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MOSLEM SHRINERS 2016

All Units Holiday Party

Saturday, December 3, 2016

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2016 Moslem Temple Fall Ceremonial Class Honoree

Jim Gotts



Who's Your Brother?

By Anudder Brudder

Brother Jim Gotts, now 68 years young, is one of those rare birds that come around only once in a great while. He has accomplished a whole lot in his life so far, and seems to have a lot more things going strong - both for his and for our futures. He has been a military man, a community leader, a star athlete, a coach, a business owner and consultant, a committed Shriner, and most importantly, a proud parent and grandparent of a batch of successful kids and grandkids.

Jim and wife Patricia live on a nice water front home on Lake Sherwood in Commerce Township. Jim stays super busy with his many commitments. Patricia is retired from her family's audio-video business. They and their grandkids stay busy and happy with their pontoon boat and all of their beach and water toys. Together, Jim and Patricia have five kids, all grown with families and solid careers of their own. They also share seven grandkids, plus one more on the way. Daughter Victoria and husband Larry currently reside in Hong Kong. Victoria is an attorney there and Larry manages Asian-Rim Operations for a major international bank. Son Gary and wife Aimee own and operate Indigo Bluffs RV Park in Glen Arbor, near the Sleeping Bear Dunes. They have been blessed with four fine, active boys; that being Collin, Bryce, Evan and Gannon. Gary also played on the Notre Dame U. hockey team. Daughter Debbie is an insurance executive and her husband Ken is golf pro. (Unfortunately, Ken apparently can't do much to help Jim's golf game(?). They live in Lowell with granddaughter Alexis and grandson Tyler, who just won a junior golf championship. Son Jimmy and wife Kelly live in West Bloomfield, along with granddaughter Ashley. Jimmy owns and operates a dental lab and Kelly is an administrator for Walled Lake Consolidated Schools. Bryan is the youngest of the crew, and is a home builder. Wife Jenny is a counselor and psychologist for Farmington Schools. They are happily expecting in May. Jim was also involved with the Walled Lake school system in the role of a Director for the "Foundation for Excellence". This group works with the schools and the local business community to find funding sources for non-budgeted, but worthwhile student scholastic opportunities.

Jim has had quite an athletic career. He grew up in northwest Detroit and, after playing several sports at Redford St. Mary and Junior Hockey with the Teamsters, he won a full football scholarship to UCLA, way out in sunny southern California. He played at a starter level at fullback and linebacker, winning varsity football letters for each of his four years on the team. They beat that awesome Michigan State team in the 1966 Rose Bowl, (This was the MSU squad that was later rated as one of the best teams of the 20th century, with Bubba Smith, Gene Washington, et al.) Jim's military career took a good chunk out of his pro football opportunities, but he was still able to play for a couple of years with the St. Louis Cardinals in the NFL. In his spare time out in L.A., he pitched on the varsity baseball team, earning three more letters. So all-in-all, he is a UCLA Bruin seven letter man. That's quite an accomplishment! He later coached football in our area for about fifteen years at various levels. Jim says he most enjoyed working with the middle school kids, who could be molded into better players and even better people. In his years at Walled Lake, they had an average of 160 kids turn out for the team each year. No one was cut - they all made the team and all played to some

extent. During those years, their team's record was 133 wins, 1 loss and 1 tie! Wow! He says that he had contact way back then with our very own Hal Henderson, who is a member of the Michigan High School Coaches Hall-of-Fame.

Jim had a distinguished military career. He was an officer in the U.S. Naval Reserves while in college, and after graduation, moved to active duty in our Navy where he gradually rose to the rank of Commander. (For those of us from our other military branches, this is a Lt. Colonel level.) He rotated as a Line Officer at Yankee Station, which was a naval and air combat operation in Vietnam's Gulf of Tonkin. The Navy fondly referred to this "Task Force 77" operation as the "Tonkin Gulf Yacht Club". There may be some truth to that "Club" nickname because anyone who served in the NAM war-zone sure did "pay his dues"!

In 1971, after his active military career, Jim moved into the insurance industry to support his growing family. He started and ran his own insurance agency and sold it in 2005 to the Ralph Wilson Insurance Group. He is now the Director of Risk Management for Wilson's company. (Get the connection - Ralph Wilson owns the Buffalo Bills. Guess you just can't take the football out of the man!) Jim brings his risk management expertise to our Shine as Moslem Temple's Risk Management Coordinator and is also an advisor to our Imperial Shrine insurance operations in Tampa.

Jim joined the Masons in our Commerce Lodge 121 in 1991, and then joined Moslem Temple in 1992. Since then he has cut quite a trail. He is a Motor Corps Vet, a very active member of the Director's Staff and a leader in our highly respected Legion of Honor, in addition to several other affiliated groups, such as the Jesters, the Hajj and so on. He and our newest Oriental Guide, Craig Stigleman, chair our Silver Gardens Commercial Oversight Committee. Their role is to oversee, guide and counsel the Silver Garden's management staff and act as liaison between Silver Gardens and our Divan and the Nobility at large. Jim said the first Noble that he really met was Bill Shaffmaster. You can't get any better of an intro to the goodness of our fraternity than by getting to know Mr. Bill! Jim also brought Casey Jones, Craig Stigleman, Tim Lancaster and Joe Merem into our Temple and then into our Director's Staff. Jim and this highly contributing motley crew are justifiably known as our very own "Rat Pack".

Out in the community, Jim is on three advisory boards at Henry Ford Hospital. They are the "Brain Trust" (neurological); "Shoot for a Cure" (funding and philanthropic); and the Edith and Benson Ford Heart and Vascular Institute. This latter group is designed to be similar to the operations of the Mayo and Cleveland Clinics. On these three boards, Jim is an advisor in the areas of health care management, insurance, philanthropy and marketing. He also chairs the Commerce Township Downtown Development Authority. They recently developed a \$160 Million, 336 acre property with ponds and trails and also made it the current home of the Commerce Town Hall and Library. They also installed the world's largest roundabout on Martin Parkway at the terminus of M-5. Jim and good buddy Craig were also key players who were intimately and actively involved in restarting the highly successful Great Lakes State Fair in Novi this year. This has been a huge boost to the prestige of Moslem, not to mention a buck or two in income.

Even with his many life successes, Jim is somewhat of a low-key, but very intense guy. He stays slightly in the background but one can easily see that he is playing a major role in helping lead us to a better future. His personal goal in whatever job he seriously undertakes is to work very hard at it to make a positive difference. We can definitely see that he is living up to this high standard in his Moslem Temple commitments. Jim - Thanks for being one of us and for really "making a difference" in our Shrine operations; and, most importantly, *THANKS for your service to our country!*



Management is doing things right, Leadership is doing the right things

Well, here we are, just completing the Michigan State Fair. We moved out yesterday. I have to say, for my last Michigan State Fair as Potentate, it was a great one to go out on!! It was a fantastic event, and I am pretty sure we set an attendance record far over last year. I won't have firm numbers until the Business Meeting on 9/12, but I am pretty sure we hit it out of the park. We had so many people step up and do such a great job. As always, Joe Kish made set up easy for me. He is a true jack of all trades and does anything it takes to get the Fair up and running. Larry Seyiun did a great job of scheduling volunteers for the circus. Theresa Thompson, did a tremendous job in scheduling shirts, handing out shirts and passes and then followed by Mary Thornhill and a host of others that stepped up to over for the weekend. Michelle Geske did so much, she was everywhere and I can't thank her enough. The Highlanders played at the opening and as always, they started the evening off great!! Our membership team lead by John Arkles was fantastic. If anyone tings we are not working hard to recruit new members, they should have seen our display at the Fair. WE WERE MARKETING LIKE NEVER BEFORE. We had video, we had flags, we had lights, we had point of sale material and even had a Polaris Slingshot on display, compliments of Tom Thompson. We set a goal of 46 new contacts for Masonic or Shrine membership and we HIT 47!!!. Congratulations to our membership team!! A note to some mostly out of sight guys that do a phenomenal job, the Provosts. The Provost team starts early in the morning and works until late at night assisting Suburban's accounting team in providing security. They stay very late in helping out with such a vital function. I cannot thank everyone enough and if I missed your name, please forgive me. So many of our Nobles and their Ladies stepped up to make this a GREAT State Fair and I thank you all. I saw some faces that I haven't seen around for a while and missed a few I thought would join us. All in all it was a great Michigan State Fair and I cannot thank everyone enough for making it spectacular!! We will celebrate everyone's contribution at a dinner for circus workers to be announced soon.

So, what's on tap for the 4th quarter... we are continuing to improve our accounting department. Unfortunately, Dorothy has accepted a position as an Executive

Assistant so by the time you read this we will have a new office assistant. My thanks to Dorothy as she was a great asset to our Shrine Team and I wish her the very best and she will always be part of this team!! We should have a replacement selected very quickly and move on to 2017. We still have a few more events to plan out and execute whether this year or next. We need to improve income in the 4th quarter to round out and keep income balanced across all quarters. My concern is that if we have any rain days during the State Fair, our income will fall off. I want to have a fall back event that takes place in the 4th quarter. We are working on the Christmas Spectacular for next year. This will be a great event and will be held in the new auditorium. Speaking of which, construction begins on September 19th for the new auditorium. The contractor has some big incentives to have it done and open 4 days before the 2017 Michigan State Fair and some large penalties if he misses the target be even a day..we will have to wait and see, We plan on the 2017 Shrine Circus to be the very first opening act for the new auditorium. We will have something very special planned for THAT VIP Night!! On November 7, we are hosting a Business Meeting to go over our year end wrap up. Yep, hard to believe its been a year. Time to move on a let a new regime take over the reigns of the Shrine. I think we are going to finish up the year with a good report.



Our team has worked hard to improve the Shrine, our finances, and our facility. We'll review a lot of these items on November 7. I look forward to seeing you all at that meeting.

Craig A. Stigleman
Potentate

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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

Roy Ballheim	George Bricolas
James Clark	Joseph Dabliz Sr.
Franklin Gomoll	Doyle McDonald
Kenneth Hedeem	Erwin Robinson
Walter Howarth	Howard Short
John Morrison	James Warner
Lawrence Wayne	

ATTENTION MOSLEM SHRINERS

Craig Stigleman, Potentate of Moslem Shrine
has called for:

The Annual Stated Meeting for the Moslem Shrine Temple

To be held on Monday, November 7th, 2016 at 7:00pm
at the **Moslem Shrine Temple**

Entry to the meeting will require possession of a
2016 Moslem Shrine Dues card

So Ordered: Attested to:
Craig Stigleman, Potentate
Robert Pate, P.P. Recorder



Autumn

by Julie O'Connor

There's a crispness in the air that greets the morning sun, a feeling of anticipation, a new day has begun.

Harvest days are ending, winter is drawing near, yet in between is surely the most special time of year.

They call it Indian Summer, and it seems to fit the bill, for it's as if the Lord took a feathered brush and painted all the hills.

The Past Master Unit wishes to thank our Illustrious Potentate, Craig Stigleman, P.P. Joseph Kish, his Staff, and all the volunteers that helped put together one great Michigan State Fair and Shrine Circus. The Fellowship and Hospitality were outstanding. A job well done.

Welcome to the Past Master Unit, Noble Jeffrey Michael Lewis. Worshipful Brother Jeffrey is a Past Master of the United Grand Lodge #3912, London, England. Glad to have you in our unit and looking forward to seeing you at all our activities.

Happy October Birthday to the following Worshipful Brothers that are having Birthdays this month: Noble Peter Rowe on October 20th and Noble Robin Handelman on October 28th.
May all your birthday wishes come true.

It is always good to be returning to our monthly meetings and activities after a long Summer, and it is also fun as we hear stories how everyone spent their summer.

Arrangements have been made for our Annual Reception Unit, Past Master Unit, Christmas Party to be held at the Shrine Center on Thursday, December 1st. Mark your calendars now. Our next meeting is Monday, October 17th starting at 7:00 P.M. at the Shrine Center.

John Thornhill, P.P.
Director

SILVER GARDENS EVENTS CENTER

Congratulations to you all on another successful fun-filled State Fair. The Team enjoyed being a part of the VIP Reception and showcasing our delectable savory treats including Shrimp Cocktail Shooters, Chicken Satay with Hawaiian Barbecue Glaze and Pineapple Salsa, and the hit of the night, Vegetarian Mushroom Caps. Many guests as well as some of the other vendors supporting this wonderful charity State Fair kick-off event raved about our Mushroom Caps. Chef Sam and his Culinary Team put in a lot of love, time and effort to our station and it showed.

While the wedding season will begin to wind down for us, the inquiries for holiday parties and 2017 weddings and corporate affairs is really starting to take off for the Sales Team. Never a dull moment for the team as one season moves into the next. It won't be long for the leaves to start falling and the snow to start flying so while the days are warm, we will cherish the sunshine and all that Michigan fall has to offer... football and tailgating, cider mills and bonfires with friends.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Ann Marie Mathews,
General Manager



SHRINERS
Silver Garden Events Center



Lakeside Shrine Club Annual Feather Party



Lakeside Shrine Club invites all Nobles, their Ladies and Friends to the Annual Feather Party on Wednesday, November 16th, 2016 at the Jefferson Masonic Lodge, located at 22000 11 Mile Road, Saint Clair Shores.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with a Full Course Turkey Dinner including mashed and sweet potatoes, corn, rolls, dessert and coffee served at 7:00 p.m. There will be bar service available. Bingo will take place immediately following dinner.

There will be 15 Bingo Prize Certificates.

Cost is \$20.00 per person.

**Please RSVP by November 14th, 2016 to Bill Pullen @ 586-772-4297
or George Roy @ 586-634-9363**

Dear Ladies of the Household,

Ahmosé Temple hosted another successful Card Party to benefit the Daughter of the Nile Foundation's Convalescent Relief Account and the Convalescent Endowment Fund. All the money in both these accounts benefits the kids in the Shriners Hospitals. A special thank you to all our members who bought tickets, donated prizes and participated to make the Card Party such a worthwhile endeavor.

Our November 14, 2016 session will include a Ceremonial, the Annual Toy Walk for the Shrine Hospitals in Chicago and Cincinnati and our Founders Day Celebration. We will begin with lunch at 11:00 A.M. The Ceremonial will begin at noon, Founders Day will be celebrated after the Ceremonial and the Toy Walk will conclude the events for the afternoon. The toys will be inventoried and boxed before we leave the Shrine Center so that they will reach the kids in time for Christmas. Toys as well as afghans, scarves,

hats and mittens are included in our donated items. Past Queens are asked to wear their Supreme Queen's outfit at this session.

Eunice Everett hosts our sewing sessions the third Tuesday of the month in the Noble's Lounge at the Shrine Center at 11 A.M. We clip threads, stuff aprons and box items for the hospitals. We also enjoy lunch together. Join us whenever you can.

I want to thank all the officers and members who so faithfully support our Temple. You are what make us so special..

With Nile smiles,

Brenda Blackstone
Queen



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION of SHRINE YACHT CLUBS



I am pleased to congratulate Noble Robert (Bob) P. Haffner PP of Moslem Shriners (age 92) on becoming a member of the International Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs (IASYC). The Moslem Shrine Center is located at 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield, MI 48075.

Clubs, ambassadors In 1971 IASYC started as a club within the Shrine composed of Shrine boaters in Temple Yacht of goodwill and those affiliated among the boating fraternity. IASYC today represents all of these affiliates. It is a private, self-supporting fraternal Shrine boating association dedicated to the furtherance of the aims of shrinedom. It has grown and developed since its infancy from the Atlantic seaboard to all areas of the country from coast to coast into Canada, Alaska,

Hawaii, England, Puerto Rico, and South America. Its growth and expansion continues with no end in sight. We consider ourselves the most family-oriented and premier organization in all shrinedom.

Noble Bob's Masonic affiliation began at the Jefferson Lodge #553 where he was raised as Master Mason on September 26, 1963. He was a member of Commander #1 in 1964 and became a Shriner in 1965. Noble Bob formed a Clown Unit of 14 Nobles of Moslem Shrine in 1966, later became a Charter Member of Scottish Rite in 1977, director of the Clown Unite in 1980, Past Potentate in 1989, Sovereign Prince in 1995, and Coroneted a 33rd Degree Mason on September 23, 1997. Bob has performed at the Shrine Circus for 50 years and still performs today as Professor HO BO BO. Bob is also a member of Moslem Shrine Yacht Club. He also went through the Moslem Shrine Officers Stations. This year he celebrates 53 years in Masonry.

Be sure to congratulate Ill Bob when you see him at a shrine function for the many years of dedication he has given and still giving to the Masonic family.

Raymond E. Desrochers
IASYC Commodore

Reception Unit

by: George Staten

Greetings to all the members of the Reception Unit. I hope everybody is in good health and enjoying this beautiful weather we are having and keeping cool in air conditioning. We should enjoy this weather while we can, it won't be here forever.

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.)

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.

We will also have our Wheel Barrow of Cheer in February. The Shrine Sportsman Raffle and our Wheel Barrow of Cheer Raffle at the Shrine Temple was well attended and we made a good profit. Come to the Meeting September 26th and we will have a report on how we did. It is not quite as good as how we did at the Suburban Show Place in Novi in February.

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.

Our Outing to the Fire Keepers Casino on October 1st is all set and we have about (14) reservation left. If you want to go and haven't received a flyer, call George at 248-828-4151 and he will get one to you. Cost is \$35.00 per person but all members will be reimbursed. This is a popular Casino trip so get your money and reservation in fast. It will be first come first served.

Also, a Clock (Like we had before) as a new fund raiser was discussed. 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.

August 31st thru September 5th was the Michigan State Fair and Shrine Circus. If you weren't there you missed a good time and a very good Shrine Circus. There were huge crowds at the State Fair and the Circus had good crowds also. They had more rides, games and shows at the Fair than I have ever seen. It was fantastic.

Monday September 5th was the Shrine State Fair Parade. We had a lot of our Units parading but not many people on the side lines. I don't think it was a good place for a parade.

We haven't been getting very good participation from our Reception Unit, so if you can, come out to all of the parades and help in any way you can. We are supposed to carry the Shrine Banner and we only need (2) people for that. Call George and let him know you will help. Also if you can't walk the Parade, there are trailers that need help. The trailer that has the large air filled Shiner balloon always needs help. The Parades will all be listed in "Dates to remember" at the end of this article.

Our next meeting will be Monday, September 26th 2016, and as I have said before, come out to the meeting and meet our new members (and hopefully our new Shriner members) and join with us for snacks, refreshments a 50/50 drawing, a door prize and lots of comaradity. We will have a report on the Unit Wheel Barrow of Cheer Raffle. 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.

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 Ray Moore 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. 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.

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:

Sept. 22nd – Potentate's Birthday Party.

Sept. 25th – Clinton Parade.

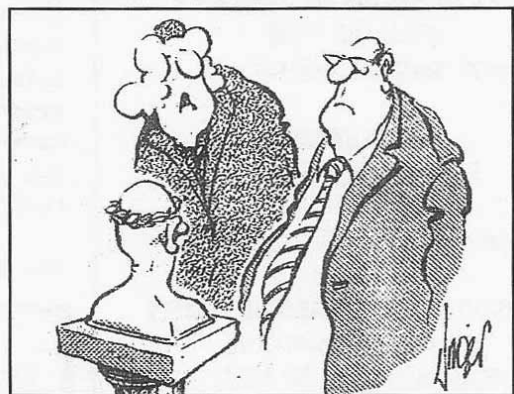
Oct. 1st – Unit Trip to Fire Keepers Casino and Shrine Meet Raffle.

Nov. 5th – Fall Ceremonial.

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

QUOTABLES: "Nothing great will ever be – achieved without great men, and men are – great only if they are determined to be so."

MASONIC HUMOR



**"IF HE WAS SO WISE AND HIGH-BROW,
WAS HE THE MASTER OF HIS LODGE?"**

Contributed by Ray Doyscher.



What's New in Erie!

Erie Gives – Syria and Osiris Top Donors

For the second year in a row, the largest donation made to any non-profit during Erie Gives Day was from Syria Shriners in Pittsburgh, PA in the amount of \$103,000.

This generous gift, along with others including a \$52,000 donation from Osiris Shriners in Wheeling, WV helped us finish second among the non-profit participants again this year.

Shriners Hospitals for Children — Erie received it's match from the Erie Community Foundation on Friday, August 26. The total amount raised was \$241,173.

Thank you to Syria, Osiris and all of our affiliated temples for helping to make Erie Gives Day such a great success!



Rain Didn't Stop the Ride & Rally



On Saturday, August 13, Lake Erie Freedom Chapter, Victory Motorcycle Club along with Off-Road Express hosted the 7th Annual Ride & Rally poker run and party. The poker run registration was held at the medical center where the bikers

assembled to begin their ride. There was no shortage of bikes and there were riders from both the Zem Zem Cycle Corps and the Syria Cycle Corps.

The ride was followed by a rally at Zem Zem Shriners that included five bands and lots of good food from Odis 12.



Supreme Queen Visits Erie Medical Center

Daughters of the Nile Supreme Queen, Cathy Carol Rose, visited our medical center on Friday, August 5 for a tour. Thank you to the Supreme Queen and the Daughters of the Nile for stopping by and for their dedication to the mission of Shriners Hospitals for Children!



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Shrine Lancers

by Todd Wyber (Piper T)

Hello Lancers,

I hope all is well with our Lancer Families. It is now October and where did the summer go? Pretty soon, we will be celebrating Halloween. Dave B, Norm W. and myself will be enjoying a fun weekend in October at the Monroe KOA with our families. If you would like to join us, let us know and come camping. I'm sure Jim R. will be the first one to call me on this one, right Jim?

Well, we've had a fun summer so far. We did two new parades this summer. We paraded in Yale and Marine City. Both of these parades are new for us and we had a good time at both of them. Hopefully these parades will become a yearly thing for us. We not only get to drive our cars more for the crowds, but we also have another reason to spread the good word of what the Shrine is all about. Way to go Lancers!

Obie and his wife have been enjoying a summer full of camping adventures. Obie bought a new 30-some-foot camper and is now traveling around the country (or Michigan) with his new home on wheels. He was able to make it back in time to participate in the Marine City parade. In this article should be a picture from the Marine City parade where we are all standing behind the cars. Always good to have Obie in the parades. One thing I've noticed though is that he likes to stop and talk with any person watching the parade that has a dog with them. We will have to start calling him the Dog Whisperer. First we had Jim P. stopping for any piece of candy he found on the street and now we have Obie stopping for the dogs. Oh boy, what will happen next????

Another picture is of us at the Yale parade. You can see that we were also sharing the parade with the second best unit in the Shrine, the Keystone Cops. Just kidding Keystone people, we are all #1. This was a big joke at the parade and we all decided that we were both #1 because we are the best units in the Shrine and that's also why we share our unit room with each other. Always a pleasure see the Keystone guys.

Nick made some of the parades this summer. He is feeling almost perfect since his surgery on his hands. He was driving Dave's car and had a blast. We are happy to have you back in the ranks again Nick. And speaking of Nick, he and his lovely wife Tina just had their first child. Nicolas Robert Rossow was born on 8-30-16 at 11:57. Congratulations to all the Talbots and Rossows. Now Dave and Blanche have joined the ranks of being Grandparents. Way to go!

Congratulations to James and Martine. The two of them just got married on Sept. 9th in London, England. Dave T. and his wife traveled to London for the wedding and then ventured to Italy for a nice trip. They returned to London and then back home to us. James, where was our invite with paid airfare? Just kidding. Congrats to both of you!!!!

Lancer River Cruise. Cliff arranged for us to go on a trip on the Diamond Jack River Cruise on Friday, Sept. 23rd, at 7pm. Those of us that went on the cruise had a GREAT time. Thank you Cliff for organizing this. No one ended up in the water, but a few of us were in the tank! :) Fun was had by all. We will try to do this again next year for those interested.



The Sportsmans Raffle was a huge success again and we should all tip our fez to Mike Zelmanski and his crew for all that they did. In fact, all of the nobility that had anything to do with the raffle should get a round of applause. It's efforts like this from Moslem's membership that is keeping Moslem alive and strong. Way to go Shriners, spouses and friends!

Thank you to all Lancers that were able to make the Yale and Marine City parades on such short notice. Both parades called us last minute and we were able to help them out. They enjoyed our participation and want us back next year. We even were invited to a couple other cities for their parades next year. More to come at the next business meeting.

The State Fair was also a big success. I guess we had record crowds for the circus. Several of us were there many days and many shifts and we had fun. Putting wrist bands on, guarding the fire exits under the big top, passing out wrist bands and signing in the workers, we all had fun. Thank you to Mrs. Poth for showing up with Matt to help out. You are always appreciated for your volunteering with the Lancers and the Shrine. Way to go again Lancers!

The Richmond parade was great. Thank you to all that showed up. We had fun and we again appreciate driving and not marching. For those who don't know, that parade is well over two miles long. It is like two parades in one.

We also paraded at the State Fair Labor Day parade. We have another great picture now hanging in the unit room. If you haven't been to the unit room lately, we've been filling the wall with some really fun pictures of gigs we've done over the past two years or so. Come on down, up, over or across and join us for a Lancer

meeting and to see these pictures. Bring your money thought, Jim R. wants tips now.

The River Rouge parade went well and they were very happy that we were there. Clinton was also a good time. Either it did rain or it didn't, not sure yet, but we had fun and all the cars made it to the end (we hope).

Lets have a good showing for the Fall Ceremonial. We need to really promote the Lancers and bring in some new blood. This year was a little tough getting a lot of cars out. Some members have been under the weather and others were busy a lot. Let's fix this over the winter and come out stronger and better in the Spring of 2017. Please spread the word to your friends about what it means to be a Mason, Shriner and Lancer. This is our Winter project. Let's do it!!!!!!

Below is an updated schedule of parades and outings for the remainder of the summer. Please try to make as many parades as possible.

Upcoming events:

Royal Oak and Grosse Pointe in November. Royal Oak is the Sunday before Thanksgiving and Grosse Pointe is the day after Thanksgiving.

Until next time, enjoy the rest of October and we hope to see you at the November Lancer business meeting at the Temple. This will be our second meeting since the start of summer, so please try to show up and enjoy a fun night with your fellow brothers and Lancers.

The first Monday of every month at 7pm is when we hold our monthly business meetings and the food has been great. All Shriners are welcome to come to our meetings to ask questions and to see what being a Lancer is all about.

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.

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Summer Sportsman's Raffle

by Mike Zelmanski

Another Summer Sportsman's Raffle has come and gone and I can truly say it ended up a success after several weeks of extreme anxiety. I was very worried this summer about overall ticket sales due to late arriving pre-sold tickets. Historically, this event is in the black and making a profit well before the last week before the raffle. This year, it seemed that ticket sales were lagging by 30% going into Raffle Day. We also had a slow arriving crowd on Raffle Day. Typically, when the doors open, there are several hundred people waiting to get in the door. This year, we had 4 people at the North door that had me very worried. Thankfully, when all was said and done, ticket sales actually ended being slightly up over last years' Summer Raffle while actual attendance at the raffle was good, only slightly down from 2015.

On Raffle Day, the Great Architect brought us weather that wasn't truly ideal but, it really didn't deter any of the festivities except for the cancellation our outdoor musicians' performance. Outside of a steady 10-minute heavy shower around 3 o'clock, we only had a few on and off light showers or sprinkles and since we can keep everyone dry inside the building and under tents. I felt the light rain added a little change from previous years and maybe even a little fun. At least we didn't have the all-day rain event like the famous deluge of 2009 that then Raffle Chairman Carlton Taylor had to deal with.

On another note, we did have Imperial Sir Ken Craven, 2nd Ceremonial Master and several representatives from other Shrine Temples in attendance this year. Imperial Sir Ken monitors fundraising nationally for the Temples and was very impressed with what he witnessed at our event. He felt the overall organization, efficiency, as well as the enthusiasm of our volunteers and enjoyment by guests was very apparent from

start to finish. He could easily see that we have the best group of volunteers in the business with which I wholeheartedly concur. Also, as is the norm, the Silver Gardens staff made a great impression by keeping the food moving, the areas clean and our guests feeling like there couldn't possibly be 2,500 people in attendance. I understand that Illustrious Sir Ken reported directly back to the Imperial Divan with a very positive event summery that we can all be proud of.

Our Sportsman's Raffles continue to be the talk of the Shrine nationally when it comes to successful fundraising. Even though we got the idea for the Sportsman's Raffle from Zem Zem Shrine in 2005, other Shrine Temples from across the country are coming to us to see how it's done. There are now 6 other Temples operating new Sportsman's Raffles over the last few years based on what they have learned directly from visiting and watching us. Congratulations and Thank You very much to all our volunteers!

Don't forget the 3rd Annual Winter Sportsman's Raffle will take place on Saturday, February 4th at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. Please mark your calendars now. The raffle will feature a completely new and improved prize list. We will offer firearms that have been more popular choices among shoppers over the last few ears thus, in theory, creating a higher demand for tickets. Last year, over 6,000 people attended the Winter Raffle and we expect the 2017 Winter Sportsman's Raffle to be even bigger and better. Raffle tickets and flyers/posters will be available at the Shrine office soon. Visit www.shrineoutdoors.com for further information regarding the Sportsman's Raffles.

I would like to thank Potentate Craig Stigleman and the Divan for once again allowing me to serve Moslem as Director of the Sportsman's Raffle.



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