Officers	Shriners Hall
12/10/2021	Oasis SC Craft Show	Circus Park
12/11/2021	Arab Patrol Xmas Party	Shriners Hall
01/08/2022	Installation of Officers	Circus Park