



# THE FEZ

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## KISMET CLASS OF 1978

Do you know any of these Nobles? Are you one of them? Test your memory—let Illustrious Sir Lou Barazotti know who you can name in this picture. Time sure flies, doesn't it?



## HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES YET?

Nobles—the dues notices have gone out and we await your dues payments. Kismet cannot continue to survive and do the work we do for the Children and the Hospitals without the support of your dues payments. Please take a moment right now to send in your dues check—and perhaps add a few dollars donation for the Road Runners and/or the hospitals. Don't risk losing your status as a Shriner and help keep Kismet financially sound.

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!

- ⇒ Stated Meeting—May 13th
- ⇒ Imperial Session—June 29th to July 5th
- ⇒ Long Island Ducks—August 3rd
- ⇒ Summer BBQ—August 18th

### NO SMOKING POLICY FOR KISMET:

Nobles—Please remember that on meeting Mondays there is no smoking downstairs and on off Mondays there is no smoking upstairs.

# KISMET'S DIVAN AT A GLANCE

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# NOTES FROM AROUND THE OASIS

## The Pote



As we head into Spring, let's think of renewal. Before we go any further, let's ask the question, "Why did we become a Shriner?". Every Shriner must answer that question for himself. For me it was a chance to have fun, help kids and wear the Fez and all that it all represents. I doubt that there is a Shrine like ours. One that has the personalities and craziness. At the end of the day we keep it all together.

You may have noticed our building looks a little different. Our downstairs has received a little face lift, new bathrooms, a paint job and shiny new floor. We are putting into motion the plans we had talked about for years. Moving towards a different clientele for doing business. There is still much more to accomplish. As your Potentate, I am confident that with the continued support of the Nobility we can reach our goals.

When you find the answer to the question I asked earlier, I hope it leads you back to the Shrine.

YITF,  
Ill. Michael Iannone

## Chief Rabban



NOBLES!!!!.....Kismet is buzzing with activity.

The Potentate's Ball and Shriner's Hospital Day at CitiField were fun. All of you who came know what I'm talking about and know why we are growing as a Shrine. Not only do these events help our children and our hospitals, but they bring us closer together as Brothers and friends.

There are many more activities planned and I hope to see you at one or all. Come and share fun times with family and friends.

The spring is here and summer is close by. Please remember the Memorial Day Parade in Hicksville. Come out and march or ride with the Divan and Nobles.

Check out future events on our website!  
Greg Feldman, Chief Rabban

## Assistant Rabban



Greeting's Nobles,

The weather on Long Island has gotten warmer just in time for our Potentate's ball.

Our shrine is open to all masonic brothers every Monday night rain or shine! Come on down as often as you are able.

Remembering that "there is strength in numbers" it is our responsibility to be vigilant in looking to increase our membership.

Keep smiling , George "Chuckles" Heyen!!!!!!

## The Recorder



Friends and Fellow Nobles

Your officers work hard to keep you informed of what's going on in and around our Oasis. Most of you see that through regular emails, but there are more ways than just that. There are a number of websites and other sources of information online that you are encouraged to look at in order to keep abreast of all things Shriner:

- <http://KismetShriners.org>—Our Shrine Center's web site
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/KismetShrine>—Our own Facebook group
- <http://ShrinersHospitalsForChildren.org>—Love to the Rescue
- <http://www.shrinersinternational.org>—The landing page for all things Shrine
- <https://www.shrinersvillage.com>—A private web community for Shriners
- [BeAShrinerNow.com](http://BeAShrinerNow.com)—Send your prospective candidates here to learn more

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# NOTES FROM AROUND THE OASIS

## High Priest And Prophet



As the warmer months are FINALLY upon us, reflective of “newness and rebirth,” there is a “newness and rebirth” right here at Kismet. As some of you may have already noticed, we are repairing and refurbishing our hall – not only for ourselves, but also for all who rely upon it. With that, I would like to sincerely thank Noble John Pecorella and his team of dedicated and hard-working professionals for all the great work they have done and are doing. Thanks John! So, come on down and see all the improvements that are being made. Another group of dedicated professional's who deserve our hanks, are the men and women of our Armed Forces. Show your thanks by marching with your fellow nobles in Hicksville's Memorial Day Parade on Monday May 27th. Fly the flag and thank those who served. In just a few weeks, it'll be that time of year again... IMPERIAL SESSION! So, it's off to Indianapolis for Kismet, for a week of fun, fellowship (...a little business) and to cheer on our own Joe Savaglio! I would like to wish all of my fellow nobles a very Happy Fathers Day and I would like to wish all of our ladies a very Happy Mothers Day, as well. I hope that you are enjoying this wonderful Spring and I wish that you and your families have a wonderful Summer, as well. Yours in wisdom...

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## Events



Our membership is higher than it has been in a while, however, the participation of the Nobility in the planning of activities as well as the participation of activities is not that high. It seems that the same 20 to 30 people out of our total membership of over 500 continue to show up at the Oasis on a regular basis and assist in the running of our Shrine Centre. If you are not one of the regular participants in our activities, then please start to participate and come down to either a Stated Meeting on the first Monday of the month or an off-meeting Monday. The camaraderie and fellowship is always great and you will be welcomed by all of those present.

I am always looking for help in planning events for the Shrine. The Islanders game was an event that was planned and organized by myself and Noble Fred Frankel. Assistance in making the event a success was provided by our Recorder and our Potentate. It was a WE event as all events are. What future events would you like to see planned? The LI Ducks game is in August. It was a hit last year with over 70 tickets purchased. I am hoping that it is a successful event this year. And as with the Islander game, a percentage of the proceeds from the tickets purchased will be donated back to the Kismet Hospital Patient Transportation Fund.

YITF,  
Noble David Rothstein

## Clowns



Your dues are due. \$10.00 for the Noble, \$5.00 for a family member. Please send your money to Rich Schulz as soon as possible as we are trying to update the list. The membership info sheet was emailed and copies spread about Kismet. Please support the clown unit as we support the children of SHC.

## Public Relations



We are all part of the public relations team for Kismet. We should always be promoting the benefits of the Shriners Hospitals for Children and talking about our fraternity. I suggest you go to the Shriners web site and develop an account at Shriners Village (<http://ShrinersVillage.com>). Its a wonderful way to increase your knowledge of our fraternity and charity. Please support our events chairman and his ball games as this is one way of raising money to support our hospitals and Kismets Transportation Fund.



# ANOTHER HOSPITAL SUCCESS STORY

Two-year old Reagan Harwood is a ball of happy energy. She loves to play with toys and has a smile for everyone she meets. Just like most toddlers she is fast moving and into everything! Unfortunately, all that energy was at work on a January afternoon, ten days before her second birthday. It took only seconds for Reagan to pull a pan of searing-hot bacon grease off of the stove-top, which caused second and third-degree burns to her face, chest and arms.

Her mother, Rhiannon, who received some burn-care education during lifeguard training in her youth, immediately removed Reagan's footie pajamas and applied water to the burns. She then called for an ambulance, which took them to the local hospital in Manchester, New Hampshire.

"When we arrived at the hospital, their top pediatrician came to examine Reagan," says Rhiannon. "He took one look and said her injuries were too severe to be properly treated at this hospital. Then he said, 'I have a daughter, and if this had happened to her, I'd want her to be treated at Shriners-Boston.'"



The hospital placed a phone call to Shriners Hospitals for Children-Boston and Reagan was on her way. Upon arriving at Shriners, nurses met Reagan and her mother at the ambulance and whisked them up to the 8<sup>th</sup> floor for emergency treatment. The bacon grease had caused a severe thermal burn, which melted Reagan's pajamas into the skin on her arm and removed several layers of skin. The Shriners-Boston team quickly removed all of the remaining bacon grease from Reagan's body and then began to treat her wounds.

While the medical staff worked, the child life staff provided Reagan with toys to play with to keep her mind occupied. "The staff came in with a huge pillowcase filled with a homemade quilt, toys, books, and CDs with lullabies," Rhiannon remembers. "And a nurse came in with an iPad full of fun apps to keep Reagan busy—a virtual piano for her to play and bubbles that she could pop as they floated across the screen

The hospital staff also supported Reagan's parents—helping them fill out paperwork, explaining Reagan's wounds and treatment in layman's terms, and providing every bit of comfort possible to Rhiannon, who never left Reagan's side during her three-day stay. "The nurses arranged for a cot to be placed beside her hospital bed for us to sleep on, and let me shower in the locker room. They even let us do a load of laundry and prepared a bottle for Reagan when she woke up crying at 3 a.m."

While at Shriners, Reagan formed a particular attachment to, an administrative assistant on the eighth floor where Reagan received most of her treatment. He is also a burn survivor. It's not uncommon for the patients to form special bonds with the staff during their time at the hospital. When Reagan returned for outpatient treatment some weeks later, the assistant made it a point to drop in and check on his new friend.

Reagan sustained the most severe burns to her arm and the area around her eye. Before discharging her, Shriners-Boston staff showed Reagan's parents how to properly care for her wounds—how to dress them and what to look for to ensure they were healing properly. The burn specialists taught Reagan's parents how best to care for her skin during healing and afterward. They also informed them about the medical options she may have when she gets older, such as skin grafts to stretch the skin on her burned arm to increase mobility as Reagan continues to grow.

Almost a year after the incident, Reagan is flourishing, and is still the same bright and happy child she was before the burn occurred. The scar on her face is a mere trace of what it once was, a testament to her mother's fast-acting actions in the moments before the ambulance arrived.

Rhiannon credits the doctors and nurses at Shriners-Boston for Reagan's comprehensive treatment and the assistance and education that she and Reagan's father received during the process. She hopes that Reagan's story will help increase burn awareness and education.

"People don't ever think this will happen to them," she says. "I watch my child like a hawk—I never thought this could happen to her. Reagan's experience proved how necessary it is to know about immediate burn treatment. Reagan had such a severe burn; we were totally in the dark about how to care for it, but the doctors and nurses took us all under their wing. We are so grateful."

# KISMET ROAD RUNNERS NEED YOU

To all KISMET NOBLES

KISMET's "Road Runners" are in need of drivers to transport our children to the Shriners Hospitals. If you have the time and can help, please reply to this request and call me. (John 516-301-5189). If you are presently a driver please encourage new drivers to join!

As Shriners we agree that it's "all about the children" so turning away a family because we don't have a driver should never be an option. The responsibility to transport children to our Hospitals is KISMET's most important commitment. The driving involves picking up a vehicle from Enterprise and driving the family to the Shriners Hospital in Philadelphia hospital. There is normally a driver and a "shot gun". There is no cost to you and transportation is provided.

As a new driver we will arrange for you to go with an experienced driver. We will work with you to get comfortable. In the past the drivers became teams. The drive time is around three hours so it's nice to have a co-driver you have something in common with. Unfortunately the demand for drivers is erratic. At the present time we have several children who have had surgery and need a weekly check up!

Over the years our Road Runners have done a outstanding job in transporting our children.

Please help!!

Noble, John Hassell Co-Chair

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## THE 139TH IMPERIAL SESSION IS COMING

Imperial Potentate Alan W. Madsen, Deputy Imperial Potentate John Cinotto and Murat Shriners look forward to welcoming nobles and their families to the 139th Imperial Session, June 30 - July 4, 2013, in Indianapolis.

The city has plenty of attractions for visitors including the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Indiana War Memorial Plaza, Indianapolis Art Museum, and more. Outdoor enthusiasts will enjoy the Indianapolis Central Canal in White River State Park, which offers gondola rides, pedal boat and bicycle rentals.

For more information about specific events and other updates, please visit the session's official website at [www.imperial2013.com](http://www.imperial2013.com).

Please make your plans to be part of the fraternity's most important week of the year.



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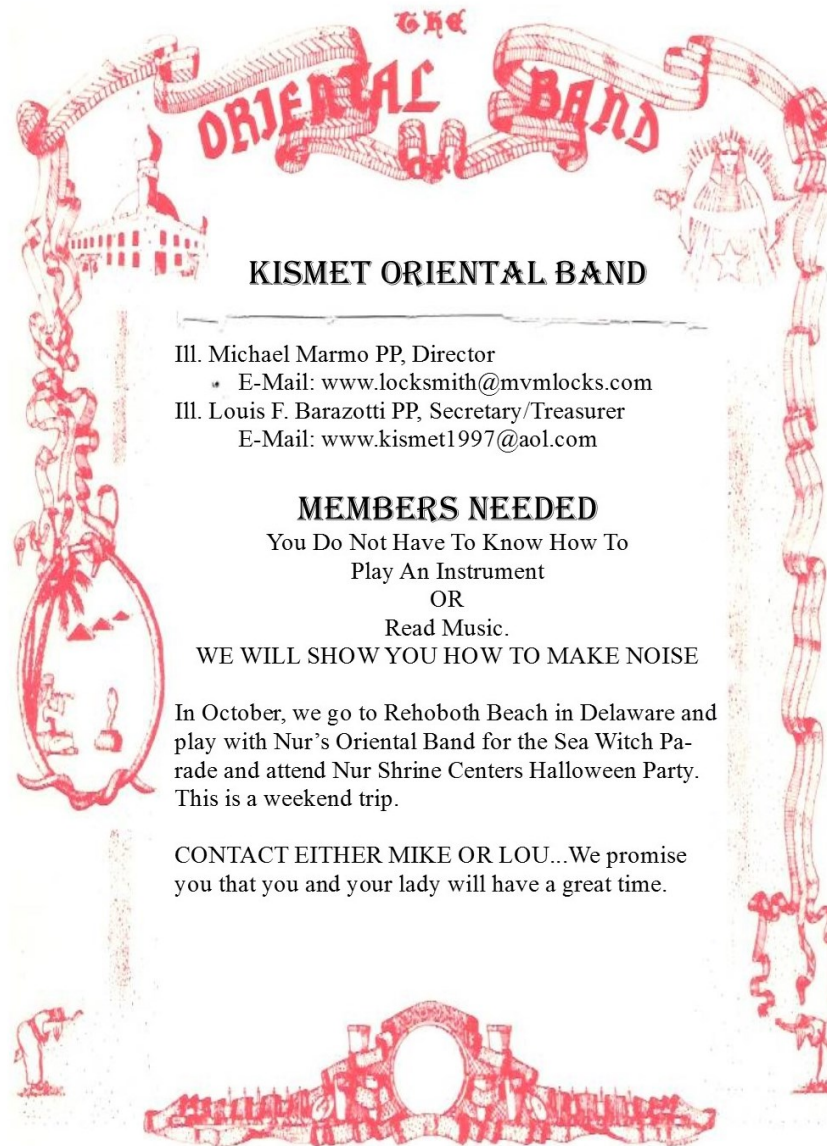
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Please help Kismet save printing and mailing costs by accepting our newsletter in electronic format (PDF) instead of a printed and mailed version.

Email the Fez Editor 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.





KISMET OASIS – open every **Monday Night at CLUB KISMET**

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

18 West Nicholai Street  
Hicksville, NY 11801

We are open every Monday Night from 6:00PM until.....Watering hole is always open to quench the thirst of our nobles. Also the culinary crew provides nourishment for only \$5.00. If the smoking bothers you, let us know and we will smoke outside – but you have to let somebody know (The Recorder, The Potentate, The Rajah).



# POTENTATE'S BALL—2013

The Nobility of Kismet and Mecca, Masonic Brethren, as well as family and friends came out on April 22nd to honor our Potentate, the Illustrious Sir Michael Iannone, at Verdi's in Westbury. It was a beautiful Saturday afternoon event, kicked off Friday night and continuing Saturday night in Kismet's Hospitality Room.

As we have come to expect from a Kismet event, there was much dancing and delicious food.

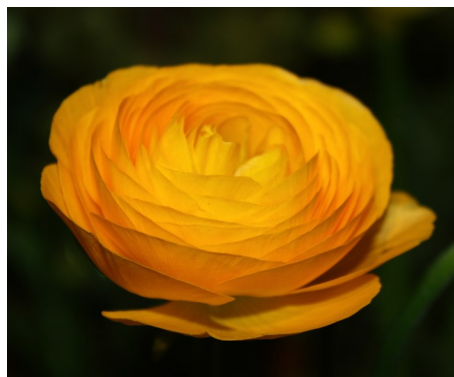
Congratulations go out to the Illustrious Sir and many thanks go out to all of those who worked so hard to make this event the success it was. We are all looking forward to the year continuing as it has been with fun and fellowship!





# KISMET LADIES' GARDEN CLUB

Our Garden Club traveled to the Philadelphia Horticultural Society's annual show this past March. The theme this year was **Brilliant!**, a celebration of British culture. From simple, single-plant exhibits to gowns made out of plant materials, there was absolutely something for everyone at this year's show. Special thanks go out to Tracy Feldman for organizing the outing as well as all of the Nobles and Ladies who attended.



## FROM THE IMPERIAL POTENTATE

Membership continues to be our number one priority, and needs to be the top priority at all 195 Shrine temples! We have too few temples showing positive gains, and many with membership decreasing below 1,000. We can turn this decline around, but it will take extra effort, with each one of us focusing on recruiting, retaining and mentoring both the nobles and the ladies.

It is very upsetting to see our membership numbers drop below 300,000, as they have this year.

It also makes me very sad to report that, so far, we have not been able to bring amity to the situation with our Masonic brothers in Arkansas and South Carolina.

We want to assure you this is not due to a lack of trying to negotiate with the Grand Masters of these two states by the leadership of Shriners International.

We have good relationships with the majority of the Grand Masters. In fact, at last year's Imperial Session we had 24 Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters on the stage with me when I asked the representatives to table item #6 on the call, which was a request by Arkansas Shriners to separate from the Grand Lodge of Arkansas. The Grand Masters present at last year's Imperial Session all promised to work with Shriners International to solve the issue in Arkansas, which has, apparently, been festering for over a decade. Of course, we will continue to work toward a solution, but we are concerned that the issue could become a serious problem at the 139th Imperial Session in Indianapolis.

The reality is that these disputes – and this one is complex, but basically centers around which organization's bylaws (Shriners International or the local Grand Lodge) must be followed in specific circumstances involving members – damage both organizations.

The base of Master Masons that Shrinedom has to draw from in these two states continues to decrease at an alarming rate:

1. Arkansas – 1990 = 38,929 - less loss of 24,500 2012= 14,429 members (loss of 63%)

2. South Carolina – 1990 = 67,576 – less loss of 27,649 2012 = 39,927 members (loss of 42%)!

In fact the number of Masons has declined, just like the number of Shriners. We might all do well to focus on strengthening one another, and on our positive missions and goals for the sake of the future.

We talk a lot about our bonds of brotherhood – We suggest that be our main focus as we work to solve our differences and increase our memberships.

Remember that "failure is NOT an option" to bringing peace and harmony to ALL Grand Lodges!

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## ANOTHER HOSPITAL SUCCESS STORY

Katrina was born with arthrogryposis; arthrogryposis is one of the most unknown orthopaedic conditions. It is a nonprogressive muscle disorder causing multiple joint contractures (limitation in the range of motion of a joint) at birth.

For over 12 years, Katrina has been a patient at Shriners Hospitals for Children. Her mother knows she has the best team of talented, gifted, caring, patient, and kind people on her side who help embrace her life and the challenges that come along with Arthrogryposis.

Katrina hasn't always been an artist; when she was in the 6th grade, she discovered a flyer for art classes. It was not long after that she started classes at Parishell Art Studio, in New Jersey, where she resides.

Katrina wanted to experience the art classes and little did they know –

Katrina has art skills beyond her age! Now at age 14, she spends two hours a week with an art instructor learning the different mediums to paint and design her own artwork. She especially enjoys acrylics and water color and does not let her arthrogryposis her from her passion for art work.

Every day patients like Katrina continue to defy the odds, and do more than they can imagine, excelling at whatever they dream to



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## 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.



# AMC MUSIC FESTIVAL TO BENEFIT PHILADELPHIA

The Music Festival is an annual event taking place in Staten Island, NY to raise awareness for Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita, an exceedingly rare disease, and to increase funding and support for families struggling with AMC.

The 2013 festival will be held on June 1, 2013 at Killmeyer's Old Bavaria Inn (4254 Arthur Kill Road, Staten Island NY 10309)

Doors open at 3 p.m. with the first set to begin at 3:30 p.m. A \$25 cover charge includes a goody bag and a full day of live music. Admission for children under age 12 is free.

Money raised by this event will be donated equally to Shriners Hospital for Children—Philadelphia and AMC Support, Inc.

Visit the festival's website for more details—<http://www.AMCMusicFestival.com>



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## DAYTIME DANCING AT KISMET

To All Members--Nick and Pearl are inviting you to their dance event here at Kismet Hall in Hicksville, to a Social Dance Party on Fridays 12 Noon - 3PM, with or without a partner.

We feature a complimentary dance lesson in All American and Popular Latin American Dances, followed by Professional DJ and dancing, for your enjoyment. Come join us for an afternoon of fun.

We serve chicken, salad, bagels, cream cheese, pastries, coffee and tea. Dress code is comfortable, but neat, no sneakers, no jeans.

First timers are complimentary.

For info. call Nick 718 891-4209 or Pearl 718 332-7825 or email [Dancezee@aol.com](mailto:Dancezee@aol.com)



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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 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 Tree of Life



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

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## **Tributes:**

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

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

## **Memorials:**

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

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

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

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

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

Complete the form below, detach and send it along with your donation.. Any questions? Contact the Tree of Life Chairman, Russell L. Magidson at 516-522-0620 or [RLMagidson@gmail.com](mailto:RLMagidson@gmail.com).

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Circle one:    Leaf                      Acorn                      Foundation Stone

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**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

# NO PLANE, NO GAIN—PATIENT AIRLIFT SERVICES

A diverse group of businesspeople in the Northeast depend on airplanes to support their enterprises, but they also regularly use their aircraft to help cancer patients and others in need of medical help. The grateful passengers, who often would otherwise be unable to reach treatment, think of their business flight donors as very special "PALS."

These businesspeople volunteer for Patient AirLift Services (PALS), a non-profit 501(c)(3) based in Farmingdale, NY. The organization coordinates mercy flights to far-away medical destinations, and volunteer pilots or aircraft owners pay the entire cost of each flight.

"I just flew a 16-year-old girl who had brain surgery," said Don Catalano, president of ReOptimizer of Long Island. "Through PALS, we were able to get her from Long Island to Toledo, OH in two-and-one-half hours, versus a 12-hour car drive that would have been arduous for this young lady."

Shawn Lyden, of Coastal Realty Capital in Maine, often uses his aircraft to support his business, which makes commercial loans throughout the Northeast, but said PALS flights can be the highlight of his week. Several years ago, he flew a young girl burned from head to toe to the Shriners' Hospital in Boston for skin grafts. As the little girl recovered and grew, additional flights enabled the girl to return to the hospital, where surgeons replaced grafts as she outgrew them. "I flew her a dozen times and by the fifth or sixth flight, we had a bond," said Lyden. "We became friends."

Ron Siegel, of Auto World Kia in East Meadow, NY, said his aircraft saves him a lot of time each year, but adds his PALS flights are the most rewarding. "The other day I flew a little boy, a heart transplant patient, and it was just great to see this little kid get better, smiling in the back seat," Siegel said.

"These businessmen and women and other volunteer pilots donate their own aircraft and time for people who need medical diagnosis, treatment or for other compassionate reasons," said Eileen Minogue, executive director of PALS. "They often say they get as much out of the flights as the patients."

PALS never charges patients for flights. "Patients often have limited financial resources or are receiving diagnosis, treatment or follow-up for acute or chronic illnesses," said Minogue. "Our volunteer pilots are extremely generous with their time, resources and talents to help those in need. Without them, PALS would not exist. They are the reason our slogan is *'Changing lives, one flight at a time.'*"

"Those are the best days of my life, when I can give back using the skills God has given me with a PALS patient on board," said Catalano.

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Shriners Patient - Little Charlotte is a great example of why getting to the right doctor makes a difference, not just for the outcome, but for the extra efforts they go to. Charlotte's mom Catherine said " Thank you all so much for helping us with our little sweetie, Charlotte. Dr. van Bosse casted Charlotte's doll to help her understand what was going on. When she woke up postop, babydoll Brooke was there beside her with the same color cast on." Special thanks to volunteer pilot Jon Wurtzbarger for flying Charlotte and Babydoll Brooke home from their appointment.





## KISMET SHRINE FAMILY NIGHT WITH THE DUCKS

DATE: Saturday August 3rd 2013  
TIME: 7:05pm (Gates open at 6:05pm)  
PRICE: \$15, Parking FREE  
CONTACT: David Rothstein  
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EMAIL: Events@KismetShriners.org  
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