

# Detroit Shriners

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*August 30th-September 4th, 2017*

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## Detroit Shriners Magazine

*Ten printed issues a year as well as all 12 online issues every year*

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### Deadline for September Issue

**August 13th, 2017**

All articles or comments should be directed to the Layout Director:  
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## MESSAGE FROM OUR POTENTATE



*Nobles,*

Congratulations to Past Potentate Larry Leib who was recently elected as Imperial Outer Guard. Let's give our very own Imperial Sir a round of applause!!! Looks like Moslem has a chance to show off at a future Imperial session. If my math is correct he will become Imperial Potentate in July 2027 which means his Imperial Session should be July 2028!! It is a good day for Moslem Detroit!!!

Imperial Session 2017 is now behind us and we welcome Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske as the new Imperial Potentate. His mission is for Temples to work on increasing membership. Moslem had a good head start at the Spring Ceremonial so let's keep it going for the fall.

Daytona Beach rolled out the red carpet and did an excellent job welcoming Shriners from around the globe. August is a busy month with a couple of our biggest events of the season: 8/12/17 Sportsman's Raffle at Silver Gardens with our new partner Bass Pro Shops.

8/20/17 Detroit Tigers Shriner's Day at Comerica Park, over 200 game tickets already sold and there are some tickets still available. 8/31-9/4/17- Michigan State-Suburban Showplace-Nov.

To volunteer, contact Craig Stigleman or Joe Kish. I look forward to seeing you all in August!!!

YITE,

*Arthur Brdak, Potentate*

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**September issue: online only | October issue: print/mail/online**

**November issue: online only | December issue: print/mail/online**

# ATTENTION MOSLEM SHRINERS

Arthur Brdak, Potentate of Moslem Shrine  
has called for:

## The Stated Meeting for the Moslem Shrine Temple.

To be held on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00pm  
at the Moslem Shrine Temple

Entry to the meeting will require possession of a  
2017 Moslem Shrine Dues card

So Ordered: Attested to:  
Arthur Brdak, Potentate  
Robert Pate, P.P. Recorder

**Get your flu shot the day of the Stated Meeting  
starting at approximately 4:30 pm!**



## IMPERIAL MEMBERSHIP NOTES

It was with great pleasure that Membership Chairman Rick Gaines and I attended the Imperial Membership Luncheon and have Moslem Temple recognized for achievement in 2016.

Moslem was able to move up one level from Bronze to Silver. I know Membership Chairman Rick Gaines has set our goal for 2017 to achieve the Gold level.

**We would like to thank all the Nobles who made this possible. Without your help Moslem would not have been able to accomplish this improvement.**

Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske announced a call to action, asking ALL Shriners to take a stand against the declining membership in our fraternity, referring friends, family members and coworkers for further contact, education and information about Shriners International and Freemasonry. Imperial Sir Bergenske set a lofty goal of 12,000 new creations across all of Shrinedom between now and the 2018 Imperial Session.

**Moslem Goal for Membership is 76 new members!**

Every Shriner can do their part by referring their friends at:

**[beashrinernow.com/referral](http://beashrinernow.com/referral)**

**Now the work begins! Are YOU committed to membership?**

**Ray Moore  
High Priest and Prophet**



## August - Membership Corner

Good Day to you fellow Nobles!

Coming fresh off the 2017 Imperial Session with a glow of fraternal brotherhood still burning! Great things are happening for Moslem in the near future. We have officers with in the GLSA unit associations in the Motor Corps and Clowns. We have an upcoming officer for the GLSA. Last, but certainly not least, we have a member on the Imperial Divan in Past Illustrious Sir Larry Leib! That means, Moslem is stepping up and others are taking notice!

Now, more than ever, we need to band together as a temple! We are under the watchful eye of Shriners International as we shall be hosting a few conventions over the next few years. How great would it be to become a Gold Membership winner to boot? Congrats go out to our Membership Committee team and our Temple for obtaining the Silver Award for Membership!

Our goal to obtain the Gold Membership award is not that far fetched. It requires our Nobles to make good on their dues and for us to increase our membership numbers. The last few years, we have averaged around 34 new members annually. This year, we added 27 new members in the spring alone! We can do this! Remember, all Nobles are part of the Membership Committee. If you're seeking a more active role in membership, contact me at [shrinergaines@yahoo.com](mailto:shrinergaines@yahoo.com) or call (586)-779-7449.

*Fraternally Yours,*

**Noble Rick Gaines**

Membership Committee Chairman

GLSCUA Sergeant at Arms

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# Congratulations Imperial Outer Guard P.P. Larry Leib



*Imperial Sir Larry Leib*



On behalf of the Motor City Shriners, it was our honor to bestow upon you your Imperial Brewmasters shirt this year in Daytona. We all know that this was a great day for you personally, but it was also a day for all of Moslem Shrine as we celebrate having you represent us on the Imperial Line.



# 2017 IMPERIAL SESSION





Michelle Geske presented the Imperial Ladies their very own Motor City Shinettes shirts and made them all lifetime honorary members at the Imperial Divan party in Daytona.



### **Ansar Shrine**

is excited to welcome the members of the Great Lakes Shrine Association to Always Legendary Springfield, the city Abraham Lincoln called home. We know you'll enjoy the best of Midwest hospitality and world-class sites and attractions during your stay with us. Located in the heart of downtown Springfield, your hotels and convention center are within steps of each other.

### **Moslem Shrine**

**Has reserved rooms at the President Abraham Lincoln Springfield  
September 13 to September 17, 2017**

**Room rate for 4 Nights plus complimentary transportation  
by Shrine Coach:  
\$550.00 (Single or Double Occupancy)**

**Coach seats are limited, and are on a first come basis.  
However, when bus seats are filled rooms will still be available  
but transportation will be your responsibility.  
Call Katie at the Shrine Center 248-569-2900 Ext 3  
By August 31, 2017 to reserve your spot.**

Check out the following websites:  
[VisitSpringfieldIllinois.com](http://VisitSpringfieldIllinois.com)  
[greatlakesshrineassociation.org/glsa2017](http://greatlakesshrineassociation.org/glsa2017)

Admission \$2.00/person  
Bake Sale  
Lunch Café  
Share the wealth raffle  
& prize raffle

# *Holiday Art & Craft Show*

**Saturday, October 28, 2017**

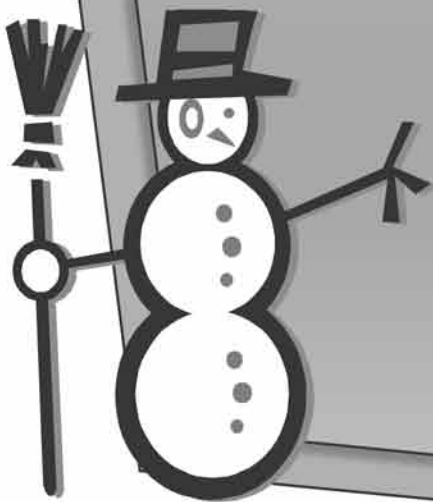
**10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Silver Garden Event Center  
24350 Southfield Rd  
Southfield, MI 48075**

**Sponsored by  
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**"Helping Children who need medical  
care regardless of the patient's or  
family's ability to pay".**

**To become part of the show email  
[bbrdak@gmail.com](mailto:bbrdak@gmail.com) for an  
application.**





*All Units Holiday Party*

*Saturday, December 2, 2017*

*6:00 pm Cocktails*

*7:00 pm Dinner*

*Penna's of Sterling  
38400 Van Dyke  
Sterling Hgts., MD*

*\$70.00/person*

*For reservations:*

*248-569-2900 ext 3*

*Rooms available at  
Hampton Inn & Suites*

*To reserve call*

*586-276-0600*

*Mention Shriners for group rate*

# Annual Summer Sportsman's Raffle

by Mike Zelmanski

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Sportsman's Raffle is set for Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> and is right around the corner. As usual, we need our Nobility and their families involved to help make this event a success. As usual, we need tickets sold right up to Raffle Day and we have a need for over 150 volunteers to help the event run smoothly. The volunteer number does not include those that work individual unit raffles. We need volunteers for beer, ticket selling, ticket checking, break relief, runners, etc.

I'm very excited to say that for this raffle and the next as well, we are partnering with Bass Pro Shops for the firearms. Bass Pro Shops have a large assortment of firearms on hand but most importantly they have a much larger selection of clothing, fishing and camping clothes/equipment for the winners that elect to take the gift card in lieu of the firearm. I'm expecting that our new relationship with Bass Pro Shops will be very successful and will go beyond the Winter Raffle.

Due to Gander Mountain going out of business and issues with our computer system, the ticket mailing ran very late as tickets hit the mail only a few weeks before the raffle. I would like to apologize for the inconvenience of the late mailing. I take full responsibility for this snafu and will work hard to resolve these issues going forward.

Lastly, let's hope that the Great Architect brings good, but not perfect weather on Raffle Day. We can keep everyone dry and cool under tents and indoors—sometimes with perfect weather others will choose to go to the beach or go golfing instead.

As always, I thank Illustrious Sir Art Brdak and his Divan for allowing me to once again serve Moslem Temple as Director of this event.

## SHRINE LANCERS

Hello Lancers and Families,

August is here. The summer is flying by. The Lancers have been very busy so far this year. We have done numerous parades. It is nice to see everyone out at the parades and it is nice to see Joe and Ash having so much fun in their cars. Glad to have you guys in the unit.

We have had great weather for all of the parades so far. Gross Isle, Belleville, Stearling Hts., Wyandotte, Yale, Marine City and Algonac were all a lot of fun. Now we are looking forward to the Sportsmans Raffle. Hopefully we have all sold a ton of tickets for the drone. We will need to sell a ton to make a profit, but it should be a good profit.

Dave Talbot is recovering nicely from a couple of visits to the hospital and some heart work done. We are all glad to see you around again!

On behalf of the Lancers, we would like to congratulate Illustrious Sir Larry Leib P.P. for his recent installment as Imperial Outer Guard. Way to go Larry! Moslem couldn't be any more proud.

Those who attended the Shrine Picnic had a great time. Thank you Moslem for a great day with friends, family and the Hungry Five. The food was excellent and the kids had a blast.

Fundraising: If you haven't gotten a book of tickets yet, please do so and start selling. They are easy to sell. People want this item. The item we are raffling of is a YUNEEC-Typhoon 4K Quadcopter. The item will be raffled off at the Sportsmans Raffle in August and has a value of \$900.00. It also comes with a great hardshell case with an extendable handle and rollers on the bottom. This is an exciting time in the Lancers and I'm sure you won't have any trouble selling tickets to friends and family for this item. Together, we can raise a lot of money with this item by the August Raffle. Let's go Lancers!

Below is a list of events. Please mark them on your calendars and be ready to participate. If you know of a conflict, please let us know in advance so we can plan accordingly for the parades and functions.

To all NEW and Experienced Shriners, here is your chance. If you have been looking for that one unit that you would like to belong to, look no further. Come to the Lancer room on the first Monday of each month and meet the guys. You will have the time of your life driving a Lancer car in the parades. Contact myself, Matt P. or Dave Talbot for information and make a decision that I know you won't regret. Come join one of the fastest growing units in Moslem and become a Lancer today!

*Until next time, keep your engines runnin'*  
Todd Wyber

### AUGUST EVENTS

AUG. 12TH — SPORTSMANS RAFFLE

AUG. 31-SEPT. 4TH — MICHIGAN STATE FAIR

SEPT. 10 — RICHMOND PARADE

SEPT. 13TH-16TH — GREAT LAKES CONVENTION (GLSA)

SEPT. 24TH — CLINTON PARADE

OUR NEXT BUSINESS MEETING IS ON SEPT. 11TH AT 7PM.

## Child Care

### Hello Nobles

Childcare had a very busy month with our Child Care Coach. It went to Branch County on August 7th, and on August 30th it was at Crystal Gardens in Southgate at the request of Downriver Shrine Club.

Thank you to both clubs for the hard work you do to promote our hospitals and the great work we do to help kids lead the best lives they can.

On August 29th we had our Childcare car show, showcasing vehicles from 1991 and older.

Thanks to Bob Gains who is a member of Moslems Provost event for chairing this event.

Bob and his family worked very hard to make this a success; hopefully all of you had the chance to stop by and see all the cool cars on display.

Our next issue of this magazine, I hope to have plenty of photos for all to see the vehicles.

As many of you know Moslem transported Sean English, the young man who was trying to help a person on I-96 along with a doctor who died at the scene helping at the accident.

Sean was taking to our Chicago were he was fitted for a prosthesis. The whole trip was filmed by Channel 4 this will be an ongoing subject, so we can all watch Sean recovery at our Hospital as we and channel 4 look to see a young man get a new lease on life through the great work Shiners do.

Frank Dougherty, Director Childcare Moslem

# DETROIT SHRINERS SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

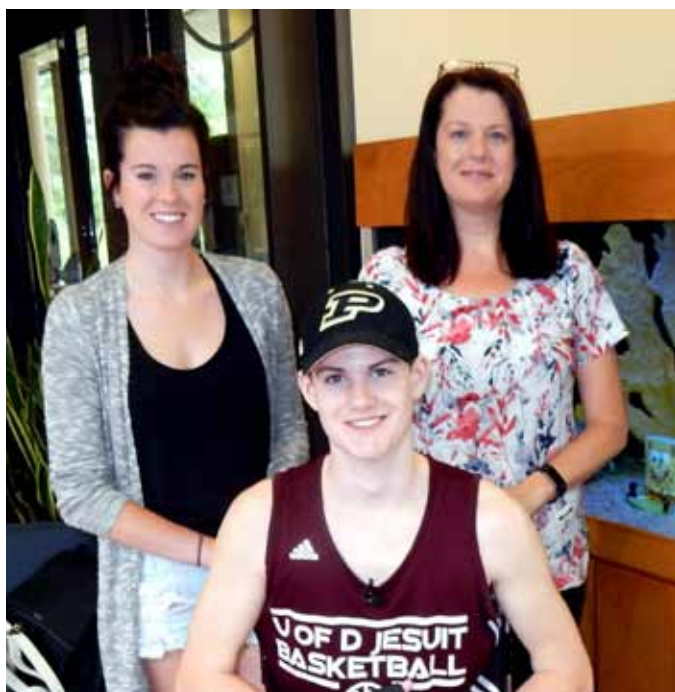
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**AUGUST 11TH >**

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## “Everything Happens for a Reason”



Sometimes people come into your life and you know right away that they were meant to be there, to serve some sort of purpose, teach you a lesson, or to help you figure out who you are or who you want to become. You never know who these people may be (possibly your roommate, neighbor, teacher, fraternal brother or sister, long lost friend, lover, or even a complete stranger), but when you lock eyes with them, you know that at that very moment they will affect your life in some profound way.

Sometimes things happen to you that may seem horrible, painful, and unfair at first, but in reflection you find that without overcoming those obstacles you would have never realized your potential, strength, willpower, or heart.

Everything

happens for a reason. Nothing happens by chance or by means of good luck. Illness, injury, love, lost moments of true greatness, and sheer stupidity all occur to test the limits of your soul. The lateness of the Detroit Shriners Magazine happened for a reason.

As most are aware, 16 year old Sean English was involved in a horrific accident on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, on his way to church. Sean and his family approached an overturned vehicle on I-96, stopping to help; Sean was hit by another vehicle and suffered serious injuries ultimately causing the amputation of his right leg below the knee. I have the fortune of working with Sean's Dad, also named Sean. As a friend I reached out offering whatever I could do to ease their pain. As a Shriner, I offered Shriners Hospitals for Children—Chicago. On Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> Sean and the family agreed to what Shriners Hospitals for Children had to offer, on June 23<sup>rd</sup> it became real as Sean and family made their first trip Shriners Hospitals for Children—Chicago.

Now for the Everything Happens for Reason. As mentioned above, the Detroit Shriners Magazine will be getting to your homes later than normal this month as the printing press used broke down and parts were not readily available to make the repairs. Today, Wednesday, July 16, 2017, as Sean was at physical therapy he told his therapist that he wanted to walk. Determined, Sean was fitted with an “extra” leg that was not fitted for him. Today, Sean took 8 steps unaided—less than 4 month since his accident. So, the printing press went down for a reason, the unavailability of parts was for a reason, the delay in delivering the Detroit Shriners Magazine was for a reason.

“Everything Happens for a Reason”

*Until we meet again*

Bob O'Brien  
Chief Rabban



Please visit [detroitshriners.com](http://detroitshriners.com) for next months September magazine.  
There will be a special article for Sean from his father!

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Raffle and the Detroit Shrine office.