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EL PUENTE SCREENING CLINIC



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process, four will need follow-up visits and two were referred to the Philadelphia Shriners' Hospital for Children.

This was a well-planned, well-coordinated and well-executed project from the word go. Read more about it inside this issue.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2012 DIVAN

The Nobility has spoken and the Divan for 2012 has been chosen. Congratulations go out to all of the Divan members, as well as heartfelt thanks to the outgoing Potentate, Ill. Joe Savaglio.

Your Divan is committed to making Kismet Shrine the most fun and welcome place it can be and you can help by taking part in the activities and events.

HAVING FUN AND HELPING KIDS

IS WHAT KISMET IS ABOUT—JOIN IN THE FUN!

KISMET CLOWNS—ALWAYS A HIT



The children always have fun when the Kismet Clowns are around. Here a few take a moment to pose during the AHRC Holiday Party. Good job!

RAINBOW GIRLS HOLIDAY PARTY

A number of Kismet Nobles had the pleasure of attending the Holiday Party hosted by the Rainbow Girls. Pam, Samantha and all of their group put together a wonderful party complete with home-made snacks, fundraising drawings for the HPTF and games (including a contest to see who can be transformed into the best looking human Christmas tree. Who would you pick as the winner? I'd say "everyone!"



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.

Keep an eye open for these upcoming events:

- ⇒ Installation of Officers—Jan 9th
- ⇒ Superbowl Party—Feb 5th
- ⇒ Bingo Night—March 31st
- ⇒ Potentate's Ball—April 21st

- ⇒ Masters & Wardens Brunch—April 28th
- ⇒ NY Islanders—March 4th
- ⇒ LI Ducks—May 20th
- ⇒ NY Mets—Stay tuned for details!

KISMET'S 2011 DIVAN AT A GLANCE

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 III. Robert W. Howard, 1992
 III. Donald Harrison, 1996
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 III. John E. Schwartzman, 2001
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NOTES FROM THE DIVAN

The Pote

Nobles all—Though I write this message (technically) as Potentate-Elect, I'm already busier than I could have imagined solidifying plans for the upcoming year. No time, perhaps, to bask in the warmth of having your trust in being elected, but time surely to say *Thank You* to the Nobles of Kismet Shrine for having the faith and confidence in me. Thanks also to all of you who've stepped up to help organize the year's events.

I've posted the entire years calendar inside the back cover of this issue of The Fez in hopes that you will mark out time on your calendars now. We have a number of HPTF as well as Hospital fund raisers which take the form of attending NY Mets, Islanders and Ducks games. There couldn't be an easier and more fun way to support our Children than to enjoy these events with your friends, family and fellow Nobles.

Remember that it is the responsibility of all Nobles to be involved in Kismet's activities and events. We cannot continue to move forward unless everyone is committed and taking an active role. Come to the Stated Meetings, enjoy Club Kismet every Monday, volunteer to work on our events. It doesn't take much when we work together.

This year's motto is: We Always Have Time For Kids. Be that time with the Road Runners, time at our events or time clowning around. It's all for our Children.

Chief Rabban

To all those who could not make it, well you missed a great time at the Children's Holiday Party. We still managed to scrape up at least 200 Toys from the John Theissen Foundation. Santa was on hand to take the many requests from all the kids. The Clowns did a wonderful job keeping our guests busy. A special thanks always goes to Maria Follenius for her time.

We had plenty of Food for everyone. I would like to thank all the Kismet nobles who volunteered to help make this a wonderful day. I would also like to congratulate our out going Potentate Joe Savaglio on a very productive year and our incoming Potentate Elect Russ Magidson on being elected our new Potentate. God speed and good luck to you Russ and the rest of the Divan. Happy Holidays.

Assistant Rabban

I would like to thank the Nobles of Kismet Shrine for a great 2011 and for electing me to the position of Assistant Rabban. Your support and encouragement make each year at Kismet more fun and rewarding. Our Shrine has made great strides over the previous year and I will work hard to keep the momentum going with membership and social functions. I have also completed a year as associate member of the Board of Governors for the Shriners Hospital for Children in Boston. My service to the board is very rewarding and adds to the Shrine experience. Finally, I and my Lady Tracy hope you all have had a great holiday season and the New Year brings you joy and happiness.

High Priest and Prophet



Dear Brother Nobles:

Congratulations are to be given to our new Illustrious Potentate, Russell Magidson! I anticipate a rewarding year for him and his Lady and look forward to working together.

I am humbled and grateful for your vote of confidence in me at our last meeting. I look forward to my new position as High Priest and Prophet.

The best way I can thank all of you is to give the newly elected divan and members of the shrine, my utmost support.

Once again our Childrens' Christmas party was celebrated. As always many hands and hearts made this event possible.

Keep smiling
George " Chuckles" Heyen

NOTES FROM THE DIVAN

Oriental Guide

Hi My Brother Nobles , I would like to thank all that voted for me and those who didn't . The idea of voting for or against someone or something , we take for granted but we should delight in the fact we have this opportunity we take for granted . I would like to thank you for your confidence in me and will do my best for you and the Shrine .

Sincerely , Brother Noble Oriental Guide Michael J. Finocchio

The Recorders Desk

As the year comes to a close, so has a special time in my life. Franie was a very special Lady to a lot of people, not just me. I know the Lord will hold her and keep her safe until the time when we can be together again. I want to thank everyone who was there to see me through, and yes things do change, and the memories of the last two years are not as raw. The good times shine through and everthing else is pushed away.

As the New Year starts, Kismet is looking at a positive membership flow, the first one in many years. The Club seems to be picking up interest with the members. Our Junior Past Potentate Ill. Joseph C. Savaglio will be throwing his hat in the Imperial ring, and Kismet may have its second Imperial officer before long. Cigar night at the Club is doing well (fourth Friday of every month). Kismet will be starting a Pool/Dart Club in the new year, so if you fancy yourself a Willy Moscony, dust off your cue and come on down. As for my New Year, who knows, keep your eye on the Fez, and I will see you in the funny papers.

Ill. Joe Santillo, PP, Recorder

The Outer Guard



HAPPY NEW YEAR to all Nobles of Kismet and their families! I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season. To start off the New Year, I would like to sincerely thank Ill. Joseph Savaglio for all his efforts as our Potentate for 2011 and wish him good luck in all his future endeavors. Congratulations to our new Potentate for 2012, Ill. Russell Magidson and all the best for what I know will be a wonderful year. As we start yet another year anew, now is a great opportunity for our new nobles to join one of Kismet's fine clubs and units. The more involved you are; the more enthusiastic you will become. Come down to our meetings and let your voices be heard. There is no monopoly on great ideas! To our nobles who haven't been around in awhile... come back and see the great improvements that have taken place and become a part of the great changes that will occur. Kismet's "welcome mat" is always out! And, to our senior members... onto you is retained something which money cannot buy; something that is always needed, year-round – WISDOM. The young(er) nobles of Kismet (especially myself) look to you for guidance, advice, counsel and for the great recollections of Kismet days-gone-by. You are needed and you are appreciated! Nobles young and old!!! Remember, Kismet is OUR Temple! What it is and what becomes of it is entirely up to us – ALL of us. So lets make this year a good one! From the outer edge of the Oasis...

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

FROM ELSEWHERE IN THE DESERT

The Culinary Unit



Nobles all

The Culinary Unit (Kenny Klein, Leo Johnson, Greg Feldman and Russell Magidson) would like to thank you for your continuous support on Mondays. By support, we mean both financial, by your dinner donations, and fraternal, by your being there and sharing your time with us.

Donating \$5 for dinner is a small amount to pay for a good meal with friends, but adds up over time. In fact, the donations have added up enough that Culinary is very pleased to announce that we are donating \$1,000 to the Patient's Hospital Transportation Fund.

Know though, that just because Culinary is handing over the money, it is your donation. The side effect of your coming out to spend time together, to break bread together, made this donation happen.

Thanks to all of you for this gift to our Children.

Clowns



The clowns are always looking for Nobles who have a big heart and a warm smile. Their Ladies and children are welcome to join the auxiliary unit and participate in our activities. We meet on Monday nights on the third floor and will be able to help in everything you need to know. Please reach out to JohnJKellyIII@gmail.com ... keep 'em smiling ...

Public Relations



We worked hard to promote the screening clinic, and we were successful in our endeavors. Some of the newspapers we bought small black and white advertisements in were kind enough to give us an extra week or run an article about Shriners. Now they all know about us and what we do, some have offered to collect can pop tops for the SHC. We appreciate all the help so many offered. If you would be willing to help out by delivering a package of posters, flyers and coloring books to your neighborhood fire house to inform them of our resources, please reach out to JohnJKellyIII@gmail.com

Be proud to be a Shriner.

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!

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(516-547-0945, RLMagidson@gmail.com).

BLESSED BY THE KINDNESS OF OTHERS

In August 2004, Chinonye Omeje was stirring a pot of stew outside the family's hut in their Nigerian village. The pretty, slender 14-year-old suffered an epileptic seizure and fell face-first into the fire, the pot dumping its scalding contents onto her head. Her injuries were grievous: Much of her face was melted away, along with an ear. Her right hand was disfigured, and there were deep scars on her neck and chest.

She spent a year in an unsanitary, understaffed rural clinic, wrapped like a mummy in gauze bandages. There she was discovered by a Nigerian-born American citizen, who arranged for Chi Chi, as she is called, and her mother, Helen, to come to Boston for medical treatment.

Boston Shriners Hospital for Children began pro bono reconstruction on her face, and Dr. Victor Perez of Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Miami agreed to attempt to restore some vision. In 2009, Chi Chi regained some sight in one eye and was able to see her mother's face for the first time in five years.

With help from the nonprofit Children's Burn Foundation, mother and daughter were able to get an apartment in Milton, where the public school system provided a tutor. Devout Christians, they joined Bethel Pentecostal Church in Dorchester, whose congregation has embraced them. A pro bono attorney helped them to get an extended medical visa.

A huge bonus occurred when Chi Chi got connected three years ago to the Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown, where she flourished. At graduation last spring, Chi Chi had a whole row of well-wishers. There were whoops as she walked down the aisle with her white cane, and louder whoops when she received the class leadership award.

But the biggest smile in the place belonged to Chi Chi. "I love Perkins," she says. "This is where I found my friends."

They love her there, too. "Chi Chi has a profound spirit of hope and joy," says one staff member. "She believes in possibilities, and it's almost as though her believing makes the possibilities come true."

Since I first wrote about Helen and Chi Chi in 2007, I have come to know them well. (I have been "God-blessed" by them so often, I should be in good shape with the Almighty for life.)

In my work as a reporter, I've interviewed scores of victims and heroes (and scoundrels). I do not exaggerate when I say that Chi Chi and Helen are the bravest people I know.

Helen worries, of course, but never complains. Chi Chi's doctors have told her they wish they had more patients like her, with her cheerful attitude despite extensive - and doubtless, painful - medical treatment.

There have been setbacks. Chi Chi's partial vision, restored by Dr. Perez, has faded because of infection. She can no longer see, but Perez is still working with her.

The women's main sorrow is not seeing their loved ones back home for seven years now. Chi Chi has seven siblings, along with her father, in Nigeria, which is rife with corruption and poverty. A school teacher earning about \$500 a year - when he was paid - her dad has been forced into retirement to make way for an official's relative who wanted the job. Today, he makes a living from the three goats he breeds.

Helen's youngest was 12 when she last saw him; now he is 19. "He's a big boy now," says Helen, who buys \$2 calling cards for brief weekly calls back home. "He says, 'Mami, when am I going to see you again?'"

Since Helen and Chi Chi left home, a daughter has married, a son-in-law has died of malaria, and three grandchildren - Precious, Favor, and Jennifer - have been born.

Though 21 is a landmark birthday celebrated here, Chi Chi's luck began to go south when that birthday arrived for her a year ago. She "aged out" of both the Children's Burn Foundation and Shriners Hospital, which serve clients only until age 21. The Milton school system paid her way at Perkins until she turned 22, in October.

Helen panicked: How would they pay the rent? Who would finish the substantial work needed on Chi Chi's face? How could she continue her education? At graduation from Perkins, she had received a certificate, not a diploma, since she had missed so much class because of medical appointments.

Some of those worries have been put to rest. Helen says: "I thank God for America." She believes - and she's no doubt right - that her daughter would be dead if they hadn't come here.

Through an informal "dream team" - their pro bono attorney, Perkins, Chi Chi's primary care physician, their church, the town of Milton social worker, neighbors - Chi Chi's future appears brighter.

Perkins has awarded her a scholarship to attend class three days a week for this school year. The school has also helped with rent, as have many others, though only for the short term.

Perhaps most important, Brigham and Women's Hospital is providing facial reconstruction with Dr. Julian Pribaz and Dr. Bohdan Pomahac, who led the team that did the first full face transplant in this country.

Chi Chi has recently gone in a few times to have her back injected with fluid, stretching her skin and leaving humps, which is making the skin softer for grafting purposes. Again, never a complaint or whimper.

Helen doesn't know what the future holds, but as usual, she believes God will provide. "If you trust God and do the right things, God will help you and allow nice people to come into your life."

For whatever reason, secular or spiritual, it's true that Helen and Chi Chi Omeje have depended on the kindness of others, who have yet to let them down.



Spirit of Children Brings Happier Halloweens to Shriners Patients

On Tuesday, October 18, Spirit Halloween, the country's leading seasonal Halloween retailer, visited Shriners patients to donate costumes and provide a fun party with pumpkin painting, decorations, treats and games. The organization is devoted to bringing the fun and excitement of Halloween to children everywhere through its Spirit of Children program.

Launched in 2006, the Spirit of Children program brings Halloween to hospitals and rehabilitation centers for kids that would normally not be able to experience Halloween like kids at home. "Spirit of Children is truly at the heart of our organization," said Steven Silverstein, Spirit Halloween president and CEO. "We have the honor of bringing Halloween to kids who otherwise wouldn't get to celebrate and that is very special to me, all our employees and our partners. We try to help kids forget their worries for the day and ease the demands on the hospitals that we work with each year."

Senior Child Life Therapist Chris Bradbury noted:

"It was so fun to watch all of the kids light up when they entered the room. They couldn't wait to explore all of the activities and costumes that the Spirit of Children had brought. Each child walked away with a costume, a big bag of goodies, and a huge smile! What really stood out this year was that they were able to put on two separate parties, one in the clinic area, and one in the playroom. They brought so many things for the kids and did a fantastic job getting everyone involved with the festivities. I can't wait till next year!"



For more information on
Spirit Halloween go to:

www.spirithalloween.com/
spiritofchildren

THREE BROTHERS HONORED



It was a pleasure seeing three of our own Nobles being recognized for their exemplary achievements in Masonry

Our own Mark Suckle the new Grand lodge representative to Cost Rica.

Noble Phil Chapnik our new representative to Bogotá Columbia.

Also looking East, one of our newer nobles David Rothstein receives his award for completion of another Masonic Library Course.

Masonry makes good men better, many people worry that the shrine dilutes a mason's involvement with masonry, I was thrilled to see these 3 shining examples of involved shiners being made better Masons

Humbly submitted,

Kenny "Cooks" Klein



JOHN E. (NED) MAHONEY — "MR. SHRINER"

Your humble Editor mistakenly mistook the many news articles submitted about Noble Mahoney as an obituary instead of the Lifetime Achievement Honor that it was meant to be.

I ask for the forgiveness from him and his family for my error and hope that I have caused no undue concern to his many friends and family members.

Prompted by his daughter Barbara, I would like to add a bit more Kismet history about Mr. Mahoney:

Ned began his association with the Kismet Band in Brooklyn in the 1930's. He was a student of the Ernest Williams School in Brooklyn, and Ernest brought Ned into the Masonic Fraternity, and later the Shrine (on January 22, 1943). Ned became one of the world famous Cornet Trio of the Edwin Franko Goldman Band (pictured below) with Frank Elsass and Leonard Smith. The Goldman Band was famous for playing at least two or three times a week at outdoor concerts in Central Park and Brooklyn's Prospect Park.



Ned began with the Kismet Band as a Cornet player, and later as the Bandmaster. He remained Bandmaster from 1968 until he retired from that position as Bandmaster Emeritus in 1988.

In 1977 Ned organized an All Star Band, consisting of Shriners, musicians from the Freeport Fire Department Band, and personal musician friends of Ned from all over the metropolitan area. Ned and his All Star Band raised \$50,000 to benefit ALS research over six years.

Words written by our own III. Charlie Shueler back in 2003 best sum it up: Ned has been "an

inspiration to the many students, musicians, Masons, Shriners, and people whose lives you have touched. Ned's handshake is still firm, and he is still quick to smile. He remains Kismet's 'Mr. Shriner,' and I am proud to call him Brother, Noble and my friend."

Ned stands as the oldest member of Kismet Shrine and has the longest membership of 68 years.



KISMET'S SCREENING CLINIC AT EL PUENTE

Roadrunners Screening Clinic
November 19, 2011

On November 19, 2011, a health screening clinic was held in the Williamsburg community of Brooklyn, NY. Shriners teamed up with a local community group, El Puente, who sponsored the well-attended event.

Kismet Shriners planned to hold a clinic this fall. We were asked by Shriners Hospital in Philadelphia to consider holding a Scoliosis Screening Clinic for inner city children. Because a clinic in this inner city area had not been held for many years we researched many venues and options. It was felt that because Mecca Shriners is a neighboring Shrine that is part of New York City, it would benefit the target audience to ask Mecca to join us. After going to the local politicians looking for a location we were told about a local organization that helps the local community with health issues, El Puente. We had numerous meetings to plan setup this clinic. We now have a working relationship with this large Spanish community and are now looked at as a resource in the area to help children. The Shriners booklets in English and Spanish are now part of their standard set of literature.

Of the thirty-six children who came to the health fair:

- twenty went through the screening process
- four will need follow-up visits
- two were referred to the Philadelphia Shriners' Hospital for Children

To inform the community of the event, ads were placed in seven local newspapers; announcements were made on a Spanish radio station; hundreds of flyers were distributed; posters were placed throughout the community; and, notices were sent out via the social network.



Undoubtedly, with an event like this, many people contributed their time and talents. Martha Laureano, director of the community health and environment center, was the contact within El Puente, while Edda handled the appointment schedule. Dr. Harold Selden, a Mecca Shriner, accompanied by his wife Joyce Hoffman, Dr. Harold van Bosse MD and ----Janet Cerrone PA, traveled from Philadelphia to assist in the screening process. Also in attendance where: Ill Ted Jacobsen PP and Nobel Avery Toledo from Mecca; Kismet Shriners Ill Charles Schueler PP and his Lady Elaine, Noble John Hassell and his wife, Susan; Noble Robert Di Carlo; Kismet Roadrunner Unit head Sam Zakian; Ill Joe Savaglio; Noble Russell Magidson, Noble Greg Feldman, Noble George Heyen and his Lady Nancy, Noble John Mckoy and Noble John Kelly entertained all as the clown "Silly"; Noble Ben Santos was a wonderful help with the planning. Maria Follenius and her family welcomed the planning group into their home many times over the last few months to plan and prepare for this event. Everyone should be commended for their input and hard work. The many hours expended help make this a very successful event.

Some families who could not attend the clinic have been given literature which will help them contact the appropriate people for services they might require.

We did whatever we could think of and, most importantly, we worked as a team in true harmonious spirit. We believe we have seeded the path which will enable families in the future to avail themselves of the good work of Shriners' International and Shriners' Hospitals for Children health care opportunities. We are already in the planning stages for future events.

We are very appreciative to everyone dedicated to Shriners' International and Shriners' Hospitals for Children, their good work and their future.

Respectfully submitted,
Noble John J. Kelly III
Kismet PR Chair



KISMET CHILDRENS' HOLIDAY PARTY

As has been the case before, we had a terrific turnout for our annual Childrens' Holiday Party. Well over 100 children showed up to meet with Santa Claus. They enjoyed delicious food and snacks from the Culinary Unit, sand art with Maria Follenius and balloon animals and swords from the Kismet Clowns. Our own Chris Montuori even shared his musical skills for the crowd. A special thanks go out to the Rainbow Girls for their continued support of Kismet's events. Hope to see you all again next year!





Kismet Shrine Tree of Life



Kismet Shrine Hospital Transportation Fund
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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.

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

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

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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) _____

Special Initiation Fee 2012 \$99 Includes a Fez and your 1st year dues (*must accompany petition*)

Enclose a check payable to Kismet Shrine or charge the Fee/Fez to a Master Card _____ or Visa _____ account
Card # _____ Expiration date _____
(Print) Name _____ Address _____
Day Phone _____
Signature _____ Date _____

Complete this application and mail it to:

Kismet Shrine Temple
Attn: Membership
18 West Nicholai St.
Hicksville , New York, 11801

KISMET'S CIGAR NIGHTS—4TH FRIDAYS

Ok, so we've had some mix-ups with the 3rd Friday business, but rest assured, we will be there every 4th Friday from now on.

Our January Cigar Club will feature a Gurkha assortment for you to choose from, as well as a drawing for a cigar gift-pack.



If you haven't yet enjoyed a cigar night at Kismet, give it a try—you won't be disappointed. Of course, the nights are open to all Shriners and Master Masons so bring your friends and Brethren as well.

Remember, a \$20 entrance gets you two Gurkhas (of your choice) and I'll give you your first drink.

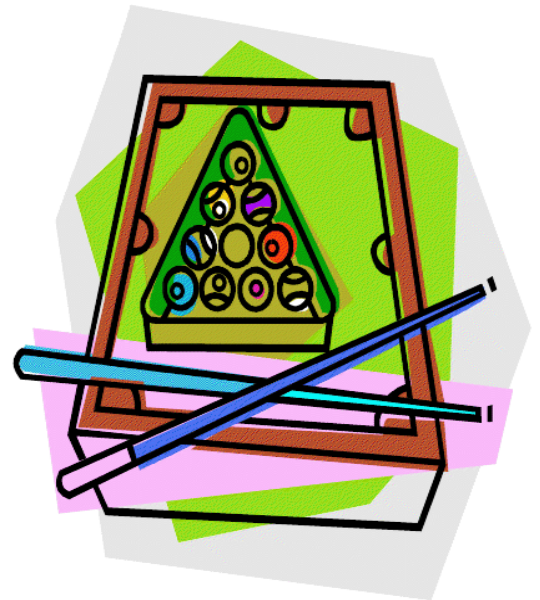


KISMET POOL (BILLIARDS) CLUB

Kismet's Pool and Darts club is under way. We meet on the 2nd Fridays of each month up in Club Kismet.

Bring your stick and your mojo and join in on the fun.

If you're interested in joining, contact Joe Santillo at 516-513-1266 or just show up on a 2nd Friday.



CONTENT FOR THE FEZ

Remember that The Fez is yours—so if you have something you'd like to say to the Nobility send an email to the Fez Editor and have your voice heard. Events (past or future), pictures, etc. are all welcome.

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. You may even have already gotten a postcard from Summerfield Studios about it. We need everyone's participation to make our directory complete!! Please plan to take part in this directory.

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.

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.

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.

Please note that there is no cost to you to take part in the Photo Directory. Just arrange a time with the photographer for your picture to be taken.



KISMET FAMILY DAY WITH THE NY ISLANDERS

KISMET SHRINE to take in an Islanders Game—Proceeds going to the HPTF.



Tickets are available for Nobles, their family and friend to enjoy an afternoon at Nassau Coliseum to watch the New York Islanders take on the New Jersey Devils on Sunday, March 4, 2012.

The game starts at 3PM and tickets will cost \$45 each with a portion of the proceeds from ticket sales going to the Transportation Fund.

Support the Transportation Fund and enjoy an exciting hockey game.

Contact Noble David Rothstein (davidrothstein@verizon.net, 917-322-9136) or Russell Magidson (rlmagidson@gmail.com, 516-522-0620) for reservations.

...AND KISMET FAMILY DAY WITH THE L.I. DUCKS

KISMET SHRINE DAY at Bethpage Ball Park to see the Long Island Ducks, for the benefit of the HPTF.

Tickets are available for Nobles, their family and friends to enjoy a day at Bethpage Ballpark in Central Islip to watch the Long Island Ducks play a game of baseball.



The game will take place on Sunday May 20, 2012 at 1:35 PM and tickets will cost \$12 each.

A portion of the proceeds from the ticket sales will be going towards the Kismet Shrine Transportation Fund. Tickets are limited so place your orders fast.

Contact Noble David Rothstein (davidrothstein@verizon.net, 917-322-9136) or Russell Magidson (rlmagidson@gmail.com, 516-522-0620) for reservations.

KISMET DAY WITH THE METS—COMING SOON!

Kismet will also be heading over to Citi Field later this year for another fundraising event. This time, the proceeds will be split between our Boston and Philadelphia Hospitals.

What could be more fun than to help our children by attending a Mets game?

Friends, family, fans—all are welcome! Details will be out soon.



POTENTATE'S TRIP TO KOREA—AUGUST 2012

This year's Potentate's trip will be to South Korea. We will be touring around for eight days, taking in the culture and history of this beautiful country. Although prices have not been finalized, our tour is expected to run between August 9th and 16th (we're planning to stay a few days beforehand and afterwards) and includes Jeju Island, Busan and Seoul. Amongst other things (spa visits, drinking, etc.), our itinerary includes:

- ◇ Manjanggul Cave—one of the finest lava tunnels in the world, and is a designated natural monument
- ◇ Sunrise Peak—a volcanic crater with vertical cliffs rises up from the shore. As the easternmost tip of Jeju Island, this area is the first to greet each day's new sun, thus earning the name of "Sunrise Peak."
- ◇ Jusangjeolli Cliff—The rock formations were formed when the lava from Mt. Hallasan erupted into the sea of Jungmun. They are rock pillars shaped like cubes or hexagons of various sizes and almost seem as if stonemasons had carved them out.
- ◇ Cheonjiyeon Waterfall—One of the three most famous waterfalls on Jeju Island, Cheonjiyeon means a waterfall connecting the sky (Ch'eon) and land (ji).
- ◇ Jeju Folklore & Natural History Museum—has on exhibition folklore remains and natural historical materials of Jeju Island.
- ◇ Jagalchi Fish Market—Korea's largest seafood market. This market represents Busan and is famous throughout the country.
- ◇ Gyeongju National Museum—A city filled with cultural relics, Gyeongju dates back to the 1st century BC.
- ◇ Bulguksa Temple—Bulguksa Temple was built in 528 during the Silla Dynasty. The beauty of the temple itself and the artistic touch of the stone relics are known throughout the world.
- ◇ Tripitaka Koreana Woodblocks—more than 80,000 wood blocks used for printing the complete collection of Buddhist scriptures, laws, and treatises. The hand carved blocks took over 16 years to complete.
- ◇ Seoraksan National Park—The peaks break through the clouds while jade-like water flows through the valleys, creating breathtaking views.
- ◇ Sinheungsa Temple—A head temple of the Jogye Order of Korean Buddhism. It is situated on the slopes of Seoraksan Mountain.

In addition to the touring, we're hoping to connect with Brethren from Hanyang Lodge #1048 in Seoul. As has been mentioned in a past issue of The Fez, this is the oldest Masonic Lodge in Korea and gathers Brothers from around the world. Read about them at <http://lodgehanyang.org/>.

My Lady Hana and I sincerely hope that you can join us on what will be surely one of the most memorable trips of your life.

- III. Russell L. Magidson



Make Plans to Attend the 2012 Imperial Session in Charlotte



Shriners International

Mark your calendars now for the 2012 Imperial Session, scheduled for July 1-5, 2012, in Charlotte, N.C. This gorgeous city has become one of America's most important financial centers, second only to New York City.

Charlotte offers plenty of popular tourist attractions. The Bank of America Corporate Center – one of Charlotte's tallest skyscrapers – offers spectacular views of the cityscape; Charlotte's Carolina Raptor Center has 25 different species of raptors; and for those in the mood for fast rides and sideshows, there is Paramount's Carowinds theme park.

Some of Charlotte's main museums and art galleries include the Charlotte Museum of History; Discovery Place, which

includes an Omnimax Theater, planetarium and aquarium; Charlotte Nature Museum – an exciting nature center with Native American relics; North Carolina Transportation Museum – with information and exhibits about various forms of historic transport and the Mint Museum of Art – North Carolina's oldest art museum. The city also offers countless gardens to enjoy, including McGill Rose Garden, Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens and the UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens. Another popular attraction is Reed Goldmine State Historic Park, where America's first documented gold rush took place.

Charlotte also has numerous options for those who love cars and racing. The Backing Up Classic Auto Museum and the North Carolina Auto Racing Hall

of Fame both offer a large collection of classic cars and car racing memorabilia. There is also Charlotte Motor Speedway, a major racing track, as well as the Richard Petty Driving Experience – where racing fans can experience professional race car driving first-hand.

The Oasis Shriners and Deputy Imperial Potentate Al Madsen look forward to hosting the 2012 Imperial Session in their home city. Please make your plans soon, and be a part of the fraternity's most significant week of the year.

2016 Session Location Announced

The latest city to be added to the Imperial Session list is Tampa, Fla., scheduled for 2016. Tampa is a vibrant city that is also the home of Shriners International Headquarters and Shriners Hospitals for Children — Tampa. In addition to the fantastic weather and the area's beaches, the city also offers a wide range of interesting spots to visit, including Busch Gardens and the Tampa Museum of Art. For fans of plays, orchestras and grand operas, there is the David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts. There are also plenty of shopping options to choose from and also the possibility of catching a Rays game for all the baseball enthusiasts. Checkout www.imperial2012.com for more information.

Please also note that the Imperial Session will be held in Indianapolis, Minneapolis and Houston in the intervening years.

Future Imperial Sessions

July 1-5, 2012 – Charlotte, N.C.

June 30-July 4, 2013 – Indianapolis

July 6-10, 2014 – Minneapolis

July 5-9, 2015 – Houston

July 3-7, 2016 – Tampa



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KISMET 2012 CALENDAR

Date	Kismet Meeting	Kismet Club Events (Shriners)	Kismet Event (Open)	Outside Event
Monday, January 09, 2012			Installation of Officers for 2012	
Saturday, January 07, 2012				
Friday, January 13, 2012		Pool & Darts Club (2nd Fridays)		
Saturday, January 21, 2012			Snow Day Winter BBQ (Lunch)	
Monday, January 23, 2012	Divan Meeting			
Friday, January 27, 2012		Cigar Night (4th Fridays)		
Sunday, February 05, 2012			Superbowl Party	
Monday, February 06, 2012	Stated Meeting			
Friday, February 10, 2012		Pool & Darts Club (2nd Fridays)		
Monday, February 20, 2012	BOD/Divan Meeting			
Friday, February 24, 2012		Cigar Night (4th Fridays)		
Saturday, February 25, 2012				Khedive Pote Ball
Monday, March 05, 2012	Stated Meeting			
Friday, March 09, 2012		Pool & Darts Club (2nd Fridays)		
Saturday, March 10, 2012				Acca Pote Ball
Friday, March 16, 2012			Family Movie Night (8pm)	
Monday, March 19, 2012	BOD/Divan Meeting			
Friday, March 23, 2012		Cigar Night (4th Fridays)		
Saturday, March 24, 2012				Kena Pote Ball
Saturday, March 31, 2012			Bingo Night	
Saturday, March 31, 2012				Jaffa Pote Ball
Monday, April 02, 2012	Stated Meeting (Budget vs Actual)			
Monday, March 05, 2012				Pote's Lady's Birthday
Friday, April 13, 2012		Pool & Darts Club (2nd Fridays)		
Wednesday, March 14, 2012				Lulu Pote Ball, Kazin Pote Ball
Saturday, April 07, 2012			Wine Tasting (3pm)	
Wednesday, April 18, 2012			Spring MASA	
Saturday, April 21, 2012			Kismet Pote Ball	
Monday, April 23, 2012	BOD/Divan Meeting			
Friday, April 27, 2012		Cigar Night (4th Fridays)		
Saturday, April 28, 2012		Masters/Wardens Brunch		
Saturday, May 05, 2012			Spring Ceremonial/Cinco de Mayo	
Monday, May 07, 2012	(No meeting - Grand Lodge Session)			
Friday, May 11, 2012		Pool & Darts Club (2nd Fridays)		
Monday, May 14, 2012	Stated Meeting			
Tuesday, May 15, 2012				Pote's Birthday
Saturday, May 19, 2012			Bingo Night	
Monday, May 21, 2012	BOD/Divan Meeting			
Friday, May 25, 2012		Cigar Night (4th Fridays)		
Monday, May 28, 2012			Hicksville Parade	
Saturday, June 02, 2012				ZemZem Pote Ball
Monday, June 04, 2012	Stated Meeting (Awards Night)			
Friday, June 08, 2012		Pool & Darts Club (2nd Fridays)		
Saturday, June 16, 2012				Rajah Pote Ball
Monday, June 18, 2012	BOD/Divan Meeting			
Friday, June 22, 2012		Cigar Night (4th Fridays)		
Saturday, June 23, 2012			Chili Cookoff & BBQ	
Monday, July 02, 2012	Stated Meeting (Budget vs Actual)			
Sunday, June 03, 2012			Imperial Session - Charlotte	
Sunday, July 08, 2012				Amityville Beach BBQ
Wednesday, July 13, 2011		Pool & Darts Club (2nd Fridays)		
Saturday, July 21, 2012				Irem Pote Ball
Monday, July 23, 2012	BOD/Divan Meeting			
Friday, July 27, 2012		Cigar Night (4th Fridays)		
Monday, August 06, 2012	(No meeting - Pote's Trip)			
Wednesday, August 08, 2012			Pote Trip to Korea	
Friday, August 10, 2012		Pool & Darts Club (2nd Fridays)		
Friday, August 24, 2012		Cigar Night (4th Fridays)		
Thursday, September 06, 2012			Fall MASA	
Monday, September 03, 2012	(No meeting - Labor Day)			
Monday, September 10, 2012	Stated Meeting			
Wednesday, September 14, 2011		Pool & Darts Club (2nd Fridays)		
Tuesday, September 18, 2012			Country Western Night	
Monday, September 17, 2012	BOD/Divan Meeting			
Friday, September 28, 2012		Cigar Night (4th Fridays)		
Monday, October 01, 2012	Stated Meeting (Budget vs Actual)			
Saturday, October 06, 2012			Ceremonial/OctoberFezt	
Monday, October 08, 2012		Columbus Day Parade NYC		
Friday, October 12, 2012		Pool & Darts Club (2nd Fridays)		
Thursday, October 20, 2011			Wine Tasting (3pm)	
Monday, October 22, 2012	BOD/Divan Meeting			
Friday, October 26, 2012		Cigar Night (4th Fridays)		
Monday, November 05, 2012	Stated Meeting			
Friday, November 09, 2012		Pool & Darts Club (2nd Fridays)		
Monday, November 19, 2012	BOD/Divan Meeting			
Friday, November 23, 2012		Cigar Night (4th Fridays)		
Monday, December 03, 2012	Stated Meeting			
Sunday, December 09, 2012			Kids Holiday Party	
Friday, December 14, 2012		Pool & Darts Club (2nd Fridays)		
Thursday, December 15, 2011			Bingo Night	
Friday, December 28, 2012		Cigar Night (4th Fridays)		

(Calendar is subject to change)



Kismet's Yacht Club is one of many clubs and units that you can take part in. Join in and have fun!



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