



# THE FEZ

The official publication of Kismet Shriners

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Aug—Oct 2018

August 6th—Stated Meeting
August 12th—Kismet Barbeque Amityville Beach
August 24th—Cigar Night
Sept 5th—9th —MASA Virginia Beach
Sept 10th—Stated Meeting
Sept 23rd—Bernard Klein Charity Fund
Sept 28th—Cigar Night
Sept 30th—Ceremonial & OktoberFezt
Oct 1st—Stated Meeting
Oct 26th—Cigar Night

## Tentative Calendar



Kismet Nobles volunteering at the Lynard Skynyrd concert

## 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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Events Coordinator	David Rothstein		Robert Di Carlo
Culinary Unit	Bill Lewis	Endowments, Wills and Gifts	III. Donald Harrison, PP
	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
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## Living Past Potentates:

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  
 III. Jeff Arist, 2017

## Shriners Hospitals Board Members

III. Lou F. Barazotti, PP (Boston, Emeritus)  
 Noble Robert Di Carlo (Philadelphia)  
 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



My Fellow Nobles,

It's been a pleasure To serve as your potentate this year I have had a busy calendar attending a few potentate balls along with having my own in June of this year and it was a very successful event I thank you all for attending . We have a number of events on our summer calendar a BBQ in the summer at Amityville Beach Our participation in Masa in Virginia beach in September and also our ceremonial and October Fez . At our previous divan meeting it was brought up that some of the nobles are disgruntled at why they became Shriners and I believe that they are referring to us not having enough events, well the answer that I have to this question first is that you should attend our monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month when I am here running the meeting I see many empty chairs, by attending the meeting you can voice your opinion. Secondly in order to have events we need participation because events means organizing, food speakers and also getting the word out we need manpower to do this if you want events if you want to reason

## Chief Rabban



MY Fellow Nobles.

I hope you and your families are enjoying your summer.I just return from from Shriners International 144th Imperial Session ,in Daytona Beach Fl.and had the privilege to be your representative at this years Imperial Session.The new Imperial Sir is Jim Cain ,we look forward to his leadership into 2019.Please visit ShrinersVillage.Org to learn more about the session and Shriners Hospitals.Next years session will take place in Nashville ,TN.(Music City ) from June 30- July 4,2019 please add this to your calendar Nashville is a wonderful city and a great place for a family vacation.

As most of you know we are now into the 2nd haft of 2018 and as I look at my 2019 calendar things are staring to get posted .I ask the Nobles of Kismet Shriners what you like to see on the Calendar for next year ,What roll would you like to play in the future of your Temple ? Are we meeting your expectations ? How can you play a bigger part in Kismet ?

Yes all Nobles of Kismet are part of a large team ; Our first goal is helping kids and Supporting our Hospitals.What part will you be playing on the team for 2019.The following is just a list of area you can help out with.

Become a part of Divan  
Road Runner,  
Member  
The Clowns  
The Culinary Unit  
calls  
Public Relations  
Run the Hicksville Parade  
Cigar Club

Help with HadJi  
Run a bus trip to hospital

Help with the Picnic  
Help with Education

Membership  
Va Beach  
Web -site

145 Imperial Session  
Apply for Board

Form a New Club  
Help with Phone

Help with Rentals  
Yacht Club  
Handyman for build-

## Yacht Club



Kismet Yact 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 fall for our club .

Commodore  
George Wacob

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## Assisant Chief Rabban



My Fellow Nobles,

It's an honor for me to serve as your High Priest and Prophet.

The Shrine is having an active summer with some events specifically our barbecue on August 12th, 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.

Fraternally,

Noble Glenn Opperman, HP&P

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## Oriental Guide



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Nobles, I would like to thank you for putting your trust in me and electing me as your oriental guide. In this position We have some upcoming events on our calendar for the summer the barbecue on August 12th,nobles and also the ceremonial in October. 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 slow summer in terms of trips to Philadelphia however I anticipate an uptick in this. We have a couple already scheduled for August 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 in our was fine 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

## The Black Camel

Kismet sends our condolences to our family members who've suffered a loss recently, including our Past Potentate III. Robert J. Haller, 1988  
And Catherine Schulz, mother of Kismet's Richard Schulz.  
May they rest in peace.





# SHRINERS HELPING NATURAL DISASTER VICTIMS

Shrine Family,

Shriners Hospitals for Children® is expected to admit several children in critical condition with burn injuries suffered in Sunday's volcanic eruption in Guatemala. The children are expected to be transported by the United States military today or late tonight, Tuesday, June 5.

Within 24 hours of the disaster, Shriners Hospitals deployed an emergency medical team from the Galveston Shriners Hospital to Guatemala to provide onsite evaluation and care. The team worked with Guatemalan and U.S. officials to secure approval to transfer those who required further treatment at Shriners Hospitals in the United States. A second team from the Boston Shriners Hospital is on stand-by to travel to Guatemala and provide additional support. Shriners Hospitals for Children stands ready to help other Guatemalan children if needed.

As you all know, Shriners Hospitals is uniquely prepared to respond to a tragedy of this proportion, having specialized pediatric burn hospitals. We have a deep history of mobilizing to respond to tragedies across the globe and have committed to help these children. We view ourselves as a global force for children and each and every day we bring love to the rescue to children around the world.



During this particular time of crisis, we have had tremendous support from the U.S. military and the U.S. Department of State in assisting us in transporting the children to Galveston Shriners Hospitals. This is largely due to the foresight of Shrine leadership to reach out to government officials to help pave the way for this type of emergency response after the fire in Guatemala in 2017.

I want to thank our go-team and professionals from both Galveston Shriners Hospitals and Headquarters, who have been working around the clock to make this a successful mission. I ask all of us to give our continued support to our go-teams and hospitals during this time of need.

We will continue to keep you posted as the events unfold. I am very proud of the hard work and dedication that all of you bring each and every day.

John McCabe



# ILLUSTRIOUS SIR WILLIAM BONTEMPS POTENTATE'S BALL





# MARIA FOLLENIUS AWARD





# SAVE THE DATE

## *The Bernard Klein Charity Fund*

Requests the honor of your presence  
for a  
Twilight Dinner and Chinese Auction  
To raise money for  
Camp Anchor for children & adults with Special Needs & Autism  
And  
Shriners Hospitals for Children

***On Sunday, September 23, 2018***

At the Oceanside Jewish Center  
2860 Brower Avenue  
Oceanside, New York  
12:00 Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Over 100 gifts and baskets to be won                      Special gifts to be Auctioned

The cost of \$50.00 per person includes hors d'oeuvres, a full sit down dinner  
and dessert. Wine & soft drinks are included.

Liquor, although available at a cash bar, is not included in this price.

The dress is casual.

**Please reserve your spot as soon as possible no later than August 23**

Please send checks made out to:

The Bernard Klein Charity Fund

Mail to

Mrs. Renee Klein

13 Howland Rd.

East Rockaway, NY 11518

Feel free to extend an invitation to friends & family. All donations are  
appreciated. Please include names, the number of people in your party and  
whom you may want to sit with when mailing the check.

For further information, please contact Renee Klein at  
516-887-9705



# TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD—HONORING RENEE KLEIN



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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.





# KISMET SHRINERS CONGRATULATE RICHARD T. SCHULZ

Queensboro Lodge No. 892 and Lessing Lodge No. 608  
Extend a Cordial Invitation for you to attend The Public Presentation for

## RW RICHARD T. SCHULZ

Grand Secretary Of the Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons  
In The State Of New York

Thursday Evening October 25th, 2018

Whitestone Temple  
[149-39](#) 11th Avenue  
Whitestone, New York

Collation Dinner: 6:00 PM  
Officers & Guests: 7:45 PM  
Delegations & Dignitaries: 8:00 PM

Formal Attire w/Aprons & Jewels

For RSVP & Additional Information Please Contact:

RW Stewart C. McCloud II [stewartmccloud@gmail.com](mailto:stewartmccloud@gmail.com) or (631) 687-0531

W Jack Rohan [jackrohan@nyc.rr.com](mailto:jackrohan@nyc.rr.com)

In 1998, he was appointed to the Grand Lodge Convention Committee and worked that year on the World Conference of Grand Masters, which was held in New York City. In 2006, he was appointed Vice Chairman of the Convention Committee before being appointed Chairman in 2012 by MW James Sullivan.

Rich is also a Senior DeMolay, having received his Degrees in Ridgewood Chapter, Order of DeMolay in 1970. He became a member of the DeMolay Legion of Honor (Active) in 2004. Rich is a member of several Concordant Bodies. Rich is a Shriner, being a member of Kismet Temple, AAONMS, of Long Island. He was on the Kismet Divan, where he served as Treasurer in 2001-2004. Many Shriners will remember Rich as Jellybean as he was an accomplished clown for more than 10 years, winning awards at various Shrine 'Clownaramas'.

Richard's professional life began in 1978 after graduating Hunter College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Statistics. He joined Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO) in the Actuarial Department and passed several Actuarial exams. He subsequently earned a Master's of Arts degree in Applied Mathematics from Hunter College. Over the past 40 years, Rich worked in various departments and capacities at ISO related to Property Casualty ratemaking products and services for insurance companies and other entities.

Rich is married to his childhood sweetheart, Grayce, for the past 42 years. Grayce is a former Triangle girl. They both grew up in Ridgewood, a working-class community in Queens, where they continue to live and own an attached two-family brick home. They have two beautiful daughters – Lucy (33 years old) and Sara (32 years old) – and two beautiful granddaughters – Leah (13 years old) and Eva (8 years old).



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Illustrious Greg Feldman PP with two of Shriners Hospitals for Children  
Patient Ambassadors at Imperial Session