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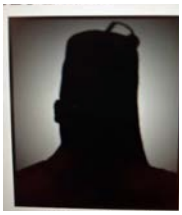

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From your Potentate - Illustrious Sir Philip Gean

From The Potentate

Congratulations to our new Great Lakes Shrine Association President Illustrious Sir John E Arnould. If you didn't attend the Great Lakes Shrine Association you missed a fantastic time. Elf Khurafeh hosted the event and from start to finish they did an amazing job. I didn't hear any complaints; All I heard was praise. A huge thank you to all the workers that made this happen.

October events – The business meeting is the second Wednesday, the 14th, at Circus Park Event center. The board meets at 5pm, dinner at 6pm and the business meeting starts at 7pm.

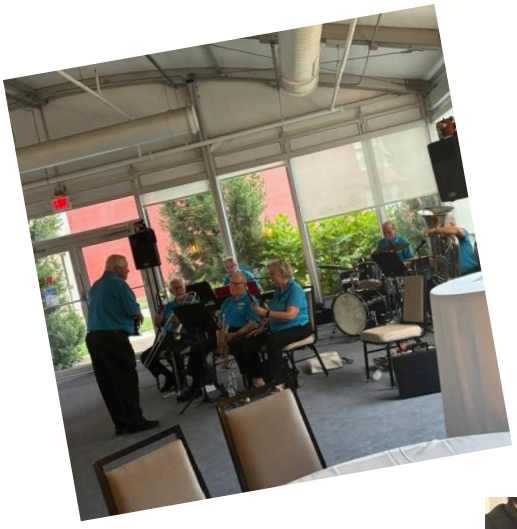
Trunk or treat is the 17th and the hours are 1pm to 4pm. If the weather turns nasty it will be moved inside. Please come out, bring the little ones and help out. Have you signed up for a trunk yet? If you plan to do so, get with the Trunk or Treat Committee ASAP.

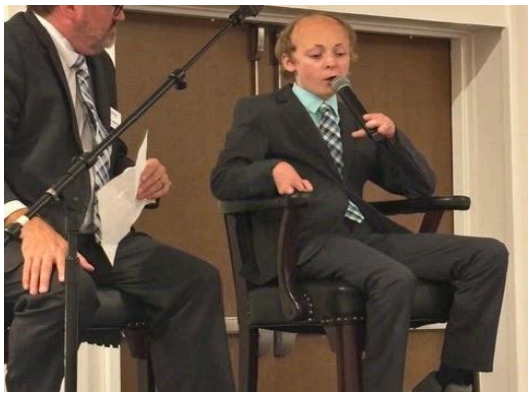
If you didn't sign up for October 23rd to the 25th Shriner & Potentate Wine and Bourbon tour it is too late.

Remember the fall ceremonial is November 7 th at 10am. I will see you there.

Phil Gean, Potentate

PICTURES FROM GLSA IN DAYTON, OHIO





We had a special patient ambassador, James, join us for our dinner on Thursday evening along with the comedian. Friday evening was the President's Leather & Lace Banquet and we had the John Vance Band in the hospitality room after that. Saturday afternoon, Imperial Lady Martha Bartlett drew the winning 50/50 ticket.

EK SHRINE'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct 12 – Columbus Day

Oct 14 - Business Meeting CP 6pm Dinner 7pm Meeting

Oct 17 - Trunk or Treat CP 1pm - 4pm Volunteer dinner to follow

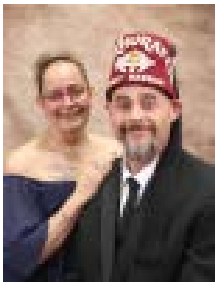
Oct 23-25 - Potentate's trip to Traverse City

Oct 31 - Happy Halloween

MOSLEM SHRINE'S EVENTS

Oct 10 - Meat Raffle Moslem Shrine $15 Doors 11am First spin 12pm

Oct 24 - Purse Bingo Moslem Shrine $40 Doors 10am Game starts 11am



From your Chief Rabban
Brian Geiser

GREETINGS NOBLES AND LADIES

Well, as summer comes to an end, I hope everyone had a safe and fun season. We had a very low turnout for September's business meeting. I hope that improves for October. Please get out and support your clubs and units; it is election time for clubs and units officers. Now is the time to step up and make a difference. One unit, the Director's staff, is on the verge of going dormant if a few good nobles don't step up and lead the group. I for one don't want to see that. We need to look at making these clubs and units fun and that takes new and fresh ideas.

If you see Ill. Sir John Arnould be sure to congratulate him on being elected as President of G.L.S.A. If you missed G.L.S.A. this year you missed a good one. We had nothing but praises throughout the weekend. In Dayton, the hotel bent over backwards for us and there was plenty to do. The only hiccup was mother nature and we had to cancel our parade. We will be back there again next year so stay tuned for the sign-up info.

I'm still looking for the questionnaires that I sent out to come back, out of the 600 I sent out I received 8 back please take the time to do this and get it to me soon, thank you. I'm looking forward to your responses so as we put together the long-term planning committee we can plan based on your thoughts.

I am still looking for feedback on new ideas to get our nobles back involved and active. We still have quite a few nobles that have joined but we have not seen much of them. Please reach out and get their thoughts on what they would like to see differently to help our membership grow and please communicate this to me or our new membership chairman David Benn.

As always, I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at all our events that are scheduled for this year and next. If there is any information you need, please feel free to reach out to me and I will answer what I can and get you the answers for anything I can't answer.

Brian Geiser

Chief Rabban

Greetings Fellow Nobles,
I have not met many of the membership as I am approximately a year or so in the fraternity. My name is Robert Nemeth. I have been in Masonry just shy of 11 years. I belong to various Masonic bodies. I am also an Army Combat Veteran. I am seeking to be elected as Oriental Guide because I want to serve our Shrine with dedication, integrity, and a genuine commitment to helping our members and our fraternity grow. I see this position as an opportunity to contribute through leadership, mentorship, and active participation while supporting the traditions and values that make our Shrine strong.
My intention is to be approachable, dependable and engaged--helping new Nobles feel welcomed, encouraging fellowship and supporting the leadership and activities of our Temple. If elected, I will work to strengthen our membership, promote unity, and ensure that every Noble feels valued and connected to our Shrine. I would appreciate your support in gaining your vote.
Fraternally Yours,
Noble Robert Nemeth

From your Assistant Rabban

Chuck Birch

I hope that this finds you in good health as we are near the end of summer. Time to get back to the business of being an active Shrine Temple. As December nears, our Temple election approaches. If you are interested in running for office, notify the Potentate, Recorder, or Chief Rabban. The Temple also continues to look for more petitions for new members for our Ceremonial on the 1st Saturday in November. Look at the members of your Lodge and ask them if they have a desire to further their Masonic experience and help our kids. You could be giving a Brother Mason the Masonic experience that they have been looking for. Hope to see you all at the October meeting. Yours in the faith, Chuck.

From your Oriental Guide
Edward Parks

Greetings Nobles
I hope everyone is doing well as our season is changing quickly. G.L.S.A. is behind us now and I must say it was an event that made our Temple stand out as one of the best. We were blessed with having some Imperial Officers there as well and they were also impressed with the event. A big shout out to everyone that worked very hard in making this happen.Congratulations to Illustrious Sir John Arnould being elected as President of G.L.S.A. Our Temple Business Meeting is on Oct 14th at Circus Park. Dinner is at 6:00 and the meeting is at 7:00.
With monthly upcoming events and issues with our Temple, we encourage all of our Nobility to attend.
Trunk Or Treat will be Oct 17th from 1:00 until 4:00. If you would like to participate, please contact Brian Geiser or his Lady Jami. We would love to see everyone there.
Oct 23 thru Oct 25th is the Potentate's Wine Tour Trip to Traverse City.
Nobles a reminder that the Divan is always available to assist you in any way we can. If you have questions or Issues, please reach out to any one of us or contact the office.

Yours In Faith
Oriental Guide
Edward Parks

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

Wow, it's hard to believe it's already October! Where has the year gone?

Good news from the desk of the Treasurer! We have gotten most of our clubs and club sponsored units reinstated. There are still a few I need information from to get them reinstated. Either I will contact those clubs, or I will have the Divan reps for those clubs reach out. If we cannot get the required information, clubs may have to file corporate tax returns with the IRS.

We also sent 990s from 2019-2024 for the Temple, and 990s from 2015-2024 for the Association. We have also filed the necessary forms for reinstatement and are awaiting their approval. The light at the end of the tunnel is very bright! We are very close to being back in compliance with the IRS and Shriners International. A huge thanks to all clubs, units, and everyone that has helped pull together all the info needed to get this far.

Lastly, don't forget about the Feztival of Trees this year. We still need tree and wreath sponsors! Not only would we like your club or unit involved, we would really like to get your help getting sponsors outside of the Shrine. Ask your insurance company, your auto mechanic, your barber, or anyone else you know that has a business that would like to help out.

Fraternally,
Jeff Downing, P.P. - Treasurer

From your Recorder

Phil Brack, P.P.

Greetings.

It is fall already. The year is flying past.

The 2027 dues notices have been sent to members with an email on file. If you haven't seen it yet, check your spam or junk mail folders. If you don't have an email on file, hard copies will be sent out in a few weeks. (The dues notices are processed by a third party and charge far less for an email rather than a hard copy). You can either print the invoice off and send in with a check or go to ekshrine.com and pay online. Just a reminder, per capita increased $4 this year and will likely increase in the ensuing years. Once again if you are having trouble paying your dues, please contact me as we can work out a payment plan.

A notice to Clubs and Units, your election results are due into my office by October 7th. This is to guarantee that your information will make it into the 2027 calendars. Please email me your results as soon as they are available to recorder@ekshrine.com.

Until next month.

Respectfully submitted, Philip Brack P.P. Recorder.

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From your Chaplain - Robert Swartwood

Greetings Brothers and Sisters. We all recognize the many stressors we have to deal with in this life. There are many biblical reasons for this but also biblical solutions. If you are dealing with some rough times, please understand that you are not alone and don't attempt to deal with them alone. Please consider the following issues and the proposed solution:

Death of a loved one	Give it to God
Health issues	Give it to God
Financial issues	Give it to God
Marital stresses	Give it to God
Elderly parent issues	Give it to God
Raising children issues	Give it to God
Employment issues	Give it to God
People issues	Give it to God

You can continue with your own list as I think my point has been made. I have dealt with every one of the issues listed above and many more. And, I have always followed my own advice. No one has a trouble-free life. As long as sin is in the world, there will be trouble. We are all sinners saved by grace. Being a Christian does not mean you will escape from a trouble-free life. But if you walk with God and follow this advice, you can be assured that he will walk your steps with you and give you peace. Worry does nothing. God does everything. Relief and true happiness only comes from God. Blessings to all.

Chaplain

Robert L. Swartwood

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

FROM SHIAWASSEE SHRINE CLUB

From left to right Rod Ridgeway, Ron Anderson, Patrick Finnegan, Jim Peck and Ron Jacobs.
Our 1974 Fire Brigade at the Blueberry Festival. We won a nice plaque.

Voted on and passed to keep all officers in their same positions for the coming year! From left to right: Patrick Finnegan, Bob Swartwood, Garland Grazier, Ron Jacobs, Jim Bowles, and Ron Anderson. Thank you Gentlemen for stepping up and working another year!

This one's for the girls
Jami Geiser–Chief Rabban's Lady

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Breast cancer is the most common cancer found in women, regardless of race or ethnicity.

One in eight women are diagnosed with breast cancer during their lifetime.

Although more prevalent in women, breast cancer can also affect men.

To reduce your risk of breast cancer: maintain a healthy weight, exercise regularly and don't drink alcohol.

Sources cited: Centers for Disease Control, National Breast Cancer Foundation, Susan G, Komen and Breastcancer.org

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