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NEWSLETTER FOR ELF KHURAFEH SHRINE

NOVEMBER 2026

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HAVE A WONDERFUL THANKSGIVING!

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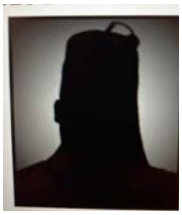

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From your Potentate - Illustrious Sir Philip Gean

Thank you to all of the Nobles and Ladies for a fun time at the Trunk or Treat event. The workers did a fantastic job. Thank you for your hard work.

Everyone that attended the Potentate's retreat had a great time. The Autumn colors were great as were the refreshments. We enjoyed the hotel and dinner together. Touring the wineries were a good experience.

The first event for November is the fall ceremonial on the 7th. All members are encouraged to come and welcome our new Nobles. I wish to thank my Unit – Security for going all out to help with the ceremonial. A huge THANK YOU!

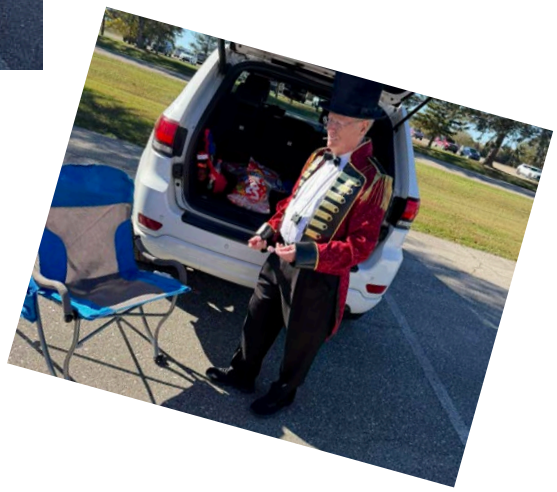
Come join me on the 11th which is Veterans Day. Come to Circus Park Event Center at 2pm as it's the 250th anniversary and it's going to be great.

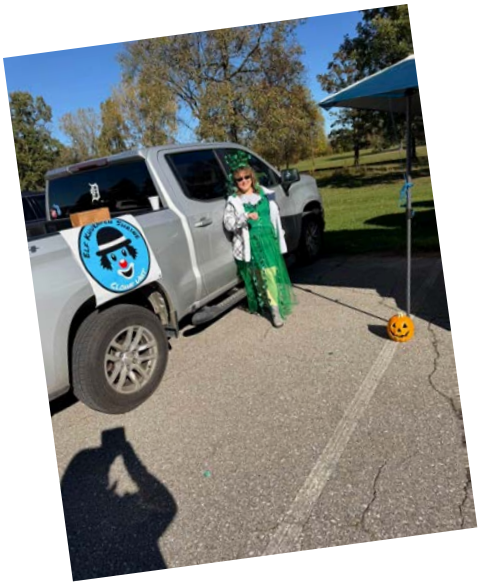
The Business meeting will be at 6pm. Dinner will be followed by Business meeting at 7pm. Let's not forget Feztival of Trees. Do you have yours to donate? Come out and work and maybe win a tree.

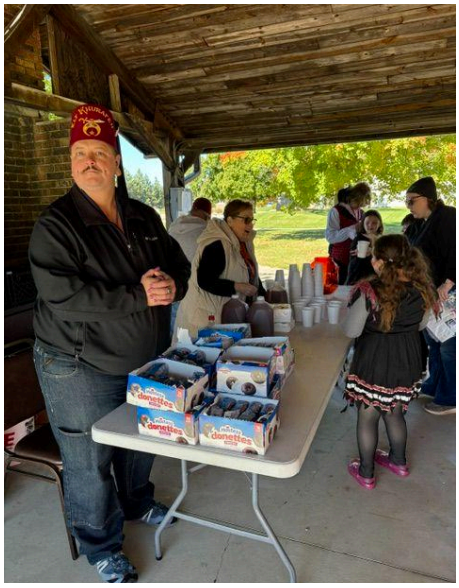
Happy Thanksgiving! and Welcome new Nobles.

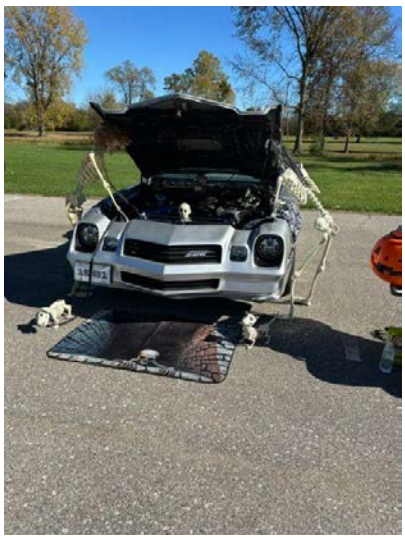
Phil Gean Potentate

PICTURES FROM TRUNK OR TREAT









HAVE A
PURR-FECT HALLOWEEN!

EK SHRINE'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov 7 - Fall Ceremonial CP 8:30am

Nov 11 - Veteran's Celebration CP 2:00pm (please show your support)

Business Meeting CP Dinner 6pm Meeting 7pm

Nov 23 - Festival of Trees begins

Nov 26 - Happy Thanksgiving!

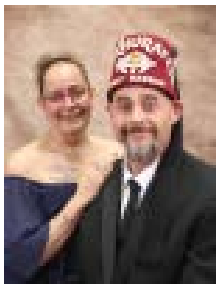
Nov 29 - Last day of Feztival of Trees

MOSLEM SHRINE'S EVENTS

Nov 1, 8, 15, 22 - Watch the Detroit Lions games in the 1880 room

Moslem Shrine Center

Nov 7 - Fall Ceremonial Moslem Shrine Center



From your Chief Rabban
Brian Geiser

Greetings, Nobles and Ladies,

I hope everyone is doing well. As we wrap up the year, we still have a few events and opportunities ahead. Others have likely shared details about the upcoming Ceremonial; here are a few additional reminders.

Veterans Day Ceremony and Sportsman Raffle

Veterans Day Ceremony: November 11 at 2pm. I'm told this is an event you won't want to miss. We need a volunteer to sell sportsman raffle tickets at the ceremony.

Sportsman raffle: This year's new grand prize is a Polaris 450 four-wheeler. Tickets have been ordered, so please help sell them to your friends.

Circus Meeting and Volunteer Opportunities

Join us at Circus Park on December 15th at 6pm for a circus meeting and usher sign-ups. Please spread the word—we need more Nobles involved. Last year, we were severely short-handed, placing an unfair burden on the few who volunteered. Our goal is to have eight Nobles ushering at each show. We also need help with many other jobs, so every Noble's participation is important.

Officer Elections and Installation

Annual elections: Please pay your dues so you can join us in December to vote in our annual officers.

Officer installation: Save January 9th for the installation of Elf Khurafeh officers. More information will be shared soon.

Re-engaging Our Members

I'm still seeking feedback and fresh ideas for re-engaging our inactive Nobles. Many members have not joined us in a while. Please reach out, ask what changes they would like to see, and share their thoughts with me or the Divan so we can help our membership grow. As always, I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events. If you need more information, please feel free to reach out.

Fraternally,

Brian Geiser—Chief Rabban

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FALL CEREMONIAL

CEREMONIAL & FELLOWSHIP

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 7, 2026

CIRCUS PARK • CLIO, MI

8:30 AM — DOORS OPEN
Coffee, Donuts & Bloody Marys

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM — REGISTRATION & & CEREMONIAL CANDIDATES

12:00 PM — LUNCH
Prepared by Chef Dave.

1:00 PM — After lunch, presentation of the Rod of Aaron and Pirate degrees. Presentations by Clubs and Units

After completion of presentations
Hors d'Oeuvres & Drinks

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• DESSERT •

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ANNUAL TRADITION. NOBLE FELLOWSHIP.
FALL TOGETHER. RISE TOGETHER.

Khurafeh

From your Assistant Rabban

Chuck Birch

Man, it's great to be home!! I returned from Tampa last night, from attending the Shrine Kosair for Kids, (formerly known as AR school), seminar. Advanced learning on Shrine Law, Risk Management, Budgeting, and several other topics, all while networking with over 170 other AR's. There was one Potentate there, who was the AR, but they lost both the Potentate and the Chief Rabban, and he wound up with a very accelerated rise in responsibility!!! No thank you!! Nobles, our struggles are very similar to the struggles of most other Shrine centers. In fact, after listening to some of the stories from other AR's, I was relieved that we are doing much better than many. Some Temples have 10-year officer lines, while others have 3-year lines with Potentates serving multiple terms. And while we have been fighting back for years with our IRS situation, a number of Temples are in the same situation, and were directed to me for advice on how EKS has climbed out of that black hole. And while we feel bad about our past embezzlement occurrence, several other temples have had it happen to them, and for more than we lost. For the Australian and Philippine AR's, it took them longer to get here than the seminar lasted!!! The Brazilians had slightly less problems, but more of a language problem. Overall, it was a good learning experience, and I thank EKS for sending me to it. Looking forward to seeing you all at the Ceremonial on November 7 th . Yours in the faith, Chuck.

From High Priest & Prophet Greg Dostal

🍂 **Fall Has Come to Michigan... Time to Get Reengaged!** 🍂

As the crisp autumn air settles in and the colors of Michigan begin their annual transformation, many of us naturally shift our focus back to the activities and organizations that help keep us connected throughout the fall and winter months. For members of Elf Khurafeh Shrine, this is the perfect time to renew that commitment and become actively involved once again.

One of the most important ways to stay connected is by attending the monthly Elf Khurafeh Shrine Business Meetings. These meetings provide every Noble an opportunity to hear firsthand about the activities, projects, financial matters, upcoming events, and important decisions affecting our Temple. Rather than hearing information secondhand, you can be part of the discussion and gain a better understanding of the direction of our organization.

Your voice matters. The strength of EK Shrine depends on the participation, ideas, and dedication of its members. Whether you have suggestions for improvement, questions about ongoing initiatives, or simply want to stay informed, the business meeting is the place to do it. Active involvement from our membership helps ensure that our Temple continues to thrive and serve both our fraternity and our communities.

The fall and winter seasons are often our busiest time for fellowship, planning, and preparation for the year ahead. By attending meetings regularly, you can reconnect with fellow Nobles, support the work being done within the Temple, and help shape future activities and events. Every member brings valuable experience and perspective, and your participation contributes to the overall success of EK Shrine.

If it's been a while since you've attended a meeting, consider this your invitation to return. Reconnect with old friends, meet newer members, stay informed, and become an active part of the conversations that impact our Temple.

Make your voice heard. Stay informed. Get involved. Join us at the next monthly Elf Khurafeh Shrine Business Meeting. and help make a difference in the future of our Temple.

We look forward to seeing you there! 🍂🏛️🤝

From your Oriental Guide
Edward Parks

As Fall is upon us I'm hoping all are Healthy and Well.
To all that came out to Trunk or Treat and volunteered their time to make it a successful event Thank You! With that being said, Nobles events like Trunk or Treat,The Sportsman's Raffle, The Circus are the best way to get the word out on who we are and what we do for our children..We need you to volunteer your time at these events.
Nov. 7th We have our Temple Ceremonial Doors open at 8:30 Nobles Please arrive at 8:00 am 8:30 -10:00 Registration 12:00 Lunch 1:00 Rod of Aaron Degree and Pirates Degree Afterglow to follow
Directive from Illustrious Potentate Philip F. Gean All Club and Units officers are to plan on being in attendance and we encourage all other Nobles to attend as well. Be there to give our new Nobles a warm Shrine welcome.
Nov.11th 2:00pm We are having a Veterans Day Event at Circus Park. Please attend and bring your Fez .
Nov.11th Shrine Business Meeting is at Circus Park NOT in Saginaw. Dinner At 6 Meeting at 7
Nov.14th The Potentates Ball and Holiday Party has been cancelled.
Nov. 23rd -30th Festival of Trees Volunteers are always welcome and it's not too late to sponsor a tree if you haven't already.
Nov. 26th Happy Thanksgiving Circus Park is closed.
Nobles if you have any needs or questions, please reach out to your Divan. We are here to serve you as well as our Great Temple.
Yours In Faith
Oriental Guide
Edward Parks

From your Treasurer~~~~Jeff Downing P.P.

Treasurer's Ramblings for November
Good news on the financial front! We have gotten the Temple and units, and 10 of 15 clubs reinstated with the IRS. We have four clubs and the Association remaining. By the time you read this, we should also have our 2025 review done, and working on 990s for 2025. Then I'll get a short break before we start working on the 2026 review and taxes. This is an early reminder for club and unit officers that I'll need your financial paperwork by February 1, 2027. If you need a copy of the paperwork, it is available on our temple website (www.ekshrine.com/member-resources), the Shriners International website (https://www.shrinersinternational.org/en/Member-Center/Accounting-and-Governance/Forms), or you can contact the office and have a copy mailed to you.

I'd also like to give a huge "Thanks!" to the Oasis Shrine Club and the Shiawassee Shrine Club for donating all the funds necessary to purchase a new transportation van. One of our older vans finally gave up and we were faced with needing to purchase a new van. Both of these clubs stepped up and donated all of the funds! Thank you Oasis and Shiawassee!

Knowing that some of our other vans are aging, we also received a donation from the Military Patrol toward the next van to be replaced. If your club or unit would like to donate, Transportation Director Barry Thurston expects to need to replace another van next year. Your club or unit can donate at a business meeting, or by sending a check to the temple with a note in the memo section stating "Van Donation." Thanks in advance for any help your club or unit can provide!

Don't forget that the FEZtival of Trees is coming up soon! We still have room for tree and wreath sponsors - check out www.ekshrine.com/ekfeztivaloftrees for more info!

To all the hunters, be safe and have a great harvest! Remember to keep our sick, shut-ins, military, first responders, and especially our Shrine kids in your prayers.

Fraternally,
Jeff Downing, P.P. - Treasurer

From your Recorder

Phil Brack, P.P.

Greetings.

The year has flown by fast. The leaves on the trees are changing colors and falling fast. The deer are moving and it is time to hit the woods.

You should have received your 2027 dues notices by now. Call me if you have any issues or concerns. You can pay by cash, check or online at ekshrine.com.,

All Club and Unit election results should be done and in my office by now. If your Club or Unit has not done this, please do so ASAP! We also have Temple elections at the December Business meeting on December 9, 2026 at Circus Park. If you desire to run for an elected office, please let me know so we can get you nominated and on the ballot. Please pay attention to the following regulations on electioneering; 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.

If anyone is considering the purchase of a Permanent Per Capita, now is the time to do it. The cost is $1500 until December 31, 2026. As of January 1, 2027 the price goes up $120 and will probably increase every year after. Contact me if you are interested.

Good luck to the deer hunters, be safe.

Until next month.

Respectfully submitted, Philip Brack P.P. Recorder.

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Elf Khurafeh Shrine Black Camel Report

These Nobles have been reported deceased since our last meeting.

Roger W Cooney, Flint, 7/3/26

David L Crankshaw, Gladwin, 8/28/26

Bernard Frazee, Loudon, TN 9/10/26

Dean W Hayward, Burton, 11/26/20

Robert H Strong, Clark Fork, ID, 3/1/25

Jeffery T Diemond, Alpena, 8/31/26

Jerrold F Rogers, Lake George, 9/3/24

Daniel Young, New Braunfels, TX, 1/1/21

Duane H Vogt, Hudson, FL, 4-16-26

Rodney D Frye, Gladwin, 9/27/26

Michael J Manko, Port Orange, FL, 5/4/26

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From your Chaplain - Robert Swartwood

Greetings brothers and sisters. As we begin the holiday season, it is appropriate that we turn our thoughts and hearts to thankfulness for the many blessings that we all have received. To simply say thank you God doesn't seem to be sufficient for the gratitude we should show. It is appropriate that we have a special day to highlight our thankfulness and that is the reason Thanksgiving Day was established to begin with. But, it should be a daily prayer which can become a great habit very quickly. Sometimes life's burdens can feel overwhelming and we all experience it. I have learned that when I am overwhelmed with negative situations, the best reaction is to thank God for his many blessings. If you have good health, thank God. If your children are not in prison or on drugs; thank God. If you are surrounded by a loving family; thank God. If you have transportation; thank God. If you have food and a roof over your head, thank God. If you have none of the above; thank God. The attitude of thankfulness is very contagious. It will give you peace and you will also be a blessing to others.

May God watch over you all and give you peace.

Your Chaplain

Robert L. Swartwood

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From your First Ceremonial Master

Matt Berry

I have been busy working with the EDM Committee as we continue planning what we believe will be an exciting and successful event. If you have any questions or would like more information, the committee can now be reached by email at edm@ekshrine.com.

If you would like to serve on the committee or receive the latest information, please feel free to reach out. We are still looking to fill the following open committee positions for the EDM Festival:

Sanitation

Parking

Box Office

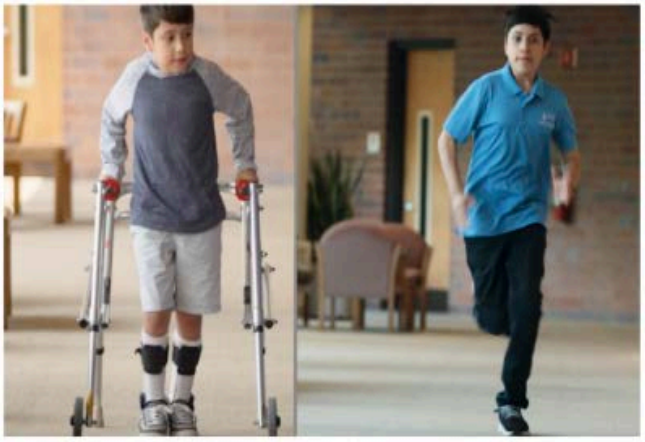
Have a great start to your summer!

Matt Berry

1st Ceremonial Master

Shriners Children's Care Helps Caleb Run

HIS ORTHOPEDIC AND REHABILITATION JOURNEY INCLUDED RE-LEARNING TO WALK MULTIPLE TIMES



Caleb, 13, has spastic diplegia cerebral palsy. "It happens in my legs where some of my muscles are very tight and they need to be loosened," said Caleb. "My mind is telling me that my body should be able to do something but the body's just not responding." Relatives recommended Shriners Children's team approach to CP. "From day one we left with equipment, and we left with a plan of action, and sort of like a promise that we're going to figure this out. And it's been a promise kept ever since," said Alex, Caleb's dad.

Treatment has included braces, and Botox injections and physical therapy to reduce overly tight muscles caused by CP. Caleb also had rehabilitation after advanced nerve surgery and a surgery that realigned his hips and feet. "Being able to walk again after the surgeries. It's a major milestone that all my physical therapists help me with here." Thanks to Shriners Children's care, Caleb is now able to run a mile and he recently learned to ride a bike, giving him new independence with his friends.

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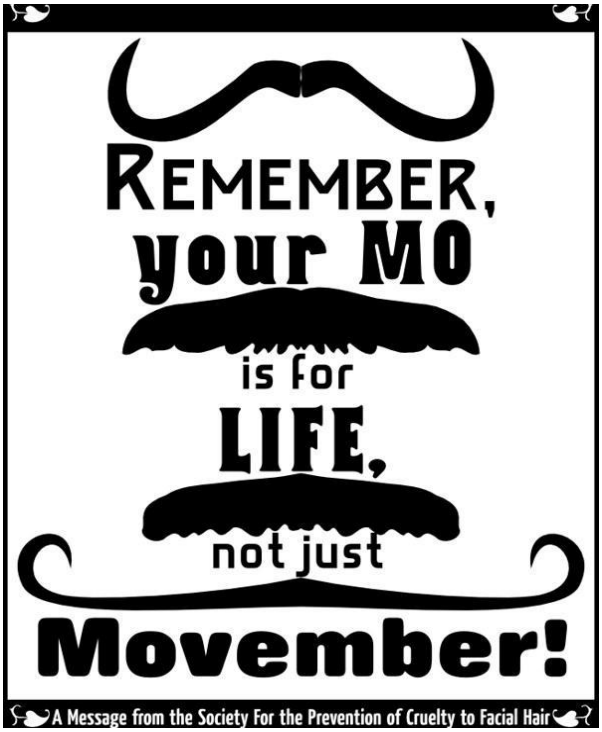
Jami Geiser–Chief Rabban's Lady

National Alzheimer's Awareness Month

We celebrate Native American Heritage Month



Men's Health Awareness Month (mental health and prostate/testicular cancer awareness)

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