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POTENTATE'S BALL—A ROARING SUCCESS



Hana, the boys and I are so very appreciative to everyone who came and shared Kismet's 2012 Potentate's Ball with us. The evening followed a most successful MASA Spring meeting led by our own Ill. Sir Lou Barazotti, the President of MASA.

There were 120 adults and 12 children there and a good time was had by all. There were Potentates from fifteen MASA and NYOSA temples as well as Imperial Sir Al Madsen and the Most Worshipful Vincent Lebone in attendance.

Please come out and support Kismet's events—this is the only way your Shrine will thrive.

KISMET SHRINERS AT THE NY ISLANDERS

We had seats reserved for
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Where were you?



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THE FUN!



The Shriners' Pledge

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Keep an eye open for these upcoming events:

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| ⇒ LI Ducks—May 20th | ⇒ Amityville Beach BBQ and Chili Cookoff Competition—July 15th |
| ⇒ Hicksville Memorial Day Parade—May 28th | ⇒ NY Mets—July 24th |
| ⇒ Imperial Session—June 29th to July 5th
Charlotte, NC (Kismet's dinner on July 1st) | ⇒ Fall MASA Virginia Beach—Sept 5-8 |
| | ⇒ Ceremonial and OktoberFezt—Oct 6th |

KISMET'S 2011 DIVAN AT A GLANCE

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NOTES FROM THE DIVAN

The Pote

Nobles

I think we've been having quite a fun year so far. Last month, Kismet held another successful fund raiser for the HPTF with the NY Islanders. Enjoying an exciting hockey game for a few hours resulted in \$240 donated to the fund. As I say, we always have time for kids. What could be nicer than enjoying an afternoon together with friends while raising money for our Road Runners just by being there?

Our Chief Rabban, Mike Iannone, ran another fun wine tasting, providing eight different wines from around the globe. As usual there were snacks and food for us to enjoy between glasses and all of the attendees enjoyed as usual. Next time I hope that more Nobles will support Kismet and come out to play. Kismet exists only as long as the Nobles come out and support our events. Without you and your families taking part, how can we continue?

There are quite a few Kismet events yet to come, including the Cinco de Mayo party, more wine tastings, bingo and Oktoberfest. Imperial Session in Charlotte NC is in July and Fall MASA in Virginia Beach are also on the horizon. I hope everyone is planning on attending—the more, the merrier!

I congratulate our own Lou Barazotti, President of MASA, for his successful year in that office as well as for hosting the Spring MASA meeting here on Long Island. We got updates from the Imperial Officers as well as the Hospital Board on the present and future of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

In addition, congratulations and wishes for luck go out to our junior Past Potentate Joe Savaglio on his run for Imperial Outer Guard. He's been working hard and has earned our support in his endeavors. It appears quite likely that Kismet will have another Imperial Potentate (the first was back in 1923) and it will benefit Kismet as well as all of Shriners International if and when that happens.

Nobles, as you can see, your Divan has run quite a number of fund raising events for the Road Runners, the Hospitals, and the Shrine itself thus far this year. We've enjoyed a lot and there's still more to come during the rest of this year. Kismet cannot, however, continue to grow and thrive if you do not take part in these events. It is the responsibility of the entire Nobility that Kismet continue on its course of Having Fun and Helping Kids, not only the Divan. I implore each and every one of you to get involved with our activities and our units, remembering this year's creed: We Always Have Time for Kids.

Remember Nobles: we gather at Kismet every Monday for food and fellowship. That is also when we plan our events (including our upcoming Memorial Day Parade in Hicksville and the Amityville Beach BBQ) and hold club and unit meetings.

Also coming up is Imperial Session in Charlotte and Fall MASA in Virginia Beach. These are always fun events and worth every minute.

Lady Hana and I thank you for all of the support you've shown us this year and look forward to seeing you at our next event.

Chief Rabban

Greetings my fellow nobles of Kismet Shrine. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ill. Lou Barazotti on a great MASA session. To all the nobles involved who supported behind the scenes thanks on behalf of your Chief Rabban. For those who could not make it on April 15th you missed a great wine tasting. I managed to bring together wines from over seven countries, this coupled with great Italian food from my brothers restaurant, made for a great afternoon. I love and respect my nobles, and I say this with all honesty. We need to step up the participation in the Temple. I think its great to travel to different Temples and meet other Nobles. We also have a responsibility here, to support Kismet first and foremost. Our ball was outstanding. We were fortunate enough to have of over 120 attendees. Five temples were represented from the New York Ontario shrine Association along with a great showing from MASA. I hope to see all of you at our future events. PLEASE UTILIZE THE FEZ, AND TAKE NOTE OF ALL THE UPCOMING EVENTS YOUR TEMPLE HAS TO OFFER. WE WILL ONLY GROW THROUGH HARD WORK AND INCREASED PARTICIPATION. THANK YOU.
MICHAEL IANNONE

NOTES FROM THE DIVAN

High Priest and Prophet



Greetings my fellow nobles ;
Time has sure flown, the MASA meeting is upon us this week 4/18/2012.
This Saturday is our potentates ball, I am sure I speak for everyone when I say what a special event this is.
For those who can travel to Charlotte, North Carolina, for Imperial Session we anticipate our Jr. Past Potentate, Joe Savaglio to being elevated to the Imperial line.
Thank you in advance for your continued support at all our functions. Please be advised that our Cinco de Mayo celebration, along with our ceremonial for new candidates, is in May.
All ladies welcome!!!!!!

Keep smiling as always,
George "Chuckles" Heyen

Oriental Guide

Nobles—I have been under the weather due to a double dropping and double frontal hernia operation now for a six month recuperation . But as they said in a scary movie he's back and I am looking forward to seeing all soon and resuming my duties as Oriental Guide . Sincerely , Michael J. Finocchio

Captain of the Guard



I would like to start off by sincerely thanking our Illustrious Potentate on my appointment, and subsequent promotion, to Captain of the Guard. I would also like to wish my successor and your new Outer Guard, David Rothstein, much luck, great success and all the best in his new position. Kismet may rest assured that a trusty and doubled guard stands steadfast at the portal of our sacred Temple. As the warmer months are now upon us, our Nobles look forward to many wonderful events and excursions. Just around the corner is the Hicksville Memorial Day Parade on Monday May 28th. Please come down and support Kismet by marching in the parade with your fellow nobles or by waving us on from the sidelines. Whether you're marching or standing, make sure to wear your fez to let everyone know that Kismet is a part of Hicksville. Also around the corner is summer, and you know what that means - Imperial Session! This Imperial Session is extra special because for the first time in many years, a member of Kismet Shrine, our own Ill. Joe Savaglio, is running for the position of Imperial Outer Guard. If you are able to go, please attend the Imperial Session in Charlotte and support Joe on his noble quest. Also, what would summer be without food, cookouts and BBQ's and Kismet has got you covered with a chili cook-off & BBQ on June 23rd and our beach BBQ in Amityville on July 8th. This summer is definitely going to have a lot of fun, fellowship and food! Come on down and be a part of the good times! Finally, I would like to wish all our ladies a Happy Mothers Day and all our Nobles a Happy Fathers Day! From atop the fortress wall...

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FROM ELSEWHERE IN THE DESERT

The Outer Guard



KISMET SHRINE FAMILY DAY WITH THE NY ISLANDERS A SUCCESS!

A group of 24 people, including the Potentate, Chief Rabban, Nobles and their family and friends enjoyed an afternoon of exciting hockey at Nassau Coliseum on Sunday March 4, 20012. They watched the New York Islanders beat the New Jersey Devils by a score of 1-0. The game was a sellout and KISMET SHRINE was recognized as a group on the Jumbtron. We were a recognizable group as the Potentate and Chief Rabban wore their FEZ's at the game. Hopefully there will be enough interest for us to do this outing again next year with even more people in attendance. Oh, and more important than the camaraderie and fun had all in attendance was the fact the a portion of the proceeds form the sale of tickets will be donated by the New York Islanders to the Kismet Shrine Hospital Patient Transportation Fund.

- Noble David Rothstein, Outer Guard

Clowns



The clown unit is gathering on the third Thursdays of the month at 7:30PM to prepare for our spring and summer obligations. The unit is available to the family of Nobles and we will teach you everything you need to know about clowning around. We will give classes on balloons, magic, makeup, skits, costumes and goofing around. Please contact Johnny at JohnJKellyIII@gmail.com, or just come on down and have some fun.

Public Relations



We look to promote Kismet and the services Shriners provide to as many people we can. To do that properly you need to know what we as Shriners are all about. To that end, I distribute the information I receive from Headquarters in Tampa via email. Please make sure the Temple has your contact information and an up to date email address. If you have not been receiving the emails please add you name to the list. To those who do receive the information, I hope it is well received and informative. I am always available for questions and comments. Please send me a shout out at JohnJKellyIII@gmail.com.

Road Runners



We are working on the Night at the Races fund-raiser for November 3rd. The planning is coming along very well and is very much a group effort.

Put the date on your calendars and stay tuned for more details.

Thank you to everyone involved in the planning: Sam, Linda, Maria, Theresa, Robert, Sue, John H., John K., George, Nancy, Mike, Larry and Greg.

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KISMET CLOWN HISTORY

OUR CREED—As members of the Kismet Clown Unit, we put on our baggy pants and funny faces, blow up balloons, and do tricks and skits so that “children of all ages” will smile and laugh...for the happiest sound in the whole world is the sound of children laughing.

We bring our laughter and smiles to children in hospitals to make their day a little lighter. When a fraternal or philanthropic group sponsors a party for special children, Kismet Clowns are happy to be there - fetching a laugh and adding a smile to the face of each and everyone there. That's our way of giving thanks for our blessings. It is our way of supporting the Shrine Orthopedic Hospitals and Burns Institutes that provide free expert medical care to young people – so that they too may SMILE.

OUR MISSION—The Kismet Clown Unit is dedicated to the help, aid, and assistance of children of all ages who require or desire our skills and talents, bringing a little laughter and joy into their lives.

HISTORY OF KISMET CLOWN UNIT (by Arthur G. Vosatka)

In 1962, there were fewer than 200 clowns in all of North America. The Ringling Brothers' Clown College would not open for another six years. There were fewer than two dozen clowns in the biggest circus of all...Ringling Brothers'. Other large circuses such as Clyde Beatty or Cole Brothers had two to three clowns each. This was the year, 1962, and a group of Nobles from Kismet Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., decided to work together to establish the Kismet Clown Unit.

At the time, Kismet Temple was located at Herkimer Street in Brooklyn, NY, and Illustrious Harold J. May was the Potentate. Of the more than 2,000 members, there were six Nobles that were intent on establishing a clown unit in Kismet Temple. They were: John Carlin, Charles Mason, William Ring, Pat Devitt, Pierce Harper, and Gus Niles. They enthusiastically promoted the idea and recruited support from the ranks of Nobles who were not committed to other units. In all, they managed to convince 11 others to join with them. One of these was Harold Wightman, a professional clown who had performed with Ringling Brothers. He worked with this new group to develop skits, props, and clown routines that he had mastered over the years. He introduced them to the art of clowning and trained them in makeup skills, costumes, prat falls, and the hundred-and-one other skills that blend to turn an individual into a clown. He trained them well.

During 1962, these 17 Nobles held six informal meetings, developed a charter, elected John Carlin as president, and established themselves as charter members of the Kismet Clown Unit. At their first formal meeting, they invited Chet Yost and Eric Fisher to join this new unit. Now, with the formalities behind them, and being officially recognized as a bona fide Shrine Unit, they went on to this new business of clowning – and they did it well!

The Unit visited hospitals throughout Long Island, entertained at large corporate functions, distributed toys and small gifts to underprivileged children, and participated in parades. They had their own police force, five Keystone Cops, and they patrolled the parades on a bicycle built for two. This police force was comprised of Andy Andresen, William Seibert, Gus Niles, Dan Strofance, and David Peterson. During parades, Pierce Harper cleaned the clothing of the spectators with his feather duster, Chet handed out flowers, and Eric (“Whitey”) Fisher startled people with his “live” mouse.

The most visible clown in the parade was Bill Ring. Bill dressed as a hobo and drove the parade route in a stretch limousine, handing out fake \$100 bills. As an undertaker, he had access to limousines of all types, and had one rigged with loose parts strung under the car. At the reviewing stand, smoke bombs and fireworks would be set off from under the car. Several clowns would come flying out of the car if in panic, animatedly argue with each other about who should look under the car, and finally, reach under and start throwing spare automobile parts all over the street.

During these early years, there were few restrictions on Shriner Clowns so they were able to wear black- face or dress as women. I [Arthur Vosatka] had the pleasure of being at a Kismet Temple costume party and seeing Charlie Kirsner enter dressed as a woman. His makeup was perfect and, with his exaggerated actions, it was hard to realize that he was Charlie. He looked and acted the part of a stately, very well proportioned woman, and was the hit of the ball.

As our Clown Unit grew, so did the clown units in other temples. In 1968, Dwight Worthy was elected 3rd vice president of the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Clown Association (MASCA), and went on to become the president of this group in 1971.

Over the years, we've had a lot of Nobles join our unit and go on to become excellent clowns. Bob Barth won first prize for white-face costume and makeup in the International Shrine Clown Competition in 1978. Art Vosatka, as “Binky”, won second prize for auguste makeup and costume during the 1984 MASCA competition in Pittsburgh, PA. While some have won formal recognition and prizes, we have many other clowns who win the hearts of the children – and, that's what it is really all about. Active in fundraising, the Kismet Clown Unit has donated thousands of dollars to the Shrine Hospitals in Philadelphia and Boston, as well as providing major gifts to the hospitals and toys to the children. Walter (“Rosie”) O'Grady, as the 1985-1988 New York State representative for the International Shrine Sneaker Fund, has raised several thousand dollars for the children.

And so, in 1988, as we continue to grow and to improve our skills and talents as clowns, we still live and act by that one basic principle – “No man has ever stood so tall as when he has kneeled to help a child.”

KISMET FAMILY DAY WITH THE NY ISLANDERS

Two dozen of our Masonic family enjoyed an exciting hockey game with the NY Islanders taking on the NJ Devils and bringing home a 1-0 victory. It was an exciting game, particularly the last few minutes when the Devils gave it their all to score—even playing without a goalie for a couple of minutes. At the end of the day, though, the Islanders took the game to the cheers of the crowd.

More importantly than that, we raised \$240 for the Hospital Patient Transportation Fund while enjoying an afternoon together. What better way to support our Hospitals and Children?



MID-ATLANTIC SHRINE ASSOCIATION

Thank you to all who attended the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association Spring Convention held in Lake Ronkonkoma, New York. We accomplished a lot of business.....



We hope fun was had by all because we had a lot of fun being with all of you and you families both Shrine and personal. It was so great and heartwarming to see each and everyone having a good time. This is what the Shrine is about, getting together, renewing acquaintances, sharing experiences and making new friends. The weather was perfect.

BIG THANKS TO THE Director General, Illustrious George Wacob, PP, Deputy General, Illustrious Michael Marmo PP, Deputy General, Noble Greg Feldman and the Hospitality Room Crew: Nobles George Heyen, Leo Johnson Jr., Jerome Hogan, Franklin Donato, John Kelly III, and Raj Pandi. Mike and Greg did an outstanding job supervising and working the hospitality room. Thanks!

We like to extend an invitation to join us in September for the Fall Convention to be held once again in Virginia Beach starting September 6, 2012. Come down early and enjoy the beach.. We hope that once again it will be a fun filled convention for all Shriners, friends and family. We hope you find time to attend the Ladies Luncheon, Cabiri Banquet and the President's Trophy Bash—"Italian Night".



The countdown to the Walk on Saturday, May 19th is on... Don't miss your chance to help raise money and awareness for burn survivors and their families!

Look for us outside the cafeteria on Thursday, May 3rd and at the clinic on the 6th floor on Wednesday, May 9th during lunch time for your opportunity to donate or volunteer.

Buy a sneaker at any level and receive a raffle ticket. Sign-up to be a volunteer and receive a t-shirt and raffle ticket.

Raffle tickets will be entered for the chance to win a leather portfolio! The two largest donations over \$25 will also receive a leather portfolio.

Register for the Walk now at www.burnawarenesswalk.org.

The Walk will take place on Saturday, May 19th, Castle Island, South Boston

Join a team or raise money individually! Prizes will be awarded in two categories, the top individual and the top team, based on the amount of money raised.

There will also be opportunities to win great raffle prizes based on the

YOGURT IS SWEETER FOR YOUNG GIRL LEARNING TO FEED HERSELF

(PHILADELPHIA) Victoria looked at the strawberry yogurt being poured into her bowl and began to bounce in her seat with excitement. Since she is a “big girl” – a year and a half old – one could expect that Victoria would grab her spoon and insist upon feeding herself. However, Victoria has arthrogryposis, a rare congenital muscle disorder causing stiff joints and abnormal muscle development.

Because of her condition, Victoria has limited movement of her extremities and has never held a spoon independently or been able to move her arm enough to bring it to her mouth. She requires assistance with feeding.

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Since Victoria cannot grasp, I made a special strap to hold a spoon in her hand. Instead of a regular spoon, I use an adapted one that is angled, making it easier for her to reach to her mouth.

I pour the yogurt into a high-sided bowl. A suction cup is attached to the bottom of the bowl so Victoria can rest her arm on it without the bowl sliding or tipping over. Now, with her arm teetering on the edge of the bowl like a see-saw, Victoria can use just a little shoulder movement to make her hand go up or down, bringing the spoon with it.

Victoria moves her shoulder up, and the spoon dips down into the yogurt. I give her gentle prompts and cheers in her native Spanish. I say, “Abajo,” which means down; and she moves her shoulder down, and up like a see-saw comes her hand with the spoon. I prompt her again, “Arriba,” which means up, and the spoon returns to the bowl.

Victoria is smiling, and her mouth is now covered in the pink yogurt she has fed herself!

I'm smiling, too, because I know that my activity analysis and resulting intervention have been successful.



LONG ISLAND NEWSDAY PHOTO SPOTLIGHT



Long Island Newsday did a photo essay on Fraternal Organizations which prominently featured Kismet Shrine. Though the article did not go into depth on our Hospitals, it did generate enough interest for a number of Long Island men to contact us for information on joining.



See all of these photos and more at KismetShriners.org

KISMET'S 2012 POTENTATE'S BALL



Kismet's ball to honor the Potentate and his Lady was held in the Ronkonkoma Holiday Inn. Dinner and dancing was the order of the day, and a good time was had by all.





Kismet Shrine Tree of Life



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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.

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KISMET SHRINE TEMPLE
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KISMET'S CIGAR NIGHTS—4TH FRIDAYS

Kismet's Cigar Club meets upstairs in Club Kismet on the forth Friday of every month, from 7pm to midnight. Enjoy great smokes, snacks, drinks and the company of fellow Masons and Shriners.



Our Cigar Club features a great assortment for you to choose from, hand selected by the Club Manager himself (always with the assistance of the Club leaders and members). Often there is a theme to the night, other times it's an assortment of sticks.



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. Snacks, sodas and hard liquor are always available. 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.

CINCO DE MAYO PARTY

Come and celebrate the heritage and history of Mexico with us on May 5th (hence the name, Cinco de Mayo) upstairs in Club Kismet at 6pm.

Authentic Mexican dishes will be served, along with Sangria and beer.

This is a public event, open to all friends and family of Kismet Nobles. Adults \$25/per person, kids free!

In addition to the food, music and fun, new Kismet Nobles will be Fezzed and officially welcomed to the Shrine.

Please come out and support Kismet and our newest Nobles.



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.

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.

If you've already ordered individual pictures from Summerfield and have not yet received them, please give them a call directly at 1-877-764-4535 ext. 205 and ask for Matthew.

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 AT CITI FIELD

Kismet will be heading over to Citi Field on July 24th for another fundraising event. This time, the proceeds will be split between our Boston and Philadelphia Hospitals.

This will be a night game against the Nationals at 7:10pm. We will be in the Pepsi Porch and all tickets are \$30. As with all of our fund-raisers, a portion of the ticket cost will be given back as a donation to the hospitals.



Friends, family, fans—all are welcome! Remember that the more people that come, the more money we will be able to give to the hospitals!

Checks may be sent to Kismet, payable to Kismet Shrine. Make note of "NY Mets" on the check.

Contact our Events Chairman David Rothstein for reservations and more details.

Remember, Nobles, that Kismet cannot continue and thrive without your support. We don't want only your dues, we want your participation!

Please come out and take part in our events, especially those that raise money for the Hospitals and Transportation Fund directly.

KISMET'S SUMMER BBQ AND CHILI COOK-OFF

Join us on July 15th at the Amityville Municipal Beach Park for a family BBQ in the Amityville Beach Pavillion. The event runs from 10am to 4pm.
\$20 per person, \$40 per family and kids eat free!
Bring your bathing suit and your appetite!

Chili Cook-off Competition: Do you think you can cook? Kismet has a number of Nobles who claim that their chili is the best, well now's the time to find out. \$20 entrance fee (money goes to the HPTF) - Prizes awarded for the best Chili—Judged by Kismet's Culinary Unit and Divan.



IMPERIAL SESSION—JULY 1 TO 5—CHARLOTTE NC

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 – provides 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. In addition, there is Charlotte Motor Speedway, 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. Keep up with event updates on the Session's official website: Imperial2012.com.



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.

We will be marching so be prepared to take part. You are welcome to ride your motorcycle, scooter, bicycle, wheelchair, walk, whatever! The dress code is that of your unit, otherwise the Potentate's tan shirt and tan pants are OK. Don't have a Potentate's shirt yet? Let the Pote know that you need one and give him your size (and \$35).

Kismet's VB Housing Chairman, Chief Mike Iannone, will be mailing out reservation forms and the itinerary for the trip which will include the hotel stay and Kismet's annual Family Dinner.

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.



POTENTATE'S BOW TIE AND SHIRT

Nobles—Please consider purchasing this year's tie, which is the bow tie that the Divan wears. In fact, the MASA officers all have one too. It's an attractive gold-based silk woven tie and sports the new Shriners International logo with the name of Kismet Shrine. I have both regular (you have to tie them) and banded (pre-tied) available. In addition, there is a link to great instructional video on tying a bow tie on KismetShriners.org.



In addition, this year's shirt is a short-sleeved tan button-up. The shirt has the Potentate's logo on the right breast with "Kismet Shrine" and your name embroidered on the right sleeve.

The price of either one is \$35. You can send in a check payable to Kismet Shrine (please include your shirt size) or order one the next time you are at the Shrine.

LOOKING TO START CORVETTE CLUB.

Call Joe Santillo
516-287-0974



KISMET 2012 CALENDAR

Nobles—Here is the tentative calendar for the remainder of 2012

Date	Kismet Meeting	Kismet Club Events (Shriners)	Kismet Event (Open)	Outside Event
Saturday, May 05, 2012			Cinco de Mayo	
Monday, May 07, 2012				Grand Lecturer's Convention
Friday, May 11, 2012		Pool & Darts Club (2nd Fridays)		
Saturday, May 12, 2012				Nur Pote Ball
Monday, May 14, 2012	Stated Meeting			
Tuesday, May 15, 2012				Pote's Birthday
Saturday, May 19, 2012			Bingo Night	
Sunday, May 20, 2012				Kismet - L.I. Ducks Baseball
Monday, May 21, 2012	BOD/Divan Meeting			
Friday, May 25, 2012		Cigar Night (4th Fridays)		
Monday, May 28, 2012				Hicksville Memorial Day Parade
Saturday, June 02, 2012				Zem Zem Pote Ball
Sunday, June 03, 2012			Bingo Night	
Monday, June 04, 2012	Stated Meeting (Awards Night - Samsar, years of service, other)			
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				Kalurah Pote Ball
Sunday, July 01, 2012			Imperial Session - Charlotte (until June 5th)	
Monday, July 02, 2012	No Stated Meeting			
Wednesday, July 13, 2011		Pool & Darts Club (2nd Fridays)		
Sunday, July 15, 2012				Amityville Beach BBQ
Saturday, July 21, 2012				Irem Pote Ball
Monday, July 23, 2012	BOD/Divan Meeting			
Tuesday, July 24, 2012				Kismet Shriner Day - NY Mets
Friday, July 27, 2012		Cigar Night (4th Fridays)		
Saturday, August 04, 2012				Boumi Crab Fest
Sunday, August 05, 2012				Mecca - Florence Day
Monday, August 06, 2012	Stated Meeting			Mecca - Florence Day
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)		
Monday, September 03, 2012	Labor Day - No Stated Meeting			
Tuesday, September 04, 2012			Fall MASA in Virginia Beach (until Sept 9)	
Wednesday, September 14, 2011		Pool & Darts Club (2nd Fridays)		
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 18, 2012		Temple of the Month - Philadelphia Hospital		
Thursday, October 20, 2011			Wine Tasting (2pm)	
Monday, October 22, 2012	BOD/Divan Meeting			
Friday, October 26, 2012		Cigar Night (4th Fridays)		
Saturday, November 03, 2012			Night at the Races fund raiser for the HPTF	
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			
Saturday, December 08, 2012			Kismet 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)



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