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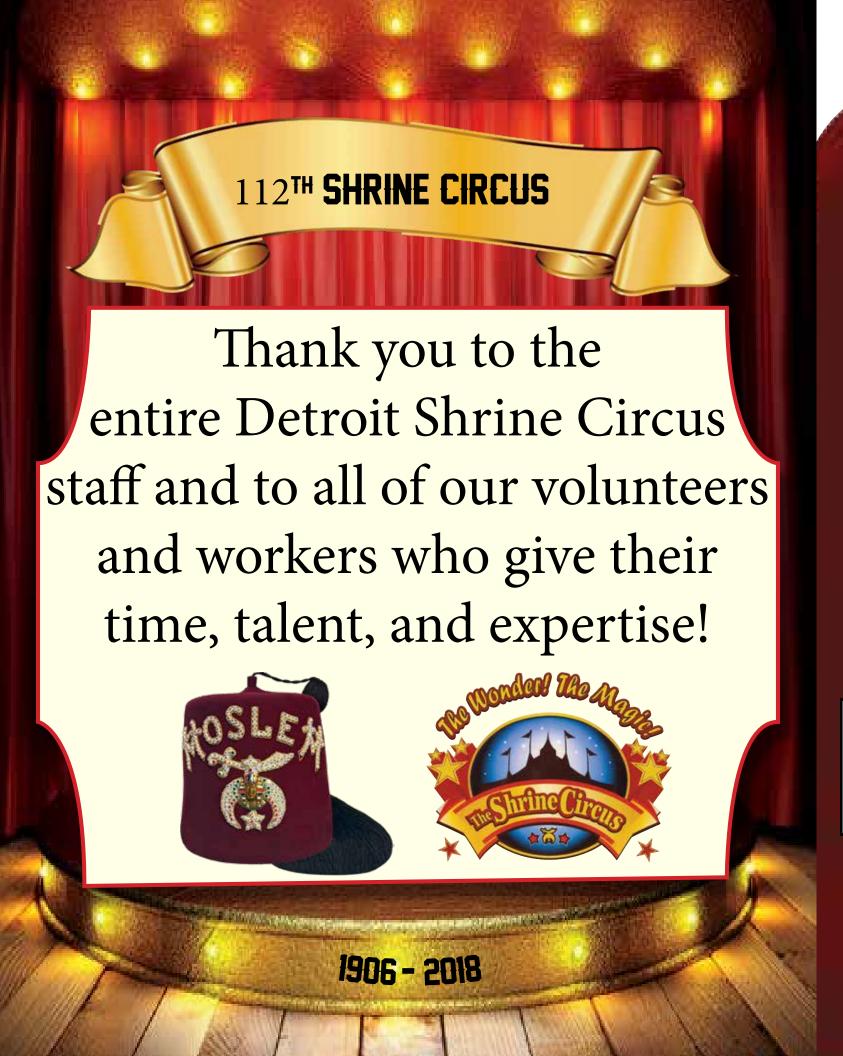
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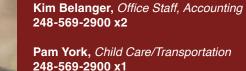
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MESSAGE FROM OUR POTENTATE



Nobles All - Greetings

Spring Ceremonial

Saturday, May 5th we will hold our Annual Spring Ceremonial with Class Honoree, Gregg Knight. Following the Ceremonial festivities, we will hold the first ever Cinco de Mayo / Kentucky Derby Party. Part of the fun includes a "decorate your Sombrero or Derby Hat" contest, Horse races, and much more. The doors open at 3pm and is open to Shriners and non-Shriners alike so, bring your friends. Tickets are \$30 ea. and are available at the Shrine Center Office or by calling 248-569-2900 x3.

Ladies Luncheon

The First Ladies Luncheon will be Saturday, May 12th at the Silver Gardens Events Center. The theme is **UnBirthday Tea Party**. So, follow the rabbit to Silver Gardens to what looks to be a GRAND time. Tickets are \$30 ea. and are available at the Shrine Center Office or by calling 248-569-2900 x3.



Robert O'Brien • Potentate

Parade Season

Parade season is right around the corner with the first parade of the season stepping off in Lincoln Park on Sunday, May 20th for the recently resurrected **Lincoln Park Memorial Day Parade**. Following the parade, we will assemble at the **Lincoln Park Masonic Lodge** for the afterglow.

Memorial Day

Technically, Summer does not start until June 21st. However, many people consider Memorial Day the unofficial start of the season. This year, we celebrate the holiday on Monday, May 28th. Many families will heat up the grill, head to the beach, or take in a big blockbuster movie. However, Memorial Day has the word "memorial" in it for a reason.

The holiday got started on May 30, 1868, when Union General John A. Logan declared the day an occasion to decorate the graves of Civil War soldiers. Twenty years later, the name was changed to Memorial Day. On May 11, 1950, Congress passed a resolution requesting that the President issue a proclamation calling on Americans to observe each Memorial Day as a day of prayer for permanent peace and designating a period on that day when the people of the United States might unite in prayer. President Richard M. Nixon declared Memorial Day a federal holiday in 1971. Memorial Day is now observed on the last Monday of May. It is an occasion to honor the men and women who died in all wars.

Potentates Ball

You still have time to get your tickets to the Potentate's Ball being held on Saturday, June 2nd at the beautiful Henry Ford Museum. Social hour begins at 6:30pm with Dinner served at 7:30pm. Steve King and the Diddlies will provide entertainment. The cost for the event is \$75/person and tickets must be reserved by May 18th. Rooms and Moslem Hospitality Suite will be at the Best Western Greenfield Inn located at 3000 Enterprise Dr., Allen Park, MI 48101. Mention Moslem Shriners for a special rate.

Until we meet again..

Bob O'Brien Potentate

FROM CHIEF RABBAN



Jeff Geske • Chief Rabban

The Motor City Shiners held their annual stated business meeting on 4/22 for the election of Officers for the upcoming year.

Congratulations are in order to:

Scott Clark - President
John Nagoda - Vice President
Kenric Knecht - Secretary
Fred Jex - Treasurer
Larry Senn - Bar Fly

We continue to not only grow within Moslem, but within Shrinedom as well with new Taprooms opening across the country. Remember to promote your Club when you travel.....

Our next scheduled outing will be held on <u>May 26th at 12:00pm at the</u> <u>Witches' Hat</u> located at 601 S Lafayette in South Lyon, MI 48178.

www.witchshatbrewing.com

Remember – you don't have to be a member of the Club to stop by.

Please RSVP by May 24th

Jeff Geske - Founder



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FROM HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET

With the dust settling from herculean volunteer efforts at the Circus, and as the snow melts away giving us a fresh lawn to cut for spring; let us not forget who borne us on to this floating rock as we celebrate Mother's Day mid-month!

Thank you to all Nobles and Ladies that work so hard to make our Shrine Center a standard that others envy.

To "priest & prophetalize" for a moment, I leave you with this-If people find fault with you and try to put you into bad light, wrongly slandering and vilifying you, just step back and observe yourself. Don't harbor any dislike, don't enter into any contests, and don't get upset, angry, or resentful." Zen master Yuanwu



Kenric Knecht
• High Priest and Prophet

FROM ORIENTAL GUIDE



Mike Zelmanski
• Oriental Guide

Spring is in the air! Our spring circus is over and by all indications, was successful! Congratulations to the planning committee and volunteers that put in time and effort for and at the event. The weather was a challenge for even the most diehard circus fan. Cold, rain and freezing rain was a problem, but didn't slow down the families coming to the Big Top.

May brings on the Spring Ceremonial along with the Kentucky Derby and Cinco De Mayo all on the same day! Looks like party time to me. Parade season also begins in May with 2 parades this month. I look forward to seeing the Nobility at these and other events.

Don't forget that tickets are available for the Summer Sportsman's Raffle and the Harley Motorcycle Raffle in the Shrine office. We must have help selling tickets for both to make them successful to support our Temple.

Switching gears just a little, I would like to stress the fact that Shriners should be men and Masons of exceptional character and every once in a while we need to remind ourselves, me included, the entire Shriners Creed:

Shriners believe in God and that He created man to serve His purposes, among which is service to others in His name.

We believe that care for the less fortunate, especially children who suffer from burns and crippling diseases, is our institutional calling.

We are patriots, each willing to serve his country with fidelity and courage. We cherish independence under law and freedom with responsibility.

We honor family. We respect our parents, wives and children. We should instill in our children the tenets of this creed, and the heritage from which it emanates.

As individuals we pledge ourselves to integrity, virtue and nobility of character. Our intentions will be honorable, our relations will be trustworthy and our spirits forgiving of each other.

As brothers we offer each other fraternal affection and respect. Together we will support each other in adherence to this creed, so that we and our communities will be the better because of our fraternity and its principles.

As Shriners we look beyond ourselves to serve the needs of others, especially children who cannot help themselves. We believe Shriners Hospitals to be the world's greatest philanthropy, and we covenant with each other to support its "temples of mercy" with spirit, time, talent and means.

CHILDCARE

Hello Nobles

As many of you know the DeMolay boys have become a big part of Moslem's Spring Circus and our Labor Day State Fair weekend.

For those of you that have not seen these young men in action, you need to make a trip out to one of these events. The boys look forward to these events as they get the chance to put on the blow-up costumes to walk around and entertain the crowds.

The young men have a great time and now look forward to performing for the guests that attend these events. We were able to arrange for a large group of these young men to go to our Cincinnati Hospital for a day. This was so they were inspired by the experience as to why we all volunteer to support our Shrine kids.

When you see these young men, please thank them for helping us help our kids.

Moslem Childcare once again attended the Fireman's Expo. This event spotlights new technology for first responders and is attended by firefighters from southern Michigan. This event gives Shriners the opportunity to speak with the attendees about what we do, and to possibly arrange for us to bring our vehicles out to their commuties for us to speak about our Hospitals and the great things that we do for kids. This public relations event is always well attended.

Many thanks to Noble Chuck Brantley, and to Gary Theiman for helping us with this event.

Frank Dougherty

Director of Childcare 2018

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April 2, 2018





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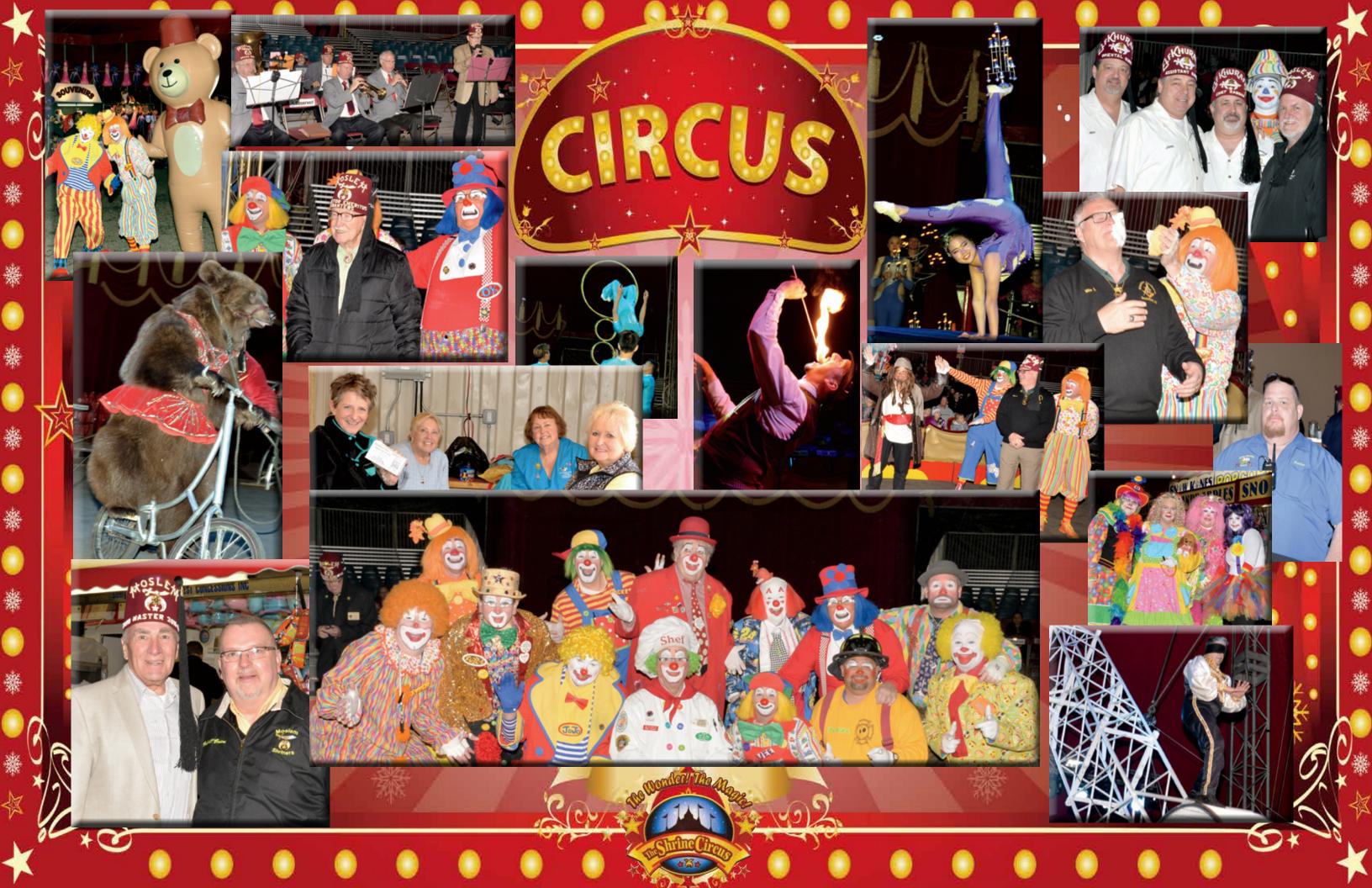
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Boarding at 5:45pm from Stroh's River Place (201 Joseph Campau Ave, Detroit, MI 48207) Secured parking \$4







Moslem Shriners Present 2018 Potentate's Ball Illustrious Sir Bob O'Brien and Lady Judy Invite you to join them Saturday, June 2, 2018 Social Hour 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:30 p.m. **Henry Ford Museum** 20900 Oakwood Blvd. Dearborn, MI 48124 \$75.00 per person **Full access to the Henry Ford Museum** Dancing into the night with "Steve King and the Diddlies" Rooms and Hospitality Suite at: Best Western Greenfield Inn 3000 Enterprise Dr. Rooms available for \$94.+taxes must reserve Allen Park, MI 48101 by May 21, 2018 Mention "SHRINERS". 313-271-1600

Reserve your tickets by May 18th, Call Katie: 248-569-2900 X 3

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SHRINE LANCERS

Hello Lancers.

Parade season is now officially here and in full swing. We have our first parade towards the end of May and then it's non-stop until after the Clinton Parade. Please see the attached schedule of events we have so far this year, subject to change.

It is with great sadness that we lost one of our long-time members on March 22, 2018. Noble Don Richard crossed the Hot Sands of Moslem Shrine Temple on June 17, 1995.

Donald E. Richard

February 26, 1929 - March 22, 2018 Born in Detroit, MI Resided in Michigan



Donald E. Richard died peacefully on March 22, 2018 at the age of 89. He was a dedicated Shriner & Mason, a faithful member of St. James Episcopal Church, Birmingham for over 50 years, and the longest tenured member of the Detroit Curling Club..

Don is survived by his son, Joseph John "Jay" (Karren), his grandchildren, Mathew James Sidorski, Andrew Christopher (Beverly), Jessie Lynn Sikkenga (Dean), Dennis Sidorski, Jr., Sarah Jayne Richard, and his great grandchildren, Lily, Everett, Walter, Olivia, Lucas & Sidney. He is preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Barbara, his son, Donald Christopher "Chris", his daughter, Jan Marie Sidorski, and his grandson, Nathan Sidorski.

Don was one of our oldest members in the Lancers and was very active in our unit prior to his health going down. He will be sadly missed by all in the Lancers and we extended our deepest condolences to his family and all those that loved him. May he rest in peace.

If you have any issues with your Lancer car, now is the time to start thinking about fixing those issues. Contact Dave T., Matt P. or Frank S. if you need help. Memorial weekend will be here shortly and we want to be ready to show up at the parades with all of our cars on the street. It's going to be a great year with Bob O. as our leader, let's show up and support him as best we can.

Our next business meeting will be on Monday, May 7th, at 7pm.

For those that attended the Unit Veterans dinner, fun was had by all. Thank you to the Shrine for providing this wonderful evening for us to gather and have fun with our friends and brothers. Rumor has it, that one of the Lancers actually went home \$10 richer than when he showed up. Ask Joe S. about this one.

We are once again raffling off a drone at the Summer Sportsmans Raffle. It is the same YUNEEC- Typhoon 4K Quadcopter as we had in the past. It is a prize valued at \$700. We will soon have tickets to sell, so please start spreading the news to your friends and family so we can sell as many tickets as possible prior to the raffle date. It comes with an aluminum rolling case with handle, stabilizer hand controller and extra batteries, which would cost an extra \$200 normally. This is a great raffle prize, so please sell.... Sell....sell.

Upcoming parade schedule: See the Lancer emails for details on the times and locations for these parades or call a Lancer.

We would like to welcome two new Shriners to the Lancers. Kent Gardner and Matthew Roberts. Matt is Worshipful Master of Royal Oak Lodge 464 and Kent is Senior Deacon at the same lodge. Attached is a picture of them when they went through and became a Shriner. Congrats to both of you and we are proud to have you in the Lancers!

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

2018 Shriners International Imperial Session Daytona Beach Florida Saturday, July 14, - Thursday, July 19, 2018 Holiday Inn & Suites

If you are interested in attending the 2018 Imperial Session in Daytona Beach, Florida.

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PAST MASTER

A SHRINE CHILD

My legs were crooked, born that way, I couldn't move around;

I'd never stood or walked around, sometimes I'd just crawl around.

They call it an Act of Providence, which has to be endured,

And anyway, everyone said such cases can't be cured.

The Shriner's doctor saw my legs, he didn't shake his head;

We'll fix you up and then you will be good as new, he said.

We're awfully poor, said my Ma, it's hard to pay for food and rent,

Give us your boy, the Shriner's said and it won't cost you a cent.

I don't know what they did as I'm not much on doctor's talk,

I only know I used to crawl, and now - SEE, I can WALK!

I wonder why my mother cried when I got home so fine,

But through her tears I heard her say, "Dear Lord, Please Bless The Shrine".

From a poem by Dudley Glass

Spring! What a glorious time of the year. Birds chirping, flowers blooming and the snowbirds coming back from their winter roost. It sur is a good feeling to know the weather will be getting warmer from here on. With each nice day,, our memories of the fun things we do each spring and summer warmer our hearts and reminds us of hoe many depend on us to continue our good work that we do for Shrinedom.

Past Master Birthdays for the Month of May: May 1st – P.P. John Thornhill, May 5th – Bum C, Han, May 10th – P.P. Joel Ozment, May 11th – Guy Shelton, May 12th – Clayton Penzien, May 21st – Wendell McKinney,

Reminder, the Past Master Unit is still in need of a Secretary and a Treasurer. If you would like to volunteer, please get in touch with me as soon as possible.

The next Past Master Unit meeting will be held on Monday, May 21st starting promptly at 7:00 P.M. We will be having a Rehearsal for the Second Section of the Master Mason Degree. Several parts have already been taken. If you would like to take a part for the Rehearsal, please get in touch with me as soon as possible.

Our June meeting will be held on Monday, June 18th starting at 7:00 P.M. We will be dark during the months of July and August.

Moslem Shrine Spring Ceremonial will be held on Saturday, June 5th.

Shrine Business Meeting will be held on Monday, May 14th.

Fraternally,

John Thornhill, P.P.

Director

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Hello Mighty Moslemites!

There has been a trending statement that has been haunting me within Freemasonry, Shrine and even in my professional work space. That statement being, "We need to change our MINDSET". What does that really mean? It means, the way we have always done things has come to pass and we must now be innovative and creative to make new ways to attract and maintain members.

The dominant group of members we need to reach <u>is</u> composed of our Millennial generation. Ready or not, they are already dominating over 35% of our current workforce, and by the year 2020, they will eclipse over 80 million people in our workforce. Within those statistics, we can not ignore that our future truly is with them.

What do we really know about our fellow Millennial generation? Here are some notes taken from a recent presentation I attended from BOMA Metro Detroit, (Building Owners and Managers Association), with the topic being to attract and maintain talent. The presentation was brilliantly delivered by a Professor Lee Meadows of Davenport University.

Millennials...

- * Are adept to technology and seek the most up to date tech as a means of competing professionally.
- * Are global minded due in part having the technology to access and communicate at a global scale.
- * Are willing to join community groups to seek professional development skills. (They are heavy on the value of education and gaining skills.)
- * Are the most educated generation in human history to date.

 (On a global scale, professional jobs have increased as automation technology increasingly takes unskilled jobs.)
- * Seek group functions and activities and crave acceptance and reassurance.

In passing this information that was recently bestowed upon me, I am hoping it will get the gears turning to our Unit Directors, Club Presidents and our entire Membership body to think of ways to appeal and accept our prospects and current newer members. There is a need for mentorship within our Clubs and Units. It is often difficult to come to terms that the torch must be passed and our job is merely to keep it lit. It would be in our best interest to change our "Mindset" to not only pass the torch, but to be sure our new members want us to be there to help them keep it lit.



Fraternally Yours,

Noble Rick Gaines

Membership Committee Chairman

GLSCUA 2nd Vice President

shrinergaines@yahoo.com





Dakarai learns to walk with prostheses at Shriners Hospitals for Children Life-threatening illness took both his legs



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It was the question about the shoes that stands out. The certified prosthetist was meeting with Dakarai and his family to fit the 13-year-old for his new leg. She simply asked, "Did you bring a shoe?" The room was quiet for a moment and that's when it sunk in. This kid hasn't needed a shoe in more than a year because he didn't have feet. In the last two years, doctors amputated both legs of this aspiring athlete, who loves playing football and baseball, after he mysteriously contracted necrotizing fasciitis, also known as flesh-eating bacterial disease. But his path forward was about to change that September 2017 day when Dakarai visited the Chicago Shriners Hospital to get the first of two prosthetic legs.

Dakarai Senior, his dad, smiled after the question about shoes and said, 'We'll have to pick some up. He can get the whole wall of shoes." The pair they settled on were bright blue Under Armour sneakers. These shoes had the honor of marking the first steps in a new chapter in this boy's life. The teenager is already thinking ahead and said next on his wish list for shoes is a pair made by NBA star Stephen Curry.

When everything changed

In August 2016, Dakarai developed a sore throat. An initial visit to a local hospital attributed it to asthma. Within days his legs began hurting and he developed severe swelling. "His knees were like a football, swollen tight and filled with so much fluid," said his mom, Charmaine. Dakarai's feet were numb and his left foot began turning black. Within 15 minutes of being seen at the emergency room at Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit, Charmaine said doctors began appearing.

"About 15 doctors rushed in to him...you know it's something when you see so many doctors come into the emergency room. Dakarai had to go into surgery right away, two hours after we arrived." Doctors told Charmaine that the infection was eating away the muscle and tissue in his legs and backside, and even his left arm. Dakarai's life was in danger. They amputated his left leg within days.

The family knew his right leg was also at risk even while Dakarai recovered from multiple surgeries and began rehabilitation following the amputation. "We waited and hoped he would be able to keep the leg. But as the days went on, it was like a dead weight on his body," Charmaine said.

When the time came to get a second opinion, Dakarai's family chose the Chicago Shriners Hospital because of their experience and because of how much they do for patients and their families beyond just typical care. More than just performing a standard amputation, Lee Alkureishi, M.D., a pediatric plastic surgeon with a focus on complex wound care, and Gregory Dumanian, M.D., used microsurgery techniques to transfer skin and tissue from the amputated leg to cover wounds on Dakarai's thigh, which will help his leg better handle a prosthetic.

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Getting new legs

After months of healing and physical therapy at home to build upper body strength, Dakarai came to the Chicago Shriners Hospital for intensive rehabilitation to learn to use prosthetic legs.

Dakarai was fitted in the fall by the certified prosthetists from Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic Services – Midwest, LLC (POPS) located in-house at the Chicago Shriners Hospital. The POPS staff provide the most current treatment and materials, and utilize the latest in computer assisted design technology to design and fabricate custom orthotic and prosthetic devices for growing children.

Dakarai's journey to walking again started in October 2017 working with his right prosthesis first. In the hospital's pediatric rehabilitation program Dakarai worked with physical, occupational and recreational therapists. Kathleen Sweeney, a Shriners Hospitals for Children — Chicago physical therapist who supervised his rehabilitation program, explained the process, "Dakarai is doing well and pacing himself. We are working on helping him move from standing to sitting. Part of the process is actually learning to bend the prosthetic at the knee. Therapy will also involve activities to work on upper body strength and endurance."

"At first I felt a little nervous walking on there [the prosthesis]. But they had me," Dakarai explained. "They kept me protected and wouldn't let me fall or anything."

Dakarai returned to the hospital in December 2017 to learn to walk with the second leg. He again spent time in the rehab gym working on balance, coordination and stamina. "In occupational therapy we worked on upper body strength to be more independent in his mobility," said Liz May, MS OTR/L, one of Dakarai's pediatric occupational therapists. "He was really fun to work with because he was so motivated and made such nice progress in a short period of time."

Dakarai picked up the final version of his second leg in January 2018, returning to Detroit with both feet and those blue shoes.

Staying strong

Throughout Dakarai's ordeal, this resilient young man and his parents have maintained a positive attitude. His dad and cousin came up with a hashtag which has become their motto: #KARAIStrong. Dakarai explains it's actually an acronym. It stands for: Kids Are Really Amazing Individuals- Smart through rough obstacles never giving up

The family seems to live by this motto. And their positive attitude was noticed by our staff. During their visits to Shriners Hospitals for Children — Chicago, Dakarai Jr. and the family developed a close relationship with Dr. Alkureishi. "He was like a doctor and a friend. That's how we look at him," Charmaine said. "They bonded and connected."

Her advice to other parents: "Going with Shriners Hospitals is the right thing. The doctors are amazing. You'll feel at ease and comfortable with the doctors."

Dakarai is beginning a new chapter of trying his legs in his home environment. The teen has a short-term goal of learning to use the stairs with his prosthetic legs and looks forward to playing wheelchair sports. The Shriners Hospitals team will be with Dakarai in his journey every step of the way.





Pam York: Transportation Mom





Pam York's life took a wonderful turn when she took the job as Transportation Coordinator, and she will happily tell you that she raised three children but gained a thousand more, and for that she is very grateful.

Asking Pam to pick a few stand outs from the hundreds of children she has helped as Shrine Transportation Coordinator is like asking a mother to pick her favorite child - she just can't do it. With a little more encouragement, she will admit that the very first medical air transport made big impact and solidified for her that taking the position with the Shrine was exactly what she should be doing.

The year was 2009 and the Detroit Shriners had heard about six-year-old Lillian F, a burn patient in a local hospital. The evaluation team was put into action, and Lillian was transferred via Medevac Air Ambulance to Shriners Children's Hospital in Cincinnati for treatment for severe burns the child incurred when discovering an unattended cigarette lighter. "Watching that helicopter lift off and fly away with that little girl and her mother, was so emotional! Shriner Bob O'Brien and I had tears running down our faces. We realized big time the importance of what we were able to accomplish" she says recanting the events, even welling up as she tells the story.

How Pam York came to be Transportation Coordinator has been told before; her Grandfather, a Shrine Clown told her about a woman in their office retiring. Pam was not looking for a job, armed with a Physical Education Teaching Degree but not working in the field at the time. Pam still marvels at the timing, and how perfect this position is for her and feels like it was what she was always meant to do. Being Transportation Coordinator job is personal for her, she treats every single call, and patient like they are one of her own. Even if the Detroit Shriners cannot accommodate the medical needs, Pam will refer the call to a Tip Line created to help with family find the solution for their specific needs.

There are some challenges that come along with the position; working with medical information, and the dwindling driver base. Shriner Imperial Offices recently instated a maximum age limit for drivers leaving the crew without some of its most loyal and dedicated team members. Utilizing air travel and Amtrak are other successful modes of transport the Transportation Unit will use when necessary. Pam will also tell you she isn't the only one who gets attached to these Shriner Kids. The drivers, the office staff, the nobility and right on up to the Divan and Potentate show dedication to the overall goal of supporting the Shriner Children's Hospital and its Very Important Patients. If you are interested in becoming a driver with the Shrine Transportation Unit, please call the main office at 248-569-2900 ext. 1 and speak with Pam York.

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