



# THE FEZ

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Q4 2018

Jan 7th —Stated Meeting
Feb 3th— Super Bowl Party
Feb 4th — Stated Meeting
March 4th—Stated Meeting
April 1st—Stated Meeting

## Tentative Calendar

See inside for Cigar Club monthly meeting dates. These are open to all our Brethren and friends.



## 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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	III Sir Mike Iannone, PP	Hadji Director	Michael Smith
Mini Choppers	Oscar Garcia	First Ceremonial Master	Peter Tucker
	III Sir George Heyen, PP	Ambassador	Noble Richard J. Tscherne
Yacht Club	William Bontemps Jr.	Trustees (2016-2018)	III Sir Charles Scheuler
Clowns	Joe Konklewski		III Sir Lou Barazotti
Cabiri	III Sir George Wacob	Trustees (2017-2019)	Noble Steven Schwartz
Bandassador	Christopher Montuori		Noble Raaj Panday
Donor Relations	Robert Di Carlo	Trustees (2020-2022)	III. Mike Marmo, PP
"Oasis"	Robert Dawson		III. Jeff Arist, PP
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Building Rentals	Robert Di Carlo		

<b>Living Past Potentates:</b>	III. Mark Suckle, 2007
III. Robert W. Howard, 1992	III. Edward Chaini, 2008
III. Donald Harrison, 1996	III. Michael L. Marmo III, 2009
III. Louis F. Barazotti, 1997	III. Joseph Savaglio, 2011
III. Charles L. Schueler, Jr., 1998	III. Russell L. Magidson, 2012
III. John E. Schwartzman, 2001	III. Michael P. Iannone, 2013
III. Robert F. Smith III, 2002	III. Greg Feldman, 2014
III. George R. Wacob, 2003	III. George Heyen, 2015
III. Kenneth Sussman, 2004	III. Larry Dittmer, 2016
III. Robert Seldomridge 2005	III. Jeff Arist, 2017
III. Joseph A. Santillo, 2006	

<b>Shriners Hospitals Board Members</b>	III. Russell L. Magidson, PP (Boston)
III. Lou F. Barazotti, PP (Boston, Emeritus)	III. Joseph Savaglio, PP (Philadelphia, Emeritus)
Noble Robert Di Carlo (Philadelphia)	III. Charles Scheuler, Jr., PP (Philadelphia, Emeritus)
III. Greg Feldman, PP (Boston)	

# NOTES FROM AROUND THE OASIS

## The Pote



Brother Nobles... As my year comes to an end, it's been said that a successful year is when you leave the Shrine better off when you became Potentate. I hope I have accomplished that with the team of Nobles. In one year it is very difficult to achieve the goals that you have set in place. I would like to give a big thanks to Mark Tenenbaum who has traveled with us and created unforgettable memories of each trip. George Wacob who ran a very successful Potentates Ball. Mike Iononni who worked hard in Culinary. Greg Feldman as an advisor and good friend. Russel Magdison as recorder and a great support of divan. Raaj Panday and George Heyen for hospitality. Richard Tscherne as Roadrunner Chairman and Fez Editor. Thanks to my supportive Divan in helping at all events and fundraisers. Thanks for the support of the Kismet Clowns. Finally I would like to thank most of all my lovely and beautiful wife Andrea, without her support and commitment my year would not have been just a success. They say behind every strong man is a strong woman well she is that for me behind the scenes she helped organize the events that we had on our calendar, she accompanied me to all of the events where we represented Kismet Shrine and when ever she was asked to assist she did so without question I could not have a better partner and Kismet

## Chief Rabban



Greetings Nobles,

As Kismet Shriners Potentate-Elect for 2019, I would like to thank the nobility of Kismet for its support and encouragement in leading Kismet Shrine into the future. The motto I have chosen for 2019 is "RETURN TO GLORY". Yes, let's bring back the days when Kismet was in its glory. This can be done with your support and our strong divan of offices. It takes just one Noble to make a difference for the future of Kismet. Will you be that one Noble?

My first plan of action will be to improve communication between Kismet and our Nobility. By the time you receive this, a committee will have already been established to address some of the current issues. Following are a few of the areas that will be addressed: programs, community involvement, recruitment, rebuilding our East-end Shrine Club, promoting and supporting The Kismet Clowns, Education, Good and Welfare, promoting and supporting Shriners Hospitals for Children. These are some of the areas that will help us achieve Kismet's Returning to Glory. However, remember, No Noble Walks Alone.

I sincerely hope that you and your families will join us at our open installation on Monday, January 7, 2019.

My wishes to you and your loved ones for a very Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year.

Be assured, the door will always be open for any Nobles and their families.

Your Potentate-Elect 2019

Robert Di Carlo

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## Assistant Raban



Assistant Rabban

Holiday Greetings to all Nobles and families.

December 3rd will be our next meeting which among other items will be the election of the new Divan for 2019.

I am looking forward to your continued support and, if elected, the advancement to Chief Rabban.

I pledge my support the new Potantate in all his endeavors and look forward to the continued successes

of Kismet Shrine. See you soon. Mike Brzoza 347-244-5599 or cmbrzoza@optonline.net

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## High Priest And Prophet



My noble brothers I'd like to thank you for electing me as your Assistant Rabban of our beloved Kismet Shrine.

As we begin a new year at Kismet I'd like to congratulate our new potentate, Illustrious Sir Robert DiCarlo, and pledge my support for him, the rest of the divan and our shrine.

I look forward to seeing you all at our Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 3rd, 2019. Please see me as soon as you can for tickets as they are limited! \$20 per ticket gets you entrance into Kismet Stadium upstairs on the 3rd floor where we will all partake in plenty of food, drink and fun! I hope to see you all there!

Congratulations are in order for our junior past potentate, Illustrious Sir William Bontemps, for an outstanding year as our leader. He did a tremendous job as potentate and represented us well. Cheers to you, Illustrious Sir Bill on a great job. Thank You for all you have done!

-Noble Glenn Opperman, High Priest and Prophet

## Oriental Guide



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Nobles, We have some upcoming events on our for remaining calendar. Our annual Super Bowl on Febuary 3rd 2019 . We Need some assistance and participation in this event some of you have said there's nothing going on at the shrine so why should I show up. Well this is a true statement need some assistance and participation in this event some of you have said there's nothing going on at the shrine so why should I show up. Yes this is true however if you show up and participate then it gives us a reason to have more events . Therefore show up and participate and then you will want to do it more often we need your assistance, our culinary unit cannot be just two or three people we need to expand it so that the people that are doing the events always do not get tired of assisting us in our function this is our Shrine and in order to have events and enjoy ourselves we all must participate and if we don't we lose our right to complain about it. I hope to see more of you here at the shrine participating so that we can have more events and all enjoyed ourselves thank you

Leo Johnson Oriental Guide

## Road Runners



### My Fellow Nobles

It has been a moderate fall in terms of trips to Philadelphia however I anticipate an uptick in this. We have a couple already scheduled for January . and I would appreciate if anyone is available to respond to the emails which I will send out. As always I appreciate your efforts in helping our kids. I have stated this previously that I feel our units the road runners and also the clowns are the most important representatives to the public. Because it connects people to us and what we do, if you want to know why you became a Shriner and with the purpose of this philanthropy and our Shrine is become involved in a unit attend our meetings if you have something to say about how things are done when you are in a meeting you can voice your opinion. As always I can use more drivers you can never have enough of us I'd like to think of us as fireman and when we are needed we respond

## The Black Camel

Brothers and friends,

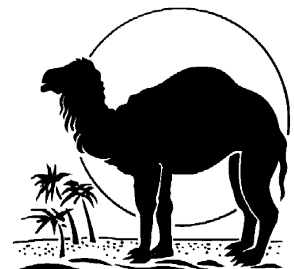
It is with a great deal of sorrow that I report the passing of our Brother, RW Anthony Buzzeo on Thursday, October 25, 2018.

RW Anthony had achieved the age of 94 and was a member of our beloved Craft for 56 years. He was ever present at his Lodge, Francis Lewis Lodge No. 273.

He was the Shrine Clown "Checkers" and the Grand Representative to Venezuela from 1999 to 2001.

He served his country during World War II as a baker, and we always enjoyed the chocolate crumb cake he had perfected during his time in the US Army.

May he rest in peace.





# KISMET CLOWN CLUB

Kismet Clown Club presents: Clowning 101

Save the Date: Saturday May 4th, 2019 9:00-5:00

Join the Kismet clowns for a full day of clowning.

Even if you don't want to be a Shrine clown and just learn some cool things to impress your friends, children, or grandchildren, this event will have something you can use.

Open to all, ages 8-88 !

Participants will learn clowning techniques like how to apply makeup and how to make a costume on a budget.

Additionally, workshops will be held teaching simple magic tricks and how create basic balloon animals.

The fee is \$100 for Adults and \$50 for children (children must be accompanied by an adult)

Students will receive a Clowning 101 starters package will include:

Balloons and a Hand Held Balloon Pump

Beginners Make-up Kit

Selection of Magic Tricks

Certificate of Completion



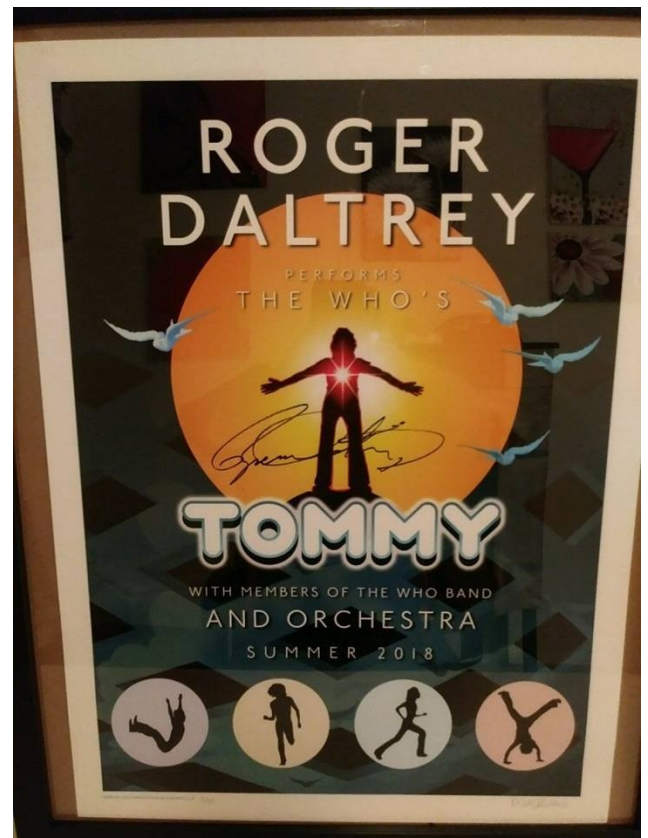
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Raffle tickets are available for a signed, limited production poster of Roger Daltrey's Tommy concert. This is print #5 or 20, signed by the artist and Roger Daltrey.

All proceeds going to Shriners Hospitals for Children

Contact our Illustrious Treasurer Greg Feldman, or any Noble of Kismet Shrine, for details and to purchase raffle tickets.

Drawing will be held on Jan 7, 2019 at our Stated Meeting in Hicksville. You do not need to attend in order to win—but you do need to purchase some raffle tickets!



# INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS KISMET SHRINE

We ask you, friends, to RETURN to our most respected of places, the Kismet Shrine. We ask you to RETURN once again, for the installation of our newly elected officers. We ask you to RETURN for a feast and we ask you to RETURN thereafter to join us for the most joyous and solemn of occasions. We ask you to RETURN TO GLORY.



Yearly, good men are called upon to take up the rank of Officer for the Kismet Shrine; it is a time of celebration. Join us in celebration; a celebration for all; Nobles, Family and Friends. Join us on the seventh day of January in the year of two-thousand nineteen, as we install our newly elected officers.

Potentate - Robert DiCarlo

Chief Rabban - Michael C Brzoza

Assistant Rabban - Glenn Opperman

High Priest & Prophet - Leo Johnson Jr

Oriental Guide - Mitchel Goodkin

Ill. Russell Magidson – Recorder

Ill. Greg Feldman – Treasurer

Trustee – John J Kelly III

Trustee – Ill. George Heyen

**Monday January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Kismet Shrine 18 W. Nicholai St., Hicksville, NY 11801**

**Dress in business attire**

**Dinner to be served at 6:30**

**Installation beginning at 8:00**

**Coffee and Cake to follow**

**RSVP – Leo 917-295-8493 or email- [mrbiggs72@gmail.com](mailto:mrbiggs72@gmail.com)**

# KISMET CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY

## Joy at the Farmingdale Firehouse



Why are we Shriners? Look at these pictures and rejoice. Shriners are men, with love to enough to share for those in need, each giving in his own way and of his own talents. Whether you're an arranger and organizer of events, a musician, a driver of vehicles for patients and families, a clown or magician, or even just a noble willing to donate of their time or of their wallet, you have helped to bring JOY to the Farmingdale Firehouse.

On December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018, JOY was spread generously and in abundance. The firemen, their wives, their volunteers collaborated with Kismet Shrine to host a Holiday Party for the patients of Shriners Hospitals. A busload of patients and their families arrived at the firehouse. They were treated with a tour of the fire-fighting apparatus and got to explore the fire trucks and equipment. Following that, they were escorted (some were carried) upstairs to the recreation room where the Nobles of Kismet Shrine had an afternoon's entertainment for everyone; the children were amply begifted by Santa Claus and served abundantly of the generous amounts of food ready for them in the firehouse. Why are we Shriners? Again, look at these pictures and rejoice.





**Shriners Hospitals**  
for Children®

### ***Intention of Legacy Gift***

Thank you for confirming your intention to include Shriners Hospitals for Children in your estate plan. Your gift will help ensure the continued hope and healing for the children who are treated every day at Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Please provide below as much information as you feel comfortable sharing so that we can document your generous intentions. Any information shared will remain confidential and does not create a binding obligation.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We have included Shriners Hospitals for Children in the following way(s):

<u>Description</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	OR	<u>Estimated Value of Gift</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Will	_____		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Trust	_____		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Account	_____		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Life Insurance	_____		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Account	_____		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Brokerage Account	_____		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> IRA	_____		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	_____		_____

As directed in my current documentation, I/we designate this gift for the following:

☐ Area of greatest need.

☐ Specific Shriners Hospitals for Children location \_\_\_\_\_.



**Dream Makers Legacy Society**

To recognize our generous donors who have named Shriners Hospitals for Children in their estate plans, we established the *Dream Makers Legacy Society*. By providing us notification of your intent, we would like to extend you an invitation to join our *Dream Makers Legacy Society*.

☐ I/We accept the invitation to become member(s) of the *Dream Makers Legacy Society*.

☐ I/We decline the invitation to become member(s) of the *Dream Makers Legacy Society*.

☐ I/We wish to remain anonymous.

It is helpful to have any supporting documentation you wish to share. Please find attached:

☐ a copy of my Will, Trust or other provision.

☐ a copy of a portion of my Will, Trust or other provision.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**This document does not bind you or your estate.** By signing this form, you are simply acknowledging your current intention to include Shriners Hospitals for Children in your estate plan.

Thank you for your commitment to Shriners Hospitals for Children! Please mail this form and any supplemental documentation to:

Ms. Terry Diamond  
Shriners Hospitals for Children  
3551 North Broad Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19140

Tax ID #36-2193608

For more information or questions, please contact:

Ms. Terry Diamond  
[tdiamond@shrinenet.org](mailto:tdiamond@shrinenet.org)  
215.430.4055

## KISMET SUPER BOWL PARTY



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-Noble Glenn Opperman, High Priest and Prophet



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# 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](mailto: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.

### 2019 Cigar Night Meeting Dates

Jan 25	Jul 26
Feb 22	Aug 23
Mar 22	Sep 27
Apr 26	Oct 25
May 24	Nov 22
Jun 21	Dec 27



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Clowning for Kids at the Farmingdale Firehouse  
Kismet Shrine Children's Holiday Party