

# Detroit Shriners Magazine

## 2017 Save the Date:

January 8th Shrine Installation	July 8-13th Imperial Convention
February 4th Sportsman's Raffle	July 23rd Shrine Picnic
February 9th Appointees Dinner	July 29th Shrine Car Show
February 12-19th Potentates Trip	August 12th Sportsman's Raffle
February 24th All Units Veterans Party	August 20th Shrine Tiger Day
March 11th WWTGL	August 31-September 4th Michigan State Fair
March 25th Meat Raffle	September 13th-16th GLSA
April 1st Rat Pack Vegas Dinner	September 23rd Harvest Celebration
April 6-9th Shrine Circus	October 14th Meat Raffle
April 19th Circus Workers Dinner	October 28th Art & Craft Show
April 22nd Bingo-Meat Raffle Style	November 4th Fall Ceremonial
May 6th Spring Ceremonial	November 11th Ladies Luncheon
May 13th Masquerade Ball	December 2nd All Units Holiday Party
June 11th Ladies Trip	December 17th Childcare Christmas Party
June 22nd Ladies Appreciation Dinner	
June 24th Temple Golf Outing	

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR POTENTATE

*Nobles;*

A belated Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!

First and foremost I would like to thank the Nobility for electing me as your Potentate for 2017. How quickly the time has gone since I was first elected Oriental Guide is proof that time flies as you get older.

For the past four years I have reflected on what I want my term as Potentate to be about. It can't be about Planes, Trains or Automobiles, those have already been taken, so I thought why not have it all about us, the Nobility, and what we are about. When you see the logo for 2017 it is to remind us of when we were established as a Temple in June, 1880. The words you see on the Sword ("Robur et Furor") are the ancient Latin words meaning Strength and Fury. The Strength of the Fraternity as one and the Passion, "Fury" in all of us.

As I think of my own journey to become a Master Mason and Shriner I remember my obligations I have learned along the way. Grand Master Hiram

Abif of Masonry and Dr. Fleming founder of the Mystic Shrine originally had thoughts that the fraternity be designed around Humble men having fun and caring about each other as brothers. But we are so much more...

The following passage from the Book Parade to Glory says it all: "Shriner's, play Moslems and infidels with reverent minds and merry hearts. Indeed! But Shriners are more than little boys grown tall. With all their fun, they have not forgotten charity. With all the splendor of their parades, they



do not and cannot forget first of all they are Master Masons with all the Humility they are taught by the craft.

Let's us all never forget our Obligation".

*Yours In the Faith,*

Arthur J. Brdak  
*Potentate.*

# ATTENTION MOSLEM SHRINERS

Arthur Brdak, Potentate of Moslem Shrine  
has called for:

## The Annual Meeting for the Moslem Shrine Temple

To be held on Monday, January 23th, 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

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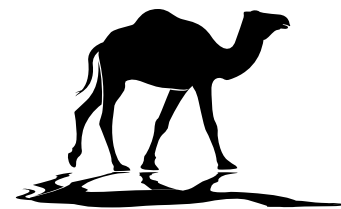
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Tom Peters - 2	Carl Rufus	Dick Laramore
Dave Guest – 5	Don Crawford - 2	Train – 5
Gerri Guest	Bob Final	Flights to
Jerry Miller	John Waynick	Philadelphia – 3
Tony Almada	Bill Wakefield	



## The Black Camel

On behalf of the officers and members of Moslem Shriners, we express our sincere sympathy to the families and friends of these departed Nobles.

## Deaths

George Bricolas	Warner Connolly
Joseph Dabliz	Estel Estep
Doyle McDonald	Jerome Feigenson
Erwin Robinson	Ray Hunter
Howard Short	Michael Kekessy
James Warner	James Locke
Ronald Beiser	Charles Marks
Thomas Kelly	Clayton Penzien
James Nowak	James Price
William Riley	Robert Straw
Ralph Wilson	Owen Currie
Everett Bates	Raymond Ficek
Donald Bennett	William Ritter
Jess Bradmon	Wilbur Shaffmaster
Eugene Clark	

# Shriners Winter Sportsman's Raffle

*by Mike Zelmanski*

Can you believe we are already talking about the **3rd Annual Winter Sportsman's Raffle**? The event will be held on Saturday, February 4th at the Suburban Collection Showplace from 11:00 until 5:00. How time flies! It seems like we just finished our first Winter Raffle and here we are on our third...

We will again occupy the same space as last year, the 140,000 sq. ft. on the East end of the hall. The look will be the same for the most part. We will be adding a few more vendors, and some additional bleacher seating to help with the anticipated crowd. In 2015 we had 3,700, in 2016 we had 6,000 so, I'm going to anticipate a modest increase hoping for 7,500 people in attendance.

With the success of past events and a slightly larger crowd anticipated, I see a need for additional volunteer help at the event. Last year's 50/50 paid out \$20,536 to the winner and I expect that to grow this year. We gave away over 225 firearms all day and had 2 dozen side raffles that also did well. The more people that attend, the better off the Units and Clubs also do.

We are marketing the usual way and the Suburban Collection Showplace is helping big time. SCS has us on their internal webpage that is emailed to their entire customer base, our posters are displayed in 20 glass cases in lobbies, bathrooms, etc. across the complex. We have a 30' banner on the building that can be seen from I-96 and we are displayed on the electronic billboards that can be seen on I-96 and Grand River. SCS also shares our event on their Facebook page and postcard mailing to all their contact lists. Whew, I'm tired just trying to list all they do for us!

So, let's all give a final push this month to fill the room and show that the Shriners know how to throw a party. Anyone over the age of 16 can enter and volunteer. Please put this event on your calendar. Volunteers must through the parking gate by 9:30. Call the office with questions at 248-569-2900 ext. 3.

Let's work together towards that common cause of Shiner/Mason/Family Love

# I Survived the Holidays Party

**The Motor City Shiners and the Shrine Yacht Club  
will be hosting a joint party**

**January 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 2:00pm!**

**Location: B.Nektar**

**1511 Jarvis**

**Ferndale, MI**



**RSVP to Jeff Geske or Joe Merem by January 20.**



**For additional information on B. Nektar visit their website at [www.bnektar.com](http://www.bnektar.com)**

Please note that food is not served on-site so we will be ordering in once we get an idea on the head count from a different local vendor.

# SILVER GARDENS EVENTS CENTER

I hope you had a fabulous holiday and a very happy New Year. It is our wish for You...that you be granted with 12 months of happiness, 52 weeks of fun, 365 days of success, 8,760 hours of good health, 52,600 minutes of good luck and 3,153,600 seconds of joy.

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2016 All Units Party hosted here at Silver Gardens. It was a marvelous night!! The entire Team delivered a perfect evening from the beautiful tablescapes, the exceptional meal, and the outstanding service. I have never been more proud. We received many compliments throughout the night. Reviews are an important part of our marketing. We would greatly appreciate it if at any time that you are here at Your beautiful Events Center and experience great food and service, if you would take a moment to click on our Facebook Page and like us and/or share your story with our followers. [www.facebook.com/silvergardenevents](http://www.facebook.com/silvergardenevents) What is even better, is if you take some candid pictures with your cell phone and upload them to our Facebook page along with your comments.

I am also very excited and proud to announce that Silver Gardens was awarded the host venue to hold the annual EPIC Awards Gala on Thursday, March 30, where our industry peers (ABC, America's Bridal Consultant, NACE National Association for Catering and Events, and ILEA International Live Events Association) recognize the vast talent in our industry. 200-250 people typically attend this affair. Following the completion of our renovation in the spring, the Committee reached out to us and asked that we 'put our name in the hat' for hosting. We had to submit a formal proposal and were duly selected. NACE & ILEA formally announced this honor at a networking event in late November. We are beyond thrilled to have this event in 'our home' and show off and share our lovely facility and excellent food and service.

Congratulations to 2017 Potentate, Arthur Brdak, and the rest of the Divan on their new appointments. Silver Gardens is looking forward to another fabulous year assisting you in creating more spectacular events.

*Looking forward to seeing and serving you soon,*

**Ann Marie Mathews,**  
General Manager



**SHRINERS**

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# "Noble's Pride"

by Noble Ben R. Steen

When I look around  
at my life in the shrine,  
many things I cherish  
stand out in my mind.

Hospitals for the children  
who can't run and play,  
bring hope to the families,  
in so many ways.

A crippled or burned child  
gets first-rate care,  
and there's never a charge  
for any child there.

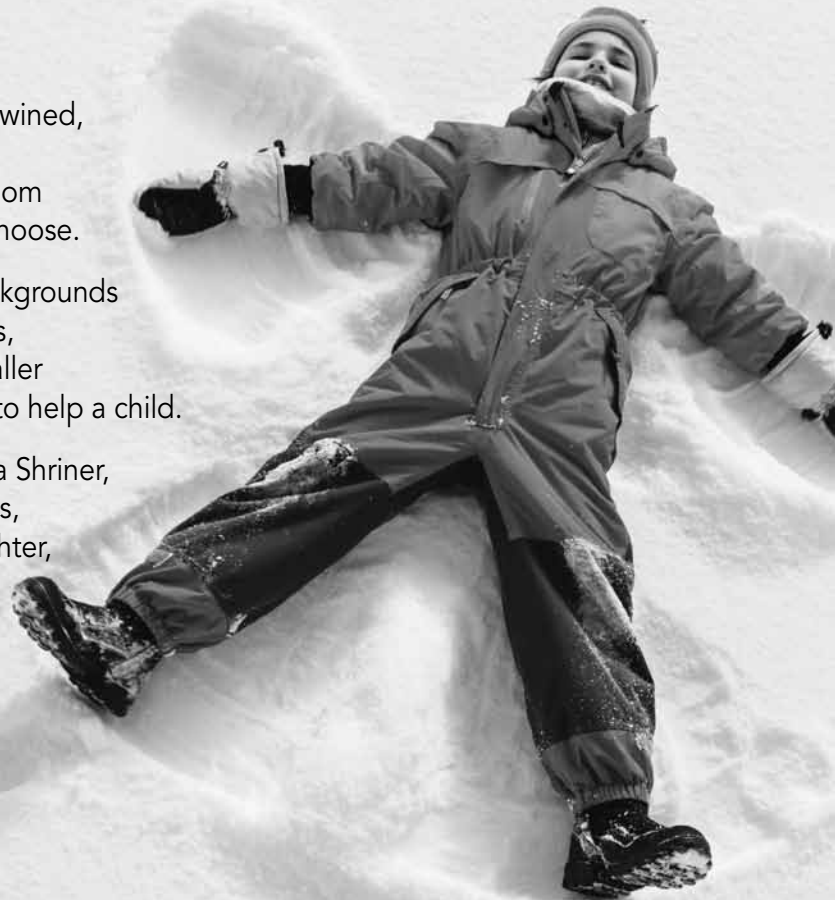
And I'm proud of our circus,  
that's part of the shrine.  
It brings out the child  
in all of our minds.

I'll stand with my brothers,  
and salute our flag,  
be it brand new,  
or tattered and sagged.

'Cause it's heavily entwined,  
in our lodge of blue  
it stands for our freedom  
and the religion we choose.

We're from many backgrounds  
and different lifestyles,  
but we never stand taller  
than when we stoop to help a child.

Yes, I'm proud to be a Shriner,  
and I love the parades,  
'cause children's laughter,  
is what I get paid.



### Happy New Year To All:

On December 1st, the Past Master-Reception Units put on a great Dinner Dance at the Shrine Center. The dinner and refreshments were fantastic and a good time was had by all attending. Thanks to all who were there and we hope to make it bigger and better for next year. Also special thanks to the Silver Garden Staff for all their thoughtfulness and kindness.

I would like to say on behalf of the Past Master Unit "Thank You" to our Illustrious Potentate Craig Stigleman and his lovely wife Pat for the wonderful year they have provided for us all. Thank you Illustrious Sir for a job well done. It has been a pleasure working with you.

"Happy Birthday" wishes to the following Nobles that are celebrating their birthdays in January.

Patrick Delaney whose birthday is on January 3rd,  
Angus Stinson whose birthday is on January 19th,  
Donald Crawford whose birthday is on January 21st and  
Thomas Moody whose birthday is on January 29th.  
*Enjoy your special day.*

Remember the Shrine Installation of Officers will be held on Sunday, January 8th, starting at 4:00 P.M. at the Shrine Center. RSVP by December 30th, 248-569-2900, extension 3.

The next meeting of the Past Master Unit will be Monday, January 16th starting promptly at 7:00 P.M. Our February meeting will be held on February 20th.

John Thornhill, P.P.  
*Director*

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Ruger 10/22 TD Stainless  
Marlin 336 30-30  
Remington 700 22-250 w/Scope  
NEF Pardner Pump 12g

Barnett Ghost 360 Crossbow  
S&W M&P 15-22 22LR  
Remington 700 3006 w/Scope  
S&W M&P Sport II 5.56  
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Redfield  
Thompson Center Dimension  
.300 Win  
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Henry Goldenboy 22 Lr  
Ruger American 7mm-08  
Browning A-Bolt 243  
Mossberg 500 20ga  
**\$500**  
Mossberg 500 20ga  
Savage B-Mag 17 WMR  
Savage Axis .243  
Remington 700 SPS .308  
Tikka T3 .270  
S&W M&P Shield 9mm  
CVA Optima Muzzleloader  
Marlin 1895 45-70

Henry H001 22LR  
**\$500**  
DPMS MOE Warrior  
Remington 870  
Ruger American 30-06  
Thompson Center Venture 3006  
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Ruger 10/22 TD Camo  
Browning A-Bolt 300 Win Mag  
Ruger American 9mm Pistol  
Mossberg 500  
S&W M&P 15-22 22LR  
**\$500**  
Remington 700 223 Scope  
Barnett Ghost 360 Crossbow

Browning A-Bolt .243  
Browning X-Bolt .270  
NEF Pardner Pump 12g  
Savage 93R17 .17HMR  
Ruger SR 5.56  
Ruger LC9s  
Remington 870 20ga  
**\$500**  
Marlin 336 30-30  
Thompson Center Triumph  
Savage III 30-06  
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S&W 638  
FMK Patroit AR-1 5.56  
Mossberg 500 12g  
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Henry H001 22LR  
Remington 700 BDL 30-06  
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Kimber Ultra Carry II .45  
Remington 870 20ga  
CVA Optima Muzzleloader  
S&W Governor .45/410  
Ruger LCP 9mm  
Remington 700 SPS 308  
Browning Silver Stalker 12g  
FNH FNS-9mm Pistol  
S&W M&P 15-22  
Ruger American 3.08  
S&W M&P Sport II 5.56  
Sig Sauer M400 MOE  
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by: George Staten

*Greetings to all the members of the Reception Unit.* I hope everybody is in good health and keeping warm in this cold weather that we are having. It could be a lot worse; we could have a foot of snow right now. (Other places do.)

As I said before, all of the functions that are put on by the Shrine are not only fundraisers, they are for your enjoyment and if you don't attend them, you are not getting your money's worth. (To all the Shrine members that don't belong to a Unit, join with us.)

Dec. 1st was our Past Master and Reception Unit Christmas Party. We had (28) members and wives in attendance. The dinner was excellent and the (1) piece band did a good job playing dance music. There was a lot of camaraderie and everybody had a good time. Also, there were flowers for the ladies.

Dec. 3rd was the Shrine All Units Christmas Party. There were (11) Reception Unit members present, with their wives. The party was well attended with a very good band and the dinner was excellent. There were gifts for all the Unit Directors and flowers for the ladies.

As I said before, we have (2) Charity Poker events lined-up, for next year, June 11th thru June 14th, 2017 and Sept. 3rd thru Sept 6th, 2017. Keep these dates in mind and let Director George know that you will help. This will be at the Sportsman Poker Room in Utica. Be a part of helping your Unit on this fund raiser.

The Shrine is getting ready for their big Sportsman Raffle February 4th keep that date open so you can help.

We will also have our Wheel Barrow of Cheer, fund raisers, at that same time. Get your monetary donation or your booze donation in as soon as possible. You will get your tickets to sell, in the mail, as soon as I get them made-up. At this time, we still don't have our license.

As you know, the Charity Poker outing and our Wheel Barrow of Cheer Raffle are our big fund raisers for the year and are how we make our money to help the Shrine and Shrine Hospitals and help pay for the subsidies for our Unit Outings. When you participate in one or both of them, you are eligible for the subsidies if you have donated to the Wheel Barrow of Cheer and have your dues paid-up.

By the time you receive this article the Dec. 12th Shrine Business Meeting and Election of officers will be history and we will have a new slate of Officers with a new Oriental Guide.

Jan. 8th will be the Installation of Shrine Officers and Our Reception Unit has been requested by Art Brdak, the 2017 Potentate, to work as escorts. Call the Temple Office for a reservation. Ladies are invited. Dress is Tuxedo and be there at 3:30, the installation is at 4:00.

As you know by now, your Unit had a box of Calendars to sell, and we have a few left. Call your Director, George at 248-828-4151, and he will mail you whatever you want. Your Unit makes \$5.00 off each Calendar we sell.

If anybody has any ideas of a fund raiser we could do come to the meeting and tell us about it and we will consider it.

Our next meeting will be Monday, January 23rd 2017, and as I have said before, come out to the meeting and meet our new members and our new Shrine members and join with us for snacks, refreshments a 50/50 drawing, a door prize and lots of camaraderie. Help us to make the meeting more interesting with your new ideas.

If anybody wants a new Shrine Shirt or a Gray Shrine Sport Jacket, a Black Leather and Wool Jackets or a Maroon quilted jackets, we can order them any time. We also have Shrine Ties. Let your Director George know and he will order them for you. All of these will be subsidized by the Unit. We have Jackets on order now.

Brothers, as I said before at one of our meetings of the Reception Unit, a motion was made to pay half of the fee of any new Shriner that any Member of the Reception Unit would have join the Shrine with the stipulation that they be an active member of the Reception Unit for a year. This still stands. Pick-up a petition from the Shrine Office for your Masonic Lodge and the Shrine and see how many you can get to join. Maybe we can help have more candidates at the the next Ceremonial.

If anybody wants RECEPTION on their FEZ, let your director George or Secretary know. The Unit will cover the cost. Also, if you want a Unit Name Tag let your secretary know and again, the Unit will cover the cost.

We still have gold and silver Shrine Fez pins, so sell them if you can. Call Director George at 248-828-4151 and he will mail them to you.

If you are not receiving any notification of meetings, call Director George.

We have some of our members that are under the weather. Dennis Kalakay, 586-773-0071, Andy Barbey, 734-972-7271, and Bufford Gibson 248-669-5958. Give these brothers a call and see how they are doing and tell them we miss them. If you know of any of our members that are not doing very well, let your director know and he can send them a card and give them a call.

As you probably know by now, Brother Bill Shaftmaster has passed away. Keep his family in your prayers.

Brothers, there has been some question on the Unit Subsidies, so here is the Motion: October 28, 2013 ( Motion at meeting): *Motion to have Unit Member qualify for subsidies by attending four unit meetings (one per quarter), contribute to the Wheel Barrel of Cheer and attend (2) Shrine functions per year and pay dues. The Director may make exceptions based on circumstances. Motion made by Stan Miller and Second by Joe Amador. Motion passed. Since that time, motion was made to change motion to subsidize members only.*

#### **Dates to Remember:**

Dec. 11th – Child Care Christmas Party.

Dec. 12th – Shrine Business Meeting and Election of Officers.

Jan. 8th - Shrine Installation.

**QUOTABLES:** "Great minds must be ready not only to take opportunities, but to make them."

- Colton

# SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN - ERIE

By **Bob Lee**, 2011 Potentate,  
Moslem Shriners and 2015 & 16 Chairman  
of the Board of Governors

I want to thank the 4 Divans that recommended me to the Shriners Hospitals for Children-Erie Board of Governors and the Nobility of Moslem Shriners who supported me for serving as their Hospital Representative. I will cherish this experience as the best privilege, honor and responsibility of my Shrine career! It is hard to believe I have been on the SHC-Erie Board of Governors for more than nine years! Having followed Jim Panzenhagen, Emeritus Board member and past Chairman of the Board of Governors, beginning July of 2007, and holding several leadership positions on the Board, including the 2015 & 2016 Chairmanship, I have to say my Shrine goals in both the Fraternal and Philanthropic components of Shriners International have been achieved.

I anticipate a grateful and proud experience when I get my Emeritus Plaque at the January 11, 2017 Board of Governors meeting. I am also confident my replacement as Moslem's SHC-Erie Representative, Jack Horner, and my successor as Chairman of the Board of Governors, Jim McKinney, PP of Rameses Shriners will do their best to assure the Shrine input for maintaining our Hospital Mission at SHC-Erie!

The biggest change that occurred at SHC-Erie during my tenure was the transition from a full time (24/7) hospital to an Ambulatory Surgery Center and Outpatient Specialty Care Center (9/5). This was a result of the fact that over 80% of the children treated at SHC-Erie involved same day (outpatient) procedures, and the inpatient procedures had a minimal number of nights at the hospital. Obviously, there were significant layoffs due to the elimination of positions which lead to employee anxiety and low morale.

Over time, the employees came to understand the logic of going to our current model; we reduced our operating budget significantly and, more importantly, continued to treat an increasing number of children each year!

The last three years have been very fulfilling for me, starting with making a successful presentation in front of the Joint Boards in Tampa to reinstate our food service employees and maintain our food court at SHC-Erie. Other accomplishments included the staffing of the Director of Operations with Mary Jane Antoon, who also functions as our Director of Patient Care Services. My first mission as Chairman of the Board of Governors was to inform Headquarters of Mary Jane Antoon's job responsibilities and to get her salary adjusted appropriately. Not only did the salary get adjusted, her position was retitled to Administrator.

This last year the employees at SHC-Erie have distinguished our Shrine Hospital as the only hospital of all 22 that had 100 % employee participation in an independent hospital employee survey. On December 1, 2016, SHC-Erie was recognized as the FIFTH Best (small/medium Business) Place to Work, in the entire state of Pennsylvania! Obviously, the employee morale at SHC-Erie is the best it's been in many years!

With the November hiring of Dr. Tim Ward as the Medical Director at SHC-Erie and Dr. Oz Dede as Assistant Medical Director, our Pediatric Orthopedic Surgical Staffing, Clinic Coverage and relationship with Pittsburgh Children's Hospital will be on solid ground for many years into the future! There can be no doubt about this since Dr. Ward is also the Chief of Staff at Pittsburgh Children's Hospital.



## The Recorder's Dream

I fell asleep the other night  
and, while I had my snooze,  
I dreamed that each noble stepped up  
and promptly paid his dues;  
and when I found that was but a dream,  
I nearly threw a fit.  
Now, it's up to you to make it true.  
*Please remit!*



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# What's New in Erie!



## A Special Visit from the North Pole

On Monday, November 28th, Shriners Hospitals for Children — Erie had a visit from some very special guests. To kick off the holiday season, members of the Daughters of the Nile, Athor Temple No. 19, Buffalo, NY visited the medical center all decked out in their elf attire. They spent the day in the outpatient waiting room visiting with patients and families and distributing holiday gift bags to our patients. Thank you to all of the elves for spreading your holiday cheer!

## Speech-Language Pathologist Joins Shriners Hospitals for Children – Erie

We communicate in many different ways – with speech, facial expressions, gestures and written words. Imagine what it would feel like to be unable to communicate basic needs and wants, make choices and interact socially. A person in this situation can often feel closed off from the world altogether. Speech-language therapy can give a child a way to communicate.

### A Team Approach

At Shriners Hospitals for Children — Erie we take an interdisciplinary approach to care. As a team working with families, our goal is to help each child improve physically, emotionally and socially. Every child is evaluated by professionals who work together to coordinate the child's care. In keeping with that approach, we recently added a speech-language pathologist to our team.



Nicole Lewis joined the staff in July 2016. She has a bachelor's degree in communication disorders and sciences from the State University of New York at Geneseo and earned her master's degree in speech-language pathology with teacher certification from Ithaca College. Lewis also has a certificate of clinical

competence from the American Speech and Hearing Association. Previously, she was lead therapist at Lifespan

Therapies in King Ferry, New York.

Lewis wanted to join the staff of Shriners Hospitals for Children — Erie because of the collaborative team approach to care. She said, "Working directly with a patient's occupational therapist and physical therapist really helps to open new doors and make progress with the patient's treatment."

Lewis believes that speech-language therapy goes hand-in-hand with occupational and physical therapies and "all three play a significant role in helping a child to grow in their physical and communicative abilities."

### What is Speech Language Therapy?

Speech-language pathologists assess a patient's speech, language, cognition, feeding and swallowing functions to identify types of communication problems or swallowing disorders and develop a plan of care.

The goal is to find a way for the patients to communicate, which doesn't necessarily always mean verbally. Speech-language pathologists often look for alternative means of communication, such as sign language, eye-gaze assisting communication devices, computer tablets and even picture cards. These tools allow a patient to use other, non-verbal means, to communicate their thoughts, wants and needs.

Lewis said that speech-language pathology is important because it provides children with the language everyone should be able to have. "As a person, we should all be able to voice our opinion and get our thoughts out."



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# Greeting Ladies of the Household,

The second Sunday in December certainly caused us to change our plans! We did not have a quorum on Monday, December 12, 2016 for our Stated Session; so another session in January has been planned. We needed eleven ladies to open and only had ten. We did enjoy lunch together and just had a nice time visiting and catching up. We will have our Stated Session on January 9, 2017 with lunch provided by the Membership Committee. To make up for our missed session, we will meet on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 11:00 A.M. We will have our Stated Session, then lunch, and then we will make Valentines to send to the children in the Shriners' Hospitals. Safety is most important during these snowy winter months. Come if you can get to the session safely.

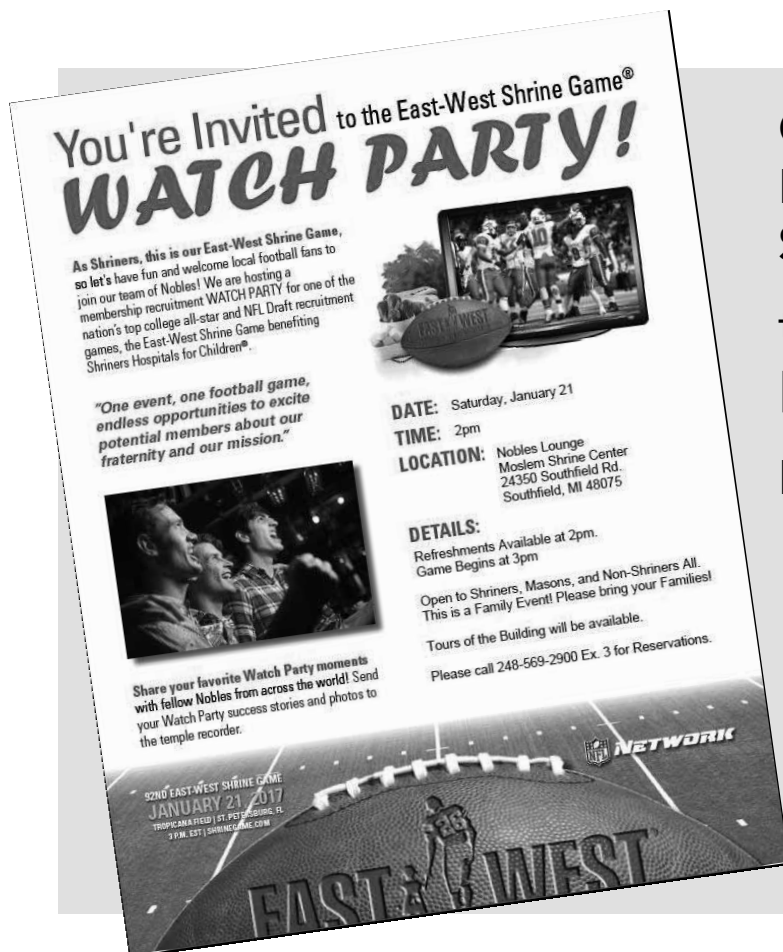
I received information for Past Queen Betty Cockerham about her great granddaughter who is four. She has a pointer finger that is as large as a grown man's thumb. Her finger will be amputated.

She is being cared for by the Shriners' Hospital in Pittsburgh. Her grandson and his wife have nothing but praise for the treatment their daughter has received as well as how they have been treated by the caring hospital staff. It makes me so proud to be a member of the Shrine family and Daughters of the Nile.

Please keep our members in your thoughts and prayers. We have many members unable to come to our sessions because of illness or living far away. Take time to call one of our members that you have not seen in awhile or maybe have never met. Let them know that you are thinking of them. If you need an up-to-date roster tell Pr. Recorder, Mary Kinning. She will make sure you get one.

*With Nile smiles,*

Brenda Blackstone  
Queen



Come down to the  
Moslem Shrine Center on  
**Saturday, January 21st**  
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# KEYSTONE KOPS *Shriners Fun Enforcement Unit*

## ***Koppers wish one and all a Happy New Year!***

The Koppers would like congratulate Noble Arthur Brdak on becoming Moslem Shrine Temple's Illustrious Potentate as well good wishes to the other members of the 2017 Divan. Best wishes to First Lady Bernadette as well.

Congratulations to the following Koppers who were installed as officers of Compost Lodge (a.k.a. The Keystone Kop Lodge):

Kopper Gary Lippard – *Worshipful Master*

Kopper Charlie Cacchione – *Treasurer*

Kopper Robert Lippard – *Senior Deacon*

Kopper Rick Becker – *Marshal*

What other lodge does the candidate ride a very small motorcycle when conducted around the lodge?

Those outgoing as Worshipful Master of their Lodge:

Kopper Danny Yabut – Composite Lodge #499

Chief Kopper Steve Gregory – Sojourner's #483  
(Going in as Tyler)

Thank you for your service to Masonry

Sojourner's Lodge will be celebrating 100 years in 2017. Watch for announcements of events.

Chief Kopper Steve Gregory is a Grandfather again, Elle Grace Gregory, born 12/2/16 weighing 8 lb., 3 oz. Congratulations to the Gregory family.

The Keystone Kop "After the Holidays Party" is scheduled for January 28, 2017. Location to be announced at our January meeting.

The February Sportsman's Raffle is only a few short weeks away. Make sure you have your tickets and work on the early ticket sales. Should there be a bad storm the day of the raffle it could be bad news for our ticket sales, so work on the early ticket sales.

On Saturday, January 21, 2017 the Moslem's Membership Committee will be holding an East – West Shrine Game Party at the Shrine Center, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. This event is open to everyone with the hope that Shriners will bring at least one non-Shriner or Mason to the event. Dress for the day is your favorite college or NFL team sportswear. So keystones get your handcuffs out and arrest a non-Shriner for the event.

The Keystone meeting will be one week earlier on January 16, 2017 than normal in January in order we don't conflict with Illustrious Sir Brdak's Stated/Annual Business meeting on January 23, 2017.

Mark you calendar for the Shrine Circus on April 6 through the April 9 at Suburban Showplace in Novi. Temple will need help for those four days.

## **CALENDAR**

### **January**

1 – Happy New Year

16 – Keystone Kop Unit Meeting – 7:00 PM – Kopper Unit Room

21 – East – West Shrine Game Party – Handcuff and bring a non-Shriner – 1 – 4 pm

23 – Stated Business Meeting – 7:00 PM – Shrine Center

28 – Keystone After the Holidays Party

### **February**

4 – Sportsman's Raffle – Suburban Showplace – Novi

14 – Valentine's Day

27 – Kop Unit Meeting – 7:00 pm – Kopper Unit Room

Yours in the Faith,

Kopper Robert Pate



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