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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DIVAN OF 2013

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, III. Russell L. Magidson.

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.

Come out and support the Illustrious Sir Mike Iannone as he continues the growth and successes that Kismet has enjoyed over the past years.



HPTF'S NIGHT AT THE RACES—A HUGE SUCCESS

Our "Night at the Races" event netted \$4672. We've donated a portion to each of the two hospitals we directly support (Boston and Philadelphia) as well as to our Hospital Patient Transportation Fund (HPTF). We have funded the HPTF well into 2013 thanks to this night.

The event was a success by any standard and shows what KISMET can accomplish when we work together! We had approximately 10 Kismet Nobles along with many non-Shriners actively engaged in the event.

We will be sending "Thank Yous!" to people who donated items and a donor list will be included in an upcoming issue of our newsletter The Fez. Please make an effort to support the contributors who helped us!! It is essential to thank everyone!

We will be setting up a meeting in January to discuss things we could have done to improve our event and will also be planning the next Fund Raiser which will be a KISMET "Fund Raiser".

Plan to come and bring your ideas!!

CHECK OUR KISMET'S FACEBOOK PAGE

Not only is THE FEZ and KismetShriners.org a wealth of information on the goings on at Kismet Shrine and at the Oasis (AKA Club Kismet), we also have a page on FACEBOOK that is updated on a regular basis by Nobles with information on Shrine Activities and other Masonic information. If you are a new noble, make sure that you sign up to receive information from the Kismet Shrine page on FACEBOOK.

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IS WHAT KISMET IS ABOUT

JOIN IN THE FUN!



Keep an eye open for these upcoming events:

Psalm 133:1

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!

- ⇒ Installation—Jan 7th
- ⇒ Motor Corp Meeting—Jan 7th, 7pm
- ⇒ Superbowl Sunday Party—Feb 3rd
- ⇒ Potentate's Ball—April 20th

- ⇒ Wine Country Tour—May 18th and 19th
- ⇒ Long Island Ducks—May 26th
- ⇒ Imperial Session—June 29th to July 5th
- ⇒ Kismet's Beach BBQ—July 13th

KISMET'S DIVAN AT A GLANCE

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NOTES FROM THE DIVAN

The Pote



Dear Nobles,

I would like to take this opportunity to take time out and thank all of you that attended the meeting. The road has been long and winding. I feel like all the pieces of the puzzle are in place to have a great year. During this joyous Holiday Season, let's look back and reflect on why we are here. Helping one another, especially those less fortunate than ourselves is what we do. REMEMBER, we are Shrine Masons.

There are many great activities planned this year, but without you and your continued support and participation they will not amount to much. As always our future is in our hands.

Our children never give up, WHY SHOULD WE? Here's to an awesome year. Special congratulations to Ill. Russell L. Magidson on becoming the new Recorder of Kismet.

LET'S HAVE A GREAT YEAR!

GOD BLESS

Sincerely,

Ill. Michael Iannone

Chief Rabban



Nobles of Kismet Shrine! Lady Tracy and I want to wish you a wonderful holiday season and a health and prosperous New Year.

I wish to thank you all for the vote of confidence in me by advancing me on the Divan to the position of Chief Rabban. As in the prior years I promise to work to add honor and glory to the great history of Kismet Shrine. As a member of your Divan I will work to make our Shrine a place you are proud to be associated with.

I hope many if not all of you will come out on January 7th at 7pm to the Installation of your officers and Club and Unit presidents. We would love to kick off the New Year sharing fellowship with all our Nobles.

My challenge to the Nobles of Kismet Shrine is that you look to add to our Shrine. I am challenging each of you to come out and share fun and fellowship and help improve the life of one of the children we help in our hospitals. Attend a stated meeting or function. Donate \$20 to the HPTF or a hospital. Collect can tabs to help children. Run or participate in a fundraising event. Donate money to improve our shrine. MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Finally, I want to say to the Nobles of Kismet – Your Shrine is here for you. We have survived Superstorm Sandy. We have come together to help when needed. I know that for some of our Nobles it will be a while before things are normal in their lives. We are here for all our Brothers no matter the crisis. See you at our Installation. MAY THE GAOTU BLESS US ALL IN THE UPCOMING YEAR!

Assistant Rabban



Greetings nobles :

First and foremost I must congratulate our newly elected potentate, Michael Iannone!!!! I am honored to move up the line, having been elected to the position of Assistant Rabban. Thank you.

Our Night at the Races was held at our Shrine. This fundraiser was a huge success!

Our Roadrunners Club spent many months planning this event and their many hours of hard work, really "paid off" !! There were plenty of laughs and excitement as we had children of all ages, acting as "horse jockey's".

Our annual children's holiday party was once again a success due to our shrine's dedication to children. Our shrine remains united in a purposeful goal to bring healing and joy to the youngest members of our society.

Keep smiling ***** George Heyen***** (a.k.a. 'chuckles')

Treasurer



I want to thank everyone for allowing me the honor to be treasure again for 2013. Wishing all a happy holiday , and hoping this year will be as good if not better for Kismet than 20012.

Knowing first hand and being a victim of the storm Sandy I wish a quick recovery to all who were damaged by this monster of a storm. . Again happy holiday .

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NOTES FROM THE DIVAN

High Priest And Prophet



Kismet wrapped up a great 2012 with elections on December 10th. With our elections, as with all elections, we sadly said, "Goodbye" to a few officers but we also said, "Hello" to new ones...and on that note... I would like sincerely thank the nobility of Kismet Shrine for electing me, not only, as your High Priest & Prophet, but also to the Divan, for 2013. I am very honored and humbled. It was a scant two-and-a-half years ago, when I was declared a Noble of Kismet Shrine. I would like to also congratulate all of my fellow Divan members, especially my fellow newbie, Jeff Arist, in his position as Oriental Guide. I would like to wish my successor, Dave Rothstein, all the best as your new Captain of the Guard. Also, please give our Ill. Joe Santillo a great pat-on-the-back and a big round of applause when you see him. After quite a few years of service as our dedicated Recorder, Joe has decided to retire. Congratulations to our newest Past Potentate, Ill. Russell Magidson on his election as our new Recorder. Congratulations to Noble Bob DiCarlo and Ill. Russell Magidson on their election to the Board of Directors to Shriners Hospitals for Children of Philadelphia and Boston, respectively. Good luck to our Ill. Joe Savaglio as he, yet again, sets forth on his quest to become Imperial Outer Guard at Imperial Session this July. However, the biggest congratulations, of course, goes to our new Potentate of Kismet Shrine for 2013... Illustrious Michael Iannone. Congratulations Mike! You finally made it! Rest assured, our new Potentate and the new Divan will continue to work to get Kismet's name out there and to move Kismet towards the future. We will also, at the same time, work to restore some of the luster of her honored past. Yours in Wisdom...

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Oriental Guide



Congratulations to The new potentate And his new divan. This year is filled with a lot of events and a lot of hard work. It is up to each of us to keep the success of kismet growing, Come out and enjoy the camaraderie of your brother Nobles. Learn what is new and come out to help all our new Nobles be successful Kismet Shriner. Lastly I want to thank all Who had the confidence in me to elect me your new Oriental guide,

- Jeff Arist

Captain of the Guard



Congratulations to the newly elected Divan for the year 2013 at Kismet. I look forward to working with them all in this new year. I would like to thank the new Potentate for appointing me to the position of Captain of the Guard.

As part of my role as Special Events Coordinator for Kismet, I have been asked by the Potentate to create a Speakers Series. Our goal is to have a speaker come to the Oasis on the second Monday of every month to discuss a topic of interest to the Nobles present. In order for this to be successful, I am requesting the assistance of the Nobility in identifying topics that they would like to hear speakers on. Please contact me with your feedback and suggestions for topics and speakers.

Last year was a successful year under the leadership of our Immediate Past Potentate and present Recorder Russell Magidson. I know that we will have another successful year of activity at the Oasis under the leadership of our new Potentate Mike Iannone. However, while the leadership of Kismet rests in the hands of the Potentate and the Divan, the future success of our organization rests in the hands of the membership. I have noticed that many new Nobles have joined in the past two years. This is a good sign for our organization. However, we need as many Nobles as possible to take an active role in the programs run by Kismet. It is your organization and your ideas and presence is always welcome.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you on a Monday evening at the Oasis in 2013. There is always either a sporting event on one of the televisions, sometimes a movie on one of the other televisions, or a game of pool going on. There is also often a lively discussion going on amongst Nobles about one topic or another. Come on down and join us!!!

My family and I wish you and your family a Happy New Year!!!

Colonel of Units



Nobles all

Sometimes we have to go back to go forward. In the past, as well as in the future, the UNITS would run events to support their unit and the Shrine. Noble Franklin has had this job and did what he was asked to do. He deserves a well earned rest but I hope he will help and guide me in the future. As soon as I receive the new calendar we will have monthly meetings with all the unit heads. It is time for all the units to get busy. The more the units meet and do things the bigger the units grow. Speaking of units, the Oriental Band will be having regular meetings - the first meeting will be this Monday Dec. 17th for the election of officers.

Let's get busy and have fun helping the Shrine Help our KIDS

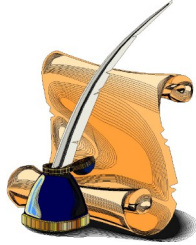
Happy Holidays to all my Friends and Brothers and Nobles

Ill. Mike Marmo P.P.

Colonel of Units

FROM ELSEWHERE IN THE DESERT

The Recorder



Nobles all

I would be lying if I said that I was glad that the year has passed—I've so enjoyed working with you all as Potentate of Kismet Shrine. As much work as it was, and as difficult as some of the times have been, it has also been the most rewarding year for me: I could not have found a better place to be, nor a finer group of men (and their Ladies) to have worked so closely with. I am humbled to be amongst such dedicated and hard-working people as yourselves and honored to have the time I do with you all.

The trust that you have placed in my hands as Potentate will continue to be honored as I take on the role of Recorder. There is much work still to do and I am so very glad to be able to continue to have a direct role in the support of our Fraternity. As Potentate I have called on you (especially the Past Potentates) for your wisdom and council and I expect that I will continue to need your support as I take this new path.

To all of the Nobles who joined our caravan this past year: You have made one of the best decisions of your life. The men here at Kismet, and again I say: their ladies, are the cream of the crop—men and women I am proud to call Brother and Sister, and I know that you will be as well. Enjoy the fellowship that Kismet offers and make the best of your opportunity to support the Greatest Philanthropy in the World: Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Godspeed!

- Ill Russell L. Magidson, PP

Clowns



Our prayers go out to Richie and Roy who are still ill and undergoing a long time healing process. What is great about these two Nobles is their ability to communicate. It may have been their training in the armed forces, or maybe their job taught them, or possibly they are smart enough to know communication is one of the keys to success. As a clown one must have an ability to communicate with those around you. Communicating with older people is simple enough, communicating with children is something else and communicating with sick children is all together different. It can be learned but one must have a desire to learn. One must understand that there is always something to learn and have a willingness to listen. If you have that ability to learn and a willingness to do good and put aside your ego then you may have the qualities to be a Kismet Clown. If you are interested please see me at a meeting or email me at JohnJKellyIII@Gmail.com. "keep 'em smiling"

Public Relations



I was fortunate as a young man to be trained as an officer and a gentleman by the Navy, they taught me the importance of communication. In my chosen career of 40 years in heavy construction all over America where death and destruction was at every corner, communication was critical. As a supervisor of hundreds of men working many millions of dollars worth of construction, communication was the key to going home safely in one piece. When I stood in front of a college classrooms for many years, it was all about the ability to communicate. As the Master of my lodge I was able to fill all the chairs in the lodge room for the meetings, sometime we even ran out of aprons. To me its all about communication and if we want to be successful in what we do, if we want to fill the lodge room for Shrine meetings, if we want to have successful events and raise money for the children, if we just want to be better Shriners and more effective, I strongly believe in that communication is the key. When we have it we are successful, when we don't, we are sitting in an empty lodge room with no focus and goals. As the Public Relations Chair I have always felt it was my responsibility to communicate with the outside world and within the Shrine. I have in the past forwarded emails from Imperial and important notices I received to the Nobility. If you have not received my communications and you want to, please email me at JohnJKellyIII@Gmail.com.

Thank you.

Culinary



Nobles, it's been a Great year. Congrats to Potentate Russell and the divan for a job well done. We took over culinary mid stream, not having a clue of what and how to do. After six months we have learnt and gathered the how to's. Based on your requests we have made some changes. You've asked, we answered. We look forward to a new year filled with more great things. If you have any special requests, ask. We can't make it better without your ideas.

We look forward to Michael and the new Divan.

Nobles Fred and Ian Frankel

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PA HOSPITAL SUCCESS STORY—LÆLIA SKY

I get air sick. I just wanted to start with that in case anyone is under any delusion that I enjoy flying 3,000 miles one-way from California to Philadelphia to see one specific doctor. My family lives five minutes away from the hospital that U.S. News ranked #2 in the nation for orthopedics. My daughter, Laelia (LAY-Lee-Uh), was not only correctly diagnosed with arthrogryposis the morning after she was born, but also with the correct type of arthrogryposis, out of more than 400 types. Our pediatrician could not only pronounce arthrogryposis, but upon our first visit he produced a photo of himself and another patient with AMC—a photo affectionately on his desk. After hearing from so many other families I realize our story is rare for how easy we had it. If anyone was blessed with a working knowledge of one of the rarest conditions in the world right from the start, it was us. If we could have had our daughter anywhere in the world, San Diego would have been hand picked.



Yet doctors gave up hope.

I can't explain it. Well, it's true that my daughter did not really move her arms or legs for the first year of her life. She also has extremely low muscle tone that one local doctor described as the lowest muscle tone that he'd ever seen in kids with AMC. Despite hearing that I continued to make appointments and try to get more help for my daughter. I must have been annoying because the head surgeon actually took my shoulders in his hands and told me to accept that my daughter was disabled. Then he left the room without signing the prescription for splints in my hand. It was for knee splints and the doctors were convinced that straightening Laelia's knees would not allow her to be comfortable in a wheelchair where they predicted she would spend her life. Every doctor's visit came with a wave of depression as we grieved the loss of hope. The last glimmer of hope to die was when we learned about an arthrogryposis clinic in Seattle from a friend who was willing to pay for us to go there. It was the final nail in the coffin when that orthopedic big wig gave up on our daughter after one visit. He would make the fifth pediatric orthopedic doctor to say, "Nothing to be done. See me in six months."

We found out about Dr. van Bosse after we had already given up. I hate to admit it. Even when success stories were pouring out of Shriners in Philly, I was still skeptical. It wasn't until our friend Cheryl and her daughter, Tracey, spoke up about their personal experience with Dr. van Bosse that we agreed to see him.

At this point I felt like an AMC expert. I was familiar with my surgery options, or what little there were. I knew all about splints, walkers, weight-bearing, wheelchairs, casting and stretching. I owned the AMC Atlas textbook. And my daughter had already been through two major surgeries and some tendonotomies before local doctors had told us she was "done." I felt so certain she had more potential than doctors could see. So we went to Philly.

The trip to Philly was rough. So rough that I was praying the great and powerful doctor was merely just the man behind the curtain. Instead I got to meet my very first expert in the AMC orthopedic field. I was impressed with a doctor who listens, examines and waits. But I'm not here to write about bedside manner, although I remain super impressed with a doctor who will email me back within 24 hours with answers to my medical questions. Dr. van Bosse introduced us to an entirely different methodology. So far Laelia had only had soft tissue surgeries. We kept hacking at precious resources my daughter needed to move. Instead Dr. van Bosse introduced us to derotational osteotomies. And unlike the doctor in Seattle who first mentioned them but would only perform that surgery on patients who "deserved" it (his PT said Laelia's muscles were too weak), Dr. van Bosse left his crystal ball of future predictions at home and focused on the issues at hand. The most important thing was to give her a chance and see what she did with it. And unlike others we'd seen, all surgical suggestions he made were backed up by evidence. I was shown my daughter's x-rays and then x-rays of the same exact lower body contractures of other anonymous patients before and after the surgeries he was proposing. It wasn't a "take my word for it" pitch at all. It was a course of treatment over the next few years with known results. Instead of, "Will my daughter walk?" my questions became, "When will my daughter walk?"



My daughter walks. (Now I'm crying as I write this.) Everywhere. Up and down inclines, around the grocery store, all over the house. Without a gait trainer. Without a walker. Without pediatric crutches. And recently she took a few steps without even her leg braces on. Having correct alignment allowed her to exercise and grow muscles in her legs we didn't even know she had. I can't begin to describe how her life has improved dramatically since she gained the ability to



stand and walk, something she never would have done without Dr. van Bosse. My daughter was almost five when I had my first conversation with her about walking in the street, opening the bathroom door when I'm in there and running with scissors—conversations I was told we would never have. If not for Dr. van Bosse, Laelia would be sitting on wide, abducted legs right now.

Doctors should never give up on children. Children are the very definition of potential. Dr. van Bosse is the very definition of excellence in care. And all my parent friends will tell you, he never gives up.

And I joyfully get air sick to see him.

PA HOSPITAL SUCCESS STORY—AJ YENISH



AJ in 2009

Born with a rare orthopedic condition, Arthrogryposis, AJ's hands and feet were severely contracted at birth. Having previously met with the doctors at Shriners Hospital in Philadelphia, we set our plan into motion and AJ began receiving treatment on his hands and feet just twenty days after he was born! The trips from Bridgewater, NJ to Philadelphia were made weekly for six months to slowly cast his feet and mold his hands into the correct position. Today, AJ is able to walk and move his hands fluidly due to the extraordinary care the physicians of Shriners Hospital-Philadelphia and local therapists provided. AJ's story is one of many that we have witnessed that have come out of the orthopedic clinic room where Dr. Harold van Bosse and Dr. Scott Kozin work their miracles.



AJ in 2012

PA HOSPITAL SUCCESS STORY—TRACY SCHALK

I was born 25 years ago with arthrogryposis affecting every joint in all of four of my limbs. I had numerous orthopedic surgeries as a child, most of them on my lower extremities. All of them were done by the pediatric orthopedist closest to my where I grew up in Northwestern Ohio. I had major reconstruction surgery on my clubfoot at 9 months and as is typical in arthrogryposis it recurred within just a few years. Due to inadequate expertise in the complexities of treating arthrogryptic clubfoot my surgeon at the time didn't treat the recurrence and only recommended surgery after all of my bones spontaneously fused together. My parents opted to wait on the surgery. I also a leg length discrepancy, my left leg was $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch longer. I proceeded to walk around like this for the next 15 years. By the time I reached my late teens I was getting fed up with my clubfoot not fitting into anything but tennis shoes and crocs. Dress shoes were pretty much out of the question, not too mention my gait was horrible.

Through AMC Support I found Dr. Harold van Bosse, at the time he ran the AMC Clinic at NYU Hospital for Joint Diseases. My first appointment with him was an eye opening experience. Not only was my clubfoot worse that had been diagnosed by my former surgeon, my left leg was actually a full 2.3 inches longer than the right, my right hip was also severely malformed leaving my femur twisted outwards. Prior to this appointment I had sought the opinion of 5 other orthopedic surgeons and all recommended the same surgery to correct my foot but all had the same underlying message, just be happy you walk at all. All of them also didn't mention my severe leg length discrepancy. One even had the audacity to suggest I start using a wheelchair instead of correcting my foot.

Dr. van Bosse's surgical approach to treating my foot was different. He also recommended lengthening my short leg and rotating my femur into alignment. In creating a treatment plan he was seeing the potential I had to walk better, more upright and with less energy exertion. His plan was to maximize my potential. He transferred to Shriners Hospital in Philadelphia shortly after I initially saw him.

Over the course of 3 years Dr. van Bosse corrected my clubfoot, lengthened my right leg 2.3 inches and under his recommendations his colleague at Shriners rotated my femur to face forward. All three of these procedures required the use of external fixators. Correcting my clubfoot made my foot flatter to the ground so I now bear weight on the bottom of my foot instead of the side of it. Lengthening my right leg made it the same length as the left and untwisting my femur makes my knee and foot face forward instead of outward. All three of these surgeries resulted in a gait that is closer to normal, more energy efficient and does not require me to wear a lift on my shoe anymore. I stand upright and even instead of hunched forward and leaning to one side. I can now wear more than just tennis shoes and crocs and I now own dressier shoes. I no longer hop from step to step when going down steps, I can actually take controlled, deliberate steps down. I can go up more staircases without using a railing. Sitting is also easier.

In my 3 years of treatment I not only gained a more functional leg and a better gait, I learned what excellent and effective treatment for arthrogryposis looks like and I learned what a truly exceptional physician Dr. van Bosse is. I didn't start treatment with Dr. van Bosse until I was in my late teens so I live with the effects of the ineffective treatment I had as a child. After seeing his treatment approach to arthrogryposis I know if I had been in his care from birth I would have walked better and at an earlier age. I know the babies and kids in Dr. van Bosse's care will be better off as adults because of the treatment they're receiving now and I will be forever grateful for what Dr. van Bosse and Shriners Hospitals for Children has done for me.

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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 SHRINE PHOTO DIRECTORY

Nobles and Ladies:

Most of you have heard about our Photo Directory over the past year, and many are asking "Where are they? When are they coming out? What happened to my money?" Well, now is the time and you're going to get your money's worth.

The directory was planned to be released during 2013, the 125th anniversary of Kismet Shrine and will be out by mid-year.

For those who do not know, we are putting together a pictorial directory of the Kismet Shrine family with Summerfield Studios. Summerfield has done this kind of photo book for many other shrines and they make for wonderful memories.



We ask all the Nobles who've come into Kismet in 2012 as well as all Nobles who have not yet had their photo taken for the directory, to contact the Recorder and let him know. He will have Summerfield contact you directly and schedule a photo session.

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.

Please note that there is no cost or obligation to you to take part in the Photo Directory. Just arrange a time with the photographer for your picture to be taken. The directories will be available for purchase (\$29) as a fund-raiser for Kismet Shrine should you want to purchase your own copy.

KISMET'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Kismet's Holiday Party for 2012 was a great success, as always due to the hard work and coordination by the Nobility and those running the event. Remember that you too can head up (or take part in) our events—just let our Events Coordinator David Rothstein or Potentate know and we'll help you get started.



Of course, Santa was on hand to wish everyone a “Happy Holiday” and give gifts to all of the children. It doesn’t seem that any of the adults were suffering either!



See all of these photos and more at KismetShriners.org



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: _____

DR. SHERIDAN PUBLISHES A NEW TEXTBOOK

Shriners Hospitals for Children – Boston is proud to announce that Dr. Robert Sheridan, Assistant Chief of Staff, has published the first burns textbook to come out in many years, titled, “Burns: A Practical Approach to Immediate Treatment and Long-Term Care.” Dr. Sheridan is donating all proceeds from the sales of the book to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

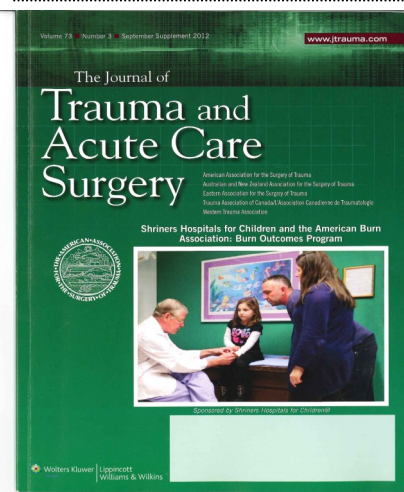
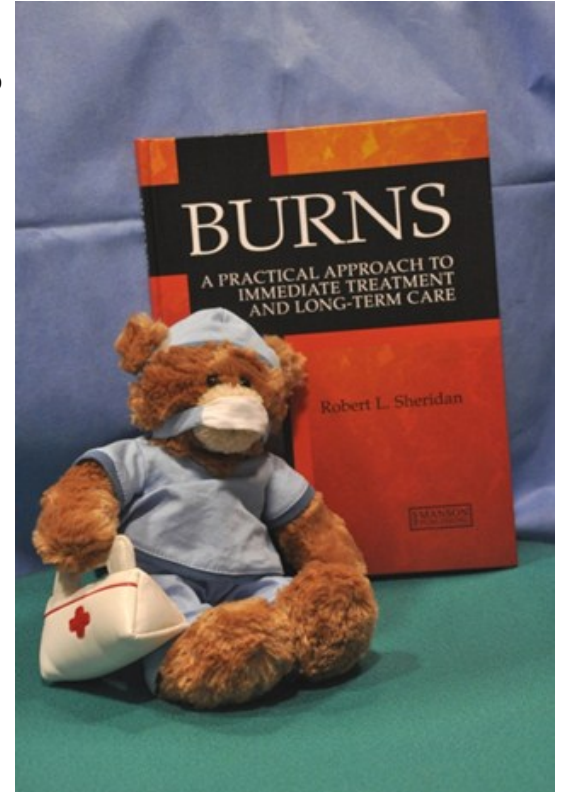
The following reviews are a few examples of the enthusiastic response the textbook has received:

Outstanding! ~ British Journal of Hospital Medicine (November 2012, Volume 73, No. 11).

“Excellent written and illustrated textbook providing practical knowledge of how to treat small to severe burn injuries in pediatrics and adults, with very thoughtful history and quotes. Authored by the world’s greatest burn surgeon. Highly recommended.

This is a very inspiring and thoughtfully written textbook on burn care. Excellent for those just beginning in their practice or for those who have been practicing burn care for years. Kudos to a wonderful person and doctor!

This is an excellent book. Written by an expert in Burns and a dedicated physician when it comes to treating kids and adults that have suffered this terrible injury. Easy to read and good pictures. Dr. Sheridan’s book can be purchased on Amazon.com.



The Shriners Multicenter Outcomes group has good reason for celebration. The September supplement issue of The Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery reports exclusively on the Shriners Hospitals for Children and the American Burn Association Burn Outcomes Program. The publication includes eight manuscripts which

represent the culmination of 15 years of outcomes research. Authors from across the four collaborating burns hospitals culled from the same data pool to report on varying topics such as facial burns, hand burns, family characteristics and perceptions, and measuring the cost of care. Copies of The Journal are displayed around the hospital.

Publishing the findings of this extensive collaboration in The Journal is a tremendous accomplishment. Clinical staff, patients and families may now see what their involvement in the study truly means and how it can impact the care of children with burn injuries across the world.

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.

JOIN A UNIT, GET INVOLVED.

REMEMBER: HAVE FUN AND HELP KIDS!

Join us this Winter...

The 6th Masonic District Association of Manhattan, Inc. will be sponsoring a Blood Drive...



Tues. January 29, 2013 1:30 pm - 7:30 pm

The Grand Lodge Building
71 West 23rd Street 2nd Floor East Room
New York, NY

**For more information or to schedule an appointment,
please contact:**

Brother David Rothstein 917 322 - 9136 / davidrothstein@verizon.net
Brother Bill Peist, Sr. 347-436-3922/ billyblueeyes47@aol.com
6th District Blood Drive Co-Chairs

NYBC Eligibility Line 1-800-688-0900

www.nybloodcenter.org

www.redcelladvantage.com

Earn Points-Donor Incentive-Give Blood.

NO SS # Required – A Photo or Signature ID Required.

Eat well balanced meals before giving blood.

 **New York** Blood Center

WHEN WILL THE INSANITY END?

Nobles—We have all heard about the issues between the Grand Lodge of Arkansas and Shriners International. I place here for your reading a letter written by a Shrine-Mason who is requesting a demit from his Shrine in order to ensure his ability to have a Masonic funeral. I've blacked out the names and addresses as it's not for me to release them. The point is that now is the time to pray for level heads to prevail and for everyone to exert any influence they have to bring this situation to a quick and mutually agreeable resolution

NOV. 25, 2012

BRO. [REDACTED]

I REGRET SENDING MY DEMIT TO YOU. I HAVE BEEN A MEMBER FOR A LONG TIME AND HAVE ENJOYED EVERY MINUTE OF IT. I AM NOT SENDING MY DEMIT IN BECAUSE I AM IN LOCK STEP WITH THE GRAND LODGE. THEY HAVE MADE US (THE MASONS) THE LAUGHING STOCK OF OUR COUNTRY. THE GRAND LODGE MUST BE MADE UP OF SHORT TIMERS AND ARE DRINKIN OUT OF THE SAME CUP OF HATRED FOR THE ARKANSAS SHRINERS. I HAVE BEEN A MASTER MASON FOR ALMOST 58 YEARS. I HAVE KNOWN A FEW GRAND MASTERS AND ONE WAS A VERY PERSONAL FRIEND OF MINE! NONE OF THEM, I REPEAT, NONE OF THEM HAVE EVER ACTED UNMASONIC. WHERE DID THIS LODGE OF MASTER MASONS COME FROM? I AM 81½ YEARS OLD AND ITS STILL HARD FOR ME TO BELIEVE WHAT THE GRAND LODGE OF ARKANSAS IS DOING IN THE NAME OF MASONRY! I HAVE CANCER AND EXPECT TO HAVE A MASONIC FUNERAL. I ALSO HOPE TO LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO SEE THESE PEOPLE OUT!

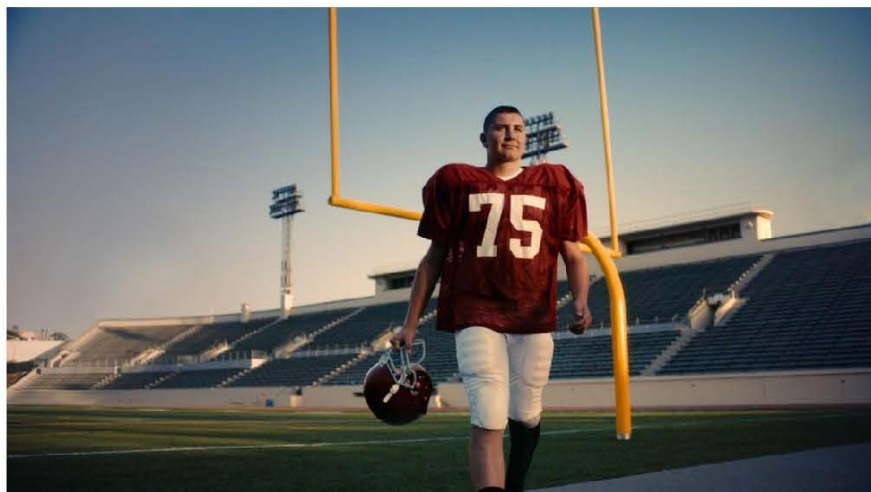
IF IT COMES TO THE POINT WHERE I CAN NO LONGER TOLERATE THE ACTIONS OF THE GRAND LODGE AND WANT TO REJOIN SAHARA, I HOPE THAT IT WILL NOT BE TOO DIFFICULT TO DO SO!

THANK FOR LETTING ME "BEND YOUR EAR" ON HOW I FEEL ABOUT THINGS.

YOURS IN THE FAITH;

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



A FRATERNAL NEWSLETTER

The Public Relations Voice Special Edition

Holiday Media Update

Love to the rescue campaign

Dear Noble,

As you know, our Shriners Hospitals for Children® Love to the rescue™ campaign television commercials have been on the air since June 2012, informing the public of the great work our philanthropy is doing.

During December, we will have a very active media presence, particularly on cable/satellite television networks throughout the country. This is a very exciting time as we are now reaching millions of viewers and securing recognition for our fraternity's philanthropic hospital mission and increasing donations as people are immersed in the spirit of holiday giving. As we have pointed out in the past, this also heightens the awareness of our great fraternity.

In December 2012 alone, we will be airing 1,087 TV commercials from the 3rd through the 24th. Our message is loud and clear; we are helping kids and telling people why Shriners Hospitals for Children is the leader in pediatric specialty health care.

The networks pictured to the right will carry our commercials this holiday season. Our ads have been placed on a rotating schedule; you will see them throughout the programming day, early morning, prime time evening, late night and weekends.

We wanted you to be aware of this exciting news, as we will be highly viewed during this critical holiday giving season. As you watch television, be sure to tune in to these networks and help us spread the word and share our excitement. Tell your family, friends and colleagues to be looking for our Love to the rescue campaign TV spots. And remember this campaign was developed because of the overwhelming "love" you have shown to all the children treated at Shriners Hospitals for Children since 1922.

Yours in faith,

Deputy Imperial Potentate, Imperial Public Relations Chairman

♥ TV



Super Bowl Party at Club Kismet Sunday February 3, 2013

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE SUPER BOWL PARTY



**At Kismet Temple
18 West Nicolai Avenue, Hicksville, NY 11801
Start time: 3:00 PM to whenever
No RSVP required**

Cost:

**Free to all Shriners, Masons & their Invitees
Free Food, Beer & Wine
Join us at Club Kismet**

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

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR OF FUND RAISING

KISMET SHRINE COMPLETES A SUCCESSFUL YEAR OF FELLOWSHIP AND FUNDRAISING IN 2012 PLANS FOR 2013 ALREADY MADE

2012 was a successful year for Kismet Shrine as it relates to our growth in membership, increased fellowship amongst the Nobility as well as raising funds for the Boston and Philadelphia Hospitals and raising funds for our Hospital Patient Transportation Fund (HPTF).

Group outings to a New York Islander Game and Long Island Ducks game raised funds for the HPTF and the first Shriners Hospitals for Children event at CitiField raised funds for the Boston and Philadelphia Hospitals. A successful Night at the Races was also held at Kismet with funds being raised for the Boston and Philadelphia Hospitals as well as the HPTF.

Plans are already being made for the 2nd Annual group outing to a Long Island Ducks game as well as the 2nd Annual Shriners Hospitals for Childrens Day at CitiField. Save the dates of Sunday, May 26, 2013 for the 2nd Annual Kismet Group outing to see the Long Island Ducks, and Saturday, July 20, 2013 for the 2nd Annual Shriners Hospital for Childrens event at CitiField. Plenty of other events are being planned for 2013. If you have a suggestion for one, speak to any member of the Divan.

The 2013 Shriners Hospitals for Childrens event at Citi Field is again being coordinated by Kismet, however, our fellow Nobles from MECCA, NYOSA and MASA will be working with us this year in making the 2013 event even more successful.

The Super Bowl Party at Kismet has become an Annual Event. A great gathering happened in 2012 and another one is planned for 2013 so keep the date of Sunday, February 3, 2013 open in your calendar to share time with fellow Nobles, their family and friends while watching the Super Bowl. You are sure to have a super time.

Participation in our weekly gatherings at the Oasis on non-meeting Monday nights also increased in 2012. Food and fellowship is a plenty. The culinary crew is happy to take food suggestions.

The one thing that is always needed is assistance in running events as well as the active participation in our events. The events in 2012 were well attended as well as run by a cadre of committed volunteers. There is always room for more help and always room for more people to attend. Keep track of the goings on of our Shrine Centre by reading THE FEZ and checking the KISMET SHRINE page on Facebook.

THE IMPORTANCE OF MEMBERSHIP

Greetings, Nobles

I just want to take a minute to talk about membership. We need to increase our membership, bottom line. We need to get the word out and get our Masonic Brothers to get involved with the important work we do for the hospitals. Let's not forget the many units and brotherhood the Shrine offers. If we can increase our membership and add more members to our rolls it will make it easier for everyone and greatly increase the financial sustainability of our beloved Shrine Center, so we can continue to do the good work for the kids. Please, if everyone can bring in one new member we will be greatly enhanced. Remember the \$99 initial membership special is still in effect.

Thank you, and if you need a petition contact myself or anyone of the Divan or print one off of our website (http://kismetshriners.org/Forms/Kismet_Petition_for_Membership_Form_2011.pdf) or our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/KismetShrine/files/>).

- Mike Smith, Membership Chairman

OPT IN TO RECEIVE THE FEZ VIA EMAIL

Please help Kismet save printing and mailing costs by accepting our newsletter in electronic format (PDF) instead of a printed and mailed version.

Email the Recorder and tell him to put you on our electronic distribution list.

We will always have a few printed versions up in Club Kismet for you to enjoy.





Congratulations to the Elected Divan of 2013
Your new Potentate: Michael Iannone



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