



THE FEZ

The official publication of Kismet Shriners

18 West Nicholai Street
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Jan 4—Stated Meeting—Installation
Feb 5—:Superbowl Sunday at Kismet
Feb 6—Stated Meeting
Feb 11—Comedy Night at Kismet
Feb 24—Cigar Night
Mar 6—Kismet will attend and support Eastern Star's Grand Maton Visit 8pm in lieu of Stated Meeting
Mar 24—Cigar Night
Apr 3—Stated Meeting
Apr 23—Annual Pancake Breakfast
Apr 28—Cigar Night
Apr 30—Blood donation drive at Kismet

Tentative Calendar



Our January meeting brought the installation of officers for the coming year. Illustrious Sir Jeff Arist takes the oath of Potentate after the other officers did the same for their offices.

The Red Sox Spread Holiday Cheer at Shriners

Red Sox players Deven Marrero, Heath Hembree, Robby Scott and mascot Wally visited with patients, families and staff at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Boston. They handed out plush baseballs and holiday Wally toys during the course of their visit bring smiles to patients and staff alike.



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>
- Maptoons: <http://www.maptoons.li/hicksville>

KISMET'S DIVAN AT A GLANCE

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Chaplain	Ed Middendorf	Photographer	Robert Di Carlo
Events Coordinator	David Rothstein	Security	Harrison Greene
Culinary Unit	Bill Lewis	Speakers Bureau	III. George Wacob
	III Sir Mike Iannone, PP		Robert Di Carlo
Mini Choppers	Oscar Garcia	Endowments, Wills and Gifts	III. Donald Harrison, PP
	III Sir George Heyen, PP	Hadji Director	Michael Smith
Yacht Club	William Bontemps Jr.	First Ceremonial Master	Peter Tucker
Clowns	Joe Konklewski		
Cabiri	III Sir George Wacob	Trustees (2015-2017)	III. Mike Marmo, PP
Bandassador	Christopher Montuori		Noble Butch Graziose
Donor Relations	Robert Di Carlo	Trustees (2016-2018)	III Sir Charles Scheuler
"Oasis"	Robert Dawson		III Sir Lou Barazotti
	III Sir Greg Feldman, PP	Trustees (2017-2019)	Noble Steven Schwartz
	III Sir George Heyen, PP		Noble Raaj Panday
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Fund Raising	ALL Nobles of Kismet		

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
 III. Larry Dittmer, 2016

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 III. Greg Feldman, PP (Boston)

III. Russell L. Magidson, PP (Boston)
 III. Joseph Savaglio, PP (Philadelphia, Emeritus)
 III. Charles Scheuler, Jr., PP (Philadelphia, Emeritus)

NOTES FROM AROUND THE OASIS

The Pote



I would like to thank all the members Nobles of Kismet for electing me as your potentate for 2017. Congratulations to our new Divan William Bontemps Jr., Robert DiCarlo, Michael Brzoza, and Glenn Opperman. The future of Kismet is in our hands that's all of us not just myself and the Divan but all our member Noble's of Kismet. I have plans for a lot of exciting events this year and I hope to see each of you participating to make them a success. Our first event will be a Super Bowl party on Sunday, February 5 please make your reservations with our new Oriental Guide Glenn Opperman at (516) 640-0617.

February 11th Saturday night we will be having our comedy night come down for a lot of fun and laughs with a light dinner. Start time will be 7 PM

Please call Jeffrey Arist 516-410-3945 for tickets. Tickets are \$50 each and we are looking to fill the house.

Sunday, April 30 from 9 AM to 3 PM in the ballroom we will be having a blood drive with the assistance of the account manager for New York Blood Center and our own trustees of Kismet Shrine along with Noble David Rothstein.

Mondays and Fridays the Nobles have been coming out to the third-floor clubroom for some light food and good camaraderie. January is football playoff time so if you are interested in football or just want to come down for some fun we have been there on Sundays for the playoffs. If interested call me.

If we have enough interest in a trip to the Philadelphia Hospital and a grand lodge tour I will put this on our calendar.

I am willing to listen to any idea any Noble has but remember I also need support and your help to be successful .

I am looking for cleanup crews, our building needs a little work and I'm not asking for much time but a little bit of help, please call me and volunteer some of your time.

Remember, everything we do helps our kids and our hospitals and that is why we became a Shriner wasn't it ? To support Shriner's Hospitals for Children.

Faternally

Jeffrey R. Arist

Chief Rabban



Once again thank you for your support and trust to vote me in as Chief Rabban. I would like to congratulate our Potentate Jeff Arist and all the officers who have been elected. Our Potentate has instructed me in the events for the year which are :Super Bowl, comedy night, past potentates roast, and steak night with out your participation these events can not be successful. It is important that the nobles come out to support our Potentate and his events for the year. Friendship and Brotherhood being the most important asset that we share. God bless you and your family looking forward to seeing you at stated meetings and events.

Thank you,
William C Bontemps Jr.
Chief Rabban

Yacht Club



As everybody knows I have been elected to commander of Kismet yacht club. I first would like to congratulate my officers on their elections to their positions. We have voted to have 4 meetings a year, our next meeting will be in May. Our plans for the year may include an over night cruise, fishing trip and other events we discussed. Looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting. Keep our Veterans in your prayers.

Sincerely,
William Bontemps Jr.
Chief Rababan

NOTES FROM AROUND THE OASIS

Oriental Guide



I'd like to first start off and thank the nobility for putting their trust in me and voting for me as Oriental Guide of our beloved Kismet Shrine.

I pledge to do all that I can to help and assist our new potentate, and the rest of our divan, with growing our shrine by increasing and maintaining our members.

I encourage ALL of the nobility to get active and become a part of a club or unit. Perhaps start a club or unit. Have an idea? We're all ears! We can't do it alone. We need you and the children in our hospitals need all of us!

There is so much going on at Kismet and I anticipate the pleasure of greeting you all at our events, dinners and parties!

I hope to see you at our Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 5th, and then again at our Stand Up Comedy Night the following Saturday, February 11th. Tickets must be purchased in advance for both events. Please contact me!

Fraternally,

Noble Glenn Opperman, Oriental Guide

GlennOpperman@gmail.com (516-640-0617)

Recorder



Hello Nobles and Friends

Kismet's Divan has been off to a running start under Illustrious Sir Jeff Arist and his energy level. Illustrious Jeff is a **doer** as is the rest of the Divan—and we'd like more Nobles to **do** along with us. We have, as always, events on the calendar that are fun and beneficial to Kismet and Shriners Hospitals for Children—and with your involvement will be extremely successful. Please come and take part in the events as a guest or as a volunteer. There's always setup and breakdown to be done, fliers to be produced, letters and phone calls to make. Our events are all reasonably priced and family friendly.

The Shrine really should be a place you come to because you enjoy the company of your fellow Nobles as much as you appreciate and support the mission of our Hospitals and Road Runners. We are men who work for what we believe in—that work may be difficult and frustrating at times, but more often than not is just plain fun. We sit together and plan out the future of Kismet and how best we can support our mission. How best we can be an active part of our neighborhood. How best we can take good Masons and make them better by being a part of the Greatest Philanthropy in the World.

Kismet is a living, breathing and growing entity. As such it needs the care and feeding from Nobles like yourselves to nourish it. Come with your ideas along with your willingness to run with them. Come with your positive attitude about supporting our Hospitals and Children. We will work together to move it forward, but we cannot push you somewhere you may not want to be. **COME OUT ON MONDAYS** and talk with the Divan and other Nobles—together we can grow and shape Kismet into a powerhouse.

Ill. Russell L. Magidson, PP, Recorder
Recorder@KismetShriners.org

Road Runners



The Road Runners are busier than ever, driving our children and their families to the hospitals and back. We can use your help—if you are free during the day (even just sometimes), give me a call to see if you can be a part of this terrific group of Nobles who transport our patients. We can use additional drivers as well as Nobles to ride *shotgun* in the passenger seat.

Give me a call or email and we'll talk

Thanks!

- Rich Tscherne

516-776-2030

richardslwpk@optonline.net

The Black Camel

Kismet sends our condolences to our family members who've suffered a loss recently

May they rest in peace.



The Kismet Clowns were in attendance at the Northeast Clown Institute in Plymouth Massachusetts on January 20,21,22 2017. The following Clowns were in attendance .

- Joseph M. Konklewski aka Cool Beans, Boss Clown
- Richard A. Craig aka Stumpy, Secretary and Treasure.
- John J. McGarry aka Wrinkles

Keep them smiling my fellow joeys

Fraternally Richard A. Craig "Stumpy"



Most Worthy David P. Colbert, Grand Patron and
Most Worthy Jodelle C. Fletcher, Grand Matron

Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of the State of New York.

Their Nassau County visit will take place on March 6th at Kismet Shrine, 18 West Nicholas Street, Hicksville NY 11801.

Nobles are requested to support this wonderful group (who have **always** supported Kismet) by attending their meeting at 8pm on March 6th.

If you'd like more information on OES and the charities they work for, visit <http://oesny.org>.

Grand Chapter State of New York, Order of Eastern Star presents a check for \$71,287.00 to the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) for cardiac research at their annual communication in Binghamton, NY on October 13. Pictured L to R: Ronald P. Kamp, MMRL Director of Development and Communications, Burniece Herendeen, OES Grand Treasurer, Nathan Herendeen, OES Grand Patron, Jeffrey Williamson, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, James Swan, Jr. and David Goodwin members of the MMRL Board of Directors



KISMET INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 2017



THANKS TO KISMET HPTF

Dear Robert DiCarlo,

Thank you for all that you do for my sweet granddaughter, Brooklyn. Mr. Scheu and his friend were very awesome. It was an honor to meet members of Kismet Shrine. I contacted Dr. Ritchie and sent him some pictures of today's events. I am grateful for all that Dr. Ritchie does for us. We had a beautiful experience on our flight to Cincinnati. Our pilot, Greg, was extremely gracious and he even spent time sharing pilot knowledge with me. I learned some pretty interesting things along with some flying jargon. Blessings to you sir and thanks again for all of your support.

Sincerely,

Lourdes Zephier



DIRECTORS ITEMS FOR SALE

All items are in the glass display case outside the meeting room. Contact our director, Noble Leo Johnson 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
Shrine-Mason pin \$10
Assorted Ties, shirts and hats are also available
Including gold Kismet Bow Ties (great with a tuxedo)

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.



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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.

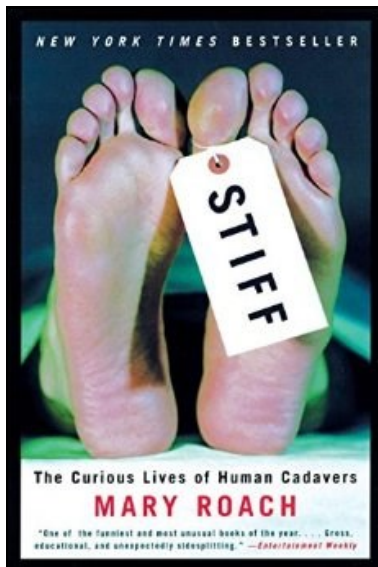
Our Cigar Club features a great assortment for you to choose from, hand selected by the Club Manager himself (always with the assistance of the Club Members). Often there is a theme to the night, other times it's an assortment of sticks. If you haven't yet enjoyed a cigar night at Kismet, give it a try—you 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.



THIS MONTH'S BOOK —STIFF: THE CURIOUS LIVES OF HUMAN CADAVERS



Ok—I admit it sounds like a very odd topic to read about, but that's part of the appeal.

Stiff is an oddly compelling, often hilarious exploration of the strange lives of our bodies postmortem. For two thousand years, cadavers—some willingly, some unwittingly—have been involved in science's boldest strides and weirdest undertakings. In this fascinating account, Mary Roach visits the good deeds of cadavers over the centuries and tells the engrossing story of our bodies when we are no longer with them.

The author has done the nearly impossible and written a book as informative and respectful as it is irreverent and witty. From her opening lines ("The way I see it, being dead is not terribly far off from being on a cruise ship. Most of your time is spent lying on your back"), it is clear that she's taking a unique approach to issues surrounding death.

Roach delves into the many productive uses to which cadavers have been put, from medical experimentation to applications in transportation safety research and "beating-heart" cadavers used in organ transplants.

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



Save the Date



Kismet Shriners Blood Drive

**Sunday, April 30, 2017
9am – 3:00pm**

18 West Nicholai Street, Hicksville NY 11801
<http://tinyurl.com/kismetblooddrive>
to make an appointment or scan the QR code below



Your donation will help to *save up to THREE lives*. Our community hospitals need your help. Please share this lifesaving gift!

Eligibility Criteria:

- Bring ID with signature or photo.
- Eat well (low fat) & drink fluids
- Minimum weight 110 lbs.
- No tattoos for past 12 months
- Age 16 – 75 (16 year olds must have parental permission. Age 76 and over need doctor's note)

For questions concerning medical eligibility call 1-800-688-0900 www.nybc.org.

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