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Elected Imperial Potentate

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 And fold their tents and steal away  
 To the land where the crystal waters flow,  
 Where the beautiful Palms of Allah grow.*

- Dormer Faulknor — 2-3-09
- Bernard Woolman — 1-17-13
- George Hart — 5-13-14
- Frank Reynolds — 6-18-15

**Do You Know?**

**BYRON MOAK, PP, Historian**

**— Answers to June Questions —**

1a.) At the Imperial Session in Chicago, 25 years ago in 1990, a benefit baseball game to help the then called Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children was played between the Chicago White Sox and the Detroit Tigers on July 2, 1990.

b.) This baseball game, on behalf of the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children, was considered part of history, since it was the 80th and final year at old Comiskey Park.

2a.) In 1984, the Shriners organization especially remembered former President Harry S. Truman on the 100th anniversary of his birth. Truman, who died on December 26, 1972, had been an active Free Mason, a Shriner, Grand Master (Missouri), and our 33rd President.

b.) Every Shrine Center was directed to designate one Truman class of new Shriners during 1984.

c.) Every new noble in this Truman class (1984) and his top line signer in that class, would receive a limited edition bronze coin bearing Truman's likeness.



d.) Every new noble would also receive a handsome certificate for framing.

3.) In 2015, Dr. John Burke, M.D., was to be inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame. As a member

of the staff at Shriners Hospitals for Children in Boston, he developed artificial skin. This development was most important to our burns patients.

4a.) According to the Oriental News, the Ticonderoga Shrine Club participated in the Crown Point Parade on May 30, 1983.

b.) The Potentate of Oriental in 1983 was Ill. Garth Newton.

c.) When Oriental Shriners participates in the Crown Point Parade every Memorial Day, we use the grounds and facilities for our picnic at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Roman Catholic Church in Crown Point.

d.) Arrangements to use the church at the Memorial Day festivities is made by Ill. Richard Wilson (1998).

**July-August Questions**

**— Answers in next Issue —**

1a.) At the recent 141st Imperial Session in Houston, Texas, what new Shrine Center was chartered?

b.) In what foreign country is this new Shrine Center located?

c.) What is the charter number of this new Shrine Center?

2a.) Where will the next five Imperial Sessions (142nd-146th) be held from 2016-2020?

b.) Have these locations hosted previous Shrine Imperial Sessions?

3.) What famous golfer who does advertisements for Shriners Hospitals is a Shriner?

4.) In the state of the Shrine Hospitals Report, given at the Houston Imperial Session, how is third party pay benefitting the hospitals?

5.) What important medical collaboration has developed with the Shriners Hospitals for Children and was discussed at the 141st Imperial Session in Houston?

6.) At the 141st Imperial Session in Houston, who was elected as President of the Colorado Corporation?

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# THE POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



## Report on the Imperial Session, July 5 - 9

**Oriental Shrine** was very well represented in Houston with 29 nobles and ladies in attendance. In addition to the Oriental representatives, we were joined by Nobles and Ladies from **Cyprus, Cairo, and Mt. Sinai** Temples. We stayed at Houston's Westin Downtown hotel, whose staff readily and patiently accommodated all our needs.

A total of 57 nobles and ladies from the four combined Temples sociably shared a generously supplied hospitality room during our stay. We enjoyed a delicious Temple dinner on Monday, and Tuesday evening, we were appreciatively treated to a dozen pizzas and dozens of wings generously donated by **III. Dick Gibbons** and **Lady Margaret**, continuing a "pizza & wing night" tradition. As always when Shriners get together, there was fellowship and considerable conversation and enough adult thirst quenchers to stimulate countless jokes, jabs, and laughs throughout the week.

The Imperial's entertainment was Wednesday evening when nobles and ladies were thoroughly entertained by the Texas Tenors. The Tenors were finalists on "America's Got Talent" about six years ago and now perform in concerts around the country. Their rendition of **God Bless the USA** brought everyone in the audience up on their feet, and in true Shriner custom raised their clasped hands high in the air and proudly sang right along with them. To say the experience was outstanding is truly an understatement.

The Imperial Session itself did have some surprises:

- Iowa Corporation Representatives voted to approve a \$15 per capita increase for dues;
- III. Dale Stauss defeated III. Doug Maxwell to assume the role of President of Shriners Hospitals;
- Kevin Costello, 2014 Past Potentate from Cyprus, was defeated in his attempt to gain a seat as a Hospital Trustee;
- The 196th Shrine Temple was added from Brazil.

The 2014 Shrine PGA/FedEx Cup Golf Tournament was held in Las Vegas. Representatives were informed, regrettably, that the tournament ran at a \$4 million deficit. The rationale given by Imperial for the expenditure was "the golf tournament gives us exposure in the PGA and on television, as it was broadcast live on the Golf Channel." Once again, the 2015 Shrine PGA/FedEx Cup Golf Tournament is scheduled to be held in Las Vegas this October 19-25.

To all nobles and ladies who were able to attend the 2015 Imperial Session, thank you. Lady Leslie and I sincerely hope you had an enjoyable time and found the accommodations comfortable and suitable for our purposes. Special thanks go to those who devoted their efforts and personal time to make the Hospitality Room comfortable, inviting, and well-furnished: **III. Tom Nicholson** and **Lady SueAnn** and **Noble Walter Cunniff** and **Lady Claudia**. You make a great team -- It would not have run as smoothly and successfully without all of you working together. Your dedicated work demonstrates that you, too, believe in the cause!

**Next year, Tampa beckons!**

Yours in the Faith,  
THOMAS W. ABRAHAM  
Illustrious Potentate 2015

## STATED MEETING



of Oriental Shriners

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**Sat., October 10, 2015**  
**Oriental Shrine Center**  
**12 noon**

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**Y**ou are hereby requested to attend a Stated Meeting of Oriental Shriners on Saturday, October 10, 2015, at 12 noon at the Oriental Shrine Center, 75 Water Plant Road, Troy, for the purpose of balloting on petitions, filling vacant officer positions, bylaw changes, and other business which may be brought before the Temple.

Your attendance will be appreciated by Illustrious Tom Abraham and his Divan officers.

The regular monthly meeting will follow the Stated meeting.

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## Shriners Rock with Foreigner and Kid Rock

On July 2nd, Foreigner and Kid Rock came to SPAC and played to several thousand fans.

Prior to and during the shows, Oriental Temple was visible and active. We were asked to sell Kid Rock and Foreigner CDs . . . and sell we did! Early information from the promotional staff indicated our efforts will bring just over \$2500, which will go directly to the hospitals.



Special thanks to Noble Chuck Sommers for coordinating this opportunity. Nobles Robert Harris, Jim Vooyoys, Tom Nicholson, Gaylord Hawley, and our newest Noble, Raphael Jean-Baptiste and Potentate Tom Abraham were all out selling as were Ladies Leslie, Julie and Dawn. We all had a good time selling and getting sneak peaks at the concerts as well!

Ill. Tom and Noble Chuck were on stage three times promoting the CDs, the drawing for an autographed guitar, and of course, talking about Shriners; they received a great round of applause!

Recognition and thanks also go to Ill. Past Potentate Thomas Nicholson and Noble Robert Harris for bringing a strong contingency of enthusiastic volunteers from each of their workplaces to help in this worthy opportunity.

Great job by all! Working together, we were able to bring additional funds to our hospitals and again remind people what Shriners do. Congratulations for your commitment and for demonstrating that you believe in the cause.

# Flags

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## *Sportsmen's Raffle is Quickly Approaching*



### **Oriental Shrine Temple is sponsoring its 2nd annual Sportsmen's Raffle**

**When:** October 17, 2015, 1-4 p.m.

**Where:** Oriental Shrine Temple, 75 Water Plant Road, Troy

There are **51 sportsman-related items** to be raffled.

A complete list is on the back of each ticket; here are just a few of the pieces:

**What:** 2 Henry Lever action .22LR; 2 game cameras; electric auger; Ruger 10/22; Ruger .17 HM 12Cal; 20 gauge H&R Shotgun, gun case, ice shelter, a kayak...and many more quality items!

**Tickets** are \$20. Your ticket and attendance give you these benefits: Opportunity to win sportsmen's raffle items as listed, receive a door prize ticket, and a light lunch will be provided. All who attend the raffle will also have ample opportunity to win **cash!** You need not be present to win raffle items.

We will also have the drawing for a **very special item:** A **Bowie knife** beautifully handcrafted with the **Shrine** crescent and scimitar perfectly displayed on the blade and presented in a beautiful wooden box. This was specially created by one of our own, **Noble Mark Bertsche**. Tickets are just \$5 each; only 200 tickets will be available for your purchase. Please see or contact Potentate Tom Abraham for your chance to win this uniquely exceptional keepsake item.

Our goal is to sell at least 1,000 sportsmen raffle tickets. Support the Oriental Shrine by buying a ticket...or two or three..., selling tickets to your contacts, attending the function, sharing in the fellowship and participating in the fun of chance!

To obtain raffle tickets, **contact Potentate Tom Abraham** at 642-9404 or at [twabraham@hotmail.com](mailto:twabraham@hotmail.com).

*It is open to all who wish to attend  
including non-Shriners, so bring a friend!*

All proceeds to benefit Oriental Shriners, Troy, NY. Donations are not tax deductible.

## *Looking Forward to Upcoming Fall Raffles*

**Quilt** — **Lady Marjorie Durling** (Cambridge Shrine) has very kindly donated a beautiful quilt she fashioned called "Raining Cats & Dogs." As quilters know, it takes many long hours and meticulous work to create a piece of professional quality . . . and this quilt is beautifully done and easily falls into that category! It is Lady Marjorie's request that the donations go directly to the Children's Hospitals. The raffle will be spearheaded by **Lady Jacque Harris** and the winner will be announced at the Installation of New Officers at the Oriental Temple on Saturday, January 9, 2016.

**Tiffany & Co. Jewelry** — **Ill. Steve Flatt & Lady Julie** have very generously donated a very beautiful 20 carat blue chalcedony drop necklace on an 18-inch Sterling silver chain with matching 20 carat (total weight) drop pierced earrings, retail valued at \$1400. These tickets will be available in September and the drawing will be at the Christmas Party at the Oriental Temple on Saturday, December 12.

**Tickets will go on sale in September ~~ Fabulous items ~~ Good luck!**



## Do These Individuals Look Familiar?

You guessed right if you said the folks you see in the F-4 jet are **Ill. Dick Gibbons** and **Lady Margaret**.

Rumor has it they were hoping to take the plane for a quick joy ride and to buzz the tower. Illustrious Dick, however, had second thoughts and was concerned for Lady Margaret's safety. In addition, the tower stated the pattern was full and denied take-off.

**Keep the Aluminum Tabs Coming –  
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# Oriental Shriners Fall Ceremonial

*Illustrious Thomas W. Abraham  
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## 2015 Fall Ceremonial

*At the Holiday Inn Resort, Lake George, NY*

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 Saturday, October 31

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## *The Circus is Coming to Town!*



### Oriental Shrine's annual **Shrine Circus**

is the largest fundraiser the Temple oversees  
and it is just around the corner!

How can you participate in this fundraising campaign?

1. **Become a Circus Daddy or Circus Mom** (\$50 to become a Dad; \$10 more and you have the circus Mom!)
2. How about **assisting** by **directing** traffic in the parking lot; **selling** or **taking** tickets; **giving** out clown noses, **handing** out Shrine information; **welcoming** attendees; **showing** your pride as a Shrine Noble and Lady!

Here are the dates, locations, and show times:

- **September 18<sup>th</sup>**: *Plattsburgh*, Cinema Field, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
- **September 19<sup>th</sup>**: *Lake George*, Charles R. Wood Park, 2:30 & 5 p.m.
- **September 20<sup>th</sup>**: *Glens Falls*, Crandall Park, 2:00 & 4:30 p.m.
- **September 21<sup>th</sup>**: *Amsterdam*, Field, 5:00 & 7:30 p.m.

What a great way to get information out about the Shrine and be visibly active and wearing the fez or Shrine shirts at major local events that attract both adults and children. Your participation is needed and greatly appreciated!

For more information contact Barry Trasacco, Shrine Circus Chairman, at 518-480-3982.

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## ~ Oriental at Imperial Session ~





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