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Illustrious Sir Larry Dittmer—Potentate

Fall 2016

4th Annual Planting Party Promotes Wellness

Patients, families and staff at our Boston hospital took to the gardens at the 4th annual Wellness Garden Party. This therapeutic event encouraged patients to get outside while working with their hands and interacting with others. They helped plant herbs and vegetables, water the flowers, and enjoyed some delicious and nutritious seasonal snacks to celebrate the start of summer. The planting came together through the combined efforts of the clinical nutrition department, general services, therapeutic services, and nurse practitioner Mary Donovan, whose two sons, Michael and Nick, have long been supporters of the wellness garden initiative. In fact, both Michael and Nick devoted their Eagle Scout projects to creating enhancements, including wheelchair accessible planters, to this wonderful space.

This year's garden party saw a diverse turnout with patients, families, staff and volunteers enjoying this unique space. Patients come to the garden on the third floor patio to learn about different herbs and vegetables, help tend to the garden, and also take time to relax and enjoy being outside.



Sep 8 to 11—MASA/Virginia Beach	Oct 8—Ceremonial and OktoberFEZt
Sep 12—Stated Meeting	Oct 10—Columbus Day Parade in NYC
Sep 17 and 18—Bellmore Street Fair	Oct 11 and 12—Canning Days for SHC
Sep 18—Three Lodge Masonic Picnic (Mineola)	Oct 22—Bontemps Halloween Party
Sep 23—Cigar Night	Nov 7—Stated Meeting
Oct 3—Stated meeting	Dec 5—Stated Meeting

Tentative Calendar

Kismet's social media is made up of:

- Our website at **KismetShriners.org** where you can keep up to date on Kismet and SHC activities. You can also PAY YOUR DUES ONLINE at http://kismetshriners.org/Pay_Due_Online.php
- Our regular email blasts of upcoming events and news—submit your email address at <http://kismetshriners.org/EmailSubscribe.php>
- 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>
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Living Past Potentates:

III. Robert J. Haller, 1988
 III. Robert W. Howard, 1992
 III. Donald Harrison, 1996
 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. Joseph Savaglio, 2011
 III. Russell L. Magidson, 2012
 III. Michael P. Iannone, 2013
 III. Greg Feldman, 2014
 III. George Heyen (2015)

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NOTES FROM AROUND THE OASIS

Potentate



Greetings Nobles! As I write this, the Summer of 2016 is slowly winding down with families returning from vacation and children preparing to go back to school. But not only is the warmth of Summer still with us, so is the warmth of Brotherhood and activity.

Marking the ceremonial end of Summer and the onset of Fall, Kismet will once again make its annual pilgrimage to Virginia Beach for the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association's Annual Fall Meeting and Parade from September 8th through the 11th, and we look forward to a good time.

No sooner will we have returned from Virginia Beach, then the next event being already upon us. On the weekend of September 17th and 18th, Kismet will be taking part in the Bellmore Festival at the Bellmore / LIRR train station. Our PR Chairman Ill. Sir Greg Feldman will need help manning Kismet's booth during the weekend. If you can attend - even for only a few hours of either day, please contact him at publicrelations@kismetshriners.org.

On Saturday October 8th will be Kismet's Annual Fall Ceremonial - OctoberFEZt! The ceremonial will start at 4:00pm - proceeded by dinner at 6:00pm. Fezzing of our new Nobles will take place during dinner. During the ceremonial (which is a tiled event) there will be a social in the "Oasis" for our Ladies as well as non-Shriner Masons, non-Masons and guests. For our ceremonial our Hadji Chairman, Noble Micky Smith, will need YOUR help. Please take a part in the ceremonial. Contact Micky Smith atmickjudy@msn.com. Please attend and take part in welcoming our new Nobles of Kismet.

On October 11th / 12th Shriners will be participating in "Canning Day." This event will take place at local supermarkets around the country. The event is meant to raise money for Shriners. Kismet will do its part - stay tuned for more details.

A few years ago, Past Imperial Potentate Al Madsen said, "A Shrine temple's heart and soul is its clubs and units." Truer words were never spoken. Having said that, there are two units here at Kismet that are in need of your support. Our Roadrunners and our Culinary unit. Our Roadrunners transport children and their families to our hospitals. Roadrunners do NOT have to be Shriners. Our Roadrunners need drivers and driver assistants. To join, contact Noble Richard Tscherne at richardslwpk@optonline.net. Also our Culinary unit also needs new members. Please serve a unit that serves YOU! Although appreciated - cooking experience is NOT required. To join the Culinary Unit, contact Assistant Rabban William Bontemps at fazzinaandrea@yahoo.com or Ill. Sir Michael Iannone at phillip42@optonline.net.

Although the Summer may be winding down, at Kismet we are still red hot with activity. Remember that Nobles gather every Monday night for fraternization and unit meetings on non-meeting Monday nights and the cigar smokers are up in the club most every Friday night.

Lady Dawn and I hope you have had an enjoyable Summer and wish you all a Happy Fall.
- Ill. Sir Larry Dittmer, Potentate

Chief Rabban



I hope everybody's enjoying a wonderful summer. A few events that will plan for the summer where's our cigar steak night on Friday night in the oasis I want to thank Mike Iannoni and his team for a great night of food, fun and camaraderie with 50 Nobles, brothers and friends. Come join us for our next night. Also July 24th we had a Noble day of fishing in the great South Bay with Nobles, friends and family. There is nothing like fresh fish for dinner. In August we will be doing another Long Island ducks game. In September we hope to see you in Virginia Beach for a fun filled entertaining great time. See your Recorder for details. October we will be doing our Ceremonial Fezzing on our new nobles come out and support them and our Hadji.

See our AR Billy Bontemps Jr for details.

We are lined up for doing street fairs across Long Island, the purpose is to educate the communities about Shriners Hospitals. To do this we need volunteers to spend a day or just an hour of your time to man a booth. Can you afford a few hours to help support our Kids? If so call CR Jeffrey Arist 516-579-4069 If not can you call and tell me why.

We need more volunteers to be successful. We have over 400 members and it's the same people who pitch in all the time. Come open your hearts and help us, believe me when you see the results you will feel so good and know you have done something great. Let's stop living on the past and start thinking about our future.

Come down on non-meeting Mondays and join us for informal discussions to make Kismet successful. Don't just wear a fez.

Have a great end of the summer and I hope to see you at our next stated meeting.

Something on your mind ? Call me at 516-579-4069.

Fraternally

Your Chief Rabban

Jeffrey Arist

Kismet Clowns



Kismet Clowns

The Kismet Clowns were out and about on July 09, & 10th at the "Plattduetsche Park" in Franklin Square, New York. We were requested to entertain to help celebrate "Volksfest". What a great time everyone had, good German food, entertainment and festivities. All the children were all busy playing games as well a carnival to attend, many craft vendors ranging from Baby items all the way to adults.

The art of Clowning, it really warms my heart as I experienced a moment when I noticed a elderly woman (Grand Ma) watching us intently as we were tying balloons. The twinkle in her eyes told the story, that little girl look with the bewilderment and a chance to relive her childhood one more time. Not one word was spoken, but what a delight when she was handed one. A little giggle and the smile said it all. That is one of the many gratify moments as being a Shriner Clown. You can range anywhere between the ages and get the same effect, Warming effect.

John J. McGarry aka "Wrinkles" the Clown
Joseph M. Konklewski aka "Cool Beans"
Richard A. Craig aka "Stumpy"

We were all kept busy to keep the flow of requests for balloons. When we done for the day, we were exiting from the event. You could look back and see the results from our effort. Tied balloons as far as you could see, from one end of the park to the other end. What a beautiful site to see. The weather also nice a little breeze kept us cool, even the children were all happy and content. The Officers from the Volksfest, thanked us and loved us to be there. A nice donation was given for the "Sneaker Fund."

We were asked about coming back next year? So who knows this may become a annual event for the Kismet Clowns.

Thank you all! and keep them smiling Joeys.
Richard A. Craig aka "Stumpy" the clown



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

The Black Camel

Kismet sends our condolences to our family members who've suffered a loss recently Including Louise Borst, wife of Noble Robert Borst and Harry F. Sherriff, father of Richie Sherriff.
May they rest in peace.



FROM OUR BOSTON HOSPITAL

Approved Business Plans

Orthopedic

- 2016 annualized cases of 67, compared to 36 in 2015 (86% increase)
- 2016 weekly clinics and OR block time
- Radiology suite will come online this summer
- Marketing and physician liaison efforts designed to drive referrals in competitive Market
- Fracture clinic being developed:
 - Anesthesia coverage
 - Surgeon availability
 - NP clinic
 - OR time/staffing
- Working with Tom Ketterer to direct BMC Healthnet patients to SHC—Boston

EOS

- Fundraising completed
- Has been installed and will be operational when imaging suite is opened in summer, pending DPH Approval

Anesthesia

- Enhanced anesthesia staffing model approved to address potential patient safety concerns raised by medical staff
- Implementation based on MGH recruitment of additional pediatric anesthesia staff
- Expected to be fully in place by September, 2016

Howard Green Center

- Secured \$3.0 million naming gift, first payment of \$250,000 received
- Hired director
- MGH dermatology does not want to jointly recruit a pediatric dermatologist
- Legal drafting notice required to recruit on our own
- Dr. Anderson on our medical staff
- Moving to recruit Dr. Lee (.2 FTE) for start date in September
- Nursing education in outpatient department is in process
- A review is underway to determine if the Good Manufacturing Procedure (GMP) facility should be moved up in the plan
- Mayo Clinic Care Network, potential health care consulting engagement
- Dermatology service created in SHCIS for scheduling/tracking purposes

On July 27th at the Board Meeting, Mohammed Khan, PhD spoke to the group about “Burn-induced Inflammation and Muscle Atrophy.”

Summary

Inflammation and muscle atrophy are the two major pathophysiological problems that occur in burned patients during hospitalization. Our study utilizes mice models of major and minor burn injury to study systemic and local inflammation, respectively. In addition, our study also investigates muscle atrophy using hindlimb immobilization-induced muscle disuse model as well as a local burn-induced model by superimposing it with hindlimb immobilization model. Our main focus of research is to see the effects of a burn injury or hindlimb immobilization on spleen or liver damage and loss of skeletal muscle mass, respectively, which are considered to be caused by hyperactivation and infiltration of macrophages/monocytes (immune cells). We target nicotinic acetylcholine receptor ($\alpha 7$ AChR) in macrophages by its specific agonist, GTS-21, to reverse the burn-induced inflammation spleen and liver damage, and hindlimb immobilization-induced muscle atrophy. Our data showed that GTS-21 stimulation of $\alpha 7$ AChR in macrophages inhibits burn-induced inflammation as well as hindlimb immobilization-induced muscle atrophy. These findings will lead to understanding the role of macrophages and mechanisms in burn-induced inflammation and hindlimb immobilization-induced organ damage, leading to the development of therapeutic measures, which can be translated to burned patients.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

It's Important to Use the Correct Terminology

It is important that we all work together to build a powerful brand, and one way to do so is to ensure we are consistently communicating with One Look, One Voice. Below are a few tips that will help us in that effort.

Remember to Use Approved Statements

When referring to our organizations, please remember to use one of the official, approved boilerplates to ensure you are using accurate verbiage. Here are two examples of approved boilerplates:

Boilerplate for Shriners International

Shriners International, a fraternity based on fun, fellowship and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief and truth, founded Shriners Hospitals for Children as its official philanthropy in 1922. What began as one hospital, is now a world-renowned health care system with 22 locations in three countries. The fraternity, which has nearly 200 chapters in several countries and thousands of clubs around the world, continues to support this unique health care system. Please visit shrinersinternational.org to learn more.

Boilerplate for Shriners Hospitals for Children

Shriners Hospitals for Children provides specialized care to children with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate, regardless of the families' ability to pay. Generally, care is provided until age 18, although, in some cases, it may be extended to age 21. All care and services are provided in a family-centered environment. For more information, please visit shrinershospitalsforchildren.org.

A Few Other Points to Remember



Don't indicate that Shriners Hospitals for Children provides care "for free" or "at no cost."

Remember to use the correct name for the fraternity, which is Shriners International, and to no longer use the AAONMS designation.

It's OK to use the scimitar logo, but please also consider incorporating the official Shriners International logo into your materials – the one with the fez and Shriners International text.



Shriners International



It is through our temples, associations and Masonic organizations that we connect to each other and our Masonic heritage. We encourage you to be active Shriners in your temples. We are all Masons, so it is imperative that we also remain active in our lodges.

MAKE MEMBERSHIP YOUR #1 PRIORITY!



Nobles!!!



CULINARY UNIT

NEEDS YOU!



- **Kismets' Culinary Unit urgently needs new members!**
- **Please help to keep this special part of Kismet, going!**
- **Cooking experience is welcome but NOT necessary!**
- **PLEASE serve the unit that serves YOU!**

**To join, or for more information, contact:
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**Ill. Sir Michael Iannone, PP at:
phillip42@optonline.net**



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. 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
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KISMET'S CIGAR NIGHTS—4TH FRIDAYS



to midnight.

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.

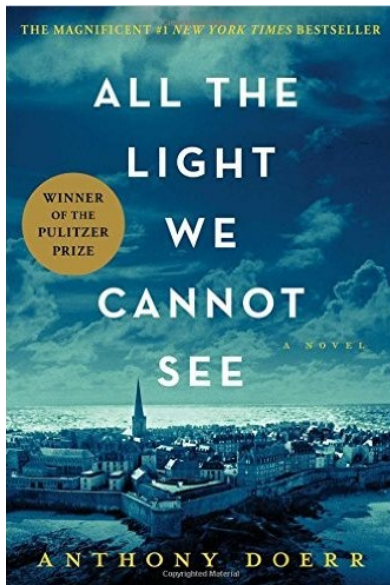
Our Cigar Club features a great assortment for you to choose from, hand selected by the Club Manager himself (always with the assistance of the Club Members). Often there is a theme to the night, other times it's an assortment of sticks.

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



THIS MONTH'S BOOK —ALL THE LIGHT WE CANNOT SEE



WINNER OF THE PULITZER PRIZE

From the highly acclaimed, multiple award-winning Anthony Doerr, the beautiful, stunningly ambitious instant *New York Times* bestseller about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II.

Marie-Laure lives with her father in Paris near the Museum of Natural History, where he works as the master of its thousands of locks. When she is twelve, the Nazis occupy Paris and father and daughter flee to the walled citadel of Saint-Malo, where Marie-Laure's reclusive great-uncle lives in a tall house by the sea. With them they carry what might be the museum's most valuable and dangerous jewel.

In a mining town in Germany, the orphan Werner grows up with his younger sister. More and more aware of the human cost of his intelligence, Werner travels through the heart of the war and, finally, into Saint-Malo, where his story and Marie-Laure's converge. Doerr's "stunning sense of physical detail and gorgeous metaphors" (*San Francisco Chronicle*) are dazzling. Deftly interweaving the lives of Marie-Laure and Werner, he illuminates the ways, against all odds, people try to be good to one another. Ten years in the writing, a National Book Award finalist, *All the Light We Cannot See* is a magnificent, deeply moving novel from a writer "whose sentences never fail to thrill" (*Los Angeles Times*).

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



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Registration: Stephanie Byrwa,
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- ★ **Shriners, Non-Shrine Masons, Non-Masons & Ladies welcome!**
- ★ **Must be 18 years of age with clean driving record**
- ★ **To join or for more information contact: Noble Richard Tscherne
(516) 776-2030 or e-mail: richardslwpk@optonline.net**

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Andrew Kaplan of Brooklyn poses with his Certificate of Appreciation from Kismet Shriners. Andrew organized and carried out a can-tab collection program at his school. The tabs were brought to a local recycling center and the money donated to Kismet's HPTF.