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2017 ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS

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*Get to know your new Potentate . . .*

**JAMES D. VOOYS**

Your Potentate is part of the baby boomer generation from the typical family that inhabited the Mohawk Valley in the Twentieth Century. My older brother Daniel (named after our father) and I, and a few cousins comprise the descendants of the Vooys family that began when my Grandfather Vooys, his two brothers and five sisters arrived in the country from Holland in the early 1900's and settled in Canajoharie, NY. By contrast, my mother's father was a descendent of Germans who came to the Mohawk Valley in the early 1700's and eventually marched with General Herkimer to the Battle of Oriskany. Her father, F.R. Edick, was a Mason in Mohawk, NY, and his wife's sister, Anna, had married a Canadian businessman who was a Shriner in Utica. These men died in 1963 and 1976, respectively, so it was not until Anna passed away in 1984, that I became aware of how important Masonry and the Shriners were to the family. By that time the financial guru of the family, my father, had passed away (1978) and my brother and I were charged with wrapping up this woman's financial affairs. Among five charities, to each of which she left modest sums, were the Shriners Hospitals and the Masonic Home in Utica. This made a lasting impression on me but there was then a pause in my journey to the East.

My father's promotion to Vice President with a bank in Jamestown, NY, when I was in first grade, soon made me aware of the existence of clubs and fraternities. Jamestown had a high percentage of ethnic Swedes and their club was called the Vikings, and their hall very much resembled the buildings with dining and dance halls of the Elks and Knights of Columbus. My father had his own fraternity as a philatelist and founded a magazine, The Philatelic Literature Review, in his spare time. In 1976, he became President of the American Philatelic Society and participated in the design of a stamp commemorating the Bicentennial. In addition, like most businessmen of the era in participated in civic organizations as a Rotarian, President of the Mohawk Hudson Foundation, Board Member of the Arkell Museum and Library, among others, instilling in me, a sense of service to the community.

Like my father, I attended Bentley College and graduated with a BS in Accounting in 1972. I became a Certified Public Accountant in 1975, and worked with two of the so-called "Big Eight" firms along with a stint at General Electric before founding my own accounting firm in 1987. In 1989, I acquired by merger the accounting practice of Robert Crighton in Scotia, NY. He was a Mason, Shriner and Jester and at that time the auditor for Oriental Shriners, AAONMS. Upon his retirement, I became the independent CPA conducting the annual audit and preparing the annual tax reports for the Temple. Just as today, that involved collecting records from several people; John Sainz, Recorder and Ralph Shaffer, Treasurer, Bob MacMartin, Hospital Fund Chairman, and the Trustees. At that time the auditor would meet at year end with trustees Allan Rysysylainen, Charles White, and Ron Campbell and we would count the stock certificates and examine the certificates of deposit held in a safe deposit box in the depths

of Troy Saving Bank. In the meantime, many of Bob Crighton's acquaintances that appeared at our office were Masons, such as Lee Esmann and Bob Case. If you had known all of these men that I have mentioned, you would know that they encompassed a wide variety of occupations and personalities. And yet it impressed me that they all seemed very united and proud of their mission as Shriners.

Like my father before me I served in organizations as Treasurer of Albany Rotary, President of the Investment Society, President of the Estate Planning Council, and member of professional accounting societies. But these Shriners seemed very different from those organizations, coming from different backgrounds, being very attentive and devoting much time to their tasks and yet very cheerful in the performance of their duties and with belief in the unity and mission of their fraternity.

Before I knew it Lee Esmann was the first line signer on my application and I was raised as a Master Mason in 1990, at St. George's Lodge No. 6 in Schenectady, where I became Master in 1995. I became a Shriner in 1993 and later served as President of the Schenectady Shrine Club. In what would be a fortunate coincidence I had begun specializing in tax and investment planning, having become a Registered Investment Advisor in 1987, and as result no longer audited any organizations including the Temple. Since I was no longer the auditor, I was then able to serve as Trustee of the Temple for the 2006 year. Then in 2010, the Divan nominated me to be a Board Member of the Shriners Hospital in Boston, where I continue to serve to this day.

In 2008, I became the Director of Taxes for NBT Bancorp. Again, fortune smiled and my boss knew about the Shriners and allowed me to take a day every month to attend the Boston Board meetings. After retirement from NBT Bancorp in 2014, I have resumed my tax and investment advisory business on a part-time basis operating out of my home.

I first met my current wife, Juli, when my family moved back to Canajoharie in 1964. While at college my family moved again to Albany and Juli and I lost track of each other for thirty years. We had both married and started families but after thirty years found ourselves in 2000 each to be single again and became married in 2001. We spend our time trying to keep track of her two adult children and a grandchild and my three children and five grandchildren.

Somehow, I find some spare time to be a bad golfer and with my sons, attend a few New England Patriot games each year. For baseball, I remain true to New York as a proud Yankee fan, having taken my children to the Albany-Colonie Yankee games to watch Jeter, Rivera, Pettitte and Posada start their fabulous careers.

It's the pride in New York, the Empire State, that led me to put the map of New York State on my pin. Then to illustrate the part that we inhabit, I have the territory of Oriental Shriners colored in blue. As your Potentate, it is with great pride that I represent the Shriners of this Northeastern section of New York State.

**NEW MEMBERSHIP**  
**Is Shrinedom's Most Important Business**

**Have you ever sponsored a candidate?**

# It's Winter, so it Must be . . . Time to March!

Ahh, it's winter in the North Country. The snow is flying, the temperature is freezing and the cold north wind is blowing. Some people ice fish, some folks go south to escape the cold. But not Shriners . . . we put on our heavy coats, put on a fez, and march in parades!



We have three parades coming up for February and March:

**FEBRUARY 4th:**

**Lake George Winter Carnival Parade**

Line up: 3 p.m.

Lake George Bowling Alley  
2211 Canada Street

Step off: 4 p.m.

*Word is ~ it's a short parade*

**FEBRUARY 11th:**

**Saranac Lake Winter Carnival Parade**

Bus transportation provided

Pickup locations and times:

- Dick's Sporting Goods, Wilton Mall, 7:30 a.m.
  - Queensbury Masonic Lodge, 8 a.m.
  - McDonald's, Warrensburg, 8:30 a.m.
- Line up: Noon; Step off: 1 p.m.

**MARCH 11th:**

**Lake George St. Patrick's Day Parade**

Line up: 10:30 a.m.; Step off: 11 a.m.

*Let's have a good showing at these three events.*

*Mark your calendars and come dressed to be warm!*

*Visit Your  
Masonic Lodge,  
Your York Rite or  
Scottish Rite.  
This is the place  
to find candidates!*

## First Eight Months Activities at a Glance

- February 4:** Lake George Winter Carnival Parade
- February 5:** Super Bowl Party at the Shrine Center
- February 11:** Saranac Winter Carnival Parade with bus transportation provided, see stops in parade ad
- February 15:** Executive Board Meeting at the Queensbury Masonic Lodge, all nobles are welcome
- March 11:** Lake George St. Patrick's Day Parade
- March 15:** Executive Board Meeting at the Queensbury Masonic Lodge, all nobles are welcome
- Mar. 16-Apr. 18:** Annual Vidalia Onion Sale
- April 7-9:** Potentate's Ball at the Embassy Suites by Hilton, Saratoga Springs, NY, all nobles welcome to the Skidmore Room hospitality on April 8, from noon 'til 4
- April 19:** Executive Board Meeting at the Queensbury Masonic Lodge, all nobles are welcome
- May 4-7:** Spring NYOSA at Bonnie Castle, Alexandria Bay
- May 17:** Executive Board Meeting at the Queensbury Masonic Lodge, all nobles are welcome
- May 18-19:** Estimated dates of Onion Delivery
- May 21:** Malta Armed Forces Day Parade
- May 29:** Crown Point Parade
- June 3-4:** Basket Auction at Ballston Spa Elks Club, set-up on Sat., June 3rd, Auction on Sunday, June 4th
- June 10:** Saratoga Springs Flag Day Parade, setup and post parade refreshments at Saratoga Masonic Lodge
- June 14:** Executive Board Meeting at the Queensbury Masonic Lodge, all nobles are welcome
- July 4:** Imperial is not until next week this year, let's all help the Keystone Kops were their parades
- July 8-13:** Imperial Session at Daytona Beach
- July 19-23:** Stay Alert: There may be some early Circuses
- July 19:** Tentative Date, Executive Board Meeting
- August 6:** Schuylerville Turning Point Parade
- August 19:** Warrensburg Lodge Annual Lobster Bake
- August 23:** Executive Board Meeting at the Queensbury Masonic Lodge, all nobles are welcome

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# Recorder's Corner

III. WILLIAM B. FINK, JR., PP  
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## Membership! Membership! Membership!

My Nobles, we are at a very critical stage in the history of Oriental Temple. Not counting a few nobles who belong to Oriental in addition to their Mother Temple, our membership stands at 302. This is a very critical number because if we drop below 300, Imperial will classify us as a Temple that is in serious trouble – they will question our ability to stand alone as a viable Shrine Center. We are only two nobles above that number and we have exactly 100 nobles who are 80 years old or older. Our average age is 72. Our youngest noble is 32.

With so many elderly nobles, we can expect the Black Camel to deplete our ranks significantly over the next year! We need to replace those nobles and make sure that we add to our membership as well!

This is not an impossible task! Go to your Blue Lodge and look around – I know that you will see many brothers who are not Shriners, and you will see many brothers who are YOUNG!

Talk to them about the Shrine. Hand them a petition. Invite them to a Shrine function – perhaps a club or unit meeting. That's all it took to get me involved. Many of you have heard the story how the late Noble Bob Turo did just that to me. After I joined I thought I would be a "Dues Card Carrying Shriner" but someone invited me to a Saratoga Shrine Club meeting. Kathy had fun, so we came back the next month. The rest is history. I am a Past Potentate and your Recorder!

You can do the same. It has to happen or Oriental will cease to exist. Your Divan is working hard on this problem, but they cannot do it alone. They need all of your help.

# Flags

## Shriner's Pledge of Allegiance

"I pledge allegiance to my Flag and to the country for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."

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I don't want to be too pessimistic, but these are the facts. Let's have a positive membership year!

**STATEMENT**

Recorder's Office

**◆ ORIENTAL SHRINE HOSPITAL FUND ◆**

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From: Noble \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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# The Potentate's Message



**Family, Fun and Fraternity**

Nobles and Ladies,

First, I had thought being elected to the Board of Directors of the Board of Governors of the Boston Hospital would be the best thing that ever happened to me in Masonry and Shriners. However, that is now a distant second to being elected to be your Potentate for 2017. As I said at the installation I'll try to continue the momentum of the last four years established by Potentates Garhartt, Grogan, Abraham and Harris.

At the installation party, my oldest son, James (on the far right of the above picture next to his wife, Sarah) told me that he could see why I would want to spend time with all of you, an enjoyable and fun group of people. Next to Sarah is the middle child, my daughter Julie, who was happy to spend a day on her own while husband Seth stayed home to referee the four kids, Jolene (age 9), Bruce (7), Everett (4) and Verity (2). On my right is my youngest son, Nick, with his wife Jill, and their six-month-old daughter, Samantha (Sammie) on my lap. Of course, in front of me is Lady Juli without whom I could not and would not set upon this task. My family had fun as did I hope all of you, and that sets the theme for 2017.

I put the message on my pin of "Fun and Fraternity" for that is how the Shriners began with 13 Masons who loved Freemasonry but also wanted to have a good time. At the Assistant Rabban school that I attended in 2014, we were encouraged to always remember the two F's, "Fun and Fraternity" and that would be the roadmap to both retaining and getting new members.

This message from Imperial Sir Jerry Gantt at last year's Imperial Session was that the hospitals are in good shape but the fraternity suffers from declining membership. This message has been echoed locally by newly elected Imperial Outer Guard Kevin Costello. He has revived the old "Get One" slogan and hopes we would each bring in Mason to be a Shriner. While it would be nice for every member to get a member, let's start small and at least try to get one from every Lodge from which we regularly attend. We have the support of Grand Master Jeffrey Williamson who supports the Shriners and promotes us at every opportunity.

By the time this message has been read the fun for 2017 will have already begun with the parade at the Lake George Winter Carnival and the Super Bowl Party. The family in the picture above are all hoping for the fifth victory by New England in the last 16 years. But for the Patriots to have even been in seven of those sixteen games is a New York Yankee type of dynasty. The Lake George parade is a fun exercise to see if we can march and beat the rest of the village population to the tables in Duffy's Tavern. Our record in that race is pretty good.

With football season behind us we'll start to move on to the more serious parades at the Saranac Lake Winter Carnival and back to Lake George for their St. Patrick's Day Parade. (St. Patrick's Day is always a special day of remembrance for me as it is my Grandmother Vooy's birthday; and with the name of Matilda, her Irish heritage is unquestioned.) Each parade is always a fun day of fellowship for us and we reap the applause from the crowds for the good works done by our hospital system.

In this edition of the News, you will find the reservation form for the Potentate's Ball to be held on April 8th.

We are the owners of the greatest Philanthropy in the world and our next commitment is to have fun and fellowship while attracting more worthy nobles and their ladies to share in the experience.

JAMES D. VOOYS, Illustrious Potentate

## Do You Know?

BYRON MOAK, PP, Historian

### — Answers to December Questions —



1a.) Twenty years ago, in December 1996, the Potentate of Oriental Shriners was Ill. Terry A. Morgan.

b.) In 1996, the First Lady of Oriental Shriners was Lady Sandy Morgan.

c.) At the Cold Sands and Christmas Party on December 14, 1996, Chief Rabban Craig H. Cashman was elected Potentate of Oriental Shriners.

d.) Ill. Craig H. Cashman's lady was Lady Martha Cashman.

e.) The year 1997 was considered an important year in Shrinedom because it was the 125th year since the founding of the Shrine and the 75th anniversary of the creation of the first Shrine Hospital for Children.

f.) In 1997, St. Louis was the host for the 123rd Imperial Session.

2.) In the 1990s, members of Oriental Temple were encouraged to collect and save Campbell's labels as a project in order to redeem the labels for free school equipment that could be used for the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

3.) The Potentate's Ball, 20 years ago, on April 12, 1997, was held at the Howard Johnson Resort Lodge in Lake Placid.



### Questions for January

#### — Answers in next issue —

1.) The 128th Tournament of Roses Parade was held in Pasadena, California, on January 2, 2017, since New Year's Day fell on a Sunday.

a.) How often has Shrine International submitted a float for the Tournament of Roses Parade?

b.) What was this year's Shrine float entry?

c.) Who were the people that rode on this year's Shrine float?

d.) What is the significance of this year's Shrine float?

e.) Why will Shriners return to Pasadena later in 2017?

2.) The East-West Shrine Game will be played in St. Petersburg, Florida, on January 21, 2017.

a.) When did this college football game begin?

b.) Why is this football game significant?

c.) How can people help with this game if they can't attend personally?

3a.) When will the annual "Burn Awareness" campaign begin?

b.) Who are "Boots and Brewster"?

c.) How can members of the Shrine family become involved in this campaign?



## Shrine Imperial Session

July 9-13, 2017

Daytona Beach, FL

### Pease Note:

We had one donation for the Holiday Page come in after it was printed . . .

Noble Edward Pavlic, Ambassador

## Annual Meeting & Installation of Officers Held January 14th at Shrine Center





# Oriental Shriners Potentate's Ball



## April 7-9, 2017

Illustrious James D. Vooy's and Lady Juli cordially invite you to the

### 2017 Oriental Shriners Potentate's Ball

At the Embassy Suites by Hilton, Saratoga Springs, NY, in the Grand Ballroom

#### Hotel

Embassy Suites  
86 Congress Street  
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Rooms are available for  
\$149 per night, plus tax

Room reservations due by  
**March 7, 2017**

Please make your room reservations  
directly with the hotel  
(3 p.m. check-in)

Mention the blocked rooms listed as  
Oriental Shriners "Potentate's Ball"  
(518) 290-9090

#### Hospitality in the Skidmore Room

will be open at 4 p.m. Friday  
(with a dinner-on-your-own break)  
Saturday, 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. & after the Ball

#### Formal Dress for the Ball

Gentlemen – Tuxedo or dark suit & fez  
Ladies – Gown or cocktail dress

Cocktails & Light Fare at 6 p.m. – cash bar  
Introductions at 7 p.m.  
Immediately followed by dinner

Music will be provided by Electric Blue  
for your dancing & entertainment pleasure  
until 11 p.m.

Sunday breakfast at 9 a.m. in the  
State Seal Room

### Oriental Shriners

### April 8, 2017 Potentate's Ball Dinner Reservation Form

Please send  
meal reservations  
by **March 21** to the  
Ceremonial Master:

Noble Paul Kahian  
1400 Crescent Rd. #404  
Clifton Park, NY 12065  
(518) 364-1037

Please indicate arrival date:  
 Friday, April 7  
 Saturday, April 8

Noble's Name, Title		Lady's Name	
Address			
Phone and/or email		Temple Name & Number	
<b>Dinner Choices</b>		<b>Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Grilled NY Strip Steak – Lager Onion Demi Glace – \$55			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pan Roasted Duck Breast – Orange Thyme jus lié – \$55			
<input type="checkbox"/> Broiled Swordfish – Porcini Cream Sauce – \$55			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sunday Breakfast with the Potentate \$10</b>			

Please make checks payable to Oriental Shriners

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## Plan Now to Attend the 2017 Imperial Session



The 2017 Imperial Session of Shriners International is scheduled for Sunday, July 9 through Thursday, July 13 in Daytona Beach, Fla. Located on the beautiful east coast of Florida, the city is home to the "World's Most Famous Beach;" a mecca for motorsports, the Daytona International Speedway; and a wide variety of family-friendly attractions.

### Discover Daytona Beach

Daytona Beach is internationally known for its beautiful, hard-packed white sandy beaches that span 23 miles. The Daytona beaches are perfect for shelling, swimming, surfing, parasailing, paddle boarding and kayaking. Visitors can enjoy a scenic drive like none other and bring their cars right up on the beach and cruise along the sand. Families will also love the many beachfront splash parks, beach volleyball courses and jungle gyms located along the shoreline.

The famous Daytona Beach Boardwalk and Pier is a combination of amusement parks, restaurants and shops, all right on the beach. A premier entertainment center, the boardwalk features outdoor and indoor rides, a classic arcade, a giant Ferris wheel, the Sandblaster Roller Coaster, go karts, and plenty of live entertainment including concerts and street performers. Fireworks light the sky over the boardwalk every Saturday night from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

A trip to Daytona Beach cannot be complete without a visit to the world-famous Daytona International Speedway, home of "The Great American Race," the DAYTONA 500. The enormous 480-acre motorsports complex has earned the title of "World Center of Racing," and features the

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Daytona Beach offers so much to see and experience. Discover the area's rich history by exploring its many parks, natural preserves and historic sites; climb to the top of the tallest lighthouse in Florida, the Ponce de Leon Inlet Lighthouse and Museum; soften your spikes at any of the first-rate Daytona Beach golf courses; or take advantage of the many scenic cruising opportunities. Motorcyclists, motorists and bicyclists alike come from all over the world to ride the streets along the Atlantic, including the Ormond Scenic Loop – locally known as "The Loop" – a 33-mile route that combines tree-lined, canopied roads with acres of untouched natural beauty.

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For more information, please visit [imperial2017.com](http://imperial2017.com).

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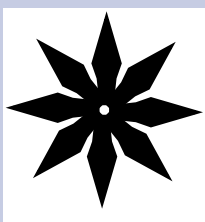
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