

# THE *Oriental*

NEWS

**ORIENTAL SHRINERS #7 - 1877 — TROY, NY**



Oriental Shriners Run at Daytona International Speedway!



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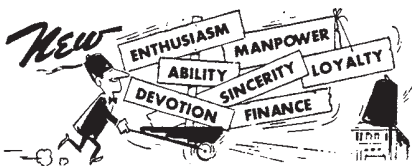
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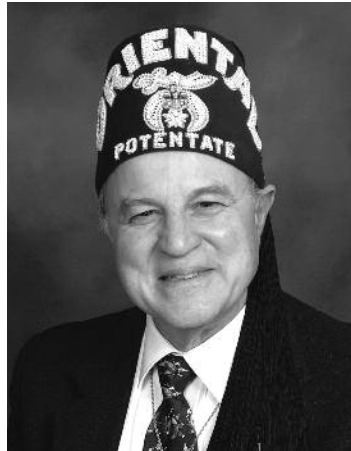
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# THE POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



## We Get By with A Little Help From Our Friends

Nobles and Ladies,

The above are words from a great song by the Beatles. Just one of the songs played by the tribute band "Fab Four" as entertainment at this year's Imperial Session but one that was very appropriate as we put together the circus performances for 2017. Barry "Full House" Trasacco and Lady Linda outdid themselves with nine performances at five different sites. The "help from our friends" came in the form of donated dumpsters, cut-rates on porta-potty rentals, and circus sites. At the last minute in Amsterdam we found that our usual site had some ongoing construction work requiring a last minute relocation. With all the posters and tickets printed we had to notify people of the change. RR Donnelly Construction of Mechanicville loaned us the use of an electronic sign that we could put at the entrance of the old site directing people to the new site on Route 29. Early setup of the sign by the crew of High Priest and Prophet Dan Saville resulted in the first of four absolute sell-outs of our circus performances this year. It's humbling to be a Shriner when people and businesses reach out to help us carry out our mission to help kids.

The most pleasant surprise of the Imperial Session was the announcement of Emily Mellish as one of the new patient ambassadors of Shriners Hospitals for Children. Many of you have met Emily as she attended many NYOSA meetings and Temple functions. She has been a patient at the Erie Hospital since her birth 11 years ago. As the first dancer on the floor to the Fab Four she showed that there is no limit to her energy and attitude despite her many surgeries over the years. Her effort to give back to the Shriners by making bracelets for her "Beads for Needs" Foundation has raised nearly \$80,000 for Shriners Hospitals.

Our first choice for the Temple Dinner at Imperial, reserved over a year ago, was still under renovation from last year's hurricane. Once again, our friends stepped in to help, as Potentate Wayne Towne of Ziyara, was trying to put together a NYOSA group dinner at their hotel. So Oriental dined with Ziyara, Mecca, Media, and Ismailia at the top the Shores Hotel. A spectacular view and a great opportunity to socialize with the other Shriners and their ladies from the other NYOSA Temples.

The 143rd Imperial Session in Daytona has come and gone and I'm happy to report that Shriners Hospitals for Children and our philanthropy is well managed and financially stable thanks to the dedication of the many people who support our great cause. Among the items voted upon at the session was the change of the year of Shriners International to a fiscal year that corresponds to the election of the Imperial line in July of each year. This only makes sense as the Imperial Potentate has a year and budget that clearly is his responsibility from his election in July to the next June, just prior to the election of the next Potentate. All Temples and the hospital system will continue to operate on a calendar year.

New Imperial Potentate Gary J. Bergenske can be congratulated for putting on a great Imperial Session that ran like clockwork. Quite a feat considering that we lost Imperial Sir and Recorder Jack Jones just prior to the session. The transportation system was better than anyone anticipated and our chosen hotel was one to the first stops on the route. The one floor setup of the Marketplace and Convention Center reminded one of the Indianapolis session as opposed to the daunting stairways of Tampa. Somehow I never made out to the food trucks for one of the lobster rolls, something I'll be sure to correct next year.

Imperial Session for 2021 was announced by newly elected Imperial High Priest and Prophet Jim Smith as a return to Houston, Texas. Imperial Sir Smith is the one who emphasized to me the two F's, "Fun and Fraternity" which is on my pin, and his

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## DON Supreme Queen Visits Cyrene Temple

For the first time in 25 years, Daughters of the Nile has a Supreme Queen (equivalent to the Imperial Potentate) from New York State! Her Supreme Majesty Karen L. Keuther,



Supreme Queen of the Supreme Temple Daughters of the Nile, was installed at Supreme Session on June 15, 2017. She is a member of Athor Temple No. 19, Buffalo, NY.

During her year as Supreme Queen, she visits all 137 Nile

temples in the U.S. and Canada, as well as all 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children®. On Monday, July 24, 2017, her travels brought her to Cyrene Temple No. 18, Albany/Troy, NY.

Our afternoon session was held at the Oriental Shrine Center. Total attendance was close to 75 Princesses! Included were two past Supreme Queens: PSQ Betty Nohle, 1992, Zama Temple No.14, Rochester, NY, and Supreme Princess Recorder and PSQ Eleanor Green, 2007, Ahlem Temple No. 84, Springfield, MA.

Attendees came from all over New York State, several New England states, and as far as Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. There were at least five Supreme Temple appointive officers (usually only one or two), and many others with Supreme appointments.

Members from several Nile temples helped to fill the offices for the Ceremonial. Their help is greatly appreciated.

Though there was not a new member to initiate, Princess Joanne Dyer portrayed the Exemplifying Candidate. We hope to hold another ceremonial soon to initiate a new member.

Following the Session, a banquet to honor the Supreme Queen was held at the Colonie Elks Club. There were about 55 attendees, including nobles from Cyprus No. 5, Oriental No. 7, and Ziyara No. 11. Present for the social hour only, were two representatives of Hudson Valley No. 43, International Order of Rainbow for Girls. One gave a short talk before dinner was served.

Cyrene Queen SueAnn Nicholson introduced Cyrene's officers. She was accompanied by Ill. Sir Thomas K. Nicholson, PP.

Because of our location, Cyrene Temple has ties to two Shrine Centers, Cyprus in Albany and Oriental in Troy. Ill. Sir Anthony Prizzia (his Lady was unable to attend) of Cyprus and Ill. Sir James D. Vooyo and Lady Julianne of Oriental were present and both Potentates were invited to say a few words and introduce their members. Ill. Sir Jim, as Oriental's representative to the Board of Governors – Boston, also spoke about the hospital. Cyprus' representative to the Springfield Board of Governors, Noble Gerald Irwin, spoke about that hospital.

Supreme Queen Karen L. Keuther was the last speaker of the evening. Thus ended a full day.

Sally O. Lebowich  
2002 and 2009 Queen

**New Members Needed!**

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## Potentate's Message

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session is being billed as "Fun in 2021." Before we get there we will be entertained again in Daytona next year followed by Nashville in 2019 and Kansas City in 2020. If you can't look forward to having fun at the next four sessions you just aren't trying.

New Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske is making membership development his priority for his year. His program announced at the Imperial Session is now making its way through the realm. The slogan "I Am Committed Now. RU?" is being sent out on banners, pins and referral cards. The goal is 12,000 new creations by next year's Imperial Session. The program will continue using Beashiner-now.com along with a new WebFez referral system. Oriental has been asked to do a baker's dozen (that's 13, but who's counting) of creations as a goal by next July.

We were no sooner back from Imperial than on July 18th, we did our annual fund raiser for Shriners Hospitals selling CD's at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center. This year's performances were by Foreigner and Cheap Trick and the CD for sale was the Foreigner 40th Anniversary edition. The crew assembled by Noble Chuck Sommer sold 357 CD's for which Shriners Hospitals will receive \$1,785. In addition we collected \$244 of donations to the hospitals from people that didn't want to buy a CD but wanted to give money to the hospitals. The winner of the drawing for the Foreigner guitar was a local woman known to many of the Glens Falls Shriners.

After one day of rest we began the circus tour with Chairman Barry Trasacco and Lady Linda. Six days later we had been to Amsterdam, Lake George, Hudson Falls, Whitehall and Mooers with standing room only attendance at four out of five sites. Assistant Rabban and Circus Chairman Barry Trasacco seems to have had a record year when compared to the last five or six years and the Circus Daddy and Moms also came through with a bit more this year. The combination of the Zerbini Family Circus and our site selections

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pulled in the crowds.

Soon we will be returning to our lodge meetings along with Shrine Club meetings. Let's get the membership drive started at the lodges and add to those creations already scheduled for the Ceremonial scheduled for October 28th. We got by with a little help from our friends this summer but we can always use more friends.

Yours in the faith,  
**JAMES D. VOOYS,**  
 Illustrious Potentate

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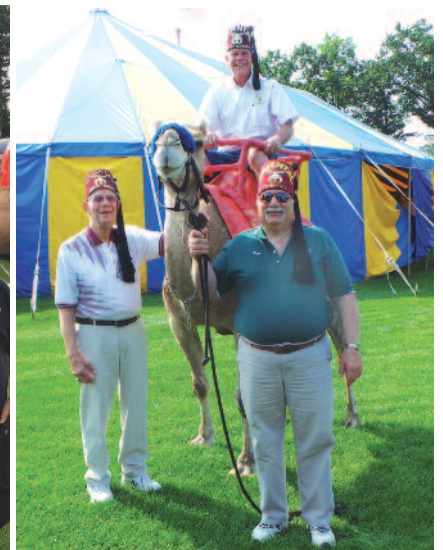
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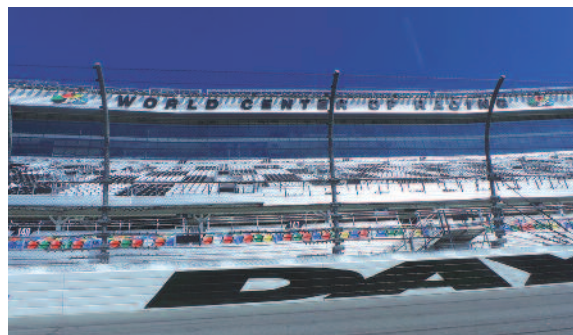
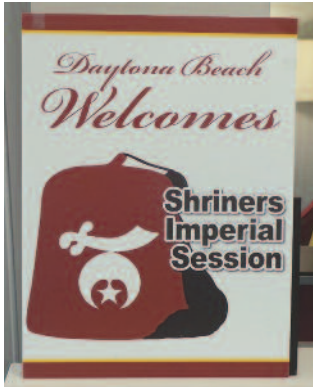
Circus Chairman Barry "Full House" Trasacco and Lady Linda outdid themselves by scheduling the Zerbini Family Circus for nine performances at five different sites. At the last minute in Amsterdam we found that our usual site had some ongoing construction work requiring a last-minute relocation by Barry and Tim Grogan. With all the posters and tickets printed we had to notify people of the change. RR Donnelly Construction of Mechanicville loaned us the use of an electronic sign that we could put at the entrance of the old site directing people to the new site on Route 29. Early setup of the signs by the crew of High Priest and

Prophet Dan Saville resulted in the first of four absolute sell-outs of our circus performances this year.

Chief Rabban Gaylord Hawley and the Keystone Kops came up big again this year with their role as circus volunteers. We also received a visit from clowns from Melha in Springfield at the Fort Edward circus site. By the time we reached Mooers in the North Country we were down to the Circus Committee of Barry and Linda, Tom and Leslie Abraham, Tim Grogan, and the Potentate and Lady Juli. Another sellout with people happy to see a circus in Mooers for the first time that they could remember.



*2017 Imperial Session ~ July 8-14 ~ Daytona Beach, Florida*



# Oriental Shriners

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## 2017 Fall Ceremonial

### Saturday, October 28, 2017



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Warrensburg Masonic Temple – Main St., Warrensburg  
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Hospitality room will be open Friday 3:30-11 pm and again Saturday 12 noon 'til 4:30 pm  
reopening at 10 pm 'til 12 pm

Cash Bar at 6:00 pm ~ Dinner at 7:00 pm  
Dinner and Dancing ~ 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm

This year, the Fall Ceremonial will be a

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## Do You Know?

BYRON MOAK, PP, Historian

— Answers to June Questions —

1.) Six cities in New York State have hosted Imperial Sessions since 1876: Albany (3), Buffalo (1), New York City (12), Niagara Falls (2), Rochester (1), and Saratoga Springs (1).

2a.) The last Imperial Session held in New York State was in New York City in 1977.

b.) The Imperial Potentate at the beginning of the Imperial Session in New York City in 1977 was Peter Val Preda of Cairo Shriners.

c.) The Imperial Potentate at the conclusion of the Imperial Session in New York City in 1977 was Fred R. Morrison of Moslem Shriners.

d.) The Potentate of Oriental Shriners in 1977 was Ill. James C. Melvin.

Questions for July-August

— Answers in next Issue —

1a.) At the Shriners Imperial Session in Daytona Beach, Florida, in July 2017, nobles from what two countries asked for a dispensation to create new Shrine Centers or Temples?

b.) If these two proposed two Shrine Centers or Temples are created, how many Shrine Centers or Temples will there be?

c.) What would be the names of these new Shrine Centers or Temples?

d.) How many active International Shrine Clubs now exist?

2a.) Who is the new Imperial Potentate who was elected and installed at the Imperial Session in Daytona Beach?.

b.) Of what Shrine Center is he a member?

c.) Where is this Shrine Center located?

3a.) Where was it announced that the Imperial Session will be held in 2021?

b.) How many Imperial Sessions have previously been held in this city?

## Tour of Erie, PA Shriners Hospital

Following the close of the 101st Supreme Session of Daughters of the Nile held in Niagara Falls, NY, a post-tour was held to visit the Shriners Hospitals for Children® in Erie, PA on Friday, June 16, 2017. Cyrene Temple No. 18's representatives, Past Queens Rosemary Caruso, Patricia Irwin, and Sally Lebowich, and Recorder Beverly Harrington, and (Cyprus) Nobles James Caruso and Gerald Irwin, joined other Nile Princesses and a few nobles to fill two large tour buses. It was a two hour ride from Niagara Falls, NY to Erie, PA.

The Erie hospital is considerably smaller than the Springfield, Boston, and Montreal hospitals. All treatment is done on an outpatient basis. Day surgery, including pre- and post-operative care is done here. Those patients requiring overnight stays go to either the Philadelphia or Pittsburgh Shriners hospitals. Besides services like gait measurement, occupational therapy and physical therapy, speech therapy draws many patients. The Shriners hospital fills a big void in the area for children's health care.

As in the other Shriners hospitals, bright colors and decorations abound to make it child-friendly. The post-op area even boasts a large lighthouse!

Daughters of the Nile has contributed more than two million dollars to the Erie hospital.

As always, a visit to a Shriners hospital is stimulating and recommended. Erie was the seventh Shriners hospital visited by this writer.

Sally O. Lebowich



Erie Pre-Op Room



Daughters of the Nile Plaque at Erie Hospital

**Save the Date ... Saturday, December 2nd**

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### Foreigner Concert CD Sale at SPAC

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