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Do You Know?

BYRON MOAK, PP, Historian

— Answers to June Questions —

1.) Our 84th Potentate, Ill. Robert A. Rabe, passed away in May of this year.

a.) The First Lady of Oriental in 1991 was Lady Audrey.

b.) Ill. Robert A. Rabe's predecessor as Potentate of Oriental was Ill. Kenneth Stannard in 1990.

c.) Ill. Robert A. Rabe's successor as Potentate of Oriental was Ill. Richard H. Pelham in 1992.

d. (1) The Potentate's Ball was held on April 6-7, 1991, at Lake Placid's Mirror Lake Inn.

(2) The Chairman for the Potentate's Ball was Noble Craig Cashman who was Potentate of Oriental in 1997.

e.) When the Montreal Shrine Hospital began a new form of examination to aid clinical and research activities just prior to 1991, the new device, known as a densitometer, permitted hospital personnel to access bone density in different areas of the growing skeleton.

f. (1) The Imperial Session, from July 1-5, 1991, was held in San Francisco, California?

(2) The nobles and ladies of Oriental, while in San Francisco, stayed at the Rafael, a 3-star hotel in downtown San Francisco.

(3) The nobles and ladies of Oriental who took the tour of the San Francisco area, saw the Giant Redwood trees.

(4) The Imperial Potentate at the start of the 117th Imperial Session was Ill. Joseph P. Padgett of Islam Shriners.

(5) Elected Potentate at the 117th Imperial Session was Ill. John W. Dean III, of Lu Lu Shriners.

g. (1) The Spring Ceremonial of Oriental was held on May 18, 1991, at the Ramada Inn in Lake George.

(2) The Chairman for the event was 2nd Ceremonial



Master Terry Morgan, who was future of Oriental in 1996.
 h. (1) The Fall Ceremonial was held on November 9, 1991, at the Ramada Inn and Convention Center in Schenectady?

(2) The Chairman for the event was Captain of the Guard, Noble John Nabors.

i.) On September 29, 1991, a gala celebration and dedication ceremony was held at the new Springfield Hospital, in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Questions for July-August

— Answers in next Issue —

1.) The 144th Imperial Session will be held in Daytona Beach, Florida, from July 15-19, 2018.

a.) How many Imperial Sessions have been held previously in Daytona Beach?

b.) How many Shrine Centers are located in the state of Florida?

c.) Name the Shrine Centers located in Florida?

d. Imperial Potentate, Sir Gary J. Bergenske, is a member of what Shrine Center in Florida?

e.) So children may be born more healthy, what has been the Imperial First Lady Anne Bergenske's program for 2017-18?

f. (1) What is the name of the new member prospect referral program that was first introduced this year?

g. Who is the likely new Imperial Potentate that will be elected in Daytona Beach in July 2018, and what is his Shrine Center?

h. On the Call for the Imperial Session in Daytona Beach were resolutions that would relocate the Twin Cities Shriners Hospital, the Cincinnati Shriners Hospital and the Tampa Shriners Hospital and a moratorium on changes to location and services provided by the Boston Shriners Hospital while negotiations occur with Massachusetts General Hospital. When were each of these Shrine Childrens Hospitals established?

i.) Where is the 145th Imperial Session scheduled to be held?

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THE POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Nobles, Ladies, and Illustrious Sirs,

August is nearly gone, where does the time go? Since our last issue, lots of things have happened. July found many of us at the 144th Imperial Session in Daytona Beach, Florida. I must say it was a very enlightening Session. I will attempt to inform everyone of all that happened when Imperial forwards the proceedings of the Session, there was just too much to try to share here.

July was also a big parade month, and for those of you who were unable to attend, we had good turnout for Argyle, Ticonderoga, Fort Edward, and Speculator. The crowds in Speculator were exceptional and they have asked us to return next year. Thanks to the Norco Clowns for covering Ticonderoga and for their great showing in Speculator. To the Keystone Cops and Parade Chairman Jeff Lindstrand, I can't thank you enough for all your superb efforts!

Then it was Circus time!! Wow! What a tremendous job Barry and Linda Trasacco did this year! For those of you who are unaware, we now call him "Full House" Barry! The amount of work and effort these two put in, should put all of us to shame. Thank you Barry and Linda. Circuses were held in Amsterdam, Schuylerville, Lake George, Hudson Falls, Whitehall, and Plattsburgh. Many thanks also go to Tom & Leslie Abraham, Todd & Tess Bailey, Wendell Beadnell, Alex Bennett, Devin Chanowsky, Dan Couchey, John & Andrea Garhartt, Margaret Gibbons, Harold & Gerry Goodsell, Tim & Shelly Grogan, Steve Hansen, Ed & Anne Kirby, Dan Lambert, Sally Lebowich, Jeff Lindstrand, Paul & Naomi Manning, Jr, Paul Manning, Sr., Chuck Sommer and Jim & Juli Vooy's for all of your hard work and clowning at our Shrine Circuses! We couldn't have done it without you all. If I missed anyone, please accept my sincere apologies. It was truly a great year for our Shrine Circuses!!

September and October are already lining up to be busy too! September 13th, 14th, and 15th is the Northeast Shrine Association gathering in Rutland, Vermont. With a 100% Shriners Parade running through downtown Rutland at 2 PM, I have made this a Temple Function and would hope as many of you as possible can come and support this important event.

October 20th will be the drawing party for this year's Sportsman's Raffle. If you haven't received raffle tickets yet and feel you can sell some, please contact me! Many of you will be receiving tickets in the mail for you to sell, so please do all you can to sell some. Thank you in advance for your efforts in selling! Finally, October 27th is the Fall Ceremonial, to be held again this year at the Holiday Inn - Lake George, NY. Please get some Petitions for Membership out to any relatives, fellow Lodge members, or others whom you feel would make a good Shiner (there is one in the back of every issue of The Oriental News), and share in the fun we all have. We all need to think about who is out there that we can replace ourselves with. The notice for the Fall Ceremonial is on page 7.

Fraternally yours,
GAYLORD HAWLEY
Illustrious Potentate

Increased Attendance at Daytona Imperial Session

Oriental Shriners had one of its biggest groups, compared to the past few years to attend the 2018 Imperial Session this past July. The 20 nobles and ladies from up North were joined by Florida residents Past Potentate Jerry McGarvey and Lady Eileen for many fun days and nights of fun and fellowship. For the representatives the proceedings dragged on a bit as hospital legislation was delayed until a rare busy Thursday session. Once again Ziyara Shriners from Utica organized the NYOSA dinner which has become the Temple dinner the past two years at the Shores Hotel penthouse restaurant with the other NYOSA New York State Temples.



Potentate Gaylord Hawley led the attendees over to the Daytona Speedway for the Walk and Ride for Love and to examine those banked lanes of the racetrack. On the Representatives evening the entire group enjoyed a quick pizza dinner in the hospitality room before heading over to the convention center for a great concert by the Oakridge Boys. On Saturday night a few of us went to the Inlet Grill, newly constructed, as it was supposed to host our Temple dinner in 2017 but instead was washed away by a hurricane. Tuesday night found us at the Riptide, a casual eatery that had become a favorite spot at the prior year's Imperial Session. There were visits to the other many restaurants in the area including the Texas Roadhouse, for those that missed their cuisine from up north and Caribbean Jack's, another seafood grill on the inland water way, and still others took a day trip to St. Augustine.

Newly elected Imperial Potentate Jim Cain and Lady Patsy have promised us a great time at next year's Imperial Session in Nashville. You don't want to miss this one; make your plans to be there next July. There will be a flyer in the next issue of the Oriental News.

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**What do your Dues Pay For?
 What about that Sportsman's Raffle?**

Unless you are a life member you've all just received your 2019 dues notice, most of us by email instead of the previous snail mail from Tampa. At this time it's natural to wonder just what that the dues payment is used for and this is the second year that the dues were raised by \$3.85 to the round number of \$60.

One half of your dues of \$30 goes to Tampa for payment of the annual per capita tax that funds the functioning of the fraternal offices. Then \$5.00 is an assessment which goes to Shriners Hospitals for Children. The remaining \$25 is left for Oriental Shriners operations.

This amounts to approximately \$7,000.00 based on our present membership of 314 created and associate members.

That dues amount of \$7,000 is consumed by some basic Temple operations. Although Communications Aide Bill Prout does a great job marketing ads in the Oriental News it still requires another \$6,000 to print and mail this publication out to members so we can be informed of events and what has happened in prior months around the realm. Our monthly internet connection and subscription to Masons Online costs another \$1,500 so we've already exceeded our annual dues just in what is necessary to communicate to our members. Throw in an annual membership fee of \$300 for the New York-Ontario Shrine Association and we are clearly looking for funds from other sources.

What remains of our endowment after buying the Temple building in 2005 and some disastrous non-diversified purchases by the former broker of the Trustees portfolio back in 2007 has limited its usefulness for annual operations beyond the requirements of the Temple building. The operation of the building in the form of real estate taxes, utilities, insurance, cleaning and repairs and maintenance along with necessary upgrades has ranged from \$13,000 to \$20,000 in the last three or four years. This leaves very little for funding of other activities from the Trustees portfolio.

Fortunately, our Hospital Patient Transportation Fund has separate funds from donations over the years. This has enabled Oriental to perform its mission of transportation or reimbursement to patients for transportation to the Montreal, Springfield and Boston hospitals.

The result is that we can only maintain an office, pay for an annual audit required by Tampa and perform our fraternal activities of parades, membership promotion and social activities by having fund raisers throughout the year. I'm sure many might be concerned or perhaps annoyed upon receipt of the request to buy or sell some Sportsman's Raffle tickets shortly after your dues notice. But the purchase of three raffle tickets for \$60 when combined with your dues of \$60 is a combined annual amount of \$120. OK, throw in \$30 for circus daddy tickets and that's \$150. Now the circus daddy tickets are used for children's entry fees to the circus, so it really shouldn't count. But at \$150 that's an annual amount that is less than the dues at many other Shriner Temples.



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There were 12 trips originally booked but only six trips were taken. Two trips were rescheduled and the four planned trips to Philadelphia Hospital were cancelled by the patient's family. They decided to transport themselves since the patient would be undergoing procedures each time. They will be requesting gas and tolls reimbursement.

We took four trips from Troy and two from South Glens Falls. Ken took three trips, Bob took one trip, Jeff took one trip and rode for one trip. Paul Manning Sr. rode for two trips and made his first trip as a driver. We are pleased to welcome him to our driver pool.

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CINCINNATI BURNS HOSPITAL VISIT

On June 27, 2018, during the 102nd Annual Supreme Session for Daughters of the Nile in Cincinnati, Ohio, I joined many attendees for a visit to the Cincinnati Burns Hospital of Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

Due to the nature of what is treated here, there were very strict rules as to where and what we could photograph. Of the four floors, we were only able to see the lower two. The third floor has patient rooms and operating facilities. The fourth floor has research facilities.

To make it child-friendly, the first two floors are decorated very brightly to resemble a small-town Main Street. The shop and office facades hide offices for the staff and volunteers.

At the Session's "Get Together Banquet," a guest speaker was Kilee Brookbark. Now 20 years old and a college student, Kilee was 16 years old when she lit a candle to get rid of an odor and was hit with a blast that knocked her down and a blaze that consumed her house. One of their dogs, Digger, barked continuously to wake her. They escaped, but Kilee was burned over 45% of her body. She spent 38 days at Shriners-Cincinnati. One or both of her parents were there throughout, staying in one of the family suites. They were taught what to do for her, both personal and exercises. It was months before she could do things for herself.

Fundraisers and donations to her brought in thousands of dollars. Most of the money was then donated to Shriners-Cincinnati in appreciation. Kilee has a charity "Kilee Gives Back Foundation" that as of 2017 has raised more than \$150,000 for the hospital. She and her mother wrote a book "Beautiful Scars A Life Redefined." They describe the months of treatment and their emotions and feelings. Kilee also wrote a book "Digger: The Hero Dog" for preschool and older children.

Kilee's speech ended with a standing ovation. After the banquet, she signed and sold both books. She is truly a great testimony to the good that Shriners Hospitals, especially Cincinnati, do!

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

Sally O. Lebowich, PQ



"Main Street"

Supreme Queen's Visit to Cyrene Temple

On August 6, 2018, the new Supreme Queen (equivalent to the Imperial Potentate) visited Cyrene Temple No. 18, Daughters of the Nile. Her Supreme Majesty, Shirley Henley, Supreme Queen of the Supreme Temple Daughters of the Nile, was installed at Supreme Session on June 28, 2018. She is a member of Ishtar Temple No. 54, Cincinnati Ohio.

During her year, the Supreme Queen visits all Nile temples in the United States and Canada (currently 133), as well as all the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Our afternoon session was held at the Oriental Shrine Center. During the Ceremonial, we initiated one new member.

Following the Session, a banquet to honor the Supreme Queen was held at the Colonie Elks Club. Attendees included nobles from Cyprus No. 5, Oriental No. 7, and Ziyara No. 11.

Among those introduced were: Cyrene member Pr. Betty Spadaro, who will celebrate her 100th birthday in September; new member Pr. Ann Rymski (her late husband was a

member of Cyprus); PQ Nancy A. Ryder, Vice Chairman of the Supreme Action Team; and PSQ Eleanor Green, Supreme Princess Recorder.

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 David Unser and his Lady Karene of Cyprus and Ill. Sir Gaylord Hawley of Oriental were present and both Potentates were invited to say a few words and introduce their members.

Noble Gerald Irwin of Cyprus Temple, spoke about the Springfield Shriners Hospital. Ill. Sir James Vooyo, PP, Oriental's representative to the Board of Governors-Boston, spoke about that hospital.

Supreme Queen Shirley Henley was the last speaker of the evening. Thus ended a full day.

Submitted by,
Sally O. Lebowich
2002 and 2009 Queen



Pictured (from left) are some of the attendees at the Supreme Queen's Visit: Past Potentate James Vooyo; Noble Gerald Irwin; Noble Jeffrey Lindstrand; Ill. David Unser, Sr.; Supreme Majesty Shirley Henley; Ill. Gaylord Hawley; PP Tom Nicholson; Noble John Patterson; Noble Paul Kleinberger; Noble Robert Baker, Chief Rabban of Cyprus Temple.



Nile wall plaque

Another Successful Oriental Shrine Circus

Another Oriental Circus is in the books. We had six locations this year – Amsterdam, Schuylerville, Lake George, Hudson Falls, Whitehall and Plattsburgh.

Great crowds at all locations. Many sold out and

standing room only shows. Thanks to the many Nobles and Ladies support I am able to retain the title of “Mr. Full House.” We couldn’t have the success without all of you.

Many thanks, Barry Trasacco, Circus Chairman

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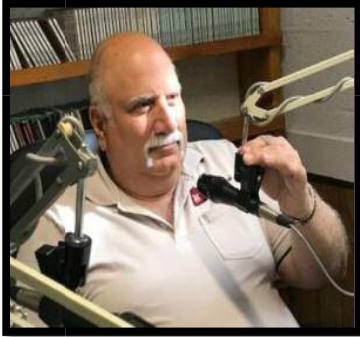
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RADIO INTERVIEW

On August 2, I was asked by Circus Chairman, Barry Trasacco, to do an interview at Lake Country Radio (WVNR, 1340 AM, Poultney VT; WNYV 94.1 FM, Whitehall, NY). These sister stations serve western Vermont and eastern New York and broadcast simultaneously.



Tom Abraham at WVNR Radio Station

The main purpose of the interview was to talk about the 2018 circuses being sponsored by the Oriental Shriners. The dates, times, and locations were announced several times throughout the broadcast while emphasizing the 'children enter for free' process.

As you might guess, the interview covered more than the circuses. The interviewer, Judy Leech, General Manager, inquired about the Oriental Shrine and about Shriners in general.

I spoke about the transportation we provide for children in need of hospital visits, the geographical area we cover, and that the Oriental Shriners volunteer their time to drive the children to and from their hospital appointments, as well as the many sponsored fundraising events that we do. She also gave me the opportunity to discuss how to become a member of the Shrine.

Additionally, Ms. Leech ask about the Shriners Hospitals. I gave a brief history of the hospitals and discussed the three main hospitals with which we are affiliated and their specific areas of expertise.

All said and done, the interview lasted approximately fifty minutes.

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Northeast Shrine Association Parade

Illustrious Gaylord Hawley has announced that the next Temple function will be marching in the Northeast Shrine Association all-Shrine parade in Rutland, Vermont, on September 15th. Oriental Shriners are asked to meet at the Rutland Holiday Inn parking lot at 11 a.m. Lineup at noon, parade will be at 2 p.m. For more information, contact the Potentate.

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