

THE FEZ

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Oct—Dec 2015

Oct 2—Steak Dinner at Kismet with Queens/Nassau Shrine Club
Oct 5—Stated Meeting
Oct 17—Ceremonial
Oct 21—SHC Open Golf Tournament
Nov 2—Past Potentates Roast/Chief Rabban Night
Nov 5—Queens/Nassau Shrine Club Dinner
Dec 3—Queens/Nassau Shrine Club Dinner
Dec 7—Stated Meeting
Dec 12—Children's Holiday Party
Jan 4—Installation of officers

Tentative Calendar



Some Nobles and their ladies enjoying a meal together during Imperial Session in Houston TX



Shriners Hospitals for Children® was an integral part of a team that made medical history earlier this month. Chief of Staff, Scott Kozin, M.D. and Dan Zlotolow, M.D from Shriners Hospitals for Children – Philadelphia were part of a multidisciplinary medical team that performed the first-ever pediatric bilateral hand transplant by successfully transplanting donor hands and forearms onto a Shriners Hospital for Children patient, 8-year-old Zion Harvey. See inside for more details.

Meanwhile in SHC Boston: Curtis Cetrulo, MD will speak to the board in October about his work entitled: "Towards Tolerance in Vascularized Composite Allotransplantation."

Summary - The Cetrulo laboratory is investigating mechanisms for inducing immunologic tolerance to hand and face transplantation utilizing large animal preclinical experimental models. Developing safe tolerance protocols would allow more widespread use of hand and face transplantation for our severely burned pediatric patients.

Kismet's social media is made up of:

- Our website at KismetShriners.org where you can submit your email address to our mailing list as well as keep up to date on Kismet and SHC activities and access past issues of The Fez.
- Our regular email blasts of upcoming events and news (so submit your email address!)
- Facebook: We host a public-facing page at <https://www.facebook.com/KismetShriners> and a Nobles-only group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Kismetshriners>. No other page is recognized as ours.
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/KismetShrine>

KISMET'S DIVAN AT A GLANCE

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 III. Robert W. Howard, 1992
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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
 III. William T. Francis, 2010
 III. Joseph Savaglio, 2011
 III. Russell L. Magidson, 2012
 III. Michael P. Iannone, 2013
 III. Greg Feldman, 2014

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NOTES FROM AROUND THE OASIS

The Pote



Dear Nobles;

As I write this news letter I am preparing to head down to MASA at Virginia Beach. Once we arrive at our hotel in Virginia Beach our KISMET SHRINE sets up a hospitality room to welcome other MASA SHRINERS. Many memories will be made at this Oasis. As our Kismet Family visits other hospitality rooms we reconnect with old friends and make new ones.

We have a "Steak Night" coming up, on October 02, 2015 at KISMET SHRINE.

Please mark your calendars for The Fall Ceremonial and Fezzing ,at 4PM on Saturday October 17, 2015 As always keep your eye on our Facebook page and web site for all up coming events.

KEEP SMILING, GEORGE "CHUCKLES" HEYEN

Chief Rabban



The joyous and fun-filled days of Summer are now behind us and a distant memory but Kismet ended it with having a great time down at Virginia Beach for the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association's Annual Fall Session. Not only was the weather warm, so was the friendship, brotherhood and good times. If you couldn't make it this year, there's always next year. Now that Fall is here, nature begins to "go to sleep," but here at Kismet, we're coming alive with our Annual Fall Ceremonial and Fezzing for our new nobles on Saturday October 17th at 4:00pm. I would like to thank all of our fellow Master Masons who have chosen to continue their Masonic journey by becoming nobles of Kismet Shriners! Welcome! During our ceremonial, the ladies of our new nobles are invited to come to our "Oasis" for a ladies social. Afterwards, a cocktail hour at 6:00pm proceeded by the fezzing and photos of our newest "Kismeteers" at 7:00pm and last, but certainly not least, a delicious dinner at 8:00pm. There is NO cost for our new nobles and just \$20.00 for current nobles and ladies. To our veteran nobles, please make every effort to attend and support the newest members of our shrine temple. As always, Kismet is open Monday nights. Food, fun and fellowship is always a great find after the "Monday grind." Speaking of food, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bill Lewis, Michael Iannone and all the other Nobles who have served up some good eatin'. Our Culinary Unit is always looking for newer members. Please help support the unit that supports you. Since this issue of The Fez is a Fall AND holiday issue – Lady Dawn, little Michael and I would like to wish everyone a Happy Halloween and although a little bit early, we also would like to wish all of you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving; Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. From the right chair...

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

Asst Rabban



I hope everyone had a great summer. We at Kismet are ready for our next stated meeting, we are having a steak night on Friday Oct, 2nd at a cost of \$10 dollars per Nobel our ladies and children are free. Please present this to your Blue lodges and friends as they are also invited. Let's fill the room with brothers and guests and make this an event we can look forward to again and again. You must have a ticket to enter please see me or call me at 516-579-4069 to get your ticket, again you must have a ticket to enter. For those of you that missed it, a few of us got together for the Jimmy Buffett tailgate party and had a great time with at least 30 nobles. Our fall ceremonial will be held on Saturday October 17th. You must support our new nobles, this is an important event for both old and new nobles.

Recorder



Hello everyone!

If you've been coming out and taking part of the happenings at Kismet then you know what fun we have and what good food we enjoy together. If you have not been taking part, why not? What's keeping you away? Are you new and perhaps feel that you don't know folks? Is it difficult for you to travel? Are you not sure what's expected of you? The folks who come out to Kismet on Mondays and most Fridays to meet, socialize and plan functions will tell you it's time well spent. Not only does Kismet need your involvement to grow, but you joined for a reason and I'm quite sure that reason was not to be a "silent partner." We are here to support twenty-two hospitals and every thing we do at and for Kismet works towards that. We are not perfect by any means, just men striving to be the best men we can be and to serve a purpose higher than ourselves.

Remember to RSVP for our upcoming Steak Night (no RSVP—no entrance) and the Ceremonial for our newest Nobles. Support them and remember what it was like when you came in to the Shrine and how good it was to see the warm, friendly faces of your fellow Nobles.

Peace and health to you all

- Russell L. Magidson, PP

NOTES FROM AROUND THE OASIS

High Priest & Prophet



I guess everybody knows by now that my Father William C. Bontemps Sr. Passed away and I would like to thank all the Shriner's and Mason's ect... For the outpouring of love, support, affection and sympathy. My family and I deeply appreciate it. My report as High Priest and Prophet: The Culinary Department, Thanks to Bill Lewis and Mike Iannone, the culinary funds have not been taken out of the budget money for the coming year! We are on the plus side thanks to their hard work, dedication and the support of the Nobles. Looking into the future we are working on more Pancake breakfasts and Steak nights. Brotherhood and Support is the important parts that make this Successful. I would like to thank Brian Casasola and Peter Tucker for their thoughts, and ideas on new events. Our Hall Rentals have been on a positive upswing Thanks to Bob DiCarlo and Harrison Greene. Our Publicity Department has been working very hard on different events Thanks to John Kelly and Mike Cutino. I would like to Thank the Assistant Raban, Chief Raban and Potentate for their trust in me. Our Recorder Russell Magidson who has always been by my side thank you for all your support. We have upcoming events, the Ceremonial and our Octoberfest our Committee, Raaj Panday and Greg Feldman are working hard to make sure everyone has a great day. Possible and upcoming events: Wrestling Night, Night at the Races, Haunted house in October 2016, Roast, your participation is greatly needed, just remember where all the funds go. We have a great Divan working together for future events. On a personnel note everyone realizes what's going on in the Nobility, I would just like to give my opinion we are all a Nobles and Brothers the building of Kismet is the most important thing and the largest asset we have. We need to combine as one and build. Our diligent work to support the Shriner Hospitals should be our main goal. Let's move on from our past and work for a positive future. Please support our Cigar nights on every 4th Friday of the month our oasis is open Monday and Friday to entertain and host you.

Oriental Guide



Nobles as we bid are last farewell to the summer of 2015 I look forward to Kismet Shrine center and what it has to offer to you and your family, but most of all what it offers to the nobility.

Things continue to change at Kismet and you can be an integral part of the future. The role it plays in our fraternity, community life and support of our most precious Shriners Hospitals for Children.

The opportunities are endless for us as a Shrine center to grow, but there is one thing missing, your involvement, your motivation and your determination to make the world a better place.

When you became a Shriner at Kismet you made a commitment to work and help the children of the world that have disabilities.

Since the first Shriners Hospital opened in 1922, the healthcare system has improved the lives of more than 1 million children.

Yes you are needed to help change the world and make Kismet a better place. Your age is not a factor, you have the ability and opportunity and endless avenues to pursue.

Now go to your closet and reach up to your top shelf, take your Fez down and put it on and already you should feel better. Now gaze into the mirror and your almost ready to make a difference. Make that difference.

Now that you have your fez on and you represent Kismet Shrine. Sit down and write down a few things that can help our shrine today or in the future,

As a Kismet Shriner you're an important part of our fraternity and your input is very important, your knowledge and background and years of life experience is the greatest asset to us.

Please let me know your ideas and your concerns to help us once again become one of the leading Shrine centers. To do this you don't need a computer,

You don't need to write a book or an essay all you need to do is jot some of your thoughts down on a napkin and give me a call.

I look forward to your input and remember we all took the same journey to get our fez. Your part as a Shriner is not over.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Oriental Guide - Robert DiCarlo

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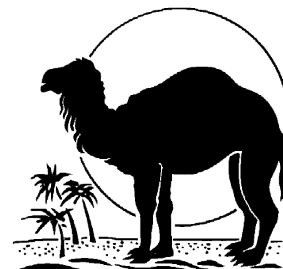
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The Black Camel

Kismet sends our condolences to our family members who've suffered a loss recently including Joyce Marmo who lost her brother Nicholas Tauriello.

May they rest in peace.



Road Runners



To my Brother Road Runners

We are continuously in need of new Drivers and are working on ways to encourage new drivers to be road runners. We need committed drivers with enough availability to satisfy the needs of our children. For this reason it is essential that we peruse new members and experienced drivers to join us. In the last few months we have received a great deal of help from our new "Road Runners". Without their help we could not have satisfied the service required by our children.

It is not difficult to learn the benefits to being a Road Runner. When you meet the Drivers and talk about the children they have helped and watching the children use the skills they have gained you see the benefits. I suggest that you think about joining the Road Runners by taking a few runs and visit the Hospital. You will understand why parents & families travel for long distances to have their children treated by our hospitals. . It is at that point you become committed, a Road Runner!!

If you can commit to one day a month due to job constraints there will be months you can do more. Please think of the child you may be helping or the appointments which may be cancelled another day for the family. Keep in mind that being a Road Runner is a commitment. KISMET cannot survive if we cannot commit to helping our children

- John Hassell



MASONIC MEDICAL RESEARCH LABORATORY

WELCOME TO THE FUTURE OF MEDICINE

The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) is an internationally recognized biomedical research institute founded by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the New York State in 1958. The MMRL is an international center for genetic screening of inherited cardiac arrhythmia diseases, especially those responsible for sudden cardiac death, including sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) and is actively involved in the development of safe and effective drugs for atrial fibrillation, thus addressing one of the greatest unmet medical needs facing our society. The Stem Cell Center is focused on creation of human models of disease, thus enabling the development of innovative therapies and cures. A recently inaugurated Organ and Tissue Bioengineering Program is working to build new hearts for transplantation in individuals with end-stage heart failure and other forms of heart disease.

Follow the MMRL on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/MasonicMedicalResearchLaboratory>) and Youtube (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIwX7MWBOiZjNDKdQpYnHOW>).

QUEENS-NASSAU COUNTY SHRINE

CLUB OF KISMET TEMPLE

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

Location Changes Each Meeting

Noble Robert Di Carlo—President Lou Barazotti—Secretary

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

In October we will meet at Kismet's Steak Night on Friday the 2nd

Contact Lou for details—kismet1997@aol.com

FROM OUR PHILADELPHIA HOSPITAL

We are proud to announce that Shriners Hospitals for Children® was an integral part of a team that made medical history earlier this month. Chief of Staff, Scott Kozin, M.D. and Dan Zlotolow, M.D from Shriners Hospitals for Children – Philadelphia were part of a multidisciplinary medical team that performed the first-ever pediatric bilateral hand transplant by successfully transplanting donor hands and forearms onto a Shriners Hospital for Children patient, 8-year-old Zion Harvey.

When Zion was referred to Shriners Hospitals for Children, Dr. Kozin and colleagues quickly recognized that Zion was a potential candidate for this transformative procedure, making him the first patient to receive a pediatric hand transplant in the world. In keeping with Shriners Hospitals collaborative approach to care, Dr. Kozin worked together with Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and University of Pennsylvania to assemble a 40+ team of medical experts to perform this complex and demanding 12 hour procedure.

More on the doctors:

Scott Kozin, M.D., is the chief of staff for Shriners Hospitals for Children — Philadelphia and is board certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery. He received an undergraduate degree in computer science from Duke University and earned a medical degree from Hahnemann University School of Medicine. Dr. Kozin completed his residencies in orthopaedic surgery at Albert Einstein Medical Center and Shriners Hospitals for Children — Philadelphia. He also completed a fellowship in hand and microvascular surgery at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN.

Dan A. Zlotolow, M.D., is a board certified orthopaedic hand surgeon for Shriners Hospitals for Children — Philadelphia. He received an undergraduate degree with honors in biology from Haverford College and earned a medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine with early induction into the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. Dr. Zlotolow completed his residency in orthopaedics at the Montefiore Medical Center in New York and hand fellowship at the Roosevelt Hospital in New York and the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas.

Zion is a bright and precocious eight-year-old who has told his doctors that he cannot wait to someday throw a football and climb on the monkey bars. Shriners Hospitals looks forward to continuing our support in Zion's recovery and goals. Here is the link to his story, World's first pediatric double hand transplant



Yesterday's announcement is a true testament to Shriners Hospitals for Children's commitment to innovative, world-class pediatric care. Join us in celebrating being a part of history in the making.



CLOWNING AROUND AT KISMET

Hello my fellow Nobles, the Kismet Clowns were clowning over the summer here are some of the details.

1) John Mcarey aka "Wrinkles" was clowning at Riverhead Lodge at their Pig Roast and the Brothers made a

donation to the Red Sneaker fund. Why to go John. It is great to see the interest that the Blue Lodge is interested in the Kismet Clowns. Maybe if we keep it up we can get more Brothers in to the Shrine and get more Clowns.

2) Richie Sheriff was Clowning for his American Legion Post for their annual BBQ for the kids of the 40-8

Club in Center Moriches, way to go "Maggie"

3) Dongan Patent Lodge will be having their annual Lobster Fest on Sept. 13, 2015 at the Cathedral in

The Pines. from 1pm- 6pm Cost is \$35.00 per adult and \$10.00 per Child under 6 are free.

That's in Middle country. The Red Sneaker will be there and hope to see you there also.

4) Babylon Lodge will be doing a Child I.D. at the Babylon Town craft fair on Sept. 13, 2015 right on Main Street.

This will be all hands on deck for Kismet Clowns as well as many Brothers to help make this a great event.

The Red Sneaker will be there and hope to see you there.

5) Babylon Lodge will be hosting their annual Christmas Party for the A.H.R.C. in Bohemia.

for the special children. Dec. 13, 2015 The Kismet Clowns usually turn out in great numbers to make this a memorable event and very special. Santa will be on hand and handing out gifts, and you can also participate by adopting a child for the day.

Any Noble who wish to become part of the Kismet Clown unit, and be dedicated in raising monies for cherished "Red Sneaker Fund" which helps raised money for the Shriner Hospitals.



BOUMI CRAB FEST—A FEAST FIT FOR A KING

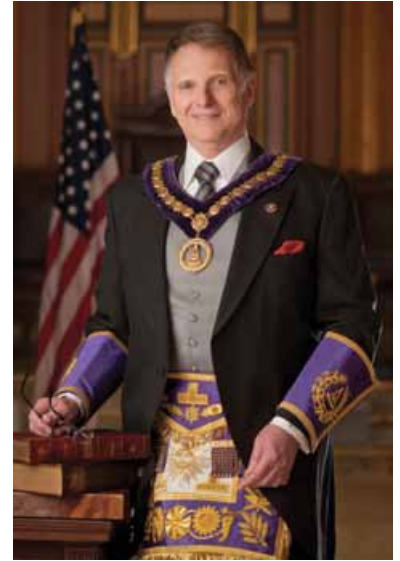
Boumi Shrine held their annual Crab Fest at their Shrine Center in Maryland—and hundreds of Shriners and their families were there to make a mess and enjoy. Providing all the steamed crabs, corn, crab cakes and dessert you can eat, along with wooden mallets to break open those delicious crustaceans and lots of napkins, this is one event you don't want to miss. Only a few hours drive it's more than worth the trip.



GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE—AN EXCERPT

Nobles—as I read the most recent message from our Most Worshipful Grand Master William Thomas, I was again reminded how similar the issues facing Shrinedom are to those facing Masonry. Indeed, lest we forget that we are all Masons first and should ever act as such. In that light I want to share an excerpt that speaks of the Shrine as much as our Masonic Lodges. Substitute the word “shrine” for “lodge” and the message hits home.

Civility and Masonry There is a growing attention across our Grand Jurisdictions to Civility projects, and bringing attention to the way we deal with each other. In its broadest sense, civility is just good manners. Our Grand Lodge is taking a leadership posture. We have established a working relationship with the Civility Task Force of the North American Conference of Grand Masters, and appointed a Special Committee on Civility. It is lead by our Grand Deacons, Right Worshipfuls Peter A. Flihan, III and Christopher J. Hough. They will be bringing to your attention issues for your Districts for discussion. I ask that you encourage your Lodges and Districts to give attention to this project, with an objective of leading by example. A Civility Tool Box for Lodges is uploaded on the Grand Lodge website. If we act courteously and civilly among ourselves and in our profane lives, perhaps it could influence others to behave likewise. Too often we see road rage, angry meetings, backstabbing, rumor mongering and general unpleasantness in life. Let's see what we can do to make a difference. Here are a few thoughts to get us started, and I ask that the District Deputy Grand Masters adopt these as a tool in their Districts this year: **Pay Attention and Listen.** Listen intently when others are speaking. Inhibit the “inner voice” from interrupting with comments such as “The problem is.....”, or “We've always done it that way”. **Be Inclusive.** Civility knows no ethnicity, no level of leadership, no forum, no religion, no generation, and no bounds. Being inclusive includes everyone. It is about leading and serving for the betterment of mankind. **No Gossiping.** Gossiping is one of the most hurtful of behaviors and accomplishes nothing. **Be Respectful.** Respect has nothing to do with liking or disliking someone. Respect means you can disagree without being disagreeable. Civility is “Respectful Behavior.” Respect is “Honorable Behavior.” **Build Relationships.** Leadership is about building relationships. Therefore, being civil is especially helpful in this process. **Use Constructive Language.** Be mindful of the words you use, when you use them, and also of the words you speak through your non-verbal communications. **Take Responsibility.** Don't shift responsibility or place blame on other people. Hold yourself accountable, accept your own faults, speak positively, and respect everyone. You be the example. You be the example, so that others will say, “I want to be like him.”



What Is Your Lodge's Focus? When your Lodge is spending more time on raising money to stay in business than on Masonry, something is wrong. Something needs to change. When your Lodge is spending more time on administration and non-Masonic activities, something is wrong. Something needs to change. We have some beautiful old Lodge buildings in New York. Check out the Albany Temple, and the Scipio Lodge in Aurora (Cayuga-Tompkins District), which was originally constructed as a Royal Arch Tabernacle. But then, there are other Lodges that spend weekends and holidays on fund raising events to repair the pipes and pay the heating bills in the winter. That's not what Lodge work is supposed to be. If that's what's going on in your Lodge, something needs to change. Maybe it's time to move on. Maybe it's time to move from being a tenant in distress to some other facility. Einstein said that insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. Maybe it's time to do something different.

Where Did All Our Masons Go? Our Grand Lodge is no different from others with a concern for membership retention. The Deputy Grand Master is developing an enthusiastic program for mentoring. He has been receiving very supportive comments in his Town Hall meetings. In my opinion there are two reasons why we have low participation and high dropout rates: Did you ever attend a meeting where the secretary's work took up most of the evening? Were you ever the victim of a committee meeting conducted within the Lodge that should have taken place outside? How often do you listen to the woes of the Lodge finances? Brethren, **We Spend So Much Effort On The Business Of Our Lodge, We Seem To Have Forgotten The Reason We Exist!** Our members are so disillusioned that they stop coming to Lodge completely. I was outside a Lodge recently, waiting to enter, when three Past Masters arrived. Oh, they weren't late, they announced gleefully; they always arrive just in time, in order to avoid all the boring business of the Lodge — so they could arrive just in time for the program! What is the point of continuing to add new members to your rolls when you can't keep your old members, or your brand new members, involved? It is pointless to keep adding members to your roster until you figure out why you can't keep the ones you already have. And I'll tell you the most common reason why Lodges can't keep members involved. It's quite simple actually: **When The Brethren Stop Having Fun, They'll Stop Coming.** It really isn't any more complicated than that. Take away the boredom, take away the monotonous business, add some spice, and real Masonry, and your Lodge will thrive! You don't believe it? Then check it out yourself, and do a self-examination: Is your meeting notice interesting? Does the meeting notice arrive before the gavel comes down? Does the gavel come down on time as scheduled? Are you proud of the ritual work? Does the Master run the meeting, or the Brethren run the Master? How is the quality of the program? Is business “essential” or just useless chatter? Business is an important part of a meeting, but so are learning, discussion, and fellowship. If you want established members to keep coming; and if you want new members to get involved and stay involved, your Lodge has to engage them. You have to give them something they'll look forward to. They have to feel like they're getting value from that time they spend in the meeting. The only thing a dull meeting provides is a reason for Freemasons to stay home and watch the game. If you can build a Lodge like that, the Brethren will come. They'll talk about it and invite their friends to join as well. A lack of petitions won't be your problem, but scheduling all the degrees will be. And that's a problem every Lodge would like to have.

SHC BOSTON—A LEADER IN BURN INJURY RESEARCH



Mehmet Toner, Ph.D.

“Good research is driven primarily by curiosity; by those who love to understand and analyze,” said Mehmet Toner, Ph.D., director of research at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Boston. “It is a slow process and requires delayed gratification.”

A member of the scientific staff at the Boston Shriners Hospital since 1990, Dr. Toner leads the department with a broad view of the innovations in burn treatment that have been developed by the hospital over the years. He knows that it is when scientists are willing to be patient that big discoveries are made.

Shriners Hospitals research brings breakthroughs

There have been two major advances in the treatment of large burn injuries over the past 40 years. Artificial skin to close wounds was first developed in the 1970s and was used on patients with burn injuries at the Boston Shriners Hospital as early as 1980. Shriners Hospitals investigators were involved with the development of artificial skin alongside researchers from Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The second major development, an understanding of the metabolic issues created by burn injury, led to a more targeted delivery of calories and protein to patients. Shriners Hospitals and MGH investigators determined that providing for the unique nutritional needs of patients with burn injuries

had a profound impact on recovery. These achievements have been recognized by the medical community throughout the world.

More milestones ahead

Dr. Toner believes the next major breakthrough in the treatment of large burns will likely involve in vivo healing, or healing from the inside. “The cosmetic issue of burn injury is a very serious concern that needs to be addressed,” said Dr. Toner. The goal is to identify wound cells and healthy progenitor cells/stem cells that regenerate and aid in healing. Dr. Toner and the research team are conducting studies focused on microtechnology and nanotechnology – tiny tools with applications for the diagnosis and monitoring of patients with burns.

One tool developed by Dr. Toner and other Shriners Hospitals investigators identifies rare cells (examples include progenitor cells and tumor cells) and has the ability to target a specific cell from among billions. These rare cells can control the outcome of disease or injury, and identifying them can have an enormous impact on a patient's recovery.

While the science is at the beginning stages, this innovation brings real hope of healing for skin composition, flexibility and appearance.

“The unique aspect of Shriners Hospitals for Children is that there are wonderful opportunities for researchers, clinicians and patients,” said Dr. Toner. “By employing a rare breed – researchers who have the patience, endurance and passion to solve complex problems over time – we can have the next big news.”

SHC SPRINGFIELD RESEARCHES CLUBFOOT

One of the common congenital conditions treated at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Springfield is clubfoot, found in one to two out of 1,000 newborns. Children with this condition are born with feet that are twisted in. Left untreated, this will lead to severe discomfort and disability by adolescence. With treatment, the feet can be pain-free and the patient able to wear regular shoes and have good mobility and function.

Evolving treatment Historically, the treatment of clubfoot included casting followed by surgery on the tendons around the foot and ankle. However, disappointing long-term results have been reported for this surgery, including pain, functional limitations, stiffness, weakness and premature arthritis.

Over the last 15 years, the preferred treatment method for clubfoot has changed significantly. The Ponseti technique involves a series of plaster casts, typically changed on a weekly basis in order to gradually correct the deformity. With this method, the need for surgery is limited, and when necessary, it is usually less involved than the complex procedures used in the past. In long-term follow-up, excellent or good outcomes using this treatment have been reported in more than 80 percent of cases.



Above: Clubfoot is a condition in which children are born with feet that are twisted in.

Once the deformity has been corrected with casting, orthopaedic shoes connected by a bar are used to help maintain the adjustment. These are typically worn all the time for the first three months, then at night and during naps until the child is 3 years old. Surgery may sometimes be necessary for older children (ages 3 to 5) who begin to walk on the outer border of the foot.

New research will lead to new understanding

In collaboration with researchers from the University of Massachusetts and Connecticut Children's Medical Center, Shriners Hospitals for Children — Springfield is studying the long-term effects of Ponseti casting and comprehensive surgery on foot function.

During this study, adolescents and young adults who received treatment for clubfoot as children will be evaluated in a motion analysis laboratory. Evaluation will involve a detailed assessment of foot biomechanics, pressure under the foot while walking, activity level in daily life, and patient-reported pain and quality of life. It is anticipated that this research will provide a significant advancement in the understanding of foot function after treatment of clubfoot.



Above: Following treatment by either Ponseti casting or comprehensive surgery, the feet can be placed flat on the floor. Research will show how the function of feet that received these treatments compares with that of adolescents who did not have clubfoot as children.

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.

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KISMET'S CIGAR NIGHTS—4TH FRIDAYS



Kismet's Cigar Club meets upstairs in Club Kismet on the fourth 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.

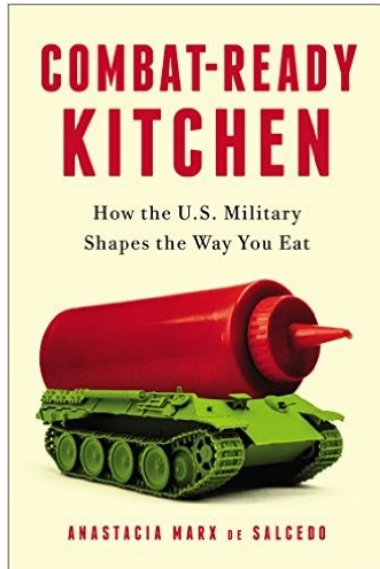
If you haven't yet enjoyed a cigar night at Kismet, give it a try—you won't be disappointed. Of course, the nights are open to all Shriners and Master Masons so bring your friends and Brethren as well.

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.



THIS MONTH'S BOOK —COMBAT-READY KITCHEN



Americans eat more processed foods than anyone else in the world. We also spend more on military research. These two seemingly unrelated facts are inextricably linked. If you ever wondered how ready-to-eat foods infiltrated your kitchen, you'll love this entertaining romp through the secret military history of practically everything you buy at the supermarket.

Ever since Napoleon, armies have sought better ways to preserve, store, and transport food for battle. As part of this quest, although most people don't realize it, the U.S. military spearheaded the invention of energy bars, restructured meat, extended-life bread, instant coffee, and much more. But there's been an insidious mission creep: because the military enlisted industry—huge corporations such as ADM, ConAgra, General Mills, Hershey, Hormel, Mars, Nabisco, Reynolds, Smithfield, Swift, Tyson, and Unilever—to help develop and manufacture food for soldiers on the front line, over the years combat rations, or the key technologies used in engineering them, have ended up dominating grocery store shelves and refrigerator cases. TV dinners, the cheese powder in snack foods, cling wrap . . . The list is almost endless.

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





Imperial Potentate Barney Collins of the Anezeh Shriners (Mexico City, Mexico) and members of the El Mina Shriners (Galveston, Texas) welcome the very first patient to Shriners Hospitals for Children — Galveston. Dr. Dominguez of the University of Texas Medical Branch transferred patient Miguel Delgado on March 20, 1966.

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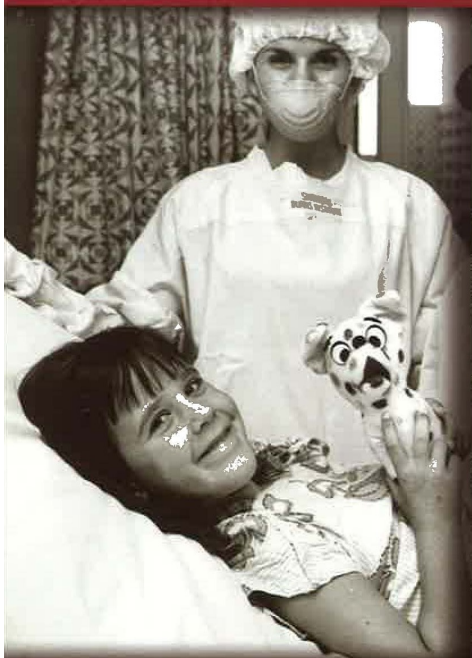
Join the patients (past and present) along with the staff and Board of Governors of Shriners Hospitals for Children® — Galveston in celebrating 50 years of pioneering pediatric burn care, research and education. If you would like to receive more information related to this one-of-a-kind weekend in Galveston, please e-mail:

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FROM IMPERIAL SIR DOUGLAS MAXWELL

My Dear Fellow Representatives and Friends,

Isn't it wonderful to renew old friendships at our annual Imperial Sessions? To be with old friends we only get to visit once a year is a nice aspect to our fraternity.

Our Houston Session Director Generals, Lee Stallings and Tommy Lambright, did a wonderful job with their team. They gave us a great Imperial Session. And I'm sure you were as pleased with the Imperial Representatives evening as Patricia and I as we were entertained by "The Texas Tenors". What a Great group...

*I would like to thank all of you for allowing me **the honor to serve you and our children as your President these last 6 years**. We have weathered some hard times and I believe we all came through it all in pretty good shape.*

I would also like to thank all of you for the very nice comments, emails and personal notes you have said and mailed to me regarding my leadership during this same time. We have had a very good team of thinkers, visionaries and leaders on these Joint Boards who all came together to work for the betterment of our philanthropy.

"For these past 6 years, your Joint Boards have been shaping a new future to take our beloved Shriner Hospitals far into the future. We established 3 main goals...

- **To help more children with Meaningful Shrine Care**
- **To do it more efficiently so as to continue the mission far in to the future and**
- **To make Shriners Hospitals the Pre-eminent and Premier Health Care system in our field...**

Since 2009, we collectively were able to increase our Endowment Fund 70% while at the same time lowering our 22 hospitals "Draw on the Endowment" an equal 70%.

I, and your Joint Boards would like to say a very large "Thank you"... for accepting the multitude of changes we needed in both the funding of operations and the appearances of some of our buildings.

With the continued growing cost of medicine we have really needed the addition of 3rd party pay, now referred to as "Revenue Cycle".

And I truly believe the new models of care we are now constructing in Lexington and Los Angeles and perhaps a few other locations, will allow us to continue our Mission of Care, for the "greatest number of children" far into the future.

My fellow nobles... We have planned well.....Our future is good.

I have often been asked since Houston ...
"Will I continue to serve our organization".

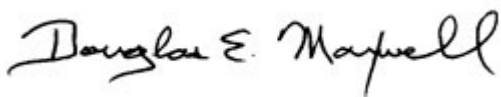
I was fortunate to only be 60 when I served our fraternity as your Imperial Potentate seven years ago. Now after six years of serving our Philanthropy as your President I am only on my second term as a Trustee. Next summer, I will still be "age eligible" to serve a third "3-year term" as one of your 7 "elected Trustees".... if you will so allow me the honor.

As we gather in Tampa in 2016, there will be two openings for Trustee. Anthony West will be seeking his 2nd Term and I will be seeking my 3rd Term. Anthony and I will be seeking your continued support, allowing us to continue to serve our children as experienced Trustees.

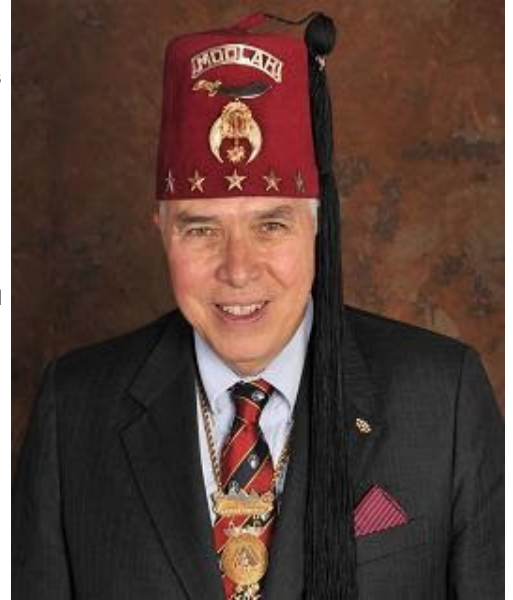
As I have indicated many times in the past, **Shriners Hospitals for Children** is now on a **new and excellent solid structure to move forward**. The seeds have been planted and it's time for our children of the future to reap our harvest.

Through these years, Patricia and I have found so many good friends in our fraternity. We look very forward to continuing to be with all of you for many years to come...
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Douglas E. Maxwell





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