



# THE FEZ

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### The Shriners' Pledge

I pledge allegiance to my flag  
and to the country for which it  
stands, one nation, under  
G-D, indivisible, with liberty  
and justice for all.

### FROM THE POTENTATE

Well Nobles this is my last message as your Potentate. It is amazing how fast the year went by. My focus for the year has been Membership!! Bringing in new members, restoring old members and not losing current members. While the jury is still out it looks like that goal has been accomplished. Your current Divan has promised to continue that focus and focus on getting all these new members active. I have been asked to run The Masters & Wardens Brunch next year, which will be in April. We are finalizing the date now. I want to thank all of the Nobles for their help and support during my year. I consider it an honor and a privilege to have served as your Potentate for 2011.

I would like to welcome the 8 new Nobles to Kismet Shrine who were brought in on August 6th and the 15 New Nobles brought in on October 22nd. We have now brought in 56 new members, restored 2 members and brought in 6 affiliates to date, for a grand total of 64 members. In addition we voted on approximately 15 more Nobles that we would like to bring in before the year ends. Please have any of those voted on, but not sworn in call our Recorder to insure they become new Nobles prior to the end of the year. Our \$99 special is good only until 12/31. Nobles please keep bringing in those petitions!!! After the Ceremonial our High Priest & Prophet ran an Oktoberfezt. All of our new Nobles that night were invited to attend with their wives. We had a great evening with an authentic German dinner, beer and live music!!!

The Children's Holiday Party is scheduled for Sunday December 4th from 1 PM to 3:30 PM. Please bring your children or grandchildren down to this special event. As always Santa has promised to make an appearance to hand out some gifts to the children. See you all there!

Congratulations Louis Barazotti PP who was elected President of MASA in Virginia Beach back in September. Those of you who missed the trip to Virginia Beach missed a great event with your families. Please put next years MASA Virginia Beach event on your calendars.

New Nobles please get involved with one of the many Units or Clubs and by all means come out on Monday nights to the Kismet Club to enjoy food, libations and fellowship with us.

As always, I ask each and every member of Kismet to keep helping us this year with membership, attending events and supporting the Greatest Philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children. Together we can build Kismet Temple for the future & help the Shrine Children! God bless Kismet Temple, the Shrine and the children!!

### Keep an eye open for these upcoming events:

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|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| - Children's Screening Clinic Nov 19th | - Octoberfest and Ceremonial Oct 22nd |
| - Election of Officers Dec 5th         | - Children's Holiday Party Dec 4th    |

# KISMET'S 2011 DIVAN AT A GLANCE

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# NOTES FROM THE DIVAN

## Chief Rabban

Nobles all

Although the end of the calendar year approaches, Kismet continues to grow as if in springtime. New Brother Masons have joined our Shrine, seeing both the pleasure (*have fun*) and purpose (*help children*) of our institution. Every week I see more and more Nobles enjoying each others' company upstairs in Club Kismet. Remember that every Monday there will be friends there with good conversation, food and drink. Also remember that we have four large-screen TVs as well as a card table and pool table for your enjoyment, on Mondays or any other day (speak with the Recorder to get your key fob for access to the club).

I sincerely hope that all Nobles remember that the Shrine is yours, and you are welcome to spend time here when you like.

Our next meeting will be the Chief Rabban Night, and I will present the Nobility with a budget for 2012. I will also share many of the events that I plan to hold next year. To give you a heads up, my goal for the year is to provide lots of low-cost events for you and your ladies (and children) so as to allow everyone to have lots of fun without breaking the bank. Please stick around, support your Divan and enjoy YOUR Shrine!

Remember also that all Nobles may submit articles for The Fez... just get it to me.  
- Russell

## High Priest and Prophet (Prophetable Words)

NOBLES!

Kismet is alive with new members. Our fall Ceremonial and OctoberFEZt were great successes. Let's not lose this momentum. Get involved and stay involved.

Remember that Kismet Shrine stated meetings are the first Monday of every month. Kismet Shrine is open every Monday night for fellowship. We offer ritual study groups so that we may all remain proficient in Freemasonry.

As we get closer to the end of 2011 and the holiday season approaches I hope to see many Nobles and Ladies at the Children's Holiday Party. As we close this year and enter 2012 may the Great Architect of the Universe keep you and your family safe always.

- Greg Feldman

## The Treasurer

Nobles

As you all know, all is well with our property and federal taxes. Club Kismet is making the first payment towards the loan made to it in order to purchase the vending machines. That money is going into our tax fund.

We are in the process of putting together next year's budget—that will be presented during our next meeting on Chief Rabban's Night.

Next year we will be providing the Nobility with regular analyses of budget vs. actual so that everyone is aware of how the temple is doing.

Thank you all for your support  
- Butch



# NOTES FROM THE DIVAN

## Oriental Guide

Hello my fellow nobles,  
Our most recent "road trip" was to virginia beach. If you were fortunate enough to have been there you can vouch for the superb hospitality. not only did the virginia beach area cater to our shriners but the MASA signs at every business location, not to mention all the vendors within the "VA Beach convention center" announced our presence loud and clear!!!  
All the Shrines hosted their own hospitality rooms, where other Shriners and their families were welcome. New friendships were formed and old friendships renewed.  
The highlight of the MASA convention which the community of Virginia Beach got to enjoy was the huge parade which is done in the traditions of the Shriners around the globe to educate what the organization at its core is all about - to help children!!!! Via the Shriners' Hospitals.  
Last but never least I must congratulate the new president of MASA, our very own, Lou Barazotti and his lovely lady Virginia!!

Keep smiling,  
George " Chuckles " Heyen

## The Recorders Desk

Greetings Nobles,  
This has been quite a year, and one that will stay with me for the rest of my days. Thanks to all who have been my on going support group. Thanks to the rest of the Nobility for their understanding of things moving a little slower this year. Soon we will be closing the book on 2011, our Potentate did a tremendous job of rallying the membership to bring in new candidates(of course the \$99 fee including Fez, helped somewhat). If the Black Camel behaves we should close the year back over 500 members, with the first positive membership flow in many years. The buzz from the Board Room is that we will be bringing back some events that did well this year, and adding some of the old favorites that have not been seen for a while. When you read this you should already have attended Chief Rabban Night, so you will know what the calendar for next year will be. I will tell you this, your elected officers are working hard to make things interesting. I know money is tight, some of you work long hours, other families have both spouses working and kids to raise, its no joke, life is crazy these days. Kismet is a place that should be your Oasis, come down to the lounge on a Friday night, beers are cheap, bring your Lady we can run a movie on one of the big screens, take the kids to the Grand Parents and get out for a few hours. There are things the Club manager would like to do, like, bar quizzes, comedy night, movie night with hot dog bar and pop corn, once we start seeing a crowd on a Friday we can get this stuff going. The bottom line is that we built it(Club Kismet) now we want to see you use it. In closing I would like to thank the Nobility for allowing me to serve them this year, I look forward to continuing as the Recorder in 2012.

Yours in the Faith,  
Joseph Santillo, PP, FAIMH  
Recorder, Kismet Shriners

## The Outer Guard



It was truly wonderful to have seen so many new nobles joining the ranks of Kismet in 2011. Bringing in new nobles is always our #1 responsibility. In our modern world of technology, which is useful, the best way to recruit has always been "one-on-one." One brother simply talking to another has and is always the most effective way. If you know of a worthy brother in your Lodge, Valley, Chapter, Council, Commandary or other Masonic body; take him aside and tell him about Shriner's International and Kismet and the many wonderful benefits that membership in the Shrine offers. Many men join organizations simply because of someone they already know in that organization. Always make sure that you have a petition handy. Ask your lodge or other Masonic body if you can leave petitions for distribution. Have a personal business card handy so you can be contacted in case of questions. You never know when or where a worthy brother may come your way. Always be ready. Always be prepared. From the outer edge of the Oasis...

-Larry Dittmer fieldmarshal1@optonline.net • larryd@volkertprecision.com

# FROM ELSEWHERE IN THE DESERT

## The Culinary Unit



Got any good recipes? Enjoy cooking? Well, c'mon in then and join the Unit. Meanwhile, as the weather gets cooler outside, enjoy this warm, delicious French Onion Soup recipe inside:

**Ingredients:** 2 lb medium onions, halved lengthwise, then thinly sliced lengthwise. 3 sprigs fresh thyme. 2 bay leaves. 3/4 teaspoon salt. 1/2 stick (1/4 cup) unsalted butter. 2 teaspoons all-purpose flour. 3/4 cup dry white wine. 4 cups beef broth. 1 1/2 cups water. 1/2 teaspoon black pepper. 6 (1/2-inch-thick) diagonal slices of baguette (or large croutons). 1/2-lb Gruyère, Comte, or Emmental cheese. 2 tablespoons finely grated Parmigiano-Reggiano.

**Prep:** Cook onions, thyme, bay leaves, and salt in butter in a 4- to 5-quart heavy pot over moderate heat, uncovered, stirring frequently, until onions are very soft and deep golden brown, about 45 minutes. Add flour and cook, stirring, 1 minute. Stir in wine and cook, stirring, 2 minutes. Stir in broth, water, and pepper and simmer, uncovered, stirring occasionally, 30 minutes.

While soup simmers, put oven rack in middle position and preheat oven to 350°F. Arrange bread in 1 layer on a large baking sheet and toast, turning over once, until completely dry, about 15 minutes. Remove from oven and preheat broiler. Put crocks in a shallow baking pan.

Discard bay leaves and thyme from soup and divide soup among crocks, then float a slice of bread in each. Grate cheese and sprinkle enough to cover tops of crocks, allowing cheese to hang over rims of crocks, then sprinkle with Parmigiano-Reggiano.

Broil 4 to 5 inches from heat until cheese is melted and bubbly, 1 to 2 minutes.

## Public Relations



I believe we are all part of the Public Relations committee when we wear our Fez, talk good things about Kismet and the Shriners, and do something positive. The Roadrunners have been able to schedule a screening clinic and it would be nice if we all did something to assist them in the worthy endeavor. John and Sam and many others have worked hard to make this a success. They have partnered with our good friends in Mecca to reach out to as many children as possible. The event will be in Williamsburg Brooklyn on Saturday November 19, 2011, from 10 Am till 4 PM, at El Puente located at 289 Grand Street in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. John Hassel can be contacted at 516-305-5189 for additional information. If you could spread the word, send out some emails, come down to help or whatever, it would be a great thing. I believe that most of us become Shriners to help children as well as having fun, friendship and fellowship. There is a trade to be made for that privilege. You can come and play but I expect you to do something for that privilege. Please help out this event in your own way even if its just a contribution to the advertising and outreach budget. I am usually at Kismet every Monday if you want to chat or you can send me a shout out at [JohnJKellyIII@gmail.com](mailto:JohnJKellyIII@gmail.com). Be well, choose happiness .... thanks

## Mini Choppers



Nobles—The Mini Choppers are in need of good men to ride and take part in parades and other Shrine events. Please stop by and get to know us, we're a terrific bunch and have lots of fun!

## Road Runners



The Roadrunner Clinic to screen children for Scoliosis, co-sponsored by KISMET and MECCA is scheduled for November 19 from 10AM to 4PM at EL PUENTE located at 289 Grand Street, Brooklyn, NY.

EL PUENTE is a well established outreach organization that sponsors health clinics intended to improve the general health of the community. The physician working with us on this is Dr Harold Seldon a member of MECCA. Several members of KISMET are supporting the Roadrunners to provide clowns for the event and help with advertising. We will look to KISMET members for support as the needs are better defined.



## KISMET'S CLOWN SPEAKS

I am often asked why I joined the clown unit. Those of you who really know me understand that I choose happiness every day and that I know that no one is guaranteed tomorrow. Today I choose to be associated with the finest group of men I could find. The Masonic fraternity, the Nobles of Kismet Shrine and the Clown Unit are absolutely the greatest group of men and I am proud and privileged to be considered another hard worker in our quarry in life. The Kismet Clown unit is constantly doing something toward our goal of "keep 'em smiling". We clown in the Shrine Hospitals, do Masonic child ID, local events and raise money doing

money we raise goes for penny goes for a cup of Everything is geared to Transportation Fund, the balloons and stickers for supporting Kismet been asked to support the Veterans Hospitals To this we have agreed and practicing our skits This takes time, effort we love. You can help by



holiday party and we can be the opening act for Santa. We will come to a picnic, block party and birthday parties to raise money for our charity. Our feel is nominal and it supports out endeavors. We are always open to good men joining the group, it costs very little money, you just have to have a big heart, a great smile and a wonderful attitude. We will teach you everything you need to know here at Kismet, and you can join us and our families at clown college in Plymouth, Ma. in January. Helping sick children smile is the greatest thing you can ever do. If you have an interest in joining or if you have an event that we can clown around at, I am usually at Kismet on Mondays for a chat, or you can give me a shout out at **JohnJKellyIII@Gmail.com**. Remember that a smile is a crooked line that can straighten the world.

private parties. All the the children. Not one coffee or whatever. support the Kismet ISCA Sneaker fund, buying the children and Shrine. We have recently our troops by clowning at and VA Homes in the area. and have begun preparing and developing our shtick. and energy but we do what inviting us to your lodge

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To help defray the cost of The Fez, beginning next year we will be asking for \$50/year to showcase your business; for the remainder of this year there's absolutely no cost to you.

To place your business card here, contact the Fez editor, Russell L. Magidson:  
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# Shriners International Experiences Worldwide Interest and Expansion

For many years, Shriners International consisted of 191 temples in four countries: the United States, Canada, Mexico and Europe. Thanks to new worldwide interest in the organization, that number is increasing. As a result of the great work by the international development committee, the fraternity has been expanding overseas at a rapid pace.

"I'm very excited about the international interest we've had this past year and I look forward to seeing membership continue to thrive," said Past Imperial Potentate Nick Thomas, chairman of the committee.

In the last two years, there have been three new temples added. At the 2010 Imperial Session, two temples – one each in Puerto Rico and The Philippines – received their charters. This past July in Denver, at the 2011 Imperial Session, Emirati Shriners of Heidelberg, Germany became the 194th temple.

In addition, legislation was passed allowing dispensation – one of the first steps toward forming a new temple – for Agila Shriners of Mindanao, The Philippines.

In addition to the new temples, Shrine Clubs have formed in Puerto Rico, The Philippines, Brazil, Bolivia, Germany, Italy and Australia. There is also growing interest in forming Shrine Clubs in several other countries. In order for these clubs to one day be chartered as temples, they must show a gain in membership and create nobles of the Master Masons who signed the petition required to obtain dispensation status, which lasts a year.

This past year, the number of established international Shrine Clubs rose from 33 to 53. On an individual level, the number of creations internationally has increased from 118 to 1,193 since 2007.

"The relationships developed overseas are an integral part of the fraternity's future and success," said Imperial Potentate Mike Severe. "I greatly appreciate everything Nick Thomas and the rest of the committee have done to spread the word about our wonderful fraternity."



## A New Flag is Created

After the fraternity's official name change to Shriners International, a new flag was designed. In response to the global growth, changes to protocol regarding the display of flags and playing of national anthems at Shriners events were made. These changes were communicated to all temples in a revised protocol pamphlet that can be found on the Shriners Village website.

## Communicating at an International Level

To better serve our current international members and to aid recruitment efforts, we are continuing to develop appropriate communications items. Some printed materials are now available in English, Spanish and French; [beashrinernow.com](http://beashrinernow.com) can be viewed in English, Spanish, French, German and Portuguese, and we are working toward having Shriners Village available in multiple languages.

In addition, one of the biggest challenges – and accomplishments – of the international development committee this past year was the creation of a handbook for temples sponsoring international Shrine Clubs. The handbook includes sections about the vision and mission, approval processes, responsibilities, ritual and protocol.

Clearly, our fraternity is meeting a need around the world; it is wonderful to be a part of the enthusiasm and commitment of our international Brothers.





# A MESSAGE FROM THE IMPERIAL POTENTATE

Greetings my fellow Nobles,

What another busy and fun month it has been! I recently got back from traveling to Las Vegas for the Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children Open. Thank you to everybody who came out to support this special event that brought an enormous amount of exposure to Shriners Hospitals for Children and Shriners International. I believe we had close to 1,100 volunteers, and it was great to see that most of them were wearing fezzes. I would also like to thank Adam Sperling, the tournament director; and Gary Dunwoody, chairman of the golf committee and his committee members, for all of their hard work in making this an extremely successful event. Congratulations to pro golfer Kevin Na for winning the tournament.

If you watched the tournament on the Golf Channel, you were able to see your Imperial Potentate being interviewed by the network. The interview went fantastic and I was able to explain to people all over the world about our philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children, and the life changing work they provide for children on a daily basis. Also joining me for part of the interview were our terrific patient ambassadors, Alissa Perkins, 2, and Kate Hickman, 13.

I'm also looking forward to another signature event for our fraternity, the 86<sup>th</sup> East-West Shrine Game, which will take place January 21, at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Fla. I cannot be more thrilled to have the game in a community that strongly supports our Shriners Hospitals for Children – Tampa and is the home to Shriners International Headquarters. This year's game will have several fun and exciting activities planned for Shriners to participate in, so start making your travel plans to be in Tampa this January!

In addition to my interview with the Golf Channel, I recently filmed an episode in Los Angeles with Christopher Coppola for his show "Digivangelist" on the Reelz Channel. Christopher is the nephew of director Francis Ford Coppola and recently became a member of the Al Malaikah Shriners in Los Angeles. The episode will discuss Noble Christopher's process of becoming a Shriner and inform the public about our one-of-a-kind fraternity and philanthropy. Stay tuned for details of when the episode will air!

Earlier this past month, it was a pleasure to attend with Patty the Central States Shrine Association Ceremonial Session in Overland Park, KS. We had over 3,000 Nobles in attendance and Patty greatly appreciates all the support she received from the ladies for her fundraising program "Stepping Forward Toward a Brighter Future."

I also had an enjoyable time attending the Great Lakes Shrine Association in Boardman, Ohio. An interesting fact is that I'm the first Imperial Potentate to visit that area since

Harold Lloyd in 1949. Hopefully, the streak continues with the next Imperial Potentate because the Nobles at the Youngstown Shrine Club are wonderful hosts.

In other exciting news, my 22-year-old son, Joe, is taking the necessary steps to become a Shriner. Joe is currently a Master Mason at the Englewood Lodge No. 166 and decided he wanted to join the fraternity after attending the Imperial Session this past July in Denver. Legacies are a great way to increase membership, and I encourage every Noble to share the special tradition of brotherhood within your own family.



As some of you may already know this past month we lost a great member of our fraternity, Past Imperial Potentate Kenneth W. Smith. I had the honor to travel to Vancouver and give part of his eulogy. I knew Imperial Sir Smith personally and he was an avid fisherman. I remember one time going fishing for salmon with him and he would perform all of the more demanding work, such as baiting the fish, just so that I could enjoy the experience. Imperial Sir Smith truly embodied what it means to be a Shriner, because he was a selfless individual who only cared about doing things for others. As members of this wonderful fraternity, I sincerely hope all of you will strive to have the same mindset as Imperial Sir Smith and will always remember to put others first.

"Remember why you became s Shriner!"

Yours in the Faith,

Michael G. Severe  
Imperial Potentate  
Chairman of the Board of Directors

# SHRINERS ESSAY CONTEST

Every Shriner has a story to tell. The 140th Anniversary of Shriners International is quickly approaching in 2012, and this is the perfect time to reflect on our rich history. We cannot think of a better way to do so, than by listening to the voices of the men who have made this organization so well loved and respected.

We would like you to share your story with us by entering into the Shriners International Personal Essay Contest. This essay should be a story from your life as it relates to being a Shriner. A personal essay gives the reader an intimate glimpse of the author's experience, observations, thoughts or feelings. The individual stories of our members make up the history of our organization and by preserving them on paper you will help us tell the story of Shriners International.

Both Shriner and non-Shriner affiliated judges will read all submissions anonymously and vote for the top three essays. Winners will receive plaques, pins, and both individual and temple will be acknowledged at the 138th Imperial Session in Charlotte, NC, July 2012, in the presence of their fellow nobles. The top three essays will appear in a commemorative anniversary coffee table book that will also premiere at Session.

What are some of the qualities of a good personal essay? Reflective, Creative, Heartfelt, Humor, Truth, Genuineness, Nostalgic, Inspirational.

Please download the entry form with contest rules and guidelines. We are also providing an ad for temples to use in their publications or as flyers to distribute within their membership.

## Rules and Guidelines

Your essay must be typed and double-spaced. It must not exceed 1500 words. All essays must be non-fiction. You must be a Shriner in good standing. You must not include any personal names in your essay. Each applicant must only submit one essay. It must be the original work of the submitter. Each applicant must complete an application form. Please spell-check your essay and use proper grammar.

A panel of person essay contest judges decides which entries win. Three entries will be chosen. All decisions will be final.

By submitting an essay, you acknowledge that it has not been published before, and that it will become property of Shriners International. By submitting your essay, you give permission to Shriners International publish your essay and/or parts of your essay, regardless of whether your entry is chosen as a winner. You also agree and understand that you will receive no compensation, payment, or royalties from publication of your essay, and that you agree to promptly execute any release necessary to allow publication by Shriners international.

Shriners International has the right to announce the winners of the contest by any manner in which it deems appropriate.

Entries must be received no later than December 30, 2011

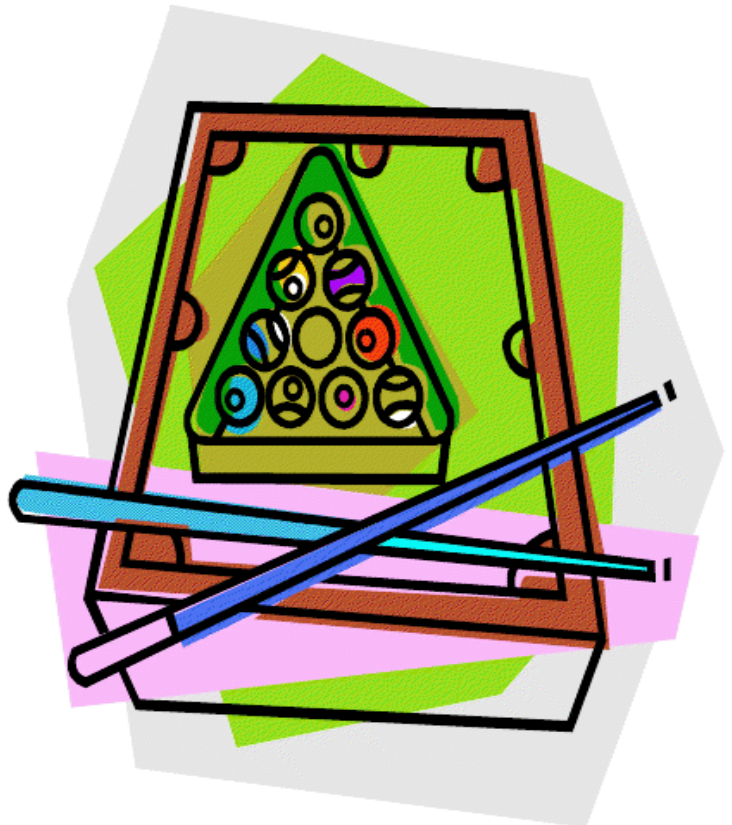
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## KISMET POOL (BILLIARDS) CLUB

We're looking to start an 8-ball and 9-ball pool club at Kismet.

Details will be discussed at our first meeting on December 12th.

If you're interested in joining, contact Joe Santillo at 516-513-1266.





# Kismet Shrine Tree of Life



Kismet Shrine Hospital Transportation Fund  
needs your help now—Contribute to the  
Kismet Shrine Tree of Life.

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## **Tributes:**

A leaf on the Tree of Life, an acorn or a foundation stone is a special way to give a tribute. It is a thoughtful way to honor someone on a special occasion, such as a birthday, anniversary, holiday or for an accomplishment.

These leaves, acorns and foundation stones are a gratifying way for Nobles, their families, friends or lodges to honor someone (or to be honored) for any reason while at the same time supporting the Kismet Shrine Hospital Transportation fund.

## **Memorials:**

A memorial is a personal remembrance that honors the life of a spouse, friend, relative or colleague.

A leaf engraved with up to twenty (20) letters and spaces - \$250

An acorn engraved with up to thirty (30) letters and spaces - \$500

A foundation stone engraved with up to forty-five (45) letters and spaces - \$1,000

Please make checks payable to **Kismet Hospital Transportation Fund** and mail it along with this completed form to Kismet Shrine, 18 West Nicholai Street, Hicksville NY 11801. Remember that all donations to the fund are tax deductible.

Complete the form below, detach and send it along with your donation.. Any questions? Contact the Tree of Life Chairman, Russell L. Magidson at 516-547-0945 or RLMagidson@gmail.com.

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Circle one:    Leaf (\$250)                      Acorn (\$500)                      Foundation Stone (\$1,000)

Line 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Line 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Line 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Donated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_



Shrine Application (*Just complete and pop it in the mail !*)

*Kismet Shrine Temple, 18 West Nicholai St., Hicksville , New York, 11801*

**KISMET SHRINE TEMPLE**  
**PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP**

PRINT OR TYPE NAME IN FULL

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email address \_\_\_\_\_

TO THE POTENTATE, OFFICERS AND NOBLES OF KISMET TEMPLE, SITUATED IN THE OASIS OF LONG ISLAND:

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Master Mason in good standing in \_\_\_\_\_  
Lodge # \_\_\_\_\_ located at (city) \_\_\_\_\_ (state) \_\_\_\_\_.

Which is a Lodge recognized by or in amenity with the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. Furthermore, I have resided at my current address for not less than 6 months, as required by the Bylaws of The Imperial Council. I respectfully pray that I may be made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and become a member of your Temple.

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Place \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Hat Size \_\_\_\_\_ Hobbies/Interests \_\_\_\_\_  
Have you previously applied for admission to any temple of the Order? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, what temple? \_\_\_\_\_

If I be found worthy and my request granted. I promise to conform to all the Ceremonies, Engagements, Constitution, Regulations and Edicts of the Imperial Council together with those of your Temple.

Signature (Full Name Please) \_\_\_\_\_  
Recommended and Vouched for on the honor of: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Second Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit Credit \_\_\_\_\_ Shrine Club Credit \_\_\_\_\_  
Preferred Ceremonial \_\_\_\_\_

Special Initiation Fee 2011 \$99 Includes a Fez (*must accompany petition*)

Please charge my Fee/Fez to my Master Card \_\_\_\_\_ or Visa \_\_\_\_\_ account  
Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# NY MASONIC SAFETY IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

The Child ID Program was started in 1991 by volunteers in the Queens District and spread throughout the State. The original program consisted of a brief video interview of the child. It was believed that by showing the child in conversation and capturing the child's gait and mannerisms, law enforcement agencies would have an advantage in locating and identifying a missing child.

After consultation with the New York State Department of Criminal Justice System, the program was changed to provide an identification card or DataCard®. This system provided the parent with a plastic card containing information regarding the child, along with a digital photograph and a finger print.

Because of the aging population, the program grew to include student and senior identification cards.

With the advances of technology and the desire to produce a product that would better serve law enforcement agencies in the prompt location of missing children, the program migrated to its current form - the EZ Child ID System. This system provides for a mini CD-ROM containing digital photographs, a complete set of digital fingerprints, and critical information about the subject in a universal format, while still allowing for the production of identifications cards.

The mission of the NYMSIP Program is to:

- provide a vital community service
- aid in the safe recovery of a lost or missing child
- aid in the safe recovery of a lost senior citizen
- encourage Masons to become involved in their communities
- promote a positive image of Masonry in our communities, broadening public awareness and recognition of Masonry as an involved community organization

From Paul Gibbon, NYMSIP Chairman:

Each year in New York State about 22,000 young people go missing in addition to a number of adults. When this happens a parent/guardian, who is under a great deal of stress, must report the missing person to the police. Information needed by the police is; a current picture, including a detailed description of the missing person...this must include; age, height, weight, any scars, birthmarks or other distinguishing characteristics, which would aid in the recovery. Under emotional distress, a parent/guardian is bound to omit a characteristic(s) that would aid in a rapid recovery of the missing person. This is where the MSID Program can be a real "life saver". A parent/guardian taking advantage of the NY Masonic Safety ID Program will eliminate the demand of trying to recall all the necessary information; they just have to remember to take the CD (provided FREE by the MSID Program) to the Police Station for a rapid upload into the AMBER ALERT SYSTEM.

While the MSID Program provides the tool necessary for a rapid recovery of a missing person, it is up to each Masonic District to provide this service to their community. As a Mason, you would be heart-sick if a person went missing in your District, you would feel even worst if you determined that the MSID Program had not been made available to your District.

The most important element in a successful MSID Program is the availability of willing Volunteers (you do not need to be a Mason to volunteer; students, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, DeMolay, Triangle and Constellation Girls make excellent Volunteers). Also, not all Volunteers need to be a computer data entry expert; there are many tasks that anyone can perform. Some of the tasks performed by the Volunteers include:

**REGISTRATION DESK** – hands out the Registration Form, checks that the Form is filled out completely and determines that the writing is legible. Removes and retains the Permission Slip (on the bottom of the Form the parent/guardian filled out). The Registrar also writes the name of the person undergoing the ID procedure on the CD, provides the CD and completed Form to the individual undergoing the ID process and directs them to the line awaiting the Computer Operators.

**COMPUTER OPERATOR** – the MSID Program is very user friendly, anyone familiar with using a Computer can pick up the process quickly. The key to successful data entry is the use of the Tab Key when going from one entry to the next.

**LAMINATOR** – takes the Computer Printout and cuts off the ID portion, folds and laminates the ID Card. At the conclusion they make sure all material is put into a Tote Bag and provided to the parent/guardian or individual undergoing the ID procedure.

**GENERAL HELPERS** – assist in the weighing and height measurement of individual's undergoing the ID procedure. Directs the next person in line to the next available Computer Operator.

As you can see this is not laborious work, also, after participating you will find it is very rewarding and enjoyable. I encourage everyone to become active in this extremely important Program.



## KISMET'S CIGAR NIGHTS KEEP ROLLING ALONG

Our next Cigar Night will host a cigar roller from Andres DeLeon Cigars in Glendale, New York. We will not only watch an expert cigar roller at work but will also get to enjoy the fruits (so to speak) of his labor.

Join us on Friday October 28th at 7pm for this exclusive event.

As usual, your \$20 entrance will get you some goodies... this time you'll get two fresh, hand-rolled cigars—the gauge and size are up to you—and I will (again, as usual) buy you your first drink. Additional hand-rolled cigars will be available for purchase as well as other cigars that the Cigar Club keeps on hand for you. RSVP to Leo (mrbigs72@gmail.com) or Russell (rlmagidson@gmail.com) to let us know you'll be coming. Snacks will be served.



Take note that November and Decembers' Cigar Night will be on the 3rd Friday so as not to conflict with holidays.

The Cigar Club would like to thank Noble Robert Di Carlo for his generous donation of a brand new humidor. This will let us keep more smokes on hand for anyone who'd like to purchase any during our cigar nights or any other night.

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## KISMET'S CHILDRENS' HOLIDAY PARTY

Kismet Shrine's Annual Childrens' Holiday Party will be held on December 4th downstairs in the Shrine. Reservations are not necessary, but your presence (no, not presents) are!



Bring your kids, grandkids, friends' kids—whoever—down to the Shrine to enjoy an afternoon of food, fun, clowns and of course, Santa!

Presents will be given out to all children, and we will have presents for all ages.

If you'd like to contribute some time to prepare, decorate and organize the presents, contact your High Priest and Prophet.



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## IN MEMORY OF JOHN E. (NED) MAHONEY

John E. (Ned) Mahoney is probably best known as a featured cornetist with the famous Goldman Band of New York. In 1937 he joined Leonard B. Smith and J. Frank Elsass to form the popular Goldman Cornet Trio, also known as The Three Aces. Raymond Crisara and James Burke (one of Ned's students) later joined him in the cornet trio. Except for his US Navy service from 1942 to 1945, he performed a total of 1,485 concerts in twenty-five seasons on the Mall in Central Park and in Prospect Park, Brooklyn, under the batons of Drs. Edwin Franko and Richard Franko Goldman. In addition to the Goldman Band, Mr. Mahoney had a very active career for sixty years as a member of the Kismet Temple Shrine Band, retiring in 1988 after twenty years as conductor. Before joining the Goldman Band he had served as Ernest S. Williams' assistant throughout the 1930s. He became very close to Arthur Pryor, E. F. Goldman, Percy Grainger, and many of the great NY musicians of the time. He graduated from the Williams School in 1934, and began his professional career as cornet soloist with the 69th and 7th Regiment Bands of New York. In 1946 he organized Ned Mahoney Music, a music school and store serving the musical needs of Long Island's public schools, finally retiring at the age of 90. He has been a great champion and friend of bands for many decades.





# 2012 POTENTATES' BALLS

Nobles—Here is the list of Potentate's Balls for the upcoming year. The missing dates will be provided as soon as we know them.

Acca	Tom Jenkins	March 10, 2012
Ali Ghan	Gregg Viands	????
Almas	Ricardo Rodriquez	March 31, 2012
Boumi	F. Carl Weiss	February 18, 2012
Crescent	Vince Collassanti	October 12, 2012
Cyprus	Tom Leary	October 6, 2012
Irem	Albert Endres	July 21, 2012
Jaffa	H. Foster Snively	March 31, 2012
Kazim	Marty Jesse	April 4, 2012
Kena	Bernie Bough	March 24, 2012
Khedive	Joseph Register	February 25, 2012
Kismet	Russell L. Magidson	April 21, 2012
LuLu	Ed Cervonka	April 14, 2012
Mecca	Albert McConnach	?????
Nemesis	Don Hamrick	?????
Nur	Robert McCormick	May 12, 2012
Osiris	John Walters	?????
Pyramid	Bob DeCarlo	?????
Rajah	Bill Remo	June 16, 2012
Salaam	Gordon Edwards	?????
Sphinx	Jean Paul Maheu	?????
Syria	Gary Helander	April 28, 2012
Zembo	Mick Govora	May 12, 2012



## KISMET SHRINE PHOTO DIRECTORY

Nobles and Ladies:

We are going to be doing a pictorial directory of the Kismet Shrine family in the next few months. We need everyone's participation to make our directory complete!! More information will follow but please plan to participate.

Have you ever seen someone at a Shrine event and not known their name? We want to fix this problem by doing a directory. The directory will also include pictures of leadership and various events. Summerfield Studios is the company that will be doing the directory and someone from Summerfield will be in touch with you to set an appointment for you to be photographed. Summerfield has done some beautiful pictorial directories of other shrines and we think it would be a wonderful thing for us all to be a part of.

Family and individual portraits will also be available for you.

Portraits play an important part in preserving our memories. With each passing year the portraits that we have of family and friends become more cherished and valued. Most families do not take the time for a professional portrait and you can change that.

Kismet Shrine's directory is slated for release in time to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of Kismet Shrine. If you have any questions, please contact your Chief Rabban.



## FALL 2011 CEREMONIAL

On Saturday October 22nd, Kismet held its Fall Ceremonial. Fourteen new initiates walked across the hot desert sands and became full-fledged Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. We welcome you all.

While the Ceremonial was going on, the Ladies were treated to a short, informative program about Kismet Shrine, the Fraternity and the Hospitals.

After the conclusion of the Ceremonial, we kicked off our annual Octoberfezt. Many of the new Nobles and their Ladies stayed for the event and saw firsthand the fun and frolicking that Kismet has to offer, in addition to the serious business of taking care of children.

We sincerely hope that you new Nobles will become active and take part in the many clubs, units and activities that Kismet has to offer. In addition to the Monday night gatherings up in Club Kismet, there are many events held that are open to your ladies and children.

Please speak with any of your Divan members if you are unsure about what to do or what's going on.



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## YACHT CLUB 1-DAY CRUISE

It's our 3rd 1-day fabulous fun-filled cruise aboard Norwegian Cruise Lines spectacular  
**Norwegian Gem Cruise Ship**

A 93,000 gross tonnage world-class cruise ship.

Leaving: Saturday January 28, 2012

Board the ship at 11am from Pier 88 in New York City

Return: Sunday January 29, 2012

Back to Pier 88 in New York City (West Side of Manhattan)

Full Lunch, Gala Dinner and Breakfast, also a 24-hour Buffet Restaurant (Free of charge!)

Full casino, spectacular Las Vegas/Broadway-type shows (presented in the fabulous three-level theater), 13 bars and lounges with music & dancing, games & prizes, 2 swimming pools, 6 small pool-sized hot tubs, shopping arcades with boutiques (clothing, jewelry, liquor, gifts, etc.), an art gallery (purchases available), library, free use of the ship's photography staff, fitness center with exercise machines, free-weights, sauna, steam room, full spa, beauty salon, basketball court, tennis court, private card room and medical center. There are 11 restaurants, pool side deli & bar and room service.

Price \$139 per person plus taxes (inside cabin rate)

If you wish to drive your own car or van, park right next to the ship—take the elevator one level down and on to the ship (\$30 additional). To park—arrive early! If you wish to share or take a stretch limo, contact Franklin Donato.

WOW!! This can't be beat. Book early with a deposit of \$50 per person WOW!!

Don't lose out on this price because it books quickly and cabin rates will go up.



# WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST NOBLES



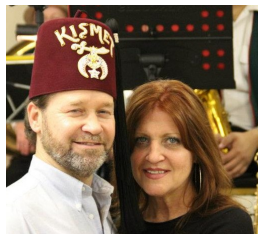
Our newest Nobles—Welcome one and all



The Hajii in all their colorful glory

Ceremonial photos by Noble Mike Mucaria [michaelmucaria.zenfolio.com](http://michaelmucaria.zenfolio.com)

## SOME OF OUR NEW NOBLES AT OCTOBERFEZT







## **Kismet Yacht Club**



Invites all Shriners and  
Friends of Shriners to our  
**2011 Annual  
Commodore's Ball**

Honoring:

## **Commodore Franklin Donato and Lady Carol**

The ball will be held on **Saturday, Nov 5th 2011** at the **Holiday Inn Ronkonkoma**  
Rooms are available @ \$99/night. Call the hotel directly at 631-585-9500 before  
Oct 25th and mention "Kismet Yacht Club"

Cocktails at 6pm, dinner and dancing from 7pm to 11pm.  
The hospitality room opens Friday from 1pm to midnight and Saturday  
from morning until 5pm—lunch included.  
The hospitality room will also be open after the ball Saturday night.

Dinner Choice: Filet Mignon, Chicken Francese or Honey Glazed Salmon  
Cash bar, music and dancing

Dress for the evening—Formal

Cost only \$80/person

RSVP to Franklin Donato

8 Commander Lane, Nesconset NY 11767  
631-360-3459



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## October



- ⇒ 22nd—Fall Ceremonial (4:00pm) and Octoberfest (7:00pm) at Kismet Shrine. Open to all Nobles and their wives & families. Contact the HP&P
- ⇒ 28th—Cigar Night at 8pm.

## November



- ⇒ 7th—Stated Meeting (Chief Rabban Night) at 8pm, Dinner at 7.
- ⇒ 18th—Cigar Night is moved to the 3rd Friday of the month so as not to conflict with Thanksgiving
- ⇒ Screening Clinic at El Puente in Brooklyn, NY
- ⇒ 21st—Divan Meeting 7:30pm
- ⇒ 28th—Unit Head Meeting 7:30pm

## December



- ⇒ 4th—Kismet Children's Holiday Party 1:00pm to 3:30pm
- ⇒ 5th—Stated Meeting (Election of Officers) at 8pm, Dinner at 7pm
- ⇒ 16th—Cigar Night once again moves to the 3rd Friday of the month to not conflict with the Christmas holiday
- ⇒ 17th—Potentate's *Thank You* Party at Club Kismet - 7pm
- ⇒ 19th—Divan Meeting with Newly Elected Divan at 7:30pm.

## January



- ⇒ 2nd—Installation of Officers at 8pm. Dinner at 7pm  
Welcome the newly elected Divan!

*Always good food and drink  
In Club Kismet  
Every Monday at 7pm.  
Come Join us!*





Our own Lou Barazotti enjoying Boumi Shrine's Annual Crab-Fest

**Kismet Shrine  
18 West Nicolai Street  
Hicksville, NY 11801-3806**