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Jan—Mar 2015

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| Jan 5 – Installation & Business Meeting |
| Jan 19 – Leadership Meeting @ 7PM |
| Feb 1 – Super Bowl Party |
| Feb 2 – Business Meeting |
| Feb 16 – Leadership Meeting @ 7PM |
| Mar 2 – Business Meeting |
| Mar 13 – 15 – Spring MASA – New Jersey |
| March 16 – Leadership Meeting @ 7PM |
| Mar 15 - St Patrick's Dinner & Dance |
| Mar 29 – Islanders Game @ 5PM |
| Apr 5 – Easter Egg Hunt (Easter Sun Apr 4 th) |
| Apr 6 – Business Meeting |
| April – Spring Auction |
| Apr 20 – Leadership Meeting @ 7PM |
| May 3 – 5 – Grand Lodge of New York |
| May 11 – Business Meeting |
| May 18 – Leadership Meeting @ 7PM |
| May 16 - Potentate's Ball |
| May 25 - Memorial Day |
| May 30 - Adventureland |
| Jun 15 – Leadership Meeting @ 7PM |
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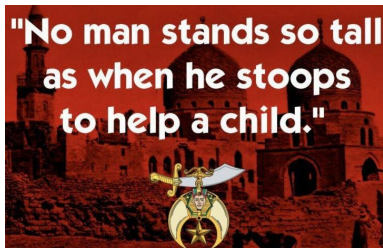
Tentative 2015 (first half) Calendar



Kismet Clowns doing what they do best—this time for challenged adults and children on Long Island.



Walk to Support Shriners Hospitals for Children - Tampa



**"No man stands so tall
as when he stoops
to help a child."**

NO SMOKING POLICY FOR KISMET:

There is NO SMOKING on Monday nights in the Club Room or anywhere else inside.

Smokers are welcome to submit their name to Jeff Arist and take part in the backyard cleanup in order to put together a smoking area there.

KISMET'S DIVAN AT A GLANCE

Potentate III. George Heyen (Lady Nancy)

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 III. George R. Wacob, 2003
 III. Kenneth Sussman, 2004

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NOTES FROM AROUND THE OASIS

The Pote



I would like to thank the Nobles of Kismet for giving me the honor of serving as your Potentate for Kismet Shrine in 2014. I have a very busy year planned. My calendar will be posted and will be updated regularly. We must continue on our positive growth of Kismet Shrine. My goal is to keep Kismet moving in a forward direction and grow stronger.

Come down to the Oasis of Kismet. If you are not receiving emails or have moved please update your contact information with our Recorder. Kismet Shrine does not exist without Shriners like you. You are Kismet Shrine! Get involved and have fun!

As Potentate I work for every Noble and more important you are my Brothers. I want to remind everyone that stated meeting collations are downstairs and off Monday nights are upstairs. Smoking is prohibited on Monday nights when we share fellowship. This is about respecting our fellow Nobles and Brothers.

Again, I want to thank the Nobility of Kismet Shrine for the trust you have placed in me. I will work hard for our shrine. Together we can achieve the goals set for 2015, we can have fun, and we can help the children of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

George Heyen
Kismet Potentate 2015

Chief Rabban



Happy New Year! I would like to wish the Nobility of Kismet Shrine, all the best for 2015. I hope you and your families enjoyed and had a wonderful holiday season. I would like to sincerely thank the Nobility for your continued faith and for electing me as your new Chief Rabban, as well as electing me Representative of Kismet Shriners to the 2015 Imperial Session in Houston. I also would like to wish the best of luck and success to my successor, Jeff Arist as your new Assistant Rabban. I would also like to welcome to the Divan, your new High Priest & Prophet, William "Wild Bill" Bontemps, Jr.; Oriental Guide Robert "Bobby" DiCarlo and Treasurer Brian "Tuna" Casasola. I look forward to working with you. As we say hello, sadly we must also say 'goodbye' as well. I would like to thank Alphonse "Butch" Graziose for his years of dedicated service as our faithful Treasurer and to our Illustrious Sir Greg Feldman for his service as our 2014 Potentate. Last but most certainly not least, the biggest round of applause goes to Illustrious Sir George "Chuckles" Heyen on his election as our new Potentate for Kismet Shrine for 2015. Speaking of 2015, our Illustrious "Chuckles" has quite a bit planned. We are looking to do pancake breakfasts AND steak dinners each quarter, so bring your appetite; your family and your friends. On Sunday February 1st will be Kismet's Annual Super Bowl Party. No Jets or Giants, but let's try to top last year's great attendance. March 13-15 is Spring M.A.S.A. – just across the river in New Jersey at the Ramada in the Newark Airport Plaza. Also March means Saint Patrick's Day and Kismet has got you covered with our Saint' Patrick's Day Dinner & Dance. We've got a lot going on so come on down and have some fun and support your temple. Also if you have a great idea, please let your Divan know. Remember, your Divan is here to serve YOU. So let's get Kismet rolling for 2015! From the right chair...

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

Assistant Rabban



Thank you my Brother Nobles for electing me your 2015 Assistant Rabban and I wish to congratulate all new Divan elected officers. I thank you all for stepping up and showing your support to Kismet Shrine. It is at this time that I ask all Nobles to step up and help whether it's helping to clean out a closet, marching in the Memorial Day parade in Hicksville to show that we care about our community, or even just to come out to support an event. Our membership needs your help by retaining the nobles you preposed or bringing a Brother Mason into our temple. Ask yourself why you became a Shriner ?

I would hope your answer was to help our Hospitals and the kids that have to be in them.

Our job is to raise funds to keep these Hospitals going. How do we do that ? It is done thru our membership dues, donations and events.

If there is idea you have as a fundraiser come to the divan and let us know of your ideas, if we are hosting an event support it by being involved.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT (sign up sheets available in the office)

HPP

Jeffrey Arist

High Priest And Prophet

Monday night, December 1st, I was elected High Priest and Prophet. I would like to thank everyone for their sincere votes! I hope that I can live up to the expectations of the Nobles. I will do my best to participate and do whatever is asked of me for the coming year.

Thanks again for your vote of confidence—I am humbled and excited for the year ahead. If anyone has any suggestions, I would like to hear from them. I am looking forward to being part of the great line of officers that you all have elected.

Very truly yours
- William Bontemps

NOTES FROM AROUND THE OASIS

Oriental Guide



Dear Nobles, I would like to thank the Nobility of Kismet Shrine Temple for giving me your support to representing you as your Oriental Guide for the year 2015. I look forward to working with the Illustrious Potentate and my fellow nobles on the divan in planning our future and honoring our noteworthy past.

I look forward to a bright future for Kismet and its Nobility. Its time for us to write a new chapter in our history book and we all need to take part in it. We have many talents within the walls of our temple. Only you know what you can do to help. It takes many good men from all walks of life to build a temple that works and grows and you are one of those men. My hopes are, to find you and be your helping hand and attentive ear in achieving our dreams and wishes for Kismet Shrine together.

Please be part of our rich history.

Kismet Is Your Shrine.

Oriental Guide

Noble Robert Di Carlo

The Recorder



Hello Nobles, one and all.

It seems that the time passes faster and faster as we work and play together at Kismet. There have been so many things going on it's been difficult to track them all.

First of all I'd like to congratulate our Junior Past Potentate, Greg Feldman, for leading us through a wonderful year. Along with the dedicated officers that you had elected—and those that have been elected for 2015—Kismet has and will continue to proudly serve the Shrine community at large.

As was mentioned in the last issue, there are a great many responsibilities that need attention here at Kismet and it's up to us all to take them in hand. This is not an organization to join so you can carry another card in your wallet; it's one you join to give back (or forward) to the children of our hospitals. Everything that we do here at Kismet, as well as out in the public under the Kismet name ends up helping Shriners Hospitals for Children. The work we do, the activities we run, the funds we raise provide the means for us to continue to serve those children in need. Take a part, offer your time and industry for this greater good. Whatever you have to offer, I'm sure that Kismet can make use of it and you will be richer for having given it. Thomas Jefferson is reported to have said: Determine never to be idle. It is wonderful how much may be done, if we are always doing."

You love our philanthropy, that's why you're here. Now take that next step and commit yourself to an active role in the Shrine. You won't be sorry.

Yours

Ill. Russell L. Magidson, Recorder

Treasurer



Dear Nobles,

I'm truly honored and humbled by you electing me to be your treasurer.

I would like to thank Butchy for his 6 years of service to our great temple.

I look forward to working with you to improve our temple.

Brian Tuna Casasola

Kismet Treasurer 2015

Clowns



Our clown unit is doing well and doing good things all over Long Island. We work together and we cover different parts of Long Island depending where the gig is and where we live. We will be at Clown College again this year and we look forward to learning and growing in our clowning. We encourage anyone who is interested in joining the best unit in Kismet to reach out to any one of the clowns and we will see if you are good for us and if we are good for you.

NOTES FROM AROUND THE OASIS

Events



Saturday, May 30, 2015 has been set as Kismet Shrine Family Day at Adventureland Amusement Park located on Route 110 in Farmingdale. There will be a new Roller Coaster at the park in 2015. The cost is yet to be determined however it will cost under \$30 a person for a pay one price ticket and food. This is an event that all Nobles are urged to bring their entire families to. Children of all ages will have a good time at this family friendly event.



Road Runners



To our Roadrunner Drivers, and Kismet Nobles .

Next year will soon be here and we are planning to meet the needs of our children. Several of our drivers will be "south for the winter." We will need all the help we can get, particularly drivers. With your help and working together we expect to meet their needs in spite of weather and resource limitations.

The trip to our hospital in Philly is around 3 and Boston is about 4.5 hours. You will be a happier knowing you have helped a child. I have never met a driver who did not feel good about driving. Helping a child makes it more rewarding!

If you cannot drive we can always use your help as a "Fund Raiser." The average trip cost about \$275. You can see the need for funds is considerable. If you can help us please call me to discuss what is involved. There is a commitment on the part of the new driver but most of us in KISMET have joined with the intention to help the children and support our Hospitals

LET'S TALK !!
- John Hassell

BROADWAY LOVES SHRINERS



The fourth annual Broadway Loves Shriners Hospitals for Children event recently took place at the beautiful and historic Grand Lodge Masonic Hall of New York. Award-winning Broadway leading lady Donna Kane (Les Miserables, Meet Me in St. Louis), whose own daughter was successfully treated with innovative spine surgery at Shriners Hospitals for Children, hosted the concert. The room was filled with excited supporters of the hospital! The show featured stars from Phantom of the Opera, Les Miserables, Avenue Q, The Fantasticks, Mamma Mia!, Elf, and more. Singing at the show for a second time was Barry Banks, an award nominated tenor who performs with numerous Operas locally and in Europe; in addition he is a

fellow Mason and Shriner.

"To have these wonderful performers gather together for such a special cause is a real testament to the generosity of the Broadway community." Stated host, Donna Kane "All proceeds from the concert will benefit ongoing care and ---rehabilitation for the patients at Shriners Hospitals for Children."

In addition to the singers of Broadway, another special cast of "The National Dance Ambassadors" accompanied by Patrick James Staples on the piano danced to New York, New York / I Can Cook Too. These National Dance Ambassadors are a group of teens that have all been impacted by Shriners Hospitals for Children as patients or siblings of patients.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is grateful for Donna Kane hosting this event and the countless other families that do fundraisers to benefit our hospital.



GRAND LODGE EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

2014 Program Completed

Once again, the children and grandchildren of members of Lodges in the State of New York have been given grants to help in their further education. This year's recipients totaled 555 and that brings the nineteen-year total to over 12,000 students. Lodges from every District across the State sponsored these recipients. The letters received from students express the importance of this valuable program:

"...I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me."

"It is through the generosity, kindness and support of organizations such as yours that encourages today's youth to work hard and help further higher education."

"Please be assured I will be working very hard next year. I will never forget that you have helped me with my education."

"My Grandfather and Father were Free Masons and I'm counting down the days that I may become one. I will be serving my Country..."

"I am proud of my family's history with the Masons, and I appreciate the support you give students..."

"...it has been an irreplaceable help towards funding my education."

"...thank you for the award given to me. I hope to someday become a Mason like my Father was."

"My family and I including my Grandfather...a proud Mason for almost 40 years attended the award ceremony...in New York City. All of us appreciated the effort put forth to make the presentation so special...it was an honor to receive the award in such a beautiful room with so much history and meaning."

"...I could not afford to attend...I thank you from the depth of my heart for this opportunity, and hope that you can continue to provide this chance to students in the future."

2015 Program Announced

As we approach our 20th year, a new Online Application Process begins. Directions and Applications for the 2015 Education Assistance Program have been sent to the Lodges across the State of New York. These will be available to students after the first of January. Students seeking assistance for the Fall 2015 school year should contact the Secretary of their father's or grandfather's Lodge for an Application (make sure you get a 2015 application). Applications are also available from the District Deputy Grand Master and online at the Grand Lodge web site (www.nymasons.org) or the Masonic Care Community website. (www.masonichomeny.org), look under "About Us / Masonic Fraternity".

For further information or questions contact Michael Shipman at: shipmanship@yahoo.com

After completing the Application, and Registering Online, mail it with the required documents, to the committee no later than April 1, 2015. At that time, all applications will be reviewed by an independent firm for rating. Those selected to receive awards for the Fall of 2015 will be notified in May. Presentations will be made across the state in June and July. Awards are given to students who are pursuing an Undergraduate/graduate degree, going to a trade school or for those returning to school for retraining. To be eligible, the student must:

- Be a child/grandchild/widow of a New York State Master Mason
- Show academic or vocational achievement- minimum GPA of 2.75 (80)
- Demonstrate financial need
- Consideration will also be given to students who: participate in community service, demonstrate leadership abilities, or perform family duties.
- An essay on interests and accomplishments is required.
- Be a full time student- minimum of 12 credit hours per semester, 9 for graduate level.

Applicants should obtain the required signatures from Lodge Secretaries early so that Application and Registration is on time. Postmarks count, so Register and apply early.

The Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Home are thanked for their continued funding and support of this outstanding program.

Does your Lodge offer college-level scholarship assistance? Many New York Lodges have some kind of scholarship program. While Grand Lodge provides nearly one-half million dollars in assistance annually, it can only go to children or grandchildren of New York Masons. Many new young Brothers have joined our Craft and are not eligible for the Grand Lodge Program due to constraints placed upon these funds. How can we help these Brothers who wish to continue their education, or go for retraining?

We encourage the Lodges of New York State to incorporate "Education Assistance for Brothers" into their Lodge charitable programs. If your Lodge does have an Assistance Program or Scholarship, please contact Bro. Cary Cohn at: CCohn1127@aol.com Supporting education is an investment that pays you back.

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

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EAST-WEST SHRINE GAME IS QUICKLY APPROACHING

The East-West Shrine Game has been a staple in college football since 1925 and is the longest running college all-star game in the country. The game has consistently proven to be a successful starting point for players seeking a professional career in football. Typically, there are more than 265 East-West Shrine Game alumni on NFL rosters each year. For the past 90 years, some of the best collegiate football players from across the United States and Canada have participated in the East-West Shrine Game. In addition to serving as one of the NFL's primary source for players, the East-West Shrine Game benefits Shriners Hospitals for Children.

The 90th East-West Shrine Game will take place on Saturday, January 17, 2015, at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Fla. The game will be broadcast live on NFL Network, with a kickoff time of 4 p.m. EST. To learn more about the game, tickets and a special ticket package offer for Shriners, please call 813-281-8686 or visit shrinegame.com.



MORE THAN JUST A GAME



We are excited to announce that Shriners International has its own YouTube Channel, appropriately named Shriners TV. Shriners TV is your source for fraternal videos. Here you will find promos, Imperial Session segments, informative pieces, event highlights and much more. Help us get the word out and encourage others to subscribe to our channel. Visit us often at youtube.com/ShrinersTV to see what's new!

KISMET CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY—DEC 13TH



KISMET'S HOLIDAY PARTY

 For the Community Children
Saturday Dec 13 11:30 till 2:30
18 West Nicholas Street
Hicksville, NY 11801



KISMET BALLROOM AVAILABLE FOR RENTALS

Nobles—In case you haven't noticed, Kismet Temple contains a big, beautiful ball room that may be used for many different events. We do rent the room for parties most every weekend and this is the way we pay our property taxes. The ball room is also available to you, Nobles and Brethren, to rent for your events.

Contact Noble Harrison Green at harrison.greene@sprint.blackberry.net or call 516-828-1338 for more information.



DIRECTORS ITEMS FOR SALE

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

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

24" fez tassel \$25
Fez size reducer \$5
Luggage tag \$8
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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 Nobles Leo Johnson and Ill. Sir Greg Feldman presenting an honorary membership certificate to Brother Carlos (Carlito) Fuente Jr at the recent Big Smoke in NYC.

Carlos Fuente Jr is one of the most recognized faces in the world of cigars and a supporter of Kismet's Cigar Club—which is itself a fund raiser for Kismet Shrine.



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



MEMBERSHIP—THE ANSWER

By Ill. Sir Greg Feldman, PP

Membership.....The answer to everything right in the Shrine

The task of attracting new members to the Shrine is the responsibility (and likely the pleasure) of each Noble of Kismet Shrine. Active Shriners have found something personally meaningful in their membership and this meaning is what needs to be conveyed at every opportunity to eligible Masons. Each Shriner's individual feeling expressed in his own words is the most effective membership tool.

Why the Shrine? There are many related organizations we could join, but we see that the Shrine is the greatest philanthropy in the world; a system of twenty-two hospitals providing the best specialized medical care for children in need. Based on the Masonic tenets of relief, truth and brotherly love, men get together sharing fellowship and fun, social functions with our families – all for the benefit of the greatest bottom line: helping children.

We men become Shriners because the organization is the outward manifestation of what we feel. We realize that the teachings of the Shrine are parallel to our own convictions and as men we seek to associate ourselves with good men of a like spirit. We are faithful and loyal to friends. We take our obligation seriously and strive to live a life promoting the virtues imbued in our nature. We are also men who derive enjoyment from life. We appreciate fun and fellowship and appreciate when men from all different walks of life work and play side by side wearing the Fez of Shrinedom. We spread smiles and laughter in an uncertain world. We have a genuine interest in people, an honest desire for spreading charity and a faith in an everlasting God. Being a Shriner should give you a lift. The Fellowship of membership in the Shrine – wearing your Fez or Shrine pin your head lifts a little higher, your heart warms with friendship and your handshake becomes firmer. Shrine membership is a privilege. Wealth or position does not make you a Shriner.

Isn't that something that you'd like to share?

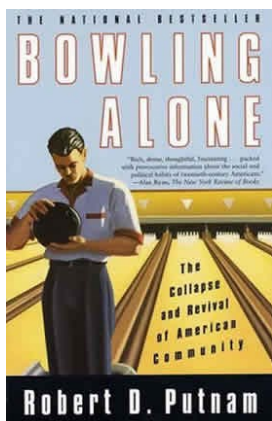
Quite often comments are made that we are faced with the obligation of a family with the implication that our income needs to be budgeted and spent solely on providing the necessities of life. This is not inconsistent with the Shrine which offers a social atmosphere that is cost effective for families to enjoy together. When you look at the cost of going to a movie or dinner the Shrine provides a very affordable alternative.

Perhaps the issue is Freemasons are not motivated to join our Shrine. Perhaps he does not see in it a place for him. We need to welcome these qualified members into our fold and show them the benefits of membership. Our Nobles should mentor our newly created members so that no one is left to find his own way. While we all do not have the same interests we need to show that our fraternity offers something of value to everyone that will at the same time increase the strength of Kismet.

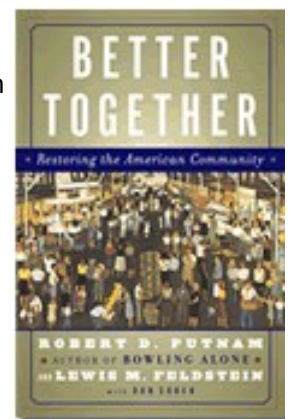
Membership is the most important subject that Kismet Shriners can discuss today. Our members have helped children since 1922. Membership and our dues is the best way to support our philanthropy. A strong viable Shrine ensures never-ending support for the children who need our help. The more members we have, the easier the burden is on the individual members to provide ongoing support to our fraternity and our hospitals.

The true Shriner is not the product of the Shrine. The Shrine is the product of the Shriner. We have many friends who are not members of our great fraternity. We need them and they need us. The Shrine has something to contribute to the joy of every living Master Mason.

That is the strength of the Shrine.



Membership issues are not limited to the Shrine. In his national best-seller *Bowling Alone*, Robert Putnam decried the collapse of America's social institutions. But while traveling to promote the book, one question came up at every appearance: what can we do to end the atrophy of America's civic vitality. What can bring us together again? Seeking an answer to this question, Putnam, a professor of public policy at Harvard, with the assistance of coauthor Lewis Feldstein, who has a long and distinguished career in civic activism, visited places across the country where individuals and groups are engaged in unusual forms of social activism and civic renewal. These are people who are renewing their communities and investing in new forms of "social capital." *Better Together* describes a dozen innovative organizations from east to west and north to south that are re-weaving the social fabric of our country, and brings the hopeful news that our civic institutions are taking new forms to adapt to new times and new needs.





Superbowl Sunday at Kismet Shrine

Feb 1st, 2015—4pm till end-of-game

\$15 per person, kids under 16 free! Food, drink and fun!

RSVP to Billy Bontemps fazzinaandrea@yahoo.com

ONE LOOK, ONE VOICE—STYLEBOOK FOR SHRINERS

From Shriners International: As we continue to work together to promote our organizations, including Shriners International, it is very important to be consistent in word usage. This is an important element of branding and will strengthen our communication efforts.

A very important tool that can help in this effort, and one that everyone should be aware of and refer to often, is the official Shriners Hospitals for Children Stylebook. This helpful tool includes multiple boilerplates for both Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children, along with accurate and approved terminology, official mission statements, formatting rules and so much more.

In order to make it a little easier to reference terms used most often in fraternal communications, we have created a second condensed version of the Stylebook with the terms most commonly used by the fraternity. This shorter version can be found on Shriners Village, under the temples and associations > temple resources > public relations tab. The Stylebook is our foundation for consistency, and is updated annually. We encourage you to become familiar with and use this document.



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GENERAL ORDER NO. 1—SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

It is natural to associate the fez with Shriners Hospitals for Children. Because of this, meticulous attention must be given to all fundraising activities, including circuses, to make certain that such activities comply with the law of the land and that a contributor is not led to believe that his money will be used for the Hospitals when all or a portion thereof will be used otherwise. The integrity of our charity and of our fraternity must remain above reproach.

Your specific attention is called to the following fraternal and charitable bylaws:

§335.3 USE OF NAME “SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN.” The use of the name “Shriners Hospitals for Children” or reference to the Hospitals in connection with any fundraising activity by a temple or Noble without the written consent of the Imperial Potentate and the chairman of the board of trustees of the Hospitals is prohibited.

§503.11 COMMERCIAL USE OF NAME. The use of the name “Shriners Hospitals for Children” or reference to the hospitals in connection with any commercial product or business enterprise is prohibited unless the written consent of the boards of directors and trustees has been first obtained.

Now, therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Fundraising for Fraternal Purposes:

(a) No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations, shall engage in any fundraising activity without the express written consent of the potentate of the temple having jurisdiction thereof.

(b) There can be no representation, express or implied, that the proceeds will be for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

(c) The temple potentate shall carefully examine all phases of the advertising, promotion and solicitation to determine that it complies with §335.3 and §503.11 of the fraternal and charitable bylaws and that there is no representation, expressed or implied, that would lead a reasonably prudent person to believe that the proceeds will be for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children. If the potentate is in doubt, he must receive the opinion of the Imperial Potentate who, after consultation with the Director of Temple Accounting, shall make the final determination.

(d) The temple potentate must approve the terms and provisions of any contract for a fundraising activity after receiving the advice of the temple attorney, and, additionally, as may be required by the temple bylaws.

(e) A copy of the temple potentate's written consent shall be mailed to the Executive Vice President, Shriners International. Further, such written material pertaining to the fundraising activity, as requested by the Executive Vice President, Shriners International, shall be promptly mailed to him.

2. Fundraising for Charitable Purposes:

(a) No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations shall engage in any charitable fundraising activity other than for Shriners Hospitals for Children. Permission therefor must be first obtained in writing from the temple potentate. The temple potentate must then obtain written permission from the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees. This request for written permission shall be sent to the Executive Vice President, Shriners International, P.O. Box 31356, Tampa, FL 33631-3356. No charitable fundraising activity shall be held in the jurisdiction of another temple without the written permission of the potentate of that temple.

(1) A joint charitable fundraising activity with another 501(c)(3) charity may be authorized, provided that a minimum of 50% of the net proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children, and the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees determine, on a case by case basis, that it is in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children and they grant their written permission for the activity.

(2) A charitable fundraising activity conducted by a temple located outside of the U.S.A. may be authorized for other charities, provided that the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees determine, on a case by case basis, that it is in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children and they grant their written permission for the activity.

(b) 100% of net proceeds (as defined in the Charitable Fundraising—Approval And Reporting provisions of this General Order) from charitable fundraising must be given to Shriners Hospitals for Children except for such portion thereof as may be permitted to be retained for the temple Shrine Hospital Patient Transportation Fund, pursuant to the Special Purpose Funds provisions of any General Order. Provided, however, if the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees determine for good cause shown, that the law of the land requires that a portion of the net proceeds must be distributed locally, then they may, if they determine it to be in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children, grant their written permission for such distribution.

(c) The temple shall report the result of each charitable fundraising activity within sixty days of the activity, pursuant to the Charitable Fundraising—Approval And Reporting provisions of any General Order.

(d) This section shall not apply to activities exempt under §335.4(b) of the bylaws of Shriners International.

(e) Each independent corporation or entity that receives the permission of the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees to raise moneys for Shriners Hospitals for Children, and which does not have its financial statements reviewed pursuant to §§334.6 & 337.8 of the bylaws of Shriners International, shall have its financial statements audited by a certified, chartered or licensed public accountant and shall submit such audit report to Shriners International within 120 days of the activity.

3. Statement of Purpose and Disclosure:

(a) Every fundraising activity must contain factual information on its solicitation material, tickets, programs and documents, including all electronically transmitted material, regarding the use of the proceeds.³²

Examples: “Proceeds are for the benefit of (____ Shriners) (____ Shrine club) activities.”

“Proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children.”

(b) Every fundraising activity which is not entirely for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children shall prominently state on all solicitation material, including tickets, programs, documents and electronically transmitted material, that “payments are not deductible as charitable contributions.”

(c) There must be compliance with the Revenue Act of 1987 provision of any general order by U.S. temples.

4. Compliance with Applicable Laws:

It is the responsibility of the temple potentate, after receiving the advice of the temple attorney, to determine that there is compliance with all applicable laws in its jurisdiction for the temple's fundraising activities.

5. Financial Records:

(a) The temple shall maintain detailed financial records pertaining to all fundraising activities involving Nobles, clubs, units, organizations of Nobles and affiliated and appendant corporations. Details of all revenues and expenditures shall be maintained in such financial records.

(b) The temple must retain such detailed financial records for a period of seven (7) years.

(c) There must be compliance with Financial Reporting on Charitable Funds and Activities provision of any general order.

6. Notification to Nobility:

A copy of the Fundraising Activities provisions of this General Order shall be printed in the temple publication at least once every calendar year. If there is no temple publication, then a copy shall be mailed to each Noble in the temple not later than the last day in March of each calendar year.

7. Discipline:

Any officer, Noble or temple which violates a provision of Fundraising Activities is subject to discipline pursuant to the bylaws of Shriners International.

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Welcome to the new Nobles who were obligated during our 2014 October Ceremonial!