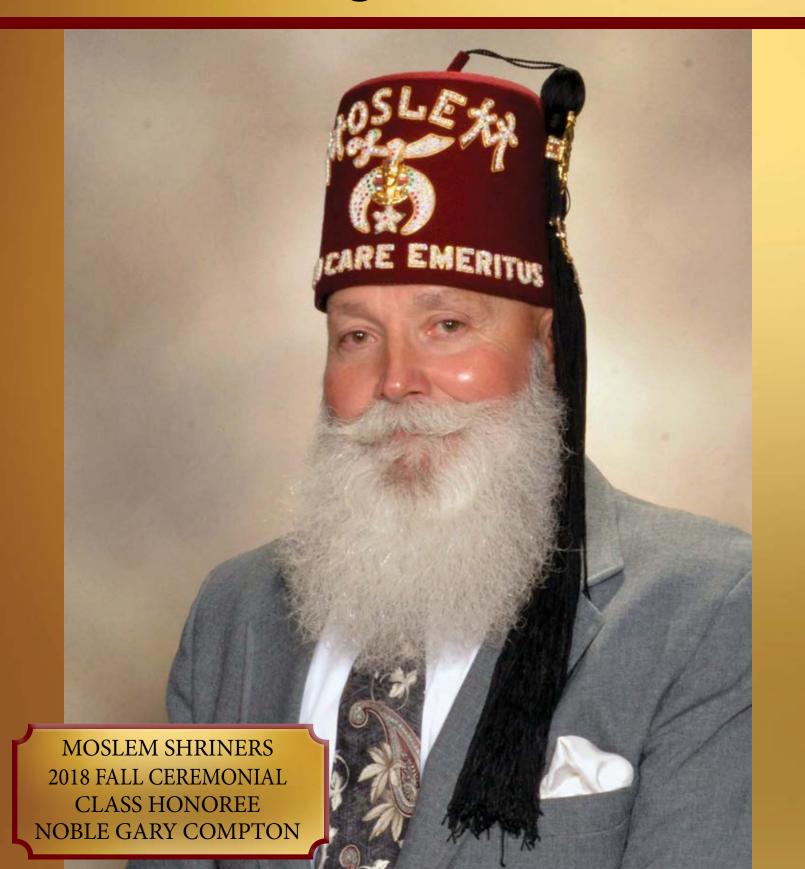
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MESSAGE FROM OUR POTENTATE

What is a Mason?

A Mason is a man who professes a faith in God. As a man of faith, he uses the tools of moral and ethical truths to serve mankind.

A Mason binds himself to like-minded men in Brotherhood that transcends all religious ethnic, social, cultural and educational differences.

In fellowship with Brothers, a Mason finds ways in which to serve his God, his family, his fellowman and his country.

A Mason is dedicated. He recognizes his responsibilities for justice, truth, charity, enlightenment, freedom and liberty, honesty and integrity in all aspects of human endeavor.

A Mason is such a man



What is a Shriner?

Someone may answer: "Oh yeah, Shriners are those guys who always have those parades with the wild costumes, wearing funny hats like flowerpots and have those big conventions." Another may think of Shrine circuses and Shrine clowns. "I don't know about that," a passerby may add. "But I do know my little girl was born with club feet and now they are straight, and she can walk like anyone else, thanks to Shriners Hospital for Children."

"She can walk?" questions still another. "I thought the Shriners ran those fantastic burn hospitals. I've read stories about them saving kids with burns on 90 percent of their bodies."

All those people are right. Each has experienced and aspect of the Shrine. What they cannot experience, unless they are Shriners, is the camaraderie, deep friendship, good fellowship and great times shared by all Shriners. What they may not know is that all Shriners share a Masonic heritage and adhere to the principles of Freemasonry - Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Thirteen Masons organized the first Shrine Temple in 1872. That first Temple was named Mecca and was in New York City. They knew they needed on appealing theme for their new order, so they chose the Arabic (Near East) theme. The most noticeable symbol of Shrinedom is the distinctive fez that all Shriners wear at official functions.

There are approximately 225,000 Shriners now. There are 198 Temples throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Republic of Panama, Philippines, Europe, and Brazil. There are 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children, 18 orthopedic hospitals, three burn hospitals and one hospital that provides orthopedic, burn and spinal cord injury care. These hospitals have cured or substantially helped more than one million children regardless of the ability to pay, since the first Shriners Hospital opened in 1922.

MESSAGE FROM OUR POTENTATE CONTINUED

Our Similarities

All Shriners are Masons, but not all Masons are Shriners.

Shriners International is a spin-off from Freemasonry, the oldest, largest and most widely known fraternity in the world. Freemasonry dates back hundreds of years to when stonemasons and other craftsmen gathered after work in shelter houses, or lodges. Over time, the members organized into Masonic guilds and the tools of their trade – the square and compass – became the symbol of their brotherhood.

Over time, Masonry evolved into an organization that began to accept members who were not craftsmen. Today, Masonry is built upon a foundation of improving character and strengthening communities, though the square and compass are still the symbols of the fraternal brotherhood.

When Shriners International was first founded in 1872, the organization built on the principles that guided Freemasonry, while adding an element of fun and ultimately, philanthropy, that set Shriners International apart.

Until we meet again.....

Bob O'Brien

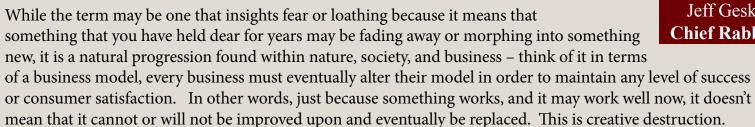
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FROM CHIEF RABBAN

"Creative Destruction" is a term that is gaining momentum amongst many of those within the automotive field. As a 30-year professional in that field, I hear it in the Research & Development buildings, in the labs, in meetings, and even within the assembly lines where the most modern parts and vehicles are being produced for a global market. It is a term that is usually defined as "a process through which something new brings about the demise of whatever existed before it." Think of the smartphone in your pocket. It destroyed the need for payphones on street corners and it likely destroyed your need for a landline phone in your home. Think of the GPS found within that smartphone, it destroyed the need for a paper map or the once highly demanded AAA trip tick highlighting your entire trip route. While you may desire that paper map, it is no longer a requirement or in some cases, physically no longer available. So, you are already a direct participant in creative destruction albeit that it may have been without your knowledge at the time.



Moslem Shrine and Shriners International is, in my opinion, in the stages of creative destruction. The activities, the requirements, the wants, the needs, the desires, and our existence is changing and within these changes, there may be short-term turmoil or discourse amongst the membership, but it must be viewed as a necessary step in our evolution. Look at our Imperial Officers – they are "highly encouraging" that each Temple have their Ladies involved with parades, functions, Shrine Circuses, fundraising, and in attending the first section of our very ceremonials. Twenty years ago, this would have been viewed as heresy to the Fraternity and they would have been voted out of office, if not outright thrown out. But, if you look closely, the Ladies are being treated as the asset that they truly are, and it is an absolute victory for the Shrine as a whole. This is creative destruction.

For Moslem, I am asking that each Noble and Lady take the time to look at the very core of our Temple. Many of you have been around for many more years than I have so you have the insights and knowledge that I am, at times, lacking. I am asking that you look at the events or activities that Moslem has traditionally held. The Shrine Circus, our fundraisers, the dinners and cookouts, the Hospital visits, our membership, all of which are trending in a downward cycle both in terms of volunteering and in paid attendance - and this needs to change for us to survive. Please note that I am fully aware of getting to the point where it seems that the Temple is requiring more and more of your time and effort – selling tickets, working events, etc., so new ideas or approaches may directly help to alleviate this burden.

I am in no way averse to change. Change is to survive so, if you have ideas or you have concerns, I am asking that you bring them to light – if you have knowledge, share it. If an event needs to be altered and / or completely removed from our dossier than it or them, will be. If there are events that would be beneficial to Moslem, then they will be added. I am, however, asking that you approach this request as a business model or SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, or threats) so be prepared to go into some detail on your plan. I am open to any and all ideas, it isn't a single persons knowledge or ideas that make us, it is the whole that makes us great.

Moslem Shrines members and Ladies are the key to this creative destruction, so help us help the Temple succeed.

Jeff Geske Chief Rabban



Jeff Geske **Chief Rabban**

The Motor City Shiners Taproom 1 will be having a blowout excursion to Atwater in the Park on November 17th in fabulous Gross Point Park kicking off at 12:00pm! It's been a busy year for all of us so come down and let's enjoy ourselves before the cold days of winter set in. As always, the Ladies are encouraged to come and even if your significant other is not a member or if you would simply like to come with your friends, you are absolutely welcome to attend. Take note that they offer a full beer and food menu to choose from.

Atwater in the Park is located at: 1175 Lakepointe St., Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230 (313)-344-5104. www.atwaterbeer.com

"Situated on Kercheval & Lakepointe in Grosse Pointe Park's business district, Atwater in the Park is proudly serving handcrafted beer and spirits. A biergarten and gastropub with a unique and unorthodox dining experience, stop by and try a beer from one of our 40 taps! Housed in the former Grace United Church, Atwater in the Park brings an authentic German brewery feel and comforting pub fare to a quaint corner of Grosse Pointe Park."

I would also be remise if I did not comment on the turnout this year at the Imperial Convention's pub crawl in Daytona Beach. Not only were the Motor City Shiners represented during this event, there were at least five other Taprooms from around the country there as well. They were sporting their Taproom shirts and spreading the word on how to get a Taproom started at other Temples. We also made Imperial Sir Mark Hartz – Shriners International's new Imperial Outer Guard – an honorary lifetime member in Taproom 1. Both he and his Lady Kathy will be sporting their Shiner and Shinette shirts....

To date, we are up to 21 Taprooms located throughout North America and we are continuing to grow. The value that our Clubs add to these other Temples in terms of notoriety, membership, and fellowship is being seen as a true value added experience within the Shrine and Imperial is certainly taking notice. Our website is up and running at www.motorcityshiners.com with all of our pertinent information out there for people to see.

If you are not a member of Moslem Shrines Number 1 club, that's not a problem. It's only \$20 per year to join, but even if you decide not to, you are welcome to attend our November event.

As always, wear your Shiner gear and promote your Club! Don't have a Shiner or Shinette shirt? You can order one at Embroidme at 734-281-1500.

"A fine beer can be judged in just one sip.... But it's better to be thoroughly sure"

Jeff Geske

Founder

Chef Susan Scores Big at The Edibles Creation Competition

Congratulations!!!!!!!!

Executive Chef, Susan Rudnick is an outstanding gourmet chef. We at Silver Garden Events Center knew it, now the local community knows it too. Chef Susan was unanimously proclaimed the winner at the annual Taste of Southfield's "Edible Creations Competition". The event was held September 11th at Best Western Premier and hosted by the Southfield Chamber of Commerce.

The entries for the Chopped-style competition were whittled down to three: Silver Garden Events Center, Nomad Grille and Sweet Magnolia's. To begin the event, emcee Paula Tutman, of WDIV, announced that each Chef had to create a pasta dish with one secret ingredient: beets. Judging the culinary creations were Ken Siver – Southfield Mayor, Johnnie Menifee - Fire Chief, Brian Bassett - Southfield Police Department and Patrice Davis - Forgotten Harvest.

So what did Chef Susan masterfully create to win the coveted trophy? Braised Beef and Ricotta Beet Ravioli, Wild Mushroom and Ricotta Beet Ravioli; Golden Beet Béchamel Sauce; garnished with Red, Candy-Striped and Golden Beets with Herb Brown Butter Drizzle and Toasted Walnuts. Now that's what we're talking about! Congratulations Chef Susan.



PAST MASTER

MY Old Red Fez

My old red Fez has faded a bit

But that hasn't dimmed my love for it; for into that bit of old head gear are woven the friendships of many a year.

It knows the touch of a friendly hand, and symbolizes....you'll understand....

All things I found both good and fine in my happy days with the mystic Shrine.

My old red Fez has faded a bit; But I'm still mighty proud of it;

Proud of all for which it stands, the loyal hearts, the willing hands; Ready always to do their best and meet with courage every test; Proud of the memories that are mine of Noble Friends of the Mystic Shrine.

My old red Fez has faded a bit;

and some day I'll take leave of it,

But not without a friendly smile, for it has been mine for a long long while.

So here's to the red Fez and all those who have worn it;

May love and loyalty ever adorn it.

May the sun of good fellowship eternally shine in the hearts of the men of the mystic Shrine

On September 22nd, the Past Master Unit traveled to Mt Clemens Lodge #6 F&AM to assist them in putting on the Master Mason Degree. It was a poor turnout for the Past Master Unit. Only 5 members of the Past Master Unit assisted in the degree work. I wish to congratulate the following Worshipful Brothers: Bill Betz and his son Erik, Ray Doyscher, Jim Weir and John Thornhill. After the degree work, a beautiful dinner was served and enjoyed by all. The Past Master float was taken to the Clinton Parade and Bill & Erik Betz and myself really enjoyed the ride and the crowds. Worshipful Brothers, We need your support in all our activities. The Directors Staff Unit has joined with the Past Master Unit in hosting our Annual Christmas Dinner Party to be held on Thursday, December 13th at the Shrine Center starting with refreshments at 6:30 P.M. The cost is \$35.00 per person and will include refreshments, dinner, dancing and a poinsietta plant for each Lady attending. Please contact me for reservations. Happy Birthday to the following Worshipful Brothers who have November Birthdays: Kevin Betz on November 9th, and Jeff Lewis on November 26th The Fall Shrine Ceremonial will be held on November 3rd. November 11th. The Veterans Day Parade starting at the Detroit Masonic Temple and Cass Park starts lining up at 9:00 A.M. The Past Master float will be participating and we need you to be there also. November 19th, will be our Past Master Business Meeting starting at 7:00 P.M. at the Shrine Center. December 10th will be the Moslem Shrine Business meeting and Election of Officers. There will be no meeting of the Past Master Unit in December.

May you all have a most Happy and Safe Thanksgiving. John Thornhill, Director

THE LAKESIDE SHRINE CLUB



Annual Feather Party!

Mobles, Ladies, Friends and Guests, you are cordially invited to join us on Wednesday, November 14th, 2018 at the Jefferson Masonic Lodge located at 22000 11 mile Rd. in Saint Clair Shores.

Doors open at 6pm, with Dinner served at 7pm. Menu consists of a Full Course Turkey Dinner Including mashed potatoes, corn, rolls, dessert and coffee Cost is \$20 per person.

There will be a Cash bar and Share the Wealth Raffle Play Bingo and win prizes immediately following Dinner!

For Reservations or additional information, please contact

Noble Rick Gaines: (586)779-7449 Please RSVP by: November 7th, 2018

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Saturday, January 19, 2019

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MOSLEM SHRINERS 2018 FALL CEREMONIAL CLASS HONOREE NOBLE GARY COMPTON



It is that time of year again when every Potentate looks forward to recognizing a worthy Noble as the Class Honoree of a Shrine Ceremonial. There are so many Nobles deserving of this honor. I feel that this is not to be taken lightly, that the announcement should be bestowed upon one who does not seek accolades, nor recognition, but has dedicated his fraternal life to one thing; transporting our beloved patients to the Shriners Hospitals for Children, to be a part of something bigger than membership, to assist in the process of healing our children.

I am proud to announce that the 2018 Spring Ceremonial Class Honoree is Noble Gary Compton. This year marks Gary's 27th year as a member of Moslem Shriners. Gary had one goal for becoming a member of the Fraternity, to transport children to the hospitals. Gary has kept a journal of every trip he made, where he drove, his driving partners, and the host/hostesses that travelled on each journey. Several years ago, Gary stopped keeping track of each trip; he figured that after the 500th trip, there really was no need to count.

Gary was born at Delray Hospital in Detroit, in 1950, and spent his early life in River Rouge, Michigan. His parents both were employed for Great Lakes Steel for over thirty years, and had three sons (Gary is the middle child). Prior to graduating from River Rouge High School, Gary began working for the Ford Foundry in Flat Rock in 1971. He was employed for twenty years when the decision to shut the plant prompted him to retire in 1991. During his time of employment, Gary always felt the calling to complete school, and not only received his GED from River Rouge High School; he also received his Associate Degree in Computer Science in 1987.

At the beginning of his career, Gary also married his love, Loraine, in 1971. They have known each other since they were both thirteen years old. They have been blessed with two children, Stacey and Gary II. Stacey, her husband, and most importantly their five-year-old grandson, Grayson, live in Florida. Gary II lives in Michigan, is a facility manager within the St. Johns Providence Health system, and in 2010, followed his dad in becoming a Master Mason and Noble of Moslem Shriners.

After Gary retired at an early age in 1991, he soon realized that he needed something further to fulfill his internal reasoning for living. At this point in his life, Gary's Brother, Bill, who was recently raised a Master Mason, told Gary that he would find what he was looking for in transporting the Shriners Patients to the hospitals. In June of 1991, Gary began his Masonic journey by being initiated an Entered Apprentice in Golden Arc Lodge in Taylor, MI. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on September 30, and soon became a member of the Scottish Rite and Shrine during their respective fall reunion/ceremonial.

It was at the Fall Ceremonial that Gary was introduced to Noble Jud Rohrer, who was the Transportation Chairman for the Shrine. During the next couple of months, Gary would contact Jud to state his intentions of driving our patients. Finally, the day after the Election of Shrine Officers in December, Jud had Gary drive with John Beeler and Bill Fondu to Chicago. Gary was hooked, and by the spring of 1992 was learning to drive the Shrine Coach, with Jud, first on Belle Isle, then around the temple, which led to his licensure in early spring. At this point, Gary began his second career as a Shrine Patient Transportation driver. The following 26 years has seen well over 600 trips, frequently two to three times a week, travelling to Chicago, Erie and Cincinnati. Gary also has transported the Coach to the St. Louis and Lexington hospitals for special occasions.

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CLASS HONOREE

NOBLE GARY COMPTON

Although Gary became a Mason in order to be a Shriner and drive our patients, once he witnessed the tenets of our Fraternity, he was drawn back to blue lodge. He served as Worshipful Master of Architect-University Lodge No. 569 in 1998 and 2002, and is about to serve his third term as Worshipful Master in 2019 of Hiram Lodge No. 110. Gary and Loraine have been very active Eastern Star members. Gary has served as Associated and Worthy Patron several times.



Noble Gary is the last person you will find to seek accolades, awards, or recognition. He drives our patients to fulfill his pursuit of reason, and he is always ready to jump in the seat to help our temple when needed. That being said, one of his proudest moments was when he received his "Child Care Emeritus" fez in 2008, presented to him by Illustrious John Thornhill. Ill. Sir John and his wife, Mary, travelled extensively as host/hostesses with Gary driving, and he was incredibly touched by this gesture. His only solace is that his mentor, his teacher, his friend, Noble Jud Rohrer had passed before being able to be present.

This announcement serves as a personal moment of joy for me, not as Potentate, but as a Brother with Gary. When I became a Shriner, I met Gary during a Shrine Outreach Clinic held in Lincoln Park. Gary and I instantly hit it off, and after a long conversation, Gary steered me into transporting our children. This little conversation led me to the love of the Shriners Hospitals for Children, and more especially, what we as Moslem Shriners can do to be a part of that journey to better health for our beloved patients. I cannot thank Noble Gary enough for this "push". I ask each and every one of you to thank him and be present at our 2018 Fall Ceremonial to honor this Noble.

CHILDCARE

Hello Nobles

While at GLSA Imperial Sir Jim Cain our Imperial Potentate was attending the GLSA parade and speaking with various Temples and Nobles. I had the opportunity to invite Imperial Sir to come in and look at our Childcare Coach.

As Imperial Sir was looking around the subject of transporting kids to our hospitals was brought up and how many times the coach gos out. Gary Compton our childcare coach driver was able to introduce himself and was able to reply that he used to go out years ago several times a week with a coach full of kids.

I then had the opportunity to inform Imperial sir that sadly our Childcare Coach is used primarily as a public relations vehicle used at parades and local events to draw attention to our philanthropy. The conversation then went on to the number of patients we treat and transport and how Moslem has been dealing with our location between Detroit Children's Hospital and U of M Mott Hospital for Children.

Imperial Sir replied that we are not the only temple dealing with similar issues, with trying to recruit new patience to our hospitals and that we are not alone in trying to find new ways of making Shriners Hospitals more inviting to our local communities. Imperial Sir thanked us all for the work we do, it was a great learning experience knowing that we are not alone in our attempts to find and help kids and that this issue is happening to every temple.

We all must keep trying to find new kids that we can help.

Frank Dougherty Director of Childcare Moslem Shriners



SHRINE LANCERS

Hello Lancers,

Welcome to November and please let me be the first to say "Happy Thanksgiving" to you and your families. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome myself back to the position of editor/scribe for the Lancers in the Shrine magazine. Although I last said it was time to pass the torch, I had many requests to continue writing for the unit. Since Jim R. was so adamant about it, I listened to him and here I am. It is good to be back. I must take this time to thank all of the members of the unit for their dedication to the Shrine and the Lancers and for showing up at all of the parades that we've had in September and October. We did quite a few parades and we did a respectable showing at them. We had a nice size unit in Grand Rapids for the Great Lakes convention. For those that missed the convention, you missed a great time. For those at the parade, thank you for showing up. We were among three units in attendance at the convention representing Moslem: the Lancers, the Motor Corp. and the Americans. The Divan was very appreciative for us being there and we did a great job. The day was sunny and we had a nice lunch afterwards. Fun was had by all. Richmond was a fun time and we did a fine job in the parade. Obie and I almost bought a few ducks and chicks at the start of the parade at the Tractor Supply Co. We did a good job in River Rouge and at Romeo as well. Romeo was the hottest parade of the year, but the crowd loved us and we won first place as the most unique unit in the parade. Come to the unit room and see the trophy. We will be selling tickets again for the same drone as in the past. When they are printed, please get some and start selling them. Pre-sales are the key to fundraising for the unit. We will raffle the drone off in Feb. at the Sportsmans Raffle. Please stay tuned and sell sell when the tickets arrive. Thank you to all Lancers that showed up on Oct. 28th for the first Trunk-or-Treat event at the Shrine. We had the unit room decorated and we had a fun game for the kids to play. After they played, they then got candy. The parking lot looked great and fun was had by all. My kids and my friend's kids all had fun at this event. Great idea Illustrious Sir Bob. Upcoming parade schedule: (SP = Shrine Parade and LP = Lancer Parade). See the Lancer emails for details on the times and locations for these parades or call a Lancer. Nov. 11 Veterans parade in Detroit Nov. 23 (LP)- Grosse Pt. Dec. 1 (LP)- Lake Orion. I would like to now take this opportunity to mention a very sad and unfortunate loss that we had in the Lancers recently. As most of you know, Frank Saez lost his beloved wife Dolores on September 7, 2018. This was a sudden and unexpected tragedy and we all extend our deepest condolences to Frank and his family. Please read below a short tribute to Dolores.

In Loving Memory. Dolores Saez passed away on September 7, 2018, after a brief illness. Beloved wife of Francisco Saez. Loving mother of Michael (Kathy) Saez and David (Joann) Saez. Dearest grandmother of Nicole Saez, Jacob Saez, Anthony Saez and Tristan Saez. Dear sister of Lawrence (Joan) Albas. On June 5th 1939, the world became a better place when Dolores was welcomed into the Albas family by her parents Lorenzo and Magdalena, and her brother Lawrence. Dolores grew up in Melvindale, MI. With her heritage from Spain, she taught herself Spanish and fostered her love for the language and culture. She attended Melvindale High School where she was a cheerleader and where she graduated from in 1957. After graduation she began working at Ford Motor Company as a secretary. A couple of years later she met Francisco Saez and on August 11, 1962 she realized her dream of marrying a Spaniard. She was a very strong woman and proud housewife who intensely loved her family and friends, and who instilled in her husband and children, love, laughter, and kindness of heart. Dolores was always at Frank's side, supporting him in many adventures, one being when Frank became a Shriner and joined the Lancer's unit. Many times she and Frank opened their Wampler's Lake cottage to their Shrine family, resulting in good times and warm memories, with their hospitality knowing no bounds. She leaves to cherish her memory, her husband, children, grandchildren, her loving family and friends and her other "grandson", Jose Luis from Tobarra, Spain, Frank's hometown. Descansa en paz, Dolores. Vaya con Dios

Until next time, keep your engines runnin. Todd Wyber





MOSLEM SHRINERS 2018 FALL CEREMONIAL SPECIAL RECOGNITION NOBLE AL BAUERLE



It was a little more than 18 months ago that my Father In-Law could not physically attend the Installation of Officers, and as I took the oath of Chief Rabban. As he rested at home, and through the use of social media, Al watched live as I advanced one step further to serving as Potentate. Later that evening when I called, fighting back tears, he told me that he "never knew that two people that he inspired to become Shriners would go on to become Potentate of Moslem Temple"; a truly very proud moment for him. Ten days later, it was I that had that truly proud moment. After a 28-year hiatus, I presented Dad with the Fez of Moslem Temple. Dad is no longer with us as; The Supreme Architect called Dad home on September 15, 2017, prior to my installation as Potentate. However, I know that he is looking over and guiding my every move. The person that is responsible for me being a Shriner today, the person that I proudly called my Father in-Law - Al Bauerle, thank you for planting that seed!

Al was born in 1925 in Wyandotte, MI. He grew up in a farming family in New Boston, with two brothers and three sisters. A formal education was not afforded to many children during the depression, and the Bauerle family devoted their lives during this tumultuous time to working the farm, that provided the sustenance they needed to survive. At the age of sixteen, as many young men felt the call of duty, Al enlisted in the Navy, following the attacks on Pearl Harbor. Al was stationed on the U.S.S. Indiana, a battleship that saw action throughout the Pacific Theater. The memories of devastation and destruction of war was not what persevered in Al's mind throughout the rest of his life. The story he told to his family and friends was the day he stood on the deck of the U.S.S. Indiana, nestled along the side of the U.S.S. Missouri in Tokyo Bay on September 2, 1945. He, along with shipmates, watched the formal surrender of Imperial Japan. He vividly remembers the formal attire of the Japanese leadership on board the Missouri, as they surrendered to the official military and political dignitaries of the United States, a moment that lasted forever.

Prior to enlisting, Al met Shirley Jane Rhodes, originally from Monroe, MI. Shirley undertook a harrowing journey herself. At the young age of sixteen, along with a girlfriend, they boarded a train in Michigan and traveled to San Diego, CA, in order to be present when Al disembarked from his ship. Imagining two young women traveling in the 1940's cross-country sealed the deal for Al. Al and Shirley were married in 1947 and moved back to Michigan. Al began working at the Ford Willow Run plant, as a riveter. He apprenticed as a sheet metal worker and then worked at the Wyandotte Chemical plant. Al was not easily satisfied by working for others and desired his own business. With the help of military government loans, he began a heating and air conditioning company in the 1950s, building it to a very successful business for 25 years. Al and Shirley began their family in 1948 and in the end raised seven daughters.

Al and Shirley semi-retired to the Upper Peninsula and moved the remaining family to Rapid River, in which our current First Lady of Moslem, Judy graduated high school. Al could not sit idly and began a small heating and air conditioning business to serve the community. Al and Shirley finally decided that the winters to rough and officially became snowbirds, wintering in Debary, Florida. Once again, Al felt the calling to stay busy, and along with his brother, assisted in the HVAC business, this time servicing areas of Florida and Georgia.

Al's fraternal calling came about in the early part of his marriage and during this period he was introduced into the Masonic Fraternity and was raised a Master Mason on April 17, 1956. Al and Shirley were very active in the Eastern Star and one of Al's proudest fraternal moments occurred when the granddaughter of Shirley's friend (who stood up in their wedding) required the medical attention. Al sponsored her as a patient in the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Her medical care at our hospitals has provided her with the needed services needed to live a healthy life.

The official definition of an Ambassador is as follows: a person who acts as a representative or promoter of a specified activity. I have been very fortunate to meet some extraordinary people in my life. However, when I think where I am today, not only serving as your Potentate, but also as a Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother and Noble, I truly am grateful for the model Al provided. He truly is my Ambassador, among so many others, and I wanted to share with you how I became the person you know me as today.







MEMBERSHIP CORNER



Hello Mighty Moslemites!

By the time I am writing this, summer has past and fall has begun. Blue Lodges, Units and Clubs begin to recap what was done over the year and begin planning for the next year before the Holidays ensue. None of this is possible without planning for new members.

The Michigan State Fair was able to get some inquiries for Masonry. These inquiries were turned into the Michigan Grand Lodge to be distributed to local lodges within our Moslem Shrine jurisdiction. For the first time, through the coordination of Past Grand Worshipfuls Dick Wisely and Bill Finkel, (now our Right Grand Secretary), along with Eugene A., we are able to contact these inquiries to find their progress! We have found that about all Lodges have been contacting the inquiries and that approximately one third of them commit to lodge.

Please save the date for the next Fall Ceremonial to take place at the Shrine Center on November 3rd 2018. There should be a flier within this publication to announce the Ceremonial along with a copy distributed to each Unit and Club via the Temple Mailbox. I urge all to get the message out and start recruiting to fill our Ceremonial Day. Be sure the new prospects are properly clothed in suit coat, tie, and slacks for class photos. Also be sure their Ladies are in attendance for the Ladies Orientation Program to be held during the Session. Legacy Awards are also planned to be dispersed that day, so please continue to contact the Shrine Office with your legacies!

The 'I AM RU' program has been continued by our Imperial Potentate Jim Cain. As the program has been continued, a new goal of 50 new members has been set. Last years goal of 37 was met and exceeded at 44! It is no secret that we have been outpaced by the Black Camel over the last 3 years. With your help, I would like to see Moslem turn it around. Our Imperial Potentate has said it best when he noted, "Together we can make it happen!"

Fraternally Yours, Noble Rick Gaines Membership Committee Chairman GLSCUA Vice President

DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

I would again like to take this opportunity to thank Imperial Sir Larry Leib, Potentate Bob O'Brien, the Divan, the Hospital Representative, Grand Master David Hill, their ladies as well as all of our Ladies of the Household and their husbands and Don Kincheloe for attending the banquet for our Supreme Queen on September 6, 2018. It was so gratifying to have all of you in attendance. Your support is appreciated. We have rescheduled our lunch at Ford's Garage 21367 Michigan Avenue Dearborn to November 8th at 11:30. Please let me know if you are planning to attend so that I can make reservation for us. Just a reminder, our annual Toy Walk for Shriner's Hospitals for



Children will be on November 12, 2018. Lunch begins at 11:00 A.M. with the Stated Session and Ceremonial starting at noon. Our Annual Holiday Tea will be on Saturday, December 8th. from 1:00 until 3:00 in the Nobles Room at the Shrine Temple. The cost is \$15.00. For reservations, please call Pr. Recorder Mary Kinning at 248-582-0886. Your families, friends and neighbors are always welcome to join us. The December Stated Session is December 10th with lunch at 11:00 and the session beginning at noon. On December 12th. we will gather at 11:30 A.M.at Sandy"s at the Beech located on Five Mile and Beech Daly Roads Livonia.

My wish for each and everyone of you is good health, happiness and enjoyment of the Holiday Season.

"Buzzing for the Kids," Sheila McWilliams Queen



Sunday October 28, 2018 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

- Trunk or Treat is a child friendly event, No blood, gore, or evil please.
- Children must be accompanied by an adult.
- If you are participating in the Trunk or Treat with a decorated vehicle, Reservations for a parking space must be made by calling the Shrine Office: (Pam at 248-569-2900 X 3)
- Bring enough treats for 200 childre
- All items must be individually wrapped, NO homemade items.
- In case of rain this event will be held indoors.
- All Unit rooms will be opened for Trick or Treating regardless of weather.
- Car decorating contest
- Costume judgin
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North parking lot closes at 4:45 p.m. Sharp! 4:45 - 5:15 Set-up 5:15 - 5:30 Judging 5:30 - 7:00 Trunk or Treating

Cars in the Trunk or Treat area cannot leave until 7 p.m., those not decorating their car must park in East parking lot, at the back of building .

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LOSNA-Za-hir-u-din Court #7 News

I want to give a big shout out to all of our Za-hair-u-din ladies that volunteered their time working at the Shrine Circus - the Lady Clowns who shared their antics and laughter with all, Lady Hazel and her Membership Team, our ladies on fire watch - many of you were there every day! "Twinkles" and I had a fun time clowning with our 3 new Lady Clowns. Za-hir-u-din Court ladies are always ready to help our Shrine Temple and Shriners Hospitals.

We are getting ready for our OfficialVisit on October 15 and 16 from our Grand High Priestess, Lady Kris Sheridan. I want to personally invite all of the members of our Court to the October 16 Hospitality and Court Meeting to greet Lady Kris and show her a real "Motown" welcome. And learn more about the special Shriners Hospital project which she has chosen to raise money to support, We are also preparing for our November 10 Ceremonial - we will welcome new members to our Court so please be sure to put this date on your calendar. I hope to see you at one of these meetings.

If you would like membership information or would like to contact us please e-mail me Sue Baer, High Priestess, at CreekwoodPR@gmail.com or Call 248-840-4067.

Our new LOS Lady Clowns Lady Hollie "Hollywood" Mast,

Lady Jennifer "Jenny Bean" Bowers, Lady Dawn "Skittles" Degler

with Divan Ladies Michelle Geske, PHP and Lady Diane Zelmanski

Lady Theresa "Whacky" Ciavola at the Shrine Circus & Michigan State Fair



Step Aside Energizer Bunny, It's Elina Villemure!



Elina Villemure is your typical 14-year old girl. And yet, she's not. At her young age, she's experienced more and accomplished more than many twice her age. She is a Shriners Hospital for Children – Erie Patient Ambassador and she's fulfilling the role in every way. Born without a right leg, her left leg was amputated when she was just four years old due to missing several bones in her ankle and foot. Since the age of 5, Elina has been receiving care from the Shriners Hospital for Children – Erie and thriving. In 2017, she was the Erie hospital ambassador during the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open PGA TOUR golf in Las Vegas.

This lively teenager enjoys playing piano, guitar and percussion. She has become quite active in the Downriver Detroit Student Film Consortium, an organization catering to high school students interested in filmmaking. Elina carves out time to work on perfecting her rig so she hits the cherry; no gunching for this gal. Not sure what that means? Ask Elina because competitive archery is also on her list of activities. Elina has been an equestrienne for 4 years and trains 2 or 3 times a week for two to three hours each session. She practices "Showmanship" every time she trains with her horse as well as specific disciplines like Dressage and Western. Lately, Elina's finding another side of herself in Gymkhana, also known as Barrel Racing.

At a recent horse show, we met up with the Villemure family and had an opportunity to speak with Elina in between competitions. When asked why she has fallen in love with this sport, Elina said "When you're on a horse, you don't look at any disability. On a horse, you're like everyone else – you can do what they can do."

Though she may not be showing horses in the future, she said she'll always be in a barn or riding them. When asked what she sees herself doing as an adult, Elina said "I'm not sure but I know I want to put smiles on people's faces."

One area to which she gravitates is physical therapy. She can see herself being a physical therapist who owns a gym.

Brotherly Love

Alongside Elina, you'll find her brother Connor showing off his equine prowess and Owen getting started in the family passion for animals by showing a miniature horse. Connor started out showing lambs 3 years ago thru Monroe County 4H, followed by chickens and rabbits. Although his family doesn't live on a farm, the kids spend a lot of time on farms caring for animals. "It's just fun hanging out with the animals and taking care of them" says Connor. Last year Connor began riding horses so he could do more with his sister; he has just begun showing them this year and loving the experience. His advice to kids who'd like to try riding horses but are afraid, "You'll be fine, you can do it. If my sister can do it, you can do it. She has fake legs so..." Out of the mouths of babes!

Extended Family

At most of these events you will see a constant presence and supporter; standing close by, was one of Elina's hospital van drivers, Terry Parker. Terry said "I try not to miss any of Elina's events." And Elina backed that up with "He'd better not!" and a big smile. Though Elina doesn't own Dakota, the horse she rides, she is responsible for all of Dakota's care at shows which includes cleaning and brushing him.

The Shriners and the Villemures have been "family" since 2010 when Roger Taylor became Elina's sponsor and introduced her family to the outstanding work done by the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Eventually Roger's relationship with the Villemures grew to the extent that his wife Debbie, went to work for Yvonne's mother at Children with Hairloss. Clarence "Papa Clarence" Hailey became an important member of "the family" from the beginning of Elina's journey, too. A strong presence in her life, Papa Clarence who is in his nineties, still makes trips to the Shriners Hospital for Children – Erie with the Villemures when he can showing is status as a true "Papa".

In addition to their adopted grandpa, the Villemures have an adopted aunt – Child Care Coordinator, Pam York. "Pam is AWESOME!" declares Yvonne. "She is such a rockstar! She knows my number by heart. I talk with Pam every time we need to make a hospital trip and Pam normally checks in with me after the trip to see how things went. It is important that my daughter is comfortable and the Shriners have made her very comfortable." Also ensuring Elina's comfort are her regular hospital drivers, Don Davis and Terry Parker. Their day starts at dawn and they are "on" until the Villemures are safely deposited back home. Yvonne recounted, "Don and Terry were smiling at 9 p.m. when we finally boarded the bus after a long day at Shriners – Erie, where Elina received her last set of legs. The drivers selfless dedication, their smiles and their positive attitudes kept our spirits high when we were absolutely exhausted. "

Do. Or do not. There is no try

Yoda was definitely speaking Elina's language with this quote. She has gone through 6 pairs of prosthetic legs in her young life and given her energy level, it would seem she's not just outgrowing them, she's wearing them out. Her mother said, "People are cautious when they don't need to be cautious – this just propels Elina. In fact, in August, Elina made it to State Level competitions and won 2 ribbons in Barrel Racing and Speed."

The Villemure-Shriner relationship is strong and continues to grow. The family is very appreciative of all that has been done for them and Yvonne said her family tries to give back to the Shriners as much as they can. "We do our best to be available for event appearances or in any way the Shriners need us."

Elina clearly sums up their relationship: "I love Shriners. They do so much for me. They can make you the best "you". I love the drivers. I love every little thing about it. The Shriners are an awesome organization and I'm happy to be one of their ambassadors." And the Shriners are delighted to have you as an ambassador too, Elina!



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