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Potentate

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Celebrating Our Shriners of Prince Hall Affiliation

Did you Know? The Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine of North and South America and Its Jurisdictions, Inc. has a long and colorful history.

The order was established as an Imperial Council of Prince Hall Shriners on June 3, 1893, in Chicago, Illinois, by 13 Prince Hall Masons under the leadership of John George Jones. They met in the Apollo Hall on State Street where Palestine Temple was organized. On June 10, 1893, Jones and his associates organized the Imperial Grand Council of Prince Hall Shriners. Jones, who was an attorney, immediately went about organizing Prince Hall Shrine Temples in Los Angeles, California, Washington D.C., Jacksonville, Florida, Indianapolis, Indiana, Baltimore, Maryland, Kansas City and St. Louis, Missouri, New York City, New York, Cleveland, Ohio, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Providence, Rhode Island, Alexandria and Richmond, Virginia.

In September of 1889, Isaac L.W. Holland, the Illustrious Potentate of Pyramid Temple in Philadelphia, sent out a call to members of Prince Hall Shrine Temples within the nation to meet with him for the purpose of reorganizing the Imperial Grand Council. On December 12, 1900, a meeting was held in Philadelphia with officers and members attending from Temples in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and from Alexandria, Virginia. At this meeting the Imperial Council was reorganized and the order adopted a new name: Imperial Council of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine of North and South America and its Jurisdiction, Incorporated.

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My Noble & Illustrious Brothers,

I thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for electing me to serve you as your Potentate. This is a humbling experience and it is a task that I will not take lightly; it is also a task that I can not do alone. We are a team here at Kismet and we need each other to keep us moving forward.

Congratulations to Noble Miles Maier for being elected to the divan as Oriental Guide. Miles is a new Shriner and is also a member of the Suffolk County Shrine Club and we're all looking forward to see what he's bringing to the table.

Congratulations to our newly elected trustees, Ill. Robert DiCarlo and Noble David Rothstein. We all know these nobles and know they work hard. I appreciate their passion and love for our temple.

I'm looking forward to better times where Covid is no longer in discussion and we can see each other again like we used to; stated meetings, steak and cigar dinners, comedy nights and family barbeques are what I'm looking forward to with each and every one of you. Covid-19 affected me as well and was the reason I could not be present with the divan to have my installation but thanks to Ill. Sirs Russell Magidson and Greg Feldman, as well as Dr. Mitch and ZOOM, I was able to be installed virtually. I thank you all who was on that ZOOM meeting and I thank you all who called and texted to check up on me. I'm back to 1000%!

Our Super Bowl Party is yet another victim of the Covid-19 pandemic but we can not let it keep us down. Brighter days are ahead. Healthier days are ahead. In fact, I'm looking forward to Kismet to host a Cigar Dinner in April with positive anticipation that we will be in a better place by then. Fingers crossed!

I'd like to take a moment to thank Ill. Robert DiCarlo for all of his help and assistance in presenting Rene Klein her certificate. This was a complete team effort and it made her so happy. This is what we're supposed to be doing and it feels good doing it!

The motto on my pin is a play-off of as to where I work and what I do for a living, however, the meaning is one of positivity and the hope that 2021 will bring us back to some normalcy. The motto is "**Making 2021 A Goodyear**" and in reality, 2021 will be a GREAT YEAR! I'm not saying there won't be any challenges but we need to keep positive and keep moving forward this year. Again, something we can't do without each other.

Nobles, your divan is here for you!

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Your Potentate 2021

Ill. Glenn Opperman



KISMET'S DIVAN AT A GLANCE

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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	III. William Bontemps Jr, 2018
III. Mark Suckle, 2007	III. Robert DiCarlo, 2019
III. Edward Chaini, 2008	III. Mike Brzoza, 2020

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UPDATE: In September 2020 the Nobility of Kismet gave their approval for the Divan to list and sell our building. It's become impossible for us to justify the cost of maintaining it year after year and our options were limited.

At this time, Jan 2021, we've gotten a number of interested parties contacting us (through our realtors) however nothing definitive has come up yet.

As for where Kismet will meet once the building is sold, one of our Past Potentates has stepped up and looked into some alternate meeting locations as well as ideas of how Kismet can best support such a diverse geographic area as ours. Nothing has been decided yet, nor will anything be decided without discussing it with the Nobility during a stated meeting. These are some potential meeting sites that were investigated for us: VFW Hicksville, Elks Massapequa, Scottish Rite of Rockville Center, Babylon Lodge. Any Noble should feel free to assist by investigating options. If you have an idea of where we can meet please gather up the specifics (cost, night of the week, location, etc) and send it to any or all of the Divan officers.

It might be worth thinking about traveling locations including Masonic buildings and private restaurant rooms in Brooklyn, Queens, Nassau and Suffolk so that more distant Nobles may have an easier time coming to meetings.

SOME WORDS FROM THE DIVAN

FROM THE CHIEF RABBAN'S DESK



Greetins Nobles, Happy New Year and as I write hope it finds you and your families well throughout these trying times. I would like to thank you all for electing me as Chief Rabban for the 2021 year.

I am also Kismet's Director and am the one to reach out to for fezzes, name badges, shirts and other Shrine paraphernalia. I'm also looking for an assistant to help keep up with the inventory and ordering so if you are interested and able to help, please let me know.

It is my hope that we can soon meet again as before and look forward to serving the Nobility of Kismet Shrine.

**Thank You & Be Well,
- Leo Johnson
Chief Rabban**

FROM THE ASSISTANT RABBAN



Don't be an Armchair Quarterback. ***Do something, do anything !!***

What Is an "Armchair Quarterback"? An "Armchair quarterback" is an idiom that originated in the United States. It refers to someone who doesn't participate in an action but still makes judgments about it. Of course, the irony of this phrase is that someone sitting in an armchair is a passive viewer and not an active participant in the event in question. As a result, the phrase is often used by the speaker to describe someone in a snide and sarcastic manner. As an idiom, "armchair quarterback" has grown from being used in just a football context to the point where it is used in many different applications. For example, political pundits who appear on television are often derisively described in this manner if they've never taken an active role in politics themselves. In general, anyone who has strong opinions on a topic but either doesn't act on those opinions or only offers them after the action is completed can be labeled in this way.

Are you an "armchair quarterback"? or are you someone who's "in-the-game"; a Shriner willing to actually DO something? I am not saying that you need to be involved in every aspect of the Shrine, in every charitable event, nor even most, but pick something and get involved !! Our Illustrious Potentate will be forming a lot of committees this year, here is your opportunity to be involved. Being a Shriner means more than just paying your dues, or buying an occasional raffle ticket. ***Do something, do anything !!***

I know, not everyone can be a clown, as Joe K. loves to say, "being a clown is serious business". Not everyone can be a road-runner; it takes a special person to dedicate the time to travel all those miles back and forth to the hospital. Not everyone can sit on a hospital board; again, it's a special gift..... so that leaves the rest of us. What can we do? ***Do something, do anything !!***

Remember, supposedly, we joined the Shrine to support the children. What have you done to do so? As your Assistant Rabban, please feel free to come to me with any ideas for events, fund-raisers, anything.... we have 2 goals: **Support the Children's Hospitals and Support our Fraternity**. What are you doing to support either? ***Do something, do anything !!*** I hope your motivation in becoming a Shriner was one of those 2 goals...simply wearing a fez and paying your dues is NOT enough. It does not move us forward....

even worse, being an armchair quarterback works to frustrate, disillusion and dissuade those of us who are trying to move the Shrine forward.



**"LET ME COMPLAIN ABOUT
WHAT YOU'RE DOING
WRONG, BUT NOT ACTUALLY
DO ANYTHING MYSELF"**

ARMCHAIR QUARTERBACK

Lots of people use lots of words, some whispered in private, some shouted at meetings, but words are cheap and actions are rare. Work with us, I will gladly work at your side, if we are working towards a common goal. Reach out to me, tell me your plan and show me what you're actually doing to make that happen and I will help to structure and flesh it out with you. When you bring it to the Potentate for his approval, I will support you 100%....don't be an armchair quarterback. ***Do something, do anything!!***

**Fraternally & Sincerely,
Dr. Mitch Goodkin
Assistant Rabban**

FROM THE DESK OF THE HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET



As newly Elected High Priest and Prophet, I would like to thank all the Nobles for the opportunity to serve and I will do my best. I would also thank the outgoing Potentate for his service to Kismet Shrine in these pressing times and welcome the new Potentate and wish him well.

We are entering a year of healing and change and no matter what the changes may be, we all should remember the reason we are Nobles and put all our energy into the children at the hospitals; helping in every way by raising donations or becoming a Road Runner or by just helping out at the events our Divan creates, no matter how small, ever remembering many hands accomplish large tasks.

Not enough thanks are given to our Hospital board members who travel to the Hospitals and represent Kismet. As soon as this pandemic is beaten back; we'll be done sitting still and able to do the things we love.

Again thanks to all Nobles and you should be proud of yourselves.



**-Sincerely and Fraternally
Noble Joe Konklewski
High Priest and Prophet**



FROM THE PEN OF THE ORIENTAL GUIDE



To my Brethren and Nobles of the Kismet Shrine,

I am greatly honored and appreciative to have been given this opportunity to be elected to the office of the Oriental Guide. As a relatively new Mason and Shriner I know I still have much to learn.



I'm looking forward to serve on the Divan with the rest of my Brothers for the ensuing year and getting to know more of the Nobility as time goes on.

I can't wait to get back into the Shrine in person and to see everyone there. I wish my Brethren and Nobles peace, harmony, and health for themselves and their families.

**As-salāmu 'alaykum,
Noble Miles Maier
Oriental Guide**

NOTES FROM AROUND THE OASIS

I would like to thank the Nobility of Kismet Shrine for electing me as a Trustee of our Shrine Center during the Elections that were held at our meeting in December 2020. I am looking forward to serving as a Trustee with Bill Bontemps PP, Robert DiCarlo PP, George Heyen PP, John Kelly and Raj Panday during the coming year, The Trustees are an advisory body to the Divan.

For those of you who are not aware of the responsibilities of the Trustees, I have outlined them below from the By-Laws of Kismet. The sole purpose of the Trustees is to serve as the Financial Advisory Committee of the Temple. Four members of the Trustees are needed for a meeting to take place. As such, the duties of the Trustees are to, as a group:

- a) examine all bills against the temple to determine if they are reasonable, necessary and within the budget
- b} examine into the propriety of all proposed major financial obligations and expenditures of the temple
- c) recommend the depository for all funds, stocks, bonds and all valuable papers of the temple
- d) make recommendations for the investment of accumulated funds
- e) review the financial books, accounts and papers of the temple.
- f) advise the Potentate on all matters pertaining to Temple operations.

If there's something you feel we should be looking into please don't hesitate to email or call any of us. You are the Nobles of Kismet Temple and you should insist on the Excellence of your Trustees for the ensuing year.

Noble David Rothstein



Greeting Nobles and families ,

I am very honored to be one of Kismet trustees for the next three years. I look forward to being a part in resolving the challenges that we face in the future.

I am also serving as your Donor Relations Chairman and I have some good news to share with you; you are now allowed to make a Charitable Gift Annuity to Shriners Hospitals for Children in New York State. The Charitable Gift Annuities will pay you a fixed sum for each year of your life; it also gives you the joy and satisfaction of helping Shriner Children.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find some information on Charitable gift Annuities as well as others options for fulfilling philanthropic wishes. If you would like more info please feel free to contact me

Sincerely,
III Sir Robert Di Carlo, PP
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FROM THE RECORDER'S DESK



Greetings Nobles and welcome to a new year at Kismet. A special welcome to our newest Nobles who were created this past couple of years. You are part of a great philanthropy and fraternity and I sincerely hope you make the most of your membership.

Thanks to all of you who are keeping current with your dues. Your dues are the primary way Kismet is able to pay our bills. For those who are not current, please make it a point to do so as soon as you can. If you are unable to afford the dues, please let me know and we can make arrangements to help.

Back in September 2020 the Nobility of Kismet voted to put the building up for sale as we were no longer able to cover the costs of running a building while trying to build up our Shrine membership and activities. Although many of us are saddened by the changes that this may bring it also is an exciting time as we can reimagine how Kismet can operate without the threat of the financial drain looming over us. We can now focus on building up our clubs and units and will be in a better financial position to host events and fraternal gatherings. This does give us the flexibility to invest in membership and public relations and all that goes with it.

As always there will be many things going on and we can use your involvement. Please step up and contact myself or any of the Divan to take an active role in:

The Suffolk Shrine Club
Public Relations
Hajji Unit

The Clown Unit
Social Media
Event Planning

Membership
Director Staff
Fund Raising

Remember that anyone can drop an idea and walk away... that's being an armchair-quarterback and we have quite enough of those. What is needed are Nobles to take an idea and run with it. Make the idea your own and help grow it to fruition.

If you have not yet registered at WebFez.shrinenet.org and ShrinersVillage.org please take a few minutes and do so. In WebFez you can update your contact information to ensure that your address, phone and email are up to date. ShrinersVillage is the first place you should look for Shrine resources and information on our fraternity. Marketing and P/R information, handouts, coloring books, etc are all available through there as well as updated information on Shriners International. Of course, ShrinersHospitalsForChildren.org is the site for all things hospital-related.

Also—if you are not in possession of your Certificate of Membership in Kismet, please email me and let me know. I have a stack of certificates that you can pick up when you are next at Kismet.

Congratulations to the new Divan of 2021 and I look forward to continuing to serve Kismet and the Nobles.

S&F
Ill Sir Russell L. Magidson, PP
Recorder, Kismet Shriners
Recorder@KismetShriners.org



Hello Fellow Nobles and Roadrunners,

As we are all aware we are the world's greatest philanthropy, The first hospital was built in 1922 they had to figure out how to let the community know that they were there how they could assist these children and also how to transport the children and their families to the first hospital in Shreveport Louisiana. Hence the unit of the Roadrunners or Shepherds was begun and as an organization we have a long history of what we do for our kids.

I feel that what we do as Shriners and Roadrunners is a vocation... it is really the public relations unit of Kismet as it's the first contact that many families have with us. We Roadrunners are the representatives in the community and emblematic of what the Shrine is built on. A Roadrunner once said to me that when he became a Shriner he found more light in Masonry than he ever expected. That is what we are about: giving light, love and compassion to the kids and parents that we work with. Every time that one of you drives a family to one of our hospitals there is always a story that they come home with and our drivers always feel better for doing it.

We all in our fraternity have had a tough year with the COVID 19 virus. It is my continued hope that we get more participation in our unit. Some of us have moved to other states others and some just don't feel that they can do it any longer and we need more participation in our unit to answer the call. I realize that we all have busy lives between our obligations to our blue lodges and our families. Our units define who we are and we have ancillary organizations that all of us participate in as a reward for doing good work in the shrine. I have seen all of you at these functions having a good time in the name of the shrine and we're having a good time because of what we do for the children which is great, but let us all measure up... if we do not step up and participate then we are not following our creed and we are no more than a men's club.

I want more drivers to please get involved; you will not regret it. Therefore I am deputizing all of you as Roadrunners and you shall get an email from me when there is a trip to Philadelphia. Check your schedules and I anticipate that some of you if not all of you would be able to do one trip a month. I promise that once you do this you will not regret it and you will have your own story to tell about the light that you found in masonry.

Thank You
Noble Richard John Tscherne
Chairman Kismet Roadrunners
(516) 776-2030



Kismet Cigar Club

Even Covid can't keep us from unwinding with a good cigar!

Kismet's Cigar Club meets upstairs in Club Kismet on the **fourth Friday of every month, from 7pm to midnight**. Enjoy great smokes, snacks, drinks and the company of fellow Masons and Shriners. During these Covid times, social distancing and a limit on attendees is being enforced. 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. I



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. Your \$20 entrance fee 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. Remember that Kismet's Cigar Club supports Kismet; any profit the club makes is donated to Kismet at the end of each year. What an enjoyable way to support the shrine!

Please contact your Recorder (Recorder@KismetShriners.org) if you are planning to attend.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES

In exchange for your irrevocable gift (usually of cash or securities), Shriners Hospitals for Children® agrees to pay one or two annuitants that you name a fixed sum each year for life. The payments never change and are backed by the general assets of Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

Charitable Gift Annuities (CGAs) may be funded with a minimum of \$5,000 and can be funded, in some instances, with appreciated assets.

The fixed rate of return is based on the age of the donor and any other beneficiary on the date the agreement is entered. Shriners Hospitals for Children uses the suggested rate chart published by the American Council on Gift Annuities. The rate is set with the intention that this charity will retain approximately 50 percent of the donor's original gift. Payments can be made on an annual, quarterly or monthly basis.

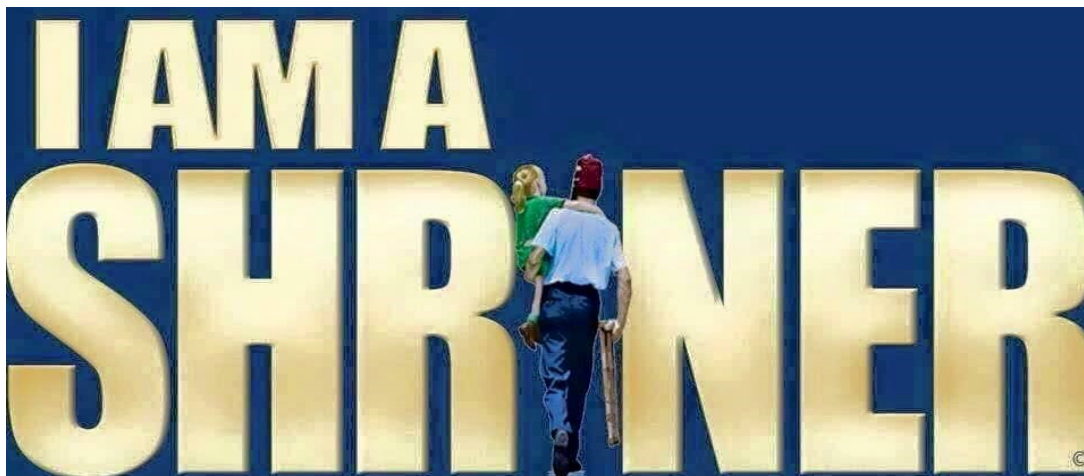


Important benefits of the CGA program include:

- You may qualify for a charitable deduction, if you itemize on your income tax return.
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Please note, under government rules, a contribution for a gift annuity is irrevocable and the principal you contribute cannot be returned. ***Shriners Hospitals for Children® Charitable Gift Annuities may not be available in certain states.***

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FROM THE HOSPITALS

HOUSTON/GALVESTON

Dear Nobles,

In late 2019, we shared with you our plans for a combined Texas facility that would showcase multiple major care disciplines. Today we are pleased to announce that Shriners Hospitals for Children — Houston and Shriners Hospitals for Children — Galveston, have now consolidated their world-renowned specialty pediatric health care services on the Galveston campus and will now be known as Shriners Children's Texas.



Our dedication to the children and their families remains the same – transforming children's lives with exceptional health care in a patient- and family-centered environment. Operating on the same campus will position us well to achieve our strategic goals for the future. This change provides us with a modernized and integrated approach to meeting our patients' needs. The main reason for the decision was to improve the system's efficiency without sacrificing access to the same outstanding care Shriners Hospitals has been able to provide children for almost 100 years.

Merging the two hospitals together into one location not only demonstrates good stewardship for a hospital system that provides care regardless of the family's ability to pay, but also brings together a team of highly-skilled clinical providers that will deliver "Texas-sized" care for all Shriners Children's patients.

This strategic vision marks a commitment to transforming how our health care is delivered, while maintaining our mission of providing the highest quality care to children with orthopedic conditions, burn injuries, cleft lip and palate, and plastic surgery. This is an energizing journey – to grow and to treat more children as we look toward the future. While we anticipate a more formal opening sometime this summer, we wanted to share this tremendous news as we celebrate the furthering of our incredible mission.

Faternally,

James Smith, Imperial Potentate

Jerry Gantt, Chairman Board of Trustees



BOSTON

COVID Vaccination Update



I am pleased to share that SHC–Boston has now completed the first dose vaccination process for staff. This Thursday (January 21st) will start the beginning of the second dose process for staff; the second dose has to be timed from the first dose. These will be completed by February 12th. After that, we have to go back and schedule new staff and/or those that missed the first round.

We have been asked if BOG members can get their vaccine at SHC–Boston. The answer to that is not clear as we have to finish vaccinating staff as the first order of business. Moreover, we are awaiting guidance from the state as to what to do with any unused vaccine given that Massachusetts has been very clear about the sequence of priority and timing for different groups.

In the meantime, as available, we encourage you to obtain a COVID vaccination through your primary care provider or community channels.

Eileen F. Skinner, MHA FACHE

Administrator

Shriners Hospitals for Children – Boston

SUFFOLK COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

Nobles,

First and foremost, the Suffolk County Shrine Club would like to congratulate our new Divan on their appointments! It has been an interesting year, to say the least; Covid, riots, elections and human rights were the subject everyone was intently focused on since last March. Masonry has suffered many changes and restrictions since. The Suffolk County Shrine Club is looking forward to the events we had planned before all this madness began. Our officers have agreed to stay on this year until the world becomes a little more normalized. We hope to resume meetings in the near future, and the Master of Old Town Lodge Southhampton, W.: John Bregenti has graciously opened his lodge again for us to meet. I am also contacting a few Lodges closer to Nassau County for our "up Island" (sorry, that's an Eastern Long Island term) Nobles to have an easier travel expedition. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

Peter Psyllos
Secretary,
Suffolk County Shrine Club



KISMET SHRINERS TRIVIA - WINTER 2021

1. What is the location of the first Kismet Shrine Temple (full address)? Who was the architect and what is the architectural style? (First building owned by Kismet not first meeting place)
2. Who was the first Potentate of Kismet Shrine and who is credited with naming Kismet?
3. Where did the Nobles of Kismet Shrine meet prior to the building of their Shrine Temple on Herkimer Street?
4. Which Grand Master of New York Freemasons laid the cornerstone of Kismet Temple and when?
5. It is said that Kismet Shrine Temple is thought to be the third Shrine Temple built in Moorish Revival architecture (Mosque) and the oldest surviving. What were the first two temples built in this style and when?

Trivia Rules: Submit answers to treasurer via email : treasurer@kismetshriners.org

Any Noble can submit answers. Only one correct answer per Noble. To win prize from the Potentate, you can play as often as you'd care and submit answers as often as you wish, but only one prize will be awarded per Noble.

Clown Prayer

As I stumble through this life,
help me to create more laughter than tears,
dispense more cheer than gloom,
spread more cheer than despair.

Never let me become so indifferent,
that I will fail to see
the wonders in the eyes of a child,
or the twinkle in the eyes of the aged.

Never let me forget that my total effort
is to cheer people, make them happy,
and forget momentarily,
all the unpleasantness in their lives.

And in my final moment,
may I hear You whisper:
"When you made My people smile,
you made Me smile."

As the year 2021 is in its early stage, the Kismet Clown unit stands ready to go out and raise funds for the Shriners Children's Hospital once the virus is under control. **We are always looking for new members to join us in this noble cause;** so come and join us, we will break you in and get you underway. The Kismet Clowns would like to share our prayer with all of you....

Fraternally,
'Kool Beans'

Noble Joseph Konklewski

**KISMET
CLOWNS**

Remember, once the world is back to normal, Kismet Clowns can entertain at your Lodge function. All we ask is a donation for the Shriners.

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Celebrating, *ctd. from front cover...*

The first annual session of the newly organized Imperial Council was held on September 25, 1901, in Newark, New Jersey, it was here that a Constitution was formally adopted, establishing the fraternity as it is today, and designating the Imperial Council as a charitable, benevolent, fraternal. and social organization, dedicated to the welfare and extension of Prince Hall Freemasonry, and decreeing that membership in the order be confined to regular freemasons who were members of lodges descended from African Lodge #459 (African Lodge #459 established on September 29, 1784, was formally African Lodge #1 formed on July 3, 1776; Massachusetts).

The Worldwide Fraternal Shrine Family has a membership of approximately 35,000 in some 227 Shrine Temples and 200 Courts, its women's auxiliary, the Imperial Court, throughout the Continental United States, Canada, Germany, Italy, England, Spain, Hawaii, Japan, Korea, Guam, Thailand, Panama, and the Bahamas. The Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine is primarily a benevolent, charitable and fraternal organization, Its membership is dedicated to the principle of fostering civic, economic and educational development programs throughout the world.



The Fraternal Order has fostered the following programs:

- Annual grants of thousands of dollars to the Prince Hall Shrine Health and Medical Research Foundation.
- Annual grants to several institutions of higher learning and to hospitals throughout the United States for Medical research.
- A National Scholarship Grand Program for young ladies between the ages of 17-24 to attend college and universities of their choice,
- Annual Educational Grants for economically deprived youths.
- A program of financial aid to youth in their fight against drugs, crimes, and delinquency.
- Annual grants to the N.A.A.C.P., the Legal Defense Fund, and the United Negro College Fund.
- Support summer camps for youth.
- Voter education and registration drives.
- Establishment of and maintaining dialogue with White House officials, Congressmen, and national leaders on various issues affecting African-Americans and others

"You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right." - Rosa Parks

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