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INSTALLATION 2012



Thanks to everyone who came out to support the new Divan on our installation.

My family and I are more than pleased to be a part of Kismet and look forward to a fun-filled year.

Expect to see a lot of Joshua, Gabriel and Hana this year. We are all part of the Kismet Family.

We hope to see you and your family too.



AN AMAZING STORY—AN AMAZING FAMILY

"People say to me, 'Jacki, what an amazing woman you are. You have a son with no feet, a husband in a wheelchair and you will soon have a daughter who is a 'little person'."

"But I don't feel like an amazing person," Jacki Whipple says.

"That's just life. "

Read more about this amazing family and how Shriners Hospitals for Children came to their aid... inside on page 8.



WELCOME TO THE DIVAN OF 2012

Nobles—Your elected and appointed Divan are here for you and for Kismet. A more loyal bunch, you'll never find! Congratulations to everyone.

HAVING FUN AND HELPING KIDS
 IS WHAT KISMET IS ABOUT—JOIN IN
 THE FUN!



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:

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| ⇒ Bingo Night—March 31st | ⇒ Hicksville Memorial Day Parade—May 28th |
| ⇒ NY Islanders—March 4th | ⇒ Imperial Session—July 4th Charlotte, NC |
| ⇒ Spring MASA—April 18-20 | ⇒ Pote's Trip to Korea—Aug 9-23 |
| ⇒ Potentate's Ball—April 21st | ⇒ NY Mets—August (date not yet set) |
| ⇒ Masters & Wardens Brunch—April 28th | ⇒ Fall MASA Virginia Beach—Sept 5-8 |
| ⇒ LI Ducks—May 20th | |

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NOTES FROM THE DIVAN

The Pote

Nobles

First of all—Congratulations to our newest Nobles! Welcome to Kismet. It's been an exciting time thus far, and it's still only the beginning of the year. Kismet is off to a great start, with most all of our local members being active and taking part of the activities. We have so many fun things in the works with the goal that something will appeal to each of you.

My personal thanks go out to everyone who came out in support of this years' Divan at our installation ceremony in January. We had a great turnout and Ill Sir Charles Shueler did his usual excellent work in the East. Congratulations to the new Junior Past Potentate, Joe Savaglio, a tremendous weight has been taken from his shoulders (of course, it was quickly dropped onto mine).

Please remember that Kismet needs all of you to be active in order to thrive and grow. Take part in our meetings and events if you haven't been. We have a number of fundraisers planned for the Transportation Fund as well as the Boston and Philadelphia Hospitals directly and with your attendance at the events we will be sure to make an impact.

Upcoming fundraisers:

- ⇒ Islanders Hockey on March 4th
- ⇒ Long Island Ducks baseball on May 20th
- ⇒ NY Mets baseball (August)
- ⇒ A Night at the Races on November 3rd

Spring MASA (remember our own Lou Barazotti is the President this year) and Kismet's Potentate's ball are coming up in mid-April. I hope to see you all there.

Try to get out and visit some other Shrines and attend their Potentate's Balls. I am planning on going to Khedive, Acca, Zembo, Lulu, ZemZem, Raja and others later in the year.

Some other key dates coming up:

- ⇒ the Memorial Day Parade in Hicksville (various Kismet units will be marching so join in the fun).
- ⇒ Imperial Session in Charlotte—July 4th week; this is always a fun event with a wonderful Shrine parade.
- ⇒ Virginia Beach—Fall MASA is Labor Day week and is about the most fun we can have; sunshine, beach great food and another Shriners Parade.

Being involved—go to events, join a unit or club and take part in what Kismet is and offers.

Assistant Rabban

Kismet Shrine is buzzing with activity and we are only two months into 2012. I thank everyone for attending the installation and supporting Kismet with another fantastic Super Bowl party. The New York giants played a great game that only added to the fellowship shared on Super Bowl Sunday. Kismet also added five new Nobles at our February stated meeting. I look forward to another exciting year of fun and fellowship as a Divan member of Kismet Shrine.

- Greg Feldman, Asst. Rabban

High Priest and Prophet

Greetings from the high priest and prophet,

Please consider being more active at our shrine and clubs. The benefits of active membership enhances our work within the Nobility!

As a reminder to all, Queens Nassau Shrine Club has it meetings the first Thursday of each month at different eateries in the Queens Nassau area, as always there is plenty of good food, drinks conversation and plenty of laughs!!! Speaking about laughs the clown unit is always looking for new recruits, no experience necessary!! :))

Another important faction of the shrine is to provide transportation for children to our hospitals, being mindful that our road runner unit is our reason for being shriners. Consider getting involved!!!

Those nobles who have never been to Virginia Beach, please mark your September calendar, you don't want to miss this trip!!!!

Don't forget our shrine is open every Monday nite.

Keep smiling,
George "Chuckles" Heyen



NOTES FROM THE DIVAN

Oriental Guide

What does one write to Brothers who have passed this way before or to ones following ?

"But I am given strength and skill
to do the work assigned to me ;
Whate'er my task , it is God's will
That I perform it worthily ;
A living stone made fit to grace
The Temple's walls , and help them rise --
Although it fill but humble place --
A little nearer to the skies . "

- George H. Free , The Craft and Its Symbols

From the least perfect person striving to become a better person and Mason every day .

- Oriental Guide , Michael J. Finocchio

The Recorders Desk

Greeting Nobles,

Illustrious Sir Russ has a great year planned for Kismet, so check out the calendar in this issue and make your plans. The first big event coming up is the Potentates Ball on April 21, at the Holiday Inn Ronkonkama. This would be a great way for all the new Nobles to introduce their ladies to Kismet.

Another great event that should be mentioned is the upcoming wine tasting, a nice time at a good price.

The 2012 dues notices have gone out, so if you can please take care of this matter as soon as you can. Have a great Spring, hope to see you at the Ball.

- Ill Joe Santillo, Recorder

Captain of the Guard



Kismet got 2012 off to a great start with a joyous and festive installation of officers back in January and a great Super Bowl party in February. Our Illustrious Potentate, Russell Magidson, has many other wonderful activities lined up. Take advantage of them. Please support our own Ill. Lou Barazotti during Spring MASA, next month on the 18th, which will be held right here on the Island and immediately after MASA – get out your tux and shiny shoes for our Potentate's Ball on April 21st.

But nothing beats a simple good old-fashioned get-together. If pool and darts are your thing, then come on down to P&D Club night. If a nice cigar tickles your fancy, come on down for Cigar Night. Plus, there's so much more including bingo nights and wine tastings just to name a few. Also, we seem to have a bunch of "Kismet Kowboys" out there who've got "shootin' irons." Well, dust them "hog legs" off and give me a call or "shoot" me an e-mail and it's off to the range we go!

Big events are fun, but so are the small ones. Have you got an idea? Like to do something you think might be fun for the nobles and great for Kismet? Let your fellow nobles and our Potentate know because nothing beats a bunch of great guys just hangin' around and havin' a good time. From the outer edge of the Oasis...

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FROM ELSEWHERE IN THE DESERT

The Culinary Unit



There's always something good cooking upstairs at Club Kismet, so come on down and enjoy with your fellow Nobles.

Let your ladies know that we are soon going to ask for their (and your) favorite recipes so that we can put together a Kismet Kookbook! Of course we know that some of you Nobles are the chef in your household and we absolutely want your recipes... fire-hot chili, deserts, etc.

Remember that requests for meals are as welcome as your dinner donations!

Clowns



Its that time again, dues are due. As I am not feeling well, I sent an email to all on my list. If you did not get the email please email me at JohnJKellyIII@Gmail.com. If you know someone who is interested, now is the time to get them on board.

Kismet dues are \$10 for Nobel \$5 for family member. For Nobles ISCA dues are \$25 for new and \$20 renewal, MASCA dues are \$10 for new and \$5 for renewal.

Please email me and follow up on the email I sent you as soon as possible. WE are looking to grow, have fun and give children a reason to smile. Retired Joeys are dues exempt for Kismet but still have obligation to ISCA if you want to continue receiving the "Clown Alley". Keep 'em smiling ...

Public Relations



The Roadrunners are working hard to sponsor another fundraiser for our hospital. They could use your help in many ways. We need to get the word out and get people to come. Last time they were very successful and raised a respectable sum. Please speak to the Ill. Sir Russ and his team of Sam, John and Robert. The children and the hospitals is what we say we are all about. Now is the time to step up to the plate and play as a team. Thanks ...

Road Runners



The Roadrunners are planning a Family Fund Raiser later in the year. We have scheduled our first meeting and will fill in the details at the next monthly meeting. We're early in our planning but will make it a great event with your support!!

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KISMET'S CLOWN UNIT

We are not a large unit like some Shrines. We are just a wonderful group of men. One of our finest Nobles is Richard (Jellybean) Schulz. Rich has been a member of the unit for many years. He is an award winning clown and has been active for a long time. For many years he has filled the position of treasurer and has looked over our treasury. One of our rules is that the money collected will only go for the children. We contribute to the Shrine Transportation fund and the Sneaker fund. Not one penny for a cup of coffee or anything. Brother Rich handles our funds and for this we are extremely grateful. As an active Blue Lodge Mason Noble Richard Schulz has moved on and up into other concordant bodies and his cable toe is too tight to clown up, but he still helps out where he can. We are proud of what Richard does in the Masonic Quarries of life, we are proud of him as a clown and we are grateful to him as our treasurer. Kismet Shrine Clowns are also active in Grand Lodge and their Blue Lodges. We attend Child ID events, Shrine events, Lodge events, local Shrine fundraisers, Holiday parties. Last December we were spread out covering four parties in one day. Kismet raised 60 new Nobles this year and a few have expressed an interest in clowning. We look forward to having them join our group Joeys. We will be at the Northeast Clown Institute again this year and look forward to meeting other clowns from other temples, especially the Tampa guys. As we say on Long Island – keep 'em smiling



LOOKING FOR SHRINE PHOTOS



Shriners International is in search of historic Shriner photographs to help promote our anniversary year in 2012. We encourage you to explore your temple's archives, storage room or even the attic of your home to see what treasures you might discover. Our greatest need is for photos from 1872 - 1962.

IHOP CONTINUES TO SUPPORT SHC

Enjoy Free Pancakes and Help Shriners Hospitals for Children

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(TAMPA, FLA) On Feb. 28, The International House of Pancakes (IHOP) will celebrate National Pancake Day by offering guests a free short stack of buttermilk pancakes*. With every short stack of pancakes served, diners will be invited to make a donation to Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

The restaurant chain has set an ambitious goal of raising \$2.7 million in this one-day event, which will take place from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. In addition to raising funds, the campaign will raise awareness of Shriners Hospitals for Children, a 22-hospital health care system – founded by the Shriners International fraternity – that provides children with the best available pediatric specialty care regardless of the ability to pay for services. Nearly 1 million children have benefited from the unique approach to health care offered by Shriners Hospitals for Children, and gone on to live happy, fulfilled lives.

"We appreciate the efforts of IHOP to bring people together for an enjoyable meal and time together on behalf of Shriners Hospitals for Children," said Douglas E. Maxwell, president and CEO of Shriners Hospitals for Children. "The opportunity to spread awareness and raise funds provided by IHOP for our incredible health care system is greatly appreciated, and we are hoping for tremendous success and support from the communities involved."

Everyone loves pancakes – and children – celebrate them both on National Pancake Day by visiting your local IHOP restaurant and donating to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

AN AMAZING FAMILY

An Amazing Family & Shriners Hospitals Come to the Aid of Children in Need

"People say to me, 'Jacki, what an amazing woman you are. You have a son with no feet, a husband in a wheelchair and you will soon have a daughter who is a 'little person'."

"But I don't feel like an amazing person," Jacki Whipple says. "That's just life. Maybe I'm just so normal I feel like an oddball."

The Whipples adopted Brady, now a 3-year-old who was born with defective bones in his feet and they have plans to adopt Ava, a 3-year-old daughter with achondroplasia, the most common form of dwarfism. The cost to adopt Ava will total \$29,000 by the time they get her next year.

"We still need \$6,000 to \$8,000 to bring Ava home, but we aren't worried about it. We are confident God will make it happen." Jacki says she is asked, "Don't you feel terribly disadvantaged?" "No," she says thoughtfully. We're not disadvantaged at all. It's just life. I am a nurse, and we have Shriners Hospitals. I couldn't have my own biological children. But God provided these two wonderful children. They are answers to our prayers. We needed them. And they needed us. What could be better?"

Doctors at Shriners Hospitals for Children amputated Brady's feet just after he turned one year of age, and fitted him with prosthetic feet. Brady remained in a body cast up to his waist for five weeks after surgery, but in less than a month after the body cast was removed Brady could walk. "We were so thrilled to find a doctor and a hospital that could help us," Brady's mother said.

"Brady's doctor at Shriners Hospitals in Greenville, S.C. is Dr. David Westberry, a warm, wonderful human being as well as a skillful orthopedic surgeon. We think he is absolutely the greatest, and he is beautifully humanized by the pickup truck he drives,"

Jacki says. "Oh, and the hospital! It was not like a hospital. I was able to be with Brady all the time we were there. We never had to pay for food nor room. And every time, when we first walked in with Brady, they brought him a new stuffed toy. That was such a thrill for him. And there were games, and parties, and pizza and even therapy dogs to love and play with," Mrs. Whipple says. "My husband and I were amazed to be treated so well. We were like guests in a nice hotel, and everyone was so cheerful and friendly. If your child has to be in a hospital, there's no greater place to be than Shriners Hospitals for children." She said Brady is now on his third pair of prosthetic feet, and he goes in for adjustments every six months.

Jason Whipple, Jacki's husband, suffered a broken neck in an automobile accident when he was in the U.S. Navy, an accident which left him with a break in his spinal cord, partially paralyzed and life in a wheelchair. Jason does volunteer work for his local church and for the Masons and Shriners. Jason and Jacki make their home in Cornelius, N. C. "We are relying on God to get us through," Jacki says, "With us it's a God thing. We are thankful that God chooses our children for us. And we are thankful for the help He gives us."

"People just cannot imagine the love and dedication the Shriners and Shriners Hospitals give to their children. It is a remarkable thing to experience," Jacki says. "And in other ways the Shriners have given Brady such a remarkable and exciting life. A Top Fuel Harley Davidson Drag bike team out of Greensboro put a larger than life picture of Brady on the side of their hauler and invited us to join them in Rockingham" Jacki added.

"What an awesome thrill for Brady! Of course he was the center of attention and the star of the show. That was really his day! One of Brady's next goals is to become a Shriner and wear one of those red hats," Jacki says. A native of Nashville, Tennessee, Jacki is a Tennessee State University School of Nursing graduate, and Jason is from Washington state. "We are pleased that, once our adoption of Ava comes through, Shriners Hospital has already accepted her as a patient", Jacki says. His mother says Brady can hardly wait for the arrival of his little sister. When he watches videos of Ava every night he asks me, "Is Europe as far away as Concord?"



A SHRINERS KID



Hi. I'm Pam Reynolds and I'm a Shriners kid.

My story starts early. When I was just 10 months old I contracted a form of meningitis called Meningococcemia. Meningococcemia is a potentially life-threatening infection where the blood clots, backs up, and eventually cuts off circulation.

My dad says when the doctors first saw me, they told him they didn't think I was going to make it. My face, cheeks, nose, and whole body were turning different shades of blue." In order for me to make a full recovery, all of my fingers and both of my legs had to be amputated.

After spending two months in the hospital, I was finally able to go home.

Pam began coming to Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Greenville when she was two years old. Since that time, Pam has come to the hospital every 8 to 10 months for a new pair of legs. So far, the hospital has custom made her 12 new pairs of legs. Each time, Pam walks into the hospital, the prosthetists are amazed at how beat up her old legs look. Pam says she loves the legs they make her. "I've never had a problem with any of them. They are really good legs. I never have to have them fixed no matter how much I use them. I love Shriners Hospitals for Children - Greenville."

BOSTON BURN DOCTORS TO HELP BOY FROM HAITI

Submitted by Lou Barazotti, PP

As Dieuphete Celime emerged from Terminal B at Logan International Airport, the boy in the wheelchair with bandages covering his face and head was said to have no idea where he was. But he knew he was someplace better than where he had come from.

Three months ago, 12-year-old Dieuphete was sitting in a Haitian village, attempting to cook two ears of corn he found for his siblings, when a gasoline-fueled fire ignited his nylon shirt. Instinctively, he tried to pull it over his head, but the nylon liquefied and bound to his face. He suffered third- and fourth-degree burns over most of his face, neck, and upper torso.

Today, he is at Shriners Hospital for Children in Boston, where a team of doctors is attempting to give him a new life and a functioning face.

"Where he came from, he was dead; he was left in the hospital," said Jim Scheller, an American contractor working on water wells in Haiti who has been helping Dieuphete's family. "But we got him here in one piece, so we think he'll be a survivor."

In Haiti, there was little that doctors could do for Dieuphete, except keep his wounds clean and change his bandages. But determined caregivers reached out to a team at Shriners, which agreed to provide thousands of dollars in medical care without charge.

As the months dragged on in Haiti, Dieuphete's body, working to save itself, tried to close open burn wounds by contracting his face, mouth, and neck. This has made eating difficult.

His eyelids have contracted to the point where he cannot blink. He will need surgery on at least one eye to repair cornea damage.

"I am hopeful that we can help make him better," said Dr. Rob Sheridan, assistant chief of staff at Shriners Boston and a burn specialist. "I don't know if we can make him perfect, but we can give him a much better life than he has now. A lot of it depends on his vision."

The team started examining Dieuphete immediately after he arrived earlier this week. The first steps, according to Sheridan, are to clean his wounds and test for infection. Then doctors will conduct a nutritional assessment; proper diet helps the healing process, Sheridan said. Late this week, an ophthalmologist will give Dieuphete an eye exam and determine how much damage has been done. "He appears to have some right-eye cornea calcification, but that can be fixed," Sheridan said.

By early next week, Dieuphete will undergo about a half day of surgery to reverse the body contractions. He will also need skin grafts. The contractions have raised the possibility that it will be difficult to access his airway for surgery. Sheridan has called in two anesthesiologists.

Doctors say Dieuphete will never look the same, but his wounds will be closed and he will be bandage-free and will be able to eat properly and work to support himself and his family.

"He will look fairly good," Sheridan said. "We are giving him a face that he can go out with and function, and he can be self-supporting and be a resource to his family."

Dieuphete arrived with his mother, Lydia Minnor, 36, at 6:17 Monday evening. It was the first time either had left Haiti. The car ride to get visas was the first time Minnor had been in a motorized vehicle, said Scheller, who is also director of operations at Haiti Outreach, a charity working to build infrastructure in the impoverished nation.

Dieuphete had not been eating well since his accident, but the trip to America seemed to invigorate him. On the way here, with a short layover in Miami, he managed to overcome the difficulties and consume a steak and cheese sandwich and one-and-a-half chicken sandwiches, something he had never eaten before.

Dieuphete was in awe as the plane took off and soared above the clouds, Scheller said.

Scheller said that Dieuphete does not fully comprehend where he is, but he added: "He's one tough customer."

During an early visit with Shriners doctors, Minnor started to cry. Dieuphete, seeing his mother, started crying also, in a nearly inaudible wail under his bandages.

The doctors and nurses are also concerned about Minnor, who seems to lack much appetite amid the anxiety of the trip and uncertainty about her son's health.

"You have to remember to take care of yourself and eat," Shriners nurse Chistie Dinan said. "We need you to help us take care of him."

With the help of a translator, she understood the advice and responded yes in Haitian Creole.

She also expressed confidence in her son's American doctors.

"Whatever you want to do for him, do it; I want my son to get well," she said through the translator.

For Scheller, who has worked as a contractor in Afghanistan, Dieuphete's case has deep personal meaning. He has watched well-meaning but poorly equipped doctors at hospitals around the world, including Hôpital Bienfaisance in Pignon, Haiti, where Dieuphete had been treated.

"I've personally seen eight to 10 people die; I'm strictly talking burns," he said in an interview during Dieuphete's first treatments at Shriners.

"Right now, they're taking bandages off a wound that is three months old," Scheller said. "I know we can do better. If we can get the people together, maybe next year we can save one person. Maybe we could save a dozen. I don't know, but at least start somewhere."

"I'm not blaming the hospital down there. They do everything within their power with what they have to help, but that's as far as they can go. I think we can do better."

Speaking with a measured degree of humility, Sheridan said Dieuphete's case defines the mission of Shriners.

"I'm very grateful to have the opportunity to work at Shriners and MGH, and I love these cases. They're very challenging," he said.

"It's really a privilege."

"The doctors here have done this before. This is what they do. They take care of kids with burns, and it is not easy."



SPRING MASA—SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2012 ANNUAL SPRING SESSION OF THE MID ATLANTIC SHRINE ASSOCIATION

At the Holiday Inn Ronkonkoma Hotel, 3845 Veterans Memorial Highway, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

April 19, 20 and 21, 2012

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

POTENTATES – OFFICERS – REPRESENTATIVES

THURSDAY – APRIL 19th, 2012

12:00 PM TO 5:00 PM	Registration	HOTEL Lobby
12:00 PM TO 5:00 PM	Hospitality Room Open	Room 506
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Social Reception – Cash Bar	Crystal Room
(Nobles: Casual, FEZ & Temple or Divan Shirts – Ladies: Casual Dress or Slacks)		
7:00 PM – 9:30 PM	Dinner Buffet	Crystal Room
9:30 PM	Counterpart's Meeting	Crystal Room
9:30 PM – 1:00 AM	Hospitality Room Open	Room 506

FRIDAY – APRIL 20th, 2012

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Noble's Breakfast Continental	Room 506
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Registration	Hotel Lobby
9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON	Open Business Session	Lake Room
	(FEZ & Divan Uniform)	
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Lady's Brunch Buffet	Crystal Room
	(Casual Attire for Shopping)	

LADIES: THE AFTERNOON IS FREE FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

12:00 NOON – 1:30 PM	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN	
1:30 PM – 3:30 PM	Business Session Resumes	Lake Room
3:30 PM	Units Meetings	Lake Room.
3:30 PM – 5 PM	Hospitality Room Open	Room 506
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Social Reception – Cash Bar	Crystal Room
(Nobles: Suit or Divan Uniform / Fez – Ladies: Street or Cocktail Dress)		
7:00 PM – 11:00 PM	Banquet - Dance	Crystal Room
	(Dancing to "MITCH the DJ")	
10:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Hospitality Room Open	Room 506.

SATURDAY – APRIL 21st, 2012

7:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Continental Breakfast	Room 506
9:00 AM –	Business Session Resumes	Lake Room
	(FEZ & Divan Uniform)	

Business session will conclude before noon, followed by the traditional Khedive Shrine Center's "Good Ole" Ham & Biscuit Hospitality.

NOTE: CASH BAR AT ALL SOCIAL RECEPTIONS AND DINNERS

FOR THOSE STAYING FOR KISMET POTENTATES Ball

Dress Black Tie/Dark Suit/Fez, Ladies Cocktail Dress

12:00 NOON – 5 PM	Hospitality Room	Room 506
12:00 NOON -	Registration	Room 506
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Social Reception OPEN BAR	Crystal Room
7:00 PM – 11:00 P	Potentates Ball	Crystal Room
10:00 PM – to ???	Hospitality Room	Room 506



Kismet Shrine—Potentate's Ball

In Honor Of

III. Sir Russell L. Magidson

and his lady Hana

You are Cordially and Fraternally Invited to
Join us for a “seriously-fun” evening following the MASA Spring Session

Saturday April 21st, 2012 at the Ronkonkoma Holiday Inn
3845 Veterans Memorial Highway, Ronkonkoma NY 11779, 516-585-9500

The Agenda for the Evening:

Noon to 5pm—Hospitality Room (Room 506) for Registration and Refreshment

6pm to 7pm—Social Reception with Open Bar and Hors d'oeuvres

7pm to 11pm—The “Serious” Dinner (Filet Mignon and Lobster Tail), Open Bar and Dancing Followed by a “Fun” Ice Cream Dessert Bar

10pm to Whenever—More Fun, Drinks and Snacks in the Hospitality Room



Rooms available at \$99/night. Call the hotel directly and ask for the MASA 2012/Potentate's Ball rate
Children are welcome, kid-friendly food will be available
Wear a Fez if You Have One

Come for Spring MASA, Stay for the Potentate's Ball

Gentlemen—Black Tie or Dark Suit, Ladies—Cocktail Dress, Kids—Wash your face!

Kismet Shrine Potentate's Ball—Reservation Form

Detach and return to: Kismet Shrine, Attn: Potentate's Ball, 18 West Nicholai Street, Hicksville NY 11801

Please RSVP by March 15th. Make checks payable to: Kismet Shrine

Noble's Name & Title: _____

Shrine: _____

Lady's Name: _____

Kids' Names: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Are you coming Yes _____ No _____
for Spring MASA?

Arrival Date: _____

Food Choice: If the Surf & Turf is not for you, or if you need a kid's menu,
just let us know.

Cost: \$99/pp or \$175/couple. Kids under
16 are free.



Kismet Shrine Tree of Life



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

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 516-522-0620 or RLMagidson@gmail.com.

Circle one: Leaf Acorn Foundation Stone

Line 1: _____

Line 2: _____

Line 3: _____

Donated by: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

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) _____

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 February Cigar Club will feature a great assortment for you to choose from, hand selected by the Club Manager himself.



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 cigars of your choice and I'll give you your first drink. Join us from 7pm to midnight.



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 nor is there any obligation to purchase anything. 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



SPRING MASA

The Spring MASA Session will be held April 19-21 2012 at the Holiday Inn Ronkonkoma, followed by Kismet's Potentate's Ball on Saturday evening. See www.MASAHome.org for registration forms and details.

A heads-up on who is attending: Imperial Sirs Michael G. Severe, Alan W. Madsen, Jerry G. Gantt, Chris L. Smith, Jim L. Cain, Douglas Maxwell and M.: W.: Vincent Libone, Grand Master of Masons of the State of New York.

I will be attending Boumi's Inaugural Ball, Khedive's Potentate Ball, Acca's Potentate Ball and Zembo's Potentate Ball.

- Louis F. Barazotti, PP
President MASA

SPRING NYOSA

NEW YORK ONTARIO SHRINE ASSOCIATION
Spring Session
Friday, May 4 to Sunday, May 6, 2012

NYOSA President, Ill. David Freund, and Lady Jan cordially invite you to join them at the 2012 Spring Session to be held at the Holiday Valley Resort in Ellicottville, NY.

The green hills of Holiday Valley and the Village of Ellicottville will be a welcome respite for all. The staff at the resort is looking forward to showing off their facility and providing NYOSA a high quality event.

Room rates are approximately \$107.00/night, which includes a continental breakfast.

Hope to see you there!
- Ill. David Freund

VIRGINIA BEACH—FALL MASA

Our trek to Virginia Beach for Fall MASA will be from September 6th to the 9th. Kismet will be staying at the Hampton Inn Oceanfront South which is on the main street (Atlantic Avenue) at 10th Street—Right near the parade kickoff spot and close to all the action: beach, restaurants and shopping.

Final pricing will be sent out shortly but put it on your calendar now. If you've gone before then you know how much fun it is and if not, you are in for a treat.

Kismet is also considering a van or small bus for those of you who'd like to go and would prefer to not drive. If this is something that you'd be interested in, let your Potentate know.

**LOOKING TO START
CORVETTE CLUB.**

**CALL
516 287-0974**



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)



Shriners Hospitals for Children—Rose Bowl Float 2011



Kismet Shrine
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