



THE FEZ

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April 2018

March 23—Cigar Night
April 2—Stated Meeting
April 15th Pancake Breakfast
April 27—Cigar Night
May 14—Quick Meeting, Cinco De Mayo Party

Tentative Calendar

Register on our email list

Head over to KismetShriners.org and select the Subscribe option on the left. Enter your name and email address and you'll be kept up to date on all Kismet events and news.



In Memory of Noble Omar Roman



Kismet has a bunch of events planned this year so please come out and join in the fun.

Our next Pancake Breakfast in honor of Noble Omar Roman is set for April 15th from 9 AM—!2 noon. Omar was a dedicated young Mason and Shriner who passed well before his time, but not before impacting everyone who knew him.

The Cinco De Mayo party is set for May 14th after a quick stated meeting. The event costs \$20/noble, ladies and kids are free. RSVP is a must—please call Ill Sir Bill Bontemps at 631-805-1717 or email Po-te@KismetShriners.org.

As always, our Nobles are up in the Club Room for food and fellowship every Monday. In addition, the Cigar Club tends to be upstairs every Friday.

As your Fez Editor for the past nine years, I'm pleased to hand over the reins to Noble Richard Tscherne—who also happens to be our HPTF Coordinator. If you have anything to share with the Nobility you can email FezEditor@KismetShriners.org.

Additionally, Noble Mario Pironti has offered to take charge of our web content. You can reach him at Web-Master@KismetShriners.org

Finally, our Suffolk Shrine Club is being rebooted. Get ready for more fun!

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>

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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. 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
 III. Jeff Arist, 2017

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 III. Charles Scheuler, Jr., PP (Philadelphia, Emeritus)

NOTES FROM AROUND THE OASIS

The Pote



Hi Nobles,

It's been a pleasure so far to be your Potentate, I thank you for your confidence and your sincere ability to believe in me. We have a lot of things on the horizon ... BBQ in the summer, possible bus trip to Philadelphia Hospital, Ceremonial and October fest in the fall. We look forward to having a banner year membership and fundraisers are the essential goals. In closing I would like to thank the Installation team, Culinary team, Rainbow girls, Color guards and the nobles and my family for coming out in the bad weather for the installation. Nobles looking forward to seeing you at the next stated meeting which is the first Monday of every month.

Thank you,
Illustrious Sir, William Bontemps Sr.

Chief Rabban



On January 8, 2017 Kismet Shriners Started a New Year, Congratulations goes out to Ill Sir William Bontemps. Bill has worked in the craft for many years giving service to the Masons and the Masonic War Veterans.

When you have the opportunity to visit Kismet Shriners Center you will already see some of the new changes to the building that Bill has started. The auditorium has new LTD lighting and a fresh paint job and many other building improvements will take place in the near future. To many of you that have not been in the building for a while we have a chairlift to the auditorium and Lodge room for your convenience. If you have no way in coming out to a meeting just give me a call and you will try to accommodate you with a ride.

As I look forward in continuing my journey at Kismet, I have started planning my year. As we all know a good temple meets the needs of the Nobles and their families. I ask you to become part of the planning process of the future of Kismet. Please send me your Ideas or just call.

Bring Kismet Shriners Back To The Future.

Remember it's all about the Kids and the 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children

Sincerely and Fraternally

Noble Robert Di Carlo

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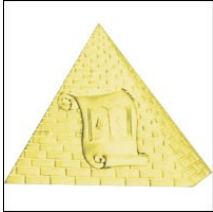
Yacht Club



The yacht club is alive and well our membership has been increasing and dues are always appreciate. Please send your dues to Greg Feldman our treasurer. We are looking forward to having some events this year for our club. We are looking forward to joining the Masonic Yacht Club for their annual, opening day ceremony in June 2018 at Captain bills in Bayshore.

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HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET



My Brother Nobles,

It's an honor for me to serve as your High Priest and Prophet. I would like to thank the nobility for having elected me into this position on the divan for '2018.

We are selling Journal Ads this year. As Journal chairman I am asking that we show support for our Potentate, Illustrious Sir William Bontemps, and Kismet Shrine by purchasing an ad. See me for contracts and information on sizes of ads and cost. The journal will be distributed at the Potentates Ball in June.

We are looking for members and I'm encouraging us all to help out by reaching out to your blue lodge. Grab a brother and tell him about all the good that Shriners do. After all, it's "the worlds greatest philanthropy" and what better way to spread that then to bring in a Brother and make him a noble.

Faternally,

Noble Glenn Opperman, HP&P

GlennOpperman@gmail.com

Oriental Guide



Nobles, I would like to thank you for putting your trust in me and electing me as your oriental guide. In this position I will do my best to assist in organizing events In this coming year for our shrine. My first event which was the Super Bowl party was a success. I look forward to a successful year as your oriental guide.

- Leo Johnson, OG

Assisant Rabban



Nobles I would like to thank you for electing me to this position for the coming year, in this position I will do my best to assist Illustrious sir William Bontemps in his calendar of events in his coming year

- Michael Brzoza

Road Runners



My Fellow RoadRunners we have had a busy January and February so far and I thank you for all your assistance always. It is important to make special mention to our noble Jim Barr who in October of 2017. Our unit along with the clowns are the public relations of our Shrine these units connect us with the communities which we serve it is important that we all participate in all the units of our Shrine as best we can and as always if you can drive for our kids I would appreciate it it is the greatest experience you will ever have .

Thank You,

Richard John Tscherne

Chairman Kismet Roadrunners

The Black Camel

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

May they rest in peace.





50th Anniversary Celebration Events

Hospital Homecoming - April 21, 2018

- Note the New Date
- RSVP with your Recorder by 2/15

Walk for Love - September 23, 2018

Baxter Park, Somerville, MA

- Keep an eye out for registration information

It won't be a celebration without you.

Any questions, email EFisher@Shrinenet.org or call 617-371-4784

Looking forward to celebrating with all of you!

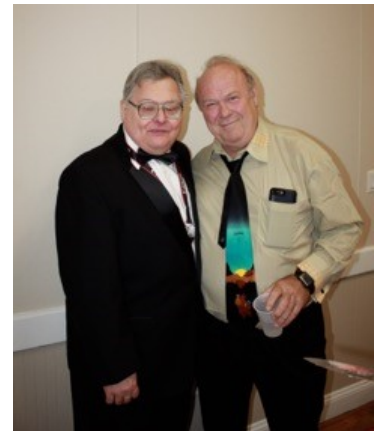


**Proud of our past.
Focused on our future.**

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



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PHILADELPHIA BOARD DAY



BURN AWARENESS WEEK KICKS OFF

Burn Awareness Week Kicks Off Annual Burn Prevention Campaign

Shriners Hospitals for Children® continues to work to decrease the number of preventable pediatric burn injuries by raising awareness, and promotes burn awareness and prevention year-round. One program in this effort is the annual Burn Awareness campaign, which began more than 20 years ago.

Every year, during the first full week of February, our public relations efforts emphasize Burn Awareness Week, the kickoff of a yearlong educational campaign aimed at burn awareness and prevention, including offering free educational materials via our website. The items, including activity books and fact sheets, are designed to be a resource for firefighters, teachers, parents and others concerned with the safety and well-being of children.

Shriners Hospitals Wants Children and Families to “Be Burn Aware”

The 2018 Burn Awareness Week will take place Feb. 4-10.

We are once again using the theme “Be Burn Aware,” and focusing on preventing burn injuries in the home, because the vast majority of preventable burn injuries continue to occur in residences. Homes are the sites of thousands of burn injuries to children every year, including scalds, fire-related injuries, and even electrical burns. Many of these incidents could have been easily prevented by following and implementing some basic safety tips.

These educational efforts do have an impact; in the U.S., the occurrence of major pediatric burn injuries has decreased.

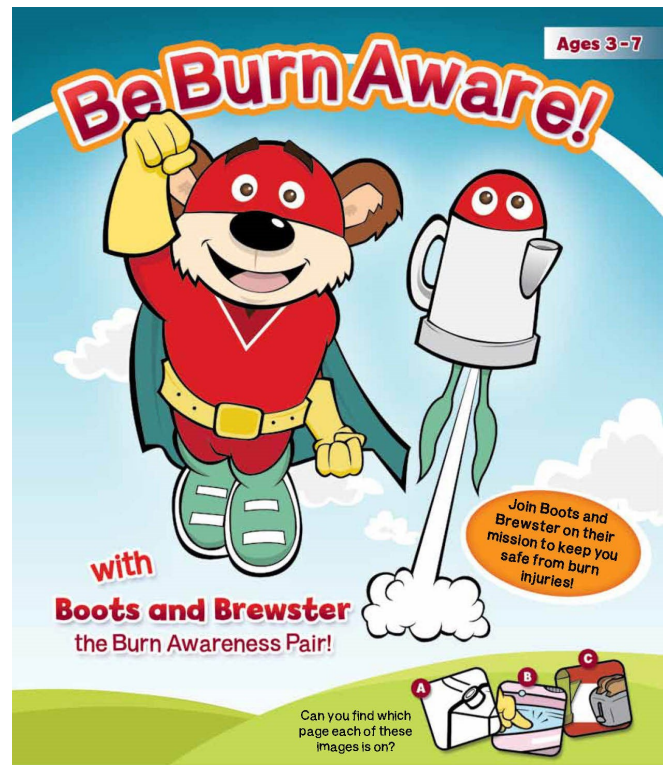
“Shriners Hospitals for Children works year-round to promote burn awareness by providing education to help prevent burn injuries,” said Kenneth Guidera, M.D., chief medical officer of Shriners Hospitals for Children. “Our campaign this year, ‘Be Burn Aware,’ will again focus on teaching children and families ways they can stay safe and avoid burn injuries. Knowing that many of these pediatric burn injuries are preventable, Shriners Hospitals hopes to reduce their occurrences by increasing awareness.” Educational Materials Emphasize Burn Awareness and Prevention

The campaign features two child-friendly characters, Boots and Brewster – a caped, cuddly bear and a googly-eyed teapot – who are featured in activity books for children ages 3-7 and 8-12, available in English, Spanish and French. The entertaining duo leads children through the various rooms of a house, pointing out dangers, and how to easily correct or avoid them. The coloring pages, word searches, cartoons and other activities are designed to grab children’s attention and present the information in a memorable, age-appropriate manner. The campaign also includes various tip sheets and fact cards that emphasize the prevention of scalds, fire-related and electrical burns.

Shriners Hospitals has also created an animated video, Boots and Brewster: The Burn Awareness Pair, which kids are sure to enjoy. In the video, available on YouTube.com/ShrinersHospitals, Boots and Brewster take viewers on a fun and educational adventure to help them become more burn aware. Actor Joe Minoso, star of NBC’s hit show Chicago Fire, is the national spokesperson for the Be Burn Aware campaign.

All materials are available for viewing and ordering at beburnaware.org.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is also assisted in its burn prevention efforts by members of the Shriners fraternity, who promote the campaign in their local communities in a variety of creative ways, and we are grateful for their support. For more information, please visit shrinershospitalsforchildren.org and beburnaware.org.



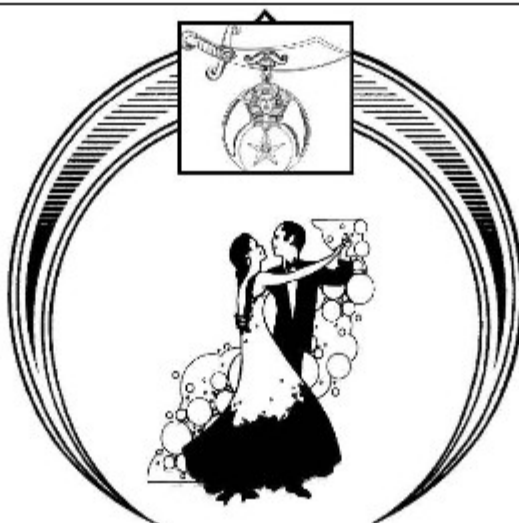
Burn Awareness
Preventing Burn Injuries

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**Dine and Dance
with our Potentate
and his Lady**



**Choice of Entrée
Open Bar
Dancing to DJ**

KISMET SHRINERS 2018 POTENTATE BALL

Sponsored by the Masonic War Veterans

HONORING

Illustrious Sir William Bontemps, Sr.

(Commander General Emeritus)

Come Celebrate with Lady Andrea

(Your Presence is Respectfully Requested)

SATURDAY, June 2, 2018

Cocktail Hour: 7:00 PM, Dinner: 8:00 PM, Dancing 'til 11:00 PM

THE HOLIDAY INN, PLAINVIEW, NY

215 Sunnyside Boulevard

Exit 46, Long Island Expressway (Interstate 495,) Plainview, NY 11803

Dress for the evening-Black Tie/Business Suit and Fez; Gowns/Cocktail Dresses for Ladies

BALL AND HOSPITALITY ROOM.....\$95.00 PER PERSON

BREAKFAST (for those rooming in Hotel).....\$20.00 PER Couple

Breakfast @ 8AM/Presentations 9AM, CONTACT: Ill. George Wacob, PP: 631-586-7826

Hospitality Suite will open Sat. @ 1:00 PM—6:30 PM & 11:00 PM—???

Deadlines: Ball only - May 15th. For Hotel reservations - May 18th

Rooms have been reserved at the Holiday Inn @ \$149.00 per night.

Contact the Hotel to make a room reservation at (516) 349-1240. Group Code: KSM

NOTE: Room Reservations CUT OFF DATE : May 18th, 2018

NAME: _____ LADY _____ PHONE: _____

TEMPLE _____ OFFICE HELD _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ E-MAIL: _____

DINNER CHOICE: SHELL STEAK ☐—CHICKEN FRANCAISE ☐—BROILED NORWEGIAN SALMON ☐

For Ball Reservations mail a check payable to: MASONIC WAR VETERANS, POST# 19 with this form to: Kismet Potentate's Ball, P.O. Box# 834, Hicksville, NY 11801



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Illustrious Sir William Bontemps

* Commemorative Journal *

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~Journal To Be Distributed At The
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You must return this contract with your payment to HP&P, Glenn Opperman or mail to the address above. Ads received without payment will not be included.

If you include a photo or artwork submit photos to: grvacob1@optonline.net
All text ads can be submitted in MSword or adobe pdf format.

Please type or print your ad on the reverse side and return it to a member of the divan with your payment. Please include the solicitors name (if known), Lodge name or Shrine center.
ALL ADS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 15th, 2018

KISMET SHRINERS AWARD TO MARIA FOLLENIUS

Please join Maria Follenius as she accepts an award of appreciation for all of her service to Kismet Shriners over the years.

The award will be presented by the Brethren of Willard Sylvan Grove Lodge #250 on March 19th 2018 at Kismet Shrine Center, 18 West Nicholai Street, Hicksville NY 11801.

Dinner will begin at 6:30pm and the presentation at 8:00pm.

RSVP to Ill Sir Mike Iannone at 917-297-6808.



Congratulations to Noble Mitch Goodkin

He is am now going to be a regular columnist for the Shriner's Clown Alley Magazine. His column will teach easy magic tricks to the Shriner's clowns to use during their hospital visits or at events.

Mitch said: I am happy for the opportunity to give of myself to make others happy too.

Well done, Noble!



KISMET'S CIGAR NIGHTS—4TH FRIDAYS



Kismet's Cigar Club meets upstairs in Club Kismet on the forth Friday of every month, from 7pm to midnight. Enjoy great smokes, snacks, drinks and the company of fellow Masons and Shriners.

Our Cigar Club features a great assortment for you to choose from, hand selected by the Club Manager himself (always with the assistance of the Club Members). Often there is a theme to the night, other times it's an assortment of sticks. If you haven't yet enjoyed a cigar night at Kismet, give it a try—you won't be disappointed. Of course, the nights are open to all Shriners and Master Masons so bring your friends and Brethren as well.

Remember, a \$20 entrance gets you two cigars

of your choice and I'll give you your first drink. Snacks, sodas and hard liquor are always available. Join us from 7pm to midnight.



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Kismet Clowns—Keeping our Children Laughing