



# THE FEZ

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## It's Love to the Rescue Month!



Shriners Hospitals for Children celebrated Love to the Rescue Month by sharing the love with these wonderful heart shaped cookies. Visit [www.lovetotherescue.org](http://www.lovetotherescue.org) to view the Shriners Hospitals Wall of LOVE.



## Congratulations SHC Boston Inpatient Services

for being awarded the Guardian of Excellence Award for Patient Satisfaction from Press Ganey. This award honors clients who have reached the 95th percentile for patient satisfaction, employee engagement, physician engagement, or clinical quality performance. The award is shared annually based on one year of data.

We have collected awards in past years from Press Ganey for Outpatient Services, but this year is our first award for Inpatient Services. This represents excellence in surgical services, outpatient surgeries, care coordination, medical staff, environmental services, all patient care services and security.

Please join me in congratulating all of the staff members, particularly the nurses, who exemplify the Guardian of Excellence status and our mission every single day. They are the voices who represent and communicate the patient's needs and wishes to the rest of the team delivering care "one patient at a time."



Donations like this is what keeps our hospitals going strong!



Some people, when they do someone a favor, are always looking for a chance to call it in. And some aren't, but they're still aware of it—still regard it as a debt. But others don't even do that. They're like a vine that produces grapes without looking for anything in return.

A horse at the end of the race. ..

A dog when the hunt is over...

A bee with its honey stored...

And a human being after helping others.

They don't make a fuss about it. They just go on to something else, as the vine looks forward to bearing fruit again in season.

We should be like that. Acting almost unconsciously.

- Marcus Aurelius (c. 130ad)

## Psalm 133:1

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

## Some Upcoming Events:

- ⇒ May 1—Queens/Nassau Shrine Club
- ⇒ May 1 to 4—Spring MASA (Hershey PA)
- ⇒ May 12—Stated Meeting
- ⇒ May 17—Kismet Potentate's Ball
- ⇒ May 21—SHC Night at Citi Field (LA Dodgers)
- ⇒ Every Monday—Food and fun in Club Kismet
- ⇒ June 2—Stated Meeting

## 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 until after 9pm. We are here to have fun and help children but not at the expense of the comfort of others.

# KISMET'S DIVAN AT A GLANCE

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 III. Louis F. Barazotti, 1997  
 III. Charles L. Schueler, Jr., 1998  
 III. John E. Schwartzman, 2001  
 III. Robert F. Smith III, 2002  
 III. George R. Wacob, 2003  
 III. Kenneth Sussman, 2004

III. Robert Seldomridge 2005  
 III. Joseph A. Santillo, 2006  
 III. Mark Suckle, 2007  
 III. Edward Chaini, 2008  
 III. Michael L. Marmo III, 2009  
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# NOTES FROM AROUND THE OASIS

## The Pote



Spring has sprung and I hope to see many Nobles and Ladies at Kismet's Potentate Ball. This is my chance to thank you for the trust you have bestowed on me. I promise you a first class hospitality room culminating with a fun time at the banquet Saturday night. We will have many guests and visiting Potentates attending and I hope to show them all the strong fellowship and Shrine spirit we all have in our hearts. I also want to announce that all past potentates attending the ball who do not have pictures in our lodge room will have their pictures taken that evening so we can complete the lineage of photos on our wall.

I also want to make sure everyone is aware of our Brotherhood Brunch. Spread the word to the Masters, Wardens and Brothers to come down and share fellowship at Kismet. We have a special guest of honor scheduled to speak.

Many activities are planned for all the Nobility to ensure a fun year for each Noble, your family and friends. Shriners Hospital Night at Citi Field is scheduled for May 21st. Buy your tickets come out and see the Mets vs the Dodgers. Bring your kids and friends and help support our hospitals as a portion of each ticket will be donated back to help children. Tell your Brothers, neighbors and co-workers. I hope to see you all at the game! I want ask each Noble to stay active with Kismet Shrine. Continue bringing in members and enjoying fellowship in our Oasis. You are all a part of our Fraternity and your deeds in the Shrine will ensure that our Philanthropy will continue to help children. Keep it up Kismet!

III. Sir Greg Feldman, "The Pote"

## Chief Rabban



Greeting's Noble's;

It is good to finally feel the change of the season upon us!! Keeping a positive weather outlook, I hope that those Nobles that found it difficult to participate in functions at our Shrine will have an easier time of it now.

I hope to see more of you on Monday nights, remember that only the first Monday of every month is a stated meeting night. All other Monday nights our hospitality is open for those who just want to "shoot the breeze", along with having something to eat and some refreshments. It is often at these gatherings that information is exchanged regarding up coming events for friends and families at OUR KISMENT SHRINE!!

PARTICIPATION IS THE KEY!  
SEE YOU THERE.....

GEORGE "CHUCKLES" HEYEN

## Assistant Rabban



As we start getting closer to Summer, Kismet is already burning hot with all sorts of events. Back on March 22nd we held our Spring Dance with a unique twist – BYOB. This was followed the next day with a wonderful luncheon hosted for our ladies by First Lady Tracy Feldman out in Suffolk County. On April 6th we had a great Bingo contest to support our HPTF. Also we have left-right-center games and pool tournaments going on as well up in Klub Kismet. Get those dancing shoes on because our Potentates Ball on Saturday May 17th is almost here. Please support our Illustrious Sir by attending. After all that dancing, it'll be time to sit down and relax in the Pepsi Porch and root for the Mets as they take on the Dodgers for Shriners Day at CitiField on May 21st. On Sunday June 8th, Kismet will host its second Brotherhood Brunch with new membership in mind as well as many wonderful presentations from the concordant bodies capped off by the keynote address from the Most Worshipful Grandmaster of the State of NY and a very special presentation... and speaking of membership... right now membership is one of, if not THE most important issues here at Kismet. When you go to your blue lodge, make sure you always have a petition handy. If you know a brother who would make a great noble, get him started. Once the brother is a noble, make sure to inform him and guide him along. If a brother noble hasn't shown up in awhile; give him a call or an e-mail. If he has trouble attending, how about a Kismet Karpool??? Kismet is our Temple. Let's do everything we can to keep it strong and to keep it going. From the left chair...

-Larry Dittmer larryd@volkertprecision.com • (516) 361-5044

# SHRINERS HOSPITAL NIGHT

WEDNESDAY MAY 21st at 7:10pm • METS vs DODGERS

[www.mets.com/shriners](http://www.mets.com/shriners)

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## The Recorder



Greetings, Nobles.

Illustrious Sir Greg's year is running along well, we've had quite a few events thus far and it looks like there's many more to come. If you have not been able to take part in what's been happening, please do., I have no doubt that you will enjoy and since most of our events are open to families, yours will as well. Please keep an eye on our web and Facebook pages for details, and if you are not currently on our email list, drop me a line ([Recorder@KismetShriners.org](mailto:Recorder@KismetShriners.org)).

I try, while wearing my Fez Editor hat, to share activities that have been going on around the world regarding Shriners Hospitals for Children. My hope is to keep everyone in the know of the different ways that people—even school children—can and do support our hospitals. We as Nobles support our charity through dues payments, donations and support of Kismet's activities. Many of us do quite a bit more or less as their cable-tows allow, and my point is not to weigh each person's input, rather to emphasize that together we can do wonderful things. The eternal hope of your Divan is that we as individuals will step up to the plate and take on an activity, fund-raiser or social event that will help Kismet thrive. Anything that you can offer: helping the Culinary unit prep and clean up; taking on an HPTF or building fund raiser; changing light bulbs; even just continuing to pay your dues on time makes a difference.

## High Priest And Prophet



I went to the annual Metropolitan Mason and Family dedication service and breakfast sponsored by the Masonic Brotherhood Foundation Inc. on March ninth of this year at the Marina Del Rey in the Bronx. The guest speaker was Donna Kane from Shriners on Broadway. Donna's daughter is a Shriner child that received help from our hospital in Philadelphia. Our Deputy Grand Master Bill Thomas had spoke about the Shriners and their help with the children in their care. It was so inspiring that the following Monday we had a District Deputy night and our DD had brought back to the lodge what the Shriners mean to the Masonic Lodge; he had noble brother and past potentate Andrew Kuo get up and say a few words about our hospitals. From that DD night brother Nobles brought the message back to their lodges. The questions I received and inspiring words from my lodge brothers about Shriners and the work we do made me realize why I wanted to be a Shriner. The main point I am trying to get to is when you first joined the Shrine your purpose was to help in any way you could so our hospitals can help the children. Yes the camaraderie and the fun we have with our brother Nobles is great, but lets not forget about the kids we are hear to help. Help us help them even if it is just changing a light bulb. We need you to be involved.

- Jeff Arist

## Events



Nobles—There is always something going on in and around the Oasis. Fraternal gatherings every Monday and most Fridays. Fun fund-raising events, dances, pool tournaments and left-right-center competitions. We are also now having an outside charity event company hold Texas Holdem Poker nights to benefit Kismet Temple. We hope that this will appeal to the Nobles that play—and we know there are a few of you. Please keep reading the email blasts from the Fez Editor and/or contact the Recorder or Events Chairman for more information on what's happening.

Of course, in May we have both the Potentate's Ball to honor the Illustrious Sir Greg Feldman and his lovely Lady Tracy and the Third Annual Shriners Hospitals Night at Citi Field. If you haven't registered for either one, please do so now before it's too late.

Virginia Beach MASA is right around the corner so be on the lookout for emails about that.

You may also want to join the Queens-Nassau Shrine Club. We meet monthly at a restaurant for a light-hearted meeting, good food and fellowship. Ladies' are invited.

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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.



# NOTES FROM AROUND THE OASIS

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## Donor Relations



Good Morning Nobles, Families and Friends,

I am writing about my favorite word from the Hebrew language called Mitzvah. It's a word that has no translation into English but carries a very strong message. The simple word mitzvah plays a very important roll in Jewish lifestyle and tradition. It describes the satisfaction one gets from the joy of giving and doing good deeds. It is believed that one who gives anonymously and humbly vs boastful and self promotion will receive higher rewards in ones after life. I would like to outline many ways that you may consider giving this year and receiving the joy of Mitzvah.

A. Kismet Temple. With the high cost of maintaining Kismet Temple we need your help in running and maintaining a safe and functional building:

- 1- Support fundraisers and Temple functions.
- 2- Make a donation to our tree of life. It's simple and everlasting. This is a wonderful way of giving honor or remembrance to one or ones family.
- 3- Give of your time and service. You're never too old to help out.
- 4- Make a donation to Kismet Temple. Many brothers have done this in the past so that we may enjoy Kismet Temple today.
- 5- Remember Kismet in your will.
- 6- Make a donation to the Transportation Fund or become a member.
- 7- Become a member of the Clowns.

B. Shriners Hospitals International:

- 1- Make a donation to the hospital. In Honor or Remembrance of someone. This can be done in many was.
- 2- Remember the Hospitals in your will. You can leave money, stocks, bonds or your home.
- 3- Make a donation for a pice of equipment at one the hospitals.
- 4- The Hospitals also have a wall of remembrance.
- 5- Run a fundraiser or clinic for the hospital.

As you can see there are many ways to help out and enjoy the satisfaction of Mitzvah. Please make the joy of giving part of your life today.

Please call me if you would like to discuss in any way. It will be treated personal and confidential and if you are not able to come out I will try to make a personal visit.

Robert J. Di Carlo  
Donor Relations Chairman  
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Saturday, August 16th at 7:05pm

Tickets only \$15 each

LI Ducks vs Somerset Patriots

Come join Kismet Shrine for this family fun event and stay for the fireworks after the game.

Contact David Rothstein to purchase your tickets: [DRothstein@verizon.net](mailto:DRothstein@verizon.net)

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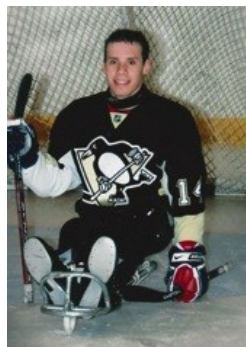
# FORMER SHC PATIENTS—WINTER ATHLETES



Name: Heidi Jo Duce, Age: 23, Hometown: Ouray, Colorado, Sport: Snowboarding

Accepting No Limits: Heidi was born without a fibula and most of the bones in her right ankle and foot, a condition known as fibular hemimelia. After undergoing surgery to remove her right leg (below the knee) at 18 months, she required a second corrective amputation when she was 19. All of her surgeries were done at Shriners Hospitals for Children in Salt Lake City. Heidi learned to snowboard at age 11 by attending the Un-Limb-ited Amputee Camp, which was started by a physical therapist from Shriners Hospitals for Children in Salt Lake City.

Fun Facts: Heidi never thought about being a competitive snowboarder, it was just fun for her. When the International Paralympic Committee announced that the sport would debut as part of the alpine skiing program in Sochi, Heidi knew that she wanted to be a part of these historic Paralympic games. Shortly after the announcement she began her quest for Sochi gold. Heidi's first competitive race was in January 2013, where she actually fell at the start, but that didn't stop her. Heidi is currently ranked in the top three in the country in the sport. In addition to snowboarding, Heidi also enjoys rock climbing, ice climbing and white water kayaking.



Name: Dan McCoy, Age: 19, Hometown: Cheswick, Pennsylvania, Sport: Sled Hockey

Accepting No Limits: Dan was born with spina bifida, a birth defect caused by the incomplete formation of vertebrae, and hydrocephalus, a medical condition in which there is an abnormal accumulation of fluid in the brain. Dan was treated at Shriners Hospitals for Children in Erie, PA, where the staff also helped to introduce him to the sport of sled hockey at age 5. Shriners Hospitals for Children started one of the first U.S. sled hockey teams in Erie, PA and soon followed with six more teams in the Northeast.

Fun Facts: Dan has been playing sled hockey for 14 years and has been a member of the US National Sled Hockey Team for three years. He helped Team USA win a Gold medal in the 2012 International Paralympic Committee Ice Sledge World Championship in Hamar, Norway as well as in the 2012 World Sledge Hockey Challenge in Calgary. Team USA took the silver medal at the 2013 International Paralympic Committee Ice Sledge World Championship in Goyang City, South Korea. Additionally, Dan has been playing with the Pittsburgh Mighty Penguins sled hockey team ever since his introduction to the sport and is currently Captain of the team. Dan attends the University of Pittsburgh where he is pursuing a degree in rehabilitation science and sports medicine. In addition to sled hockey, Dan enjoys rowing and cycling.



Name: Joe Dertinger, Age: 18, Hometown: Waconia, Minnesota, Sport: Downhill Skiing

Accepting No Limits: When Joe was 15 months old, he had surgery at Shriners Hospitals for Children in Minneapolis, MN to remove his right leg below the knee and to separate two fingers that were webbed together. Two months later, he received his first prosthetic leg. When Joe was 5 his prosthetist at Shriners Hospitals for Children mentioned the Courage Center, a community based service that aids in the rehabilitation process for people with a disability. The Courage Center close to Joe's hometown had an adaptive ski program, which is where Joe first took to the slopes.

Fun Facts: Joe has been competitively racing for the past seven years. He doesn't use adaptive ski equipment, just regular skis and poles. In April 2013, Joe was named the Men's Junior National Champion. He is the fastest skier with a disability in the US under the age of 18. He competes with fellow skiers with disabilities and against able-bodied skiers on his high school varsity team.



Name: Nicole Roundy, Age: 27, Hometown: Park City, Utah, Sport: Snowboarding

Accepting No Limits: In 1994, at just eight years old, Nicole was diagnosed with osteogenic sarcoma, a form of bone cancer. Later that year she lost her right leg above the knee and continued aggressive chemotherapy treatment. Shriners Hospitals for Children — Salt Lake City made all of her prosthetics until she was 19 and introduced her to the sport during their Un-Limb-ited Amputee Camp. She wouldn't be on the slopes today without Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Fun Facts: Nicole first tried adapted skiing, but it wasn't for her. Snowboarding was more of a challenge but it was where she found her true calling. Nicole races boardercross. Her first team was with able-bodied athletes who pushed her to be the competitor she is today. In 2012, she received a Bachelors degree in Business Management and currently works in the outdoor industry.



Name: Andrew Haraghey, Age: 18, Hometown: Enfield, Connecticut, Sport: Downhill Skiing

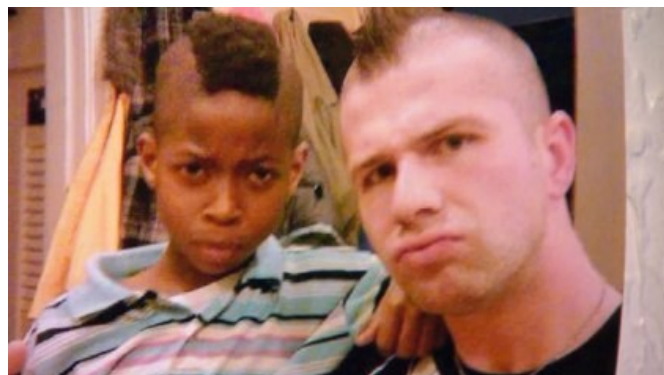
Accepting No Limits: As a baby Andrew was diagnosed with viral encephalitis. This brought upon swelling of the brain, which resulted in a diagnosis of spastic diplegic cerebral palsy, which in his case also causes stiffness in the legs and low muscle tone. Andrew slowly recovered the function in his arms and hands but his legs never recovered. Andrew is a patient at Shriners Hospital for Children in Springfield, MA. His doctors here fit him for leg braces to help him walk and encouraged him to explore the world of adaptive sports. The doctors at Shriners Hospitals for Children in Springfield have truly been there for Andrew every step of the way. Two years ago, Andrew required foot surgery and a year later needed a screw in his foot removed during the ski season. His doctors knew how important skiing was to him, so they rushed Andrew in to get him back on the slopes as soon as possible.

Fun Facts: When Andrew was seven he took his first skiing lesson. After three years Andrew became an independent skier. Due to the cerebral palsy, walking and running were a challenge, but skiing gave him new freedom. Andrew recently even won a silver medal competing against racers without disabilities at Copper Mountain, CO in December 2013. In addition to skiing, Andrew has mastered snowboarding, water skiing, wheelchair tennis, baseball and kayaking!

Remember them the next time you are having a bad day!

# BOSTON FIRE FIGHTERS—HEROES TO THE LAST

In regular visits to Shriners Hospitals, Boston firefighter Michael R. Kennedy would plop himself down among grievously injured boys and girls from all over the world, grab a toy, and coax even the shyest child back to what kids are meant to do, to play and have fun. "He would get into a roomful of kids and he was just one of them," said Phil Skrabut, a firefighter on Engine 17 in Dorchester, who served with Kennedy on the board of the Boston Firefighters Burn Foundation, which organizes visits and holds events for burn victims. Kennedy, 33, a Marine veteran who served in Iraq and who was one of the first responders at last year's Boston Marathon bombing, died Wednesday with Boston Fire Lieutenant Edward J. Walsh Jr., after becoming trapped while battling a nine-alarm blaze in the Back Bay. He had intended to run the Marathon next month and had been assigned bib No. 29384.



Long before Kennedy gave his life protecting his city, he gave his time, lots of it, to quiet community work. Kennedy became involved with the Burn Foundation from the moment he joined the force 6½ years ago, according to several members who worked with him. The group organized bowling excursions and Christmas parties for hospital patients. Mike pitched at the foundation's whiffleball games for the kids, on the Esplanade.

In 2007, Kennedy, a Roslindale native, began mentoring a 7-year-old boy through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Massachusetts Bay, beginning a relationship that would last the rest of his life.

Last month, Kennedy led a Boston Fire Department contingent to Rhode Island to donate blood and join the bone marrow registry, in honor of a child with leukemia.

Friends say Kennedy had a gift for connecting with children hurt by fire.

"Mike didn't see injuries; he just saw a kid that wanted to have fun," Skrabut said. "The kids weren't shy around him. He would pick up a toy and start playing as if it were his toy, and play with a kid as if he was the same age."

Katie Siwy, a Shriners occupational therapist who knew Kennedy through the foundation events, said the visits help "create a normal environment in a hospital setting."

"They come to spend time with the kids at a time they are needing friendship," she said. "He took his own time to come in and cheer these kids up."

Boston firefighter Steve Turley, a fellow foundation board member, said Kennedy exemplified the organization's mission: to ease the suffering and hardship of burn victims and their families.

"I don't think any of us are accepting that he is gone," Turley said. "He'll live on for a long time with us."

About seven years ago, Kennedy approached Big Brothers Big Sisters about becoming a mentor, said Deborah Krause, the organization's vice president of external relations and community engagement.

"Mike came to us after he was home from Iraq and was feeling very grateful about his own life and the blessing he had," Krause said. Kennedy was matched at the time with Genie Morelus's then 7-year-old son, Alex. "He meant a lot of us," Morelus, 37, of Milton said softly, in an interview Thursday. "I'm so thankful, so thankful he came into our life."

"If something happened at my son's school, Mike was there," she said. "Family event, he's there. I have to let the world know he is a wonderful big brother and if he would have had kids he would have been the best dad you could ever have. Always there for you."

Raining, pouring, snowing, he's right there. Right there."

A perfect day for Mike and Alex could be a Boston Celtics game or an outing to Six Flags amusement park, a burger at Five Guys, and "boy's games" on the Xbox game console. Kennedy gave Alex as a Christmas gift, Morelus said.

"Things that I couldn't provide for Alex, Mike did it," she said. "He got an Xbox for him. He also got him shoes I couldn't afford, and things I couldn't do, he did it for him."

Alex, now 14 and in the eighth grade, is struggling with his mentor's death. He doesn't want to eat. He only wants to sleep. He tells his mother his head hurts.

"I told him — I say: 'You know, Alex, the best gift you could give me is when you graduate from high school, that high school diploma belongs to Mike Kennedy. Stay in school, finish school, and give him that gift. That is what you can give him. Give him that high school diploma, because he deserves it.'"



Michael Kennedy (left) and Eddie Walsh Jr. (right)

Edward "Eddie" Walsh Jr. was always among the first to enter a burning building. That was the case again on Wednesday, March 26 when the Boston Fire Lieutenant braved his way into a 4-story brick building at 298 Beacon Street. Within 3 minutes, they called 'mayday', indicating they were trapped. Deputy Fire Chief Joseph Finn later said it appears a front window in the basement broke out, blowing the fire back at the men. Walsh's body was pulled from that basement nearly five hours later, by the men from his firehouse. Ed Walsh, 43, lived in West Roxbury with his wife and his three children, two boys and one girl, all under the age of 10.



## KISMET LADIES' BRUNCH AT GRASSO'S



## KISMET SPRING DANCE





# KI-ZINGO BINGO AT KISMET





# AFGHAN GIRL INJURED IN WAR GETS NEW ARM

During an occupational therapy session Wednesday at Shriners Hospital for Children in Downtown Los Angeles, Shah Bibi carefully removed two snug rubber bands around a doll's hair with her new prosthetic arm. She slowly tied the laces on a large shoe placed in front of her and struggled to jump rope with her occupational therapist.

But it was hitting a beach ball on a cone with a plastic baseball bat — which she did with ease and strength — that clearly thrilled the 7-year-old Afghan girl the most. Shah Bibi, whose last name is being withheld for her privacy and safety, lost part of her right arm and an eye after picking up a grenade last summer in her native, war-torn Afghanistan.

She was brought to Southern California in December by the Los Angeles-based Children of War Foundation to receive months of donated medical treatment. She will head back home Monday to reunite with her family.

The new arm “is really good for writing, and for hitting the ball, and for braiding the doll's hair,” Shah Bibi, who has acquired a taste for American singers Rihanna and Katy Perry in recent months, said through a translator Wednesday. “I like it (overall) for what it is.”

Ammal Najjar, executive director of the Los Angeles-based nonprofit [Children of War Foundation](#), wasn't sure this day would ever come.

She first heard of Shah Bibi's plight after she received an email in August from an American nurse who was helping care for the girl at a NATO hospital in northern Kabul.

“When I look back at it now and I see her today, it's incredible. It's a miracle,” Najjar, said. “I felt like she's meant to go on and do better things now, seeing her with her new arm. There's a reason why she was spared... She's going to go home completely transformed.”

Shah Bibi, who lost a sibling in last summer's explosion and had to be dug out of the rubble, wanted more than anything else to have a new arm, Najjar said. When she arrived, doctors weren't sure that fitting her with a prosthetic arm would be necessary since some people fare better without one. But Shah Bibi was so eager to have a new arm, she said. She wanted to feel normal.

“It's brought her self-confidence back because we didn't see her smile until she had her arm,” she said.

Shriners Hospital for Children picked up the tab for much of her medical care, including Shah Bibi's prosthetic arm and accompanying occupational therapy; Dr. Mark Urata, chief of the division of plastic and reconstructive surgery of USC's Keck School of Medicine, removed some shrapnel from her body and some infected teeth. Children of War picked up most of her other expenses, including her visa, airfare and anesthesia, Najjar said.



Shah Bibi was fitted with a somewhat low-tech prosthetic so if something breaks while she's back home, it won't be impossible to get it fixed, said Dr. Phoebe Scott-Wyard, medical director of the Child Amputee Prosthetics Project at Shriners Hospital for Children.

Children of War also hopes to bring her back to the United States regularly since she's expected to outgrow the prosthetic about once a year.

The girl has been going through extensive training with occupational therapist Vivian Yip in recent weeks — first with a very short-term arm and now with a more long-term one — since she won't have access to that in Afghanistan, Scott-Wyard said.

“She's very motivated. She's a sweet, sweet girl and it's been a wonderful partnership with Children of War Foundation,” she said.

On Wednesday afternoon, Shah Bibi — who loves to color — used her new prosthetic arm in a private painting session with artist Dayvd Whaley at Galerie Michael, a fine-art space in Beverly Hills.

Shah Bibi has been staying with a host family in Orange County while recuperating and learning how to read and write English at an Islamic school in Anaheim that is donating its services. Since her remote village in northern Afghanistan is occupied by Taliban forces, who do not permit girls to study, this is an experience Shah Bibi would not have at home, Najjar said.

“Being able to read and write the past four months has really changed her,” she said.

“It's opened her mind up.”

Shah Bibi heads home to her family on Monday, though she will return to Southern California in coming summers for additional medical procedures, including receiving a prosthetic eye, Najjar said.

“I have a 2-year-old at home and I couldn't imagine if this were to happen to him and we weren't able to get the help,” she said.



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# GRAND LODGE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Grand Lodge of New York through its Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum established a scholarship in 1996. The Education Assistance Committee of Grand Lodge administers this scholarship program for post high school level students. The effort is directed at the sons, daughters, grandsons and granddaughters of Master Masons in good standing, belonging to Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York.

Awards totaling over \$500,000 are made annually based upon academic achievement, community involvement and financial need.

Applications for scholarship assistance are available from all Lodge Secretaries, District Deputy Grand Masters and may be downloaded from this site ( see forms ) or the Empire State Mason web site, [www.ESMason.com](http://www.ESMason.com). All applications must be complete and postmarked by April 1, including the signature of the Master and Secretary of the Lodge and be embossed with the Lodge seal. Scholarships are awarded according to academic excellence and the students' involvement in their communities. Award presentations to the recipients are made at central locations within the four regions of New York State.

Award presentations are made during early summer at several locations throughout New York State. All Brethren are cordially invited to attend. The Grand Master and or the Deputy Grand Master are always in attendance to make the scholarship presentations. For presentation details please check the Grand Lodge Bulletin Board at this web site.

If you would like more information pertaining to the scholarship, you should contact the Master of your Lodge, Secretary or District deputy Grand Master, or you may contact the Education Assistance Program Committee at [NYGLEAP@nymasons.org](mailto:NYGLEAP@nymasons.org). New scholarship forms are available at the bottom of this page. You may also obtain these forms from your Lodge Secretary on or about the first part of January each year. Selections are made in May and awarded between June and August.

To download the 2014 application form in pdf visit [http://www.nymasons.org/images/stories/articles/Application\\_2014\\_EAP-GL.pdf](http://www.nymasons.org/images/stories/articles/Application_2014_EAP-GL.pdf)

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## COME TO IMPERIAL AND HAVE A GOOD LAUGH

There are many reasons to attend Imperial Session (July 6-10 in Minneapolis), including important business meetings, unit and club competitions, the parade and fun and fellowship. Still another reason is the Imperial Representatives Evening. This year, guests will be entertained by comedian Louie Anderson. A native of Minneapolis, Anderson is a well-known stand-up comedian, television personality and author. Like so many other stand-up comedians, Anderson, a former counselor to troubled kids, made his network television debut on The Tonight Show. Anderson was the initial host of the revised version of television's Family Feud from 1999 to 2002 and the creator and producer of an animated series on Fox television, Life with Louie, which ran for three years, and won two Emmy awards. Today, Anderson is focused on his stand-up comedy, and routinely performs in Las Vegas in packed, sold-out venues. Anderson's comedy draws heavily from his experiences as one of 11 children growing up in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area with, as described on Wikipedia, "a sweet-hearted mother and a loud, war-crazed father." The Imperial Representatives' Evening will be held on Wednesday, July 9. More details will be available soon at [imperial2014.com](http://imperial2014.com). Be sure to check back often for all the latest information on the upcoming Imperial Session.

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## DIRECTORS ITEMS FOR SALE

All items are in the glass display case outside the meeting room. Contact our director, Noble Jeff Arist for details.

Fez case \$40  
Double decker fez case \$55  
Fez stiffener \$8  
Liquor decanter (fits inside fez case) \$25  
Shrine auto emblem \$5

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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.



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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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## QUEENS-NASSAU COUNTY SHRINE CLUB OF KISMET TEMPLE MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

**Location Changes Each Meeting**

Ill. Sir Russell L. Magidson, PP—President

Lou Barazotti—Secretary

The club meets at different restaurants each month for our meeting.

Contact Lou for details

[kismet1997@aol.com](mailto:kismet1997@aol.com)

*Kismet Shrine Temple, 18 West Nicholai St., Hicksville, New York, 11801*

PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP

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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. My Lodge membership number is \_\_\_\_\_.

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 Shrine Center? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, which one? \_\_\_\_\_

Unit/Club Preferences (circle one or more) - Clowns, Band, Culinary, Wooden Soldiers, Motorcycles, Other: \_\_\_\_\_

If I be found worthy and my request granted. I promise to conform to all the Ceremonies, Engagements, Constitutions, Regulations and Edicts of the Imperial Council together with those of your Temple.

Signature (Full Name Please) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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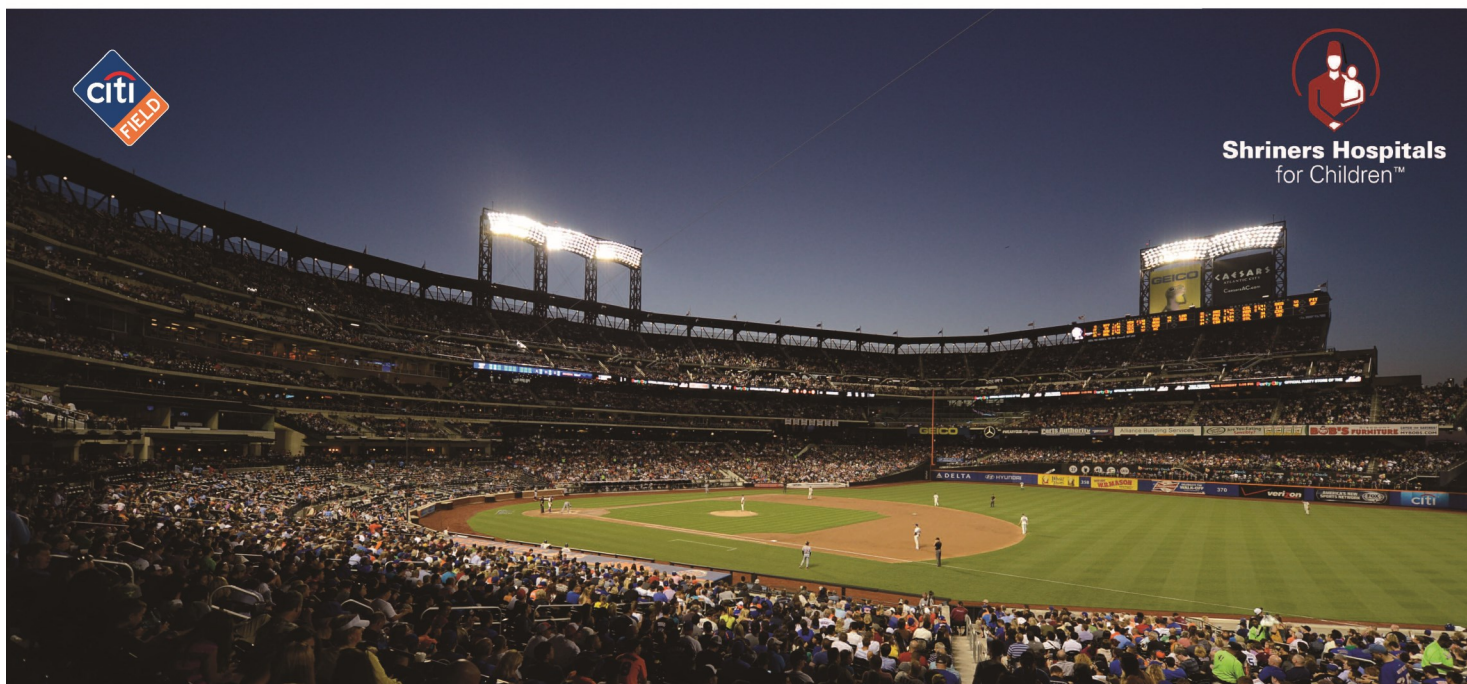
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# SHRINERS HOSPITAL NIGHT

WEDNESDAY MAY 21st at 7:10pm • METS vs DODGERS



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- A portion of each ticket sold through this offer will be donated to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.
- For more information on this event, contact [events@kismetshriners.org](mailto:events@kismetshriners.org)
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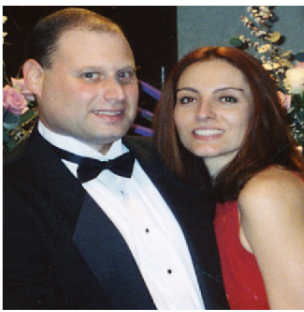
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# POTENTATE'S BALL



Kismet Shriners request the pleasure of your company at the 2014 Potentate's Ball  
Honoring Illustrious Greg Feldman and Lady Tracy

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**Saturday, May 17, 2014**

**Reception—6:00 PM Introductions—6:45 PM Dinner—7:15 PM**  
**Dancing and Entertainment. Cost \$80.00 Per Person Children under 15 free**

Don't miss this opportunity to welcome our new Potentate, his Lady, his Divan and their Ladies in true Kismet Style. For those wishing to stay overnight, rooms will be \$115 per night. This special rate will only be available until 04/25/2014. Thereafter it will be much higher. So if you intend to stay overnight get your reservation in early. **ROOM RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE THROUGH KISMET— Louis F. Barazotti, PP—Chairman.** For those arriving **Friday Night**, there will be a **hospitality room open at 6:00 PM** and **Saturday**, there will be a **hospitality room open at 11:00 A.M.—Casual Dress**. Dress for the evening will be *Black Tie Preferred or Dark Suit with FEZ - and Ladies Evening Wear, Formal or Cocktail Wear*. Grand Entry will be 6:45 P.M. followed by dinner, dancing and entertainment. **ALL OF THE ABOVE for just \$80.00 Per person-children under 15 FREE.** Those staying Saturday Night there will be a continental breakfast Sunday morning at 7:30 AM Please make your plans now and send your reservation promptly to insure yourself a place at the ball. **RSVP by April 25, 2014 after that \$100 PP**

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RESERVATION FORM—DEADLINE 04/25/2014 after that it is \$100.00 per person

Please, find enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ reservations at \$80.00 Per person to the May 17, 2014 Potentate's Ball Breakfast (Sunday) on the Potentate.

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