



Ceremonial & OktoberFEZt Outstanding Success



Our October ceremonial and fezzing was coupled with an Oktoberfest feast, creating what we like to call OktoberFEZt. We had 21 new Nobles and their families present for the fezzing. Truly an amazing day.

The Ladies who attended that day were brought up to the Oasis and treated to an informative lecture by III. Greg Feldman while the Nobles were preparing for the ceremonial.

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Dear Nobles and Families of Kismet Shrine,

I would like to thank you for your support and friendship this year. As you all know, my motto for the year was "**Return to Glory**". We have a lot of work to do in the future to get back to the days of glory, but we have proven it is attainable and I look forward to working alongside of my brothers to reach that goal in the future.

Over the past year we were able to welcome many new Nobles into Kismet Shrine. I look forward to their growth within our fraternity. I was happy to see our **Suffolk Shrine Club** develop and grow with the addition of many new members; they have planned many interesting future activities. I was grateful to see our **Shriner Showcase Theater** being put to good use on such events as: Comedy Night; OktoberFEZt; Talent Showcase; and Installation of Officers. We had a first at Kismet this year with the introduction of the Clowning 101 Clown School which we look forward to continuing in the future. Our annual Super Bowl and Cigar nights continue to sell out; mark your calendars for February 2nd.

Over the year we have seen the meeting attendance grow as we offered various planned programs for our Nobles. I look forward to seeing this continue under the leadership of our new Divan for 2020. I have also tried to show that there is a place in Kismet for everyone to excel. We need you to step up and play a role in the bright future of Kismet.

This year our **Roadrunners** have done an outstanding job in transporting patients to The Shriner Hospitals for Children; we should all be proud and thankful for the work they do. Our **Kismet Clowns** have also been out working at many events, putting smiles on the faces of children as well as educating the public about Shriners International. Our **Board Members** to the Hospitals have been working hard on ways to better service the needs of children. Those of you and your friends that have helped out at the concerts selling CD's have also made a tremendous effort. I would also like to recognize the Nobles that have put work into the building to help hold down the cost of repairs and upkeep.

As you can see it take many Nobles to run Kismet Shrine.

As we leave 2019, your new Divan will enter. The Divan will have many challenges that were brought to light during the year. Our leadership will need your help, guidance and support in order for us to Return to Glory. Kismet Shrine will have to grow and change from the way it is today. I know that the Nobles of Kismet are well prepared to take on the challenges that face us.

I wish you and your families a Happy Holiday Season and a Joyful New Year .

Sincerely

Your Potentate 2019

Ill Sir Robert J. DiCarlo



Waiting for food at the OktoberFEZt



The Chefs prepared Brats, Cabbage and Pretzels...well worth the wait !!

SOME WORDS FROM THE DIVAN

Greetings! We have a lot of events coming this year. Make sure to check our website www.kismetshriners.org for the most up to date information.

**- Noble Michael Brzoza
CHIEF RABBAN**



My Brother Nobles, we've had a very successful year here at Kismet and it's all due to the hard work and dedication of our potentate, Illustrious Sir Robert DiCarlo, and his vision of ***Return To Glory***. To ensure that we 'Return To Glory' we need your help and continued support.

We had a very successful ceremonial this year and I'd like to thank our Oriental Guide, Noble Mitch Goodkin, for being a tremendous help and taking the bull by the horns to ensure everything was great for our new nobles and their families!

I encourage you all to help out, get involved, give us suggestions, bring your family and friends to our events, bring in a brother and let's show everyone why we are a part of "the worlds greatest philanthropy" and why we care so much here at Kismet.

Our next meeting is super important because it is for our elections. Please bring your current dues card so that you can participate in the meeting and vote! I anticipate the pleasure of greeting you all at our next stated communication.

**-Noble Glenn Opperman
ASSISTANT RABBAN**

Kismet Shrine is more than a once a month meeting, or an Oasis or a "Cigar Club" or wearing a fez. Please keep that in mind. We are the world's greatest philanthropy. We're here to support our Shriners Hospitals and the children they service. I ask you then, how do **YOU** support the Shrine? Paying your dues to Kismet is the start of your support, but getting out there, working for the children that are in the hospitals, I like to think that is why we all joined the Shriners. **Please help, we need your help.** Volunteer to take a drive with the Roadrunners. Help a pass out balloons at a clown event. Volunteer at a golf tournament or to sell CD's at a concert. This is **OUR** Shrine, but those children in the hospitals are the reason we're here. A few Nobles cannot do this alone. **Help your brothers to help the children.**

- Noble Mitch Goodkin
ORIENTAL GUIDE



Hello,
First of all, let me offer my welcome to all of our newest Nobles. I had a great time leading our Ceremonial this year and having the honor of obligating you all into our wonderful organization. Remember what you heard about our Shriners Creed - we are here to support Shriners Hospitals for Children and everything we do at Kismet works towards that end. Every event we hold not only raises funds to keep us going but also increases awareness of our mission and our hospitals. Our Clowns entertain and our Road Runners transport and all Nobles help by taking part in Kismet's meetings, functions and leadership. As you've heard our Illustrious Potentate say, Kismet is **YOUR** shrine. It is what you make of it, so come out regularly, continue to be involved and make it something personal.

Secondly, I'd like to thank all of you who have paid your dues so quickly. Your dues money is the primary funding for the Shrine's day-to-day operations. Those of you who are waiting (*for what?*) please pay your dues as soon as you can. Remember also that you can only fall two years behind and we are forced to drop you from our rolls and if you belong to any associated group that requires Shrine membership, you must stay current in order for the other groups to recognize your membership.

Your Recorder, along with the entire Divan, is here to help you in your journeys across the hot sands of Shrine life. Please don't hesitate to reach out to myself or the other Officers with questions, concerns, ideas and thoughts.

III Russell L. Magidson
Past Potentate and Recorder

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The Divan performed the ceremonial and Ill. Russell L. Magidson performed the obligation. The drama was a longer version than the one performed in recent years, but still not the full version. We will be creating a Hadji team to learn the full drama and perform it for new Nobles in the future.

Following the ceremonial, the Nobles were reconnected with their Ladies and other family members and we were treated to a German feast for Oktoberfest. We had two different types of wursts, turkey, spaetzle, large salted pretzels, red cabbage, potatoes and a traditional cucumber salad. **Karl Rueck** did another fantastic job this year of gathering chefs and food together for a splendid event. The meal was served by the Rainbow Girls and thanks to **Glenn Opperman** for helping to organize the service. Our own Oriental Guide, **Mitch Goodkin** (*not wearing his clown make-up*), walked around from table to table performing magic tricks for the guests.

After everyone had eaten their fill, we began the fezzing. Our group of newly obligated Nobles this year saw some fathers and sons. We are glad to see that the values of the Shrine are being passed down from generation to generation. We saw: Noble fathers fezzing their new Noble sons; Noble sons fezzing their new Noble fathers; and new Noble fathers and sons being fezzed together.

If you did not attend this year's OktoberFEZt, please mark your calendars for October 2020. This is an event for all to enjoy.





Suffolk County Shrine Club

As the newly elected president of the Suffolk County Shrine Club, I'd like to thank all the nobles and officers of the club for allowing me to serve as president. This coming year will be a great one for our club, we will be planning a few events and trips through out the year and always remember why we became Shriners; we are Shriners to help the ones in need of our help the most, the children .



Above: The newly elected officers of the Suffolk County Shrine Club being sworn in for the coming year.

- Michael Hebert
President Suffolk Shrine Club
631-758-2218 (m)



Right: Past-President John Moleski receives a Certificate of Appreciation from current President Michael Hebert



Welcome to our newest Kismet clown, **Intakab Dawood, aka Woody the Clown!** Woody is new to clowning and to Kismet. He lives in Brooklyn and works for the MTA, but has travelled as far as Southampton to help clown for Kismet. He is still working on his look and his shtick, but he is a clown at heart. Woody joined the Shriners for the sole purpose of being able to clown to help the children who need to smile. ***Welcome Woody!***



Below: Boss Clown, **Joe Konklewski aka Kool Beans**, presents a check of money raised from one of our clowning events to Potentate **Robert DiCarlo** who delivered it to the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital. Present were: **Mitch Goodkin aka Hokey Pocus** and **Michael Hebert aka "a great helper at the event"**.





KISMET CLOWN CLUB

We're open to ladies, Masons and Non-Masons.

Anyone who wants to help children smile.

Don't know how? We'll teach you !!

**To find out more, speak with "Boss Clown" Joe Konklewski
JKonklewski@yahoo.com**

THE KISMET BALLROOM/THEATRE

IS AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL

Our Kismet Shrine Center Ballroom has undergone some beautiful renovations recently and has been renamed the **Shriner Showcase Theatre**.

The Kismet Shrine Ballroom may be used for many different events. We do rent the room for private parties almost most every weekend; this helps us to cover the expense of our property taxes.

Nobles, consider renting the Kismet Shrine Ballroom if you're having an event like a birthday, a sweet sixteen, a communion or just a party.

Contact
Ill. Robert DiCarlo
via email....
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or via telephone
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for information regarding
Ballroom rental





Don't miss events!

**Submit your email address
and your cellphone number to
our Recorder.
Stay informed about what's
happening in our Shrine.**

Kismet Cigar Night
Friday November 22nd, 2019 - 7pm



Monday, Dec 2nd - Monday - 8pm
Kismet Shrine Meeting
Elections
6:30 Dinner - Donation \$10.00



Monday, Jan 6th 2020
Kismet Shrine Meeting
7:45 PM Meeting Opens for Nobles
8:00 Open to friends and families
Public Installation of Officers
6:45 Dinner
RSVP Glenn Opperman
AssistantRabban@kismetshriners.org



Sunday, Feb 2nd 2020 - Super Bowl Sunday
Oasis Room
Open to friend and families
Donation - \$30.00 pp



Monday, Feb 3rd 2020
Kismet Shrine Meeting
8 PM meeting
6:30 PM Dinner - Donation \$10.00 pp



MUCH MORE TO FOLLOW

Kismet's on Social Media:

- ♦ Worldwide Web: 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***.
- ♦ 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>. The Kismet Clowns have a page where they show pictures from charity events at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/kismetclowns/>. No other Facebook page is recognized as ours.
- ♦ Twitter: <https://twitter.com/KismetShrine>
- ♦ Maptoons: <http://www.maptoons.li/hicksville>

Be sure the Recorder has your mobile phone number and email address.



Kismets Cigar Night—November 22nd, 2019
Let's start the cold weather season
with some warm friends and good cigars!
Featuring a selection of Rocky Patel, Victor Sinclair
and Gurkha sticks



Kismet Shrine Center—Cigar Night
Food and snacks will be served
Additional drinks and cigars are
always available



As always, \$20 at the door gets you two great cigars, food and your first drink.

More of everything will be available, including raffles for some great cigar accessories.

RSVP Recorder@KismetShriners.org if you'd like to give us a heads-up.

THE DIVAN 2019

Potentate

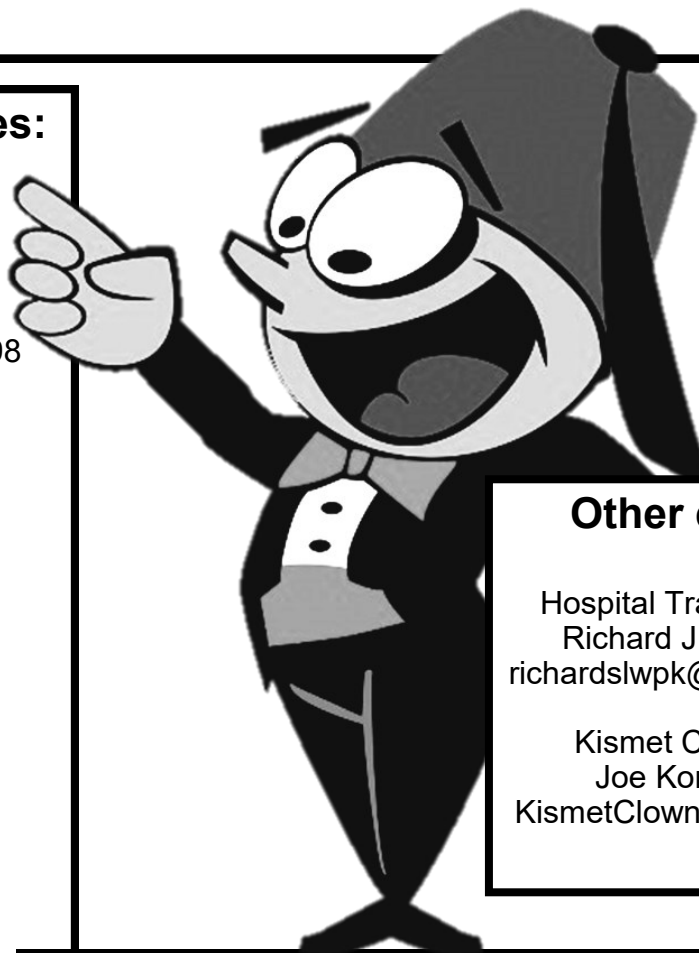
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Living Past Potentates:

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
III. William Bontemps Jr, 2018



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Shriners Hospitals Board Members

III. Lou F. Barazotti, PP (Boston, Emeritus)
III Robert Di Carlo (Philadelphia)
III. Greg Feldman, PP (Boston)
III. Russell L. Magidson, PP (Boston)
III. Joseph Saveglio, PP (Philadelphia, Emeritus)
III. Charles Scheuler, Jr., PP (Philadelphia, Emeritus)

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BE INVOLVED!

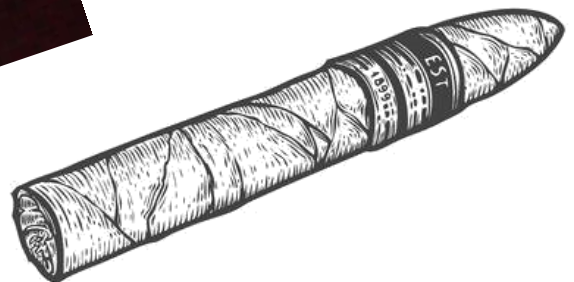
- **Did you come to our picnic?**
- **Did you visit a hospital?**
- **Did you take a trip with a roadrunner?**
- **Did you help a clown at a festival?**
- **Did you participate in the fezzing?**
- **Did you attend the Superbowl party?**
- **Did you help set-up, cook, serve or clean- up at an event?**
- **Did you go to a concert to sell CD's for the hospitals?**
- **Did you support the Shrine by attending comedy night or the talent showcase?**
- **Do you even regularly attend meetings?**
- **Do you get involved?**

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