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ORIENTAL SHRINERS #7 - 1877 — TROY, NY



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(Details in Potentate's Message)

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NYOSA Spring 2016 Report

Submitted by Robert E. Harris, Illustrious Potentate

The NYOSA Spring 2016 Session was held at the Bonnie Castle Resort Hotel at Alexandria Bay, New York. Illustrious Sir Terry Byard officiated the and welcomed everyone with a short outline of weekend events. He reminded us that any Noble and their lady can attend NYOSA weekends. The NYOSA Director General reported 55 Shriners with 46 ladies registered for the event. A few more Nobles arrived later with their ladies to attend Spring 2016 NYOSA.

The ladies of the Nobility surprised everyone on Saturday by putting on a performance led by Lady Dahli (III. Emerson's Lady) which featured the visiting Temple ladies also known as the Shrinettes. A video of their performance can be seen at the Oriental Shrine Notes Facebook page.

The current seated NYOSA officers were then introduced: President III. Sir Terry Byard (Media), 1st VP III. Sir Sam Trapanick, (Ziyara), 2nd VP Noble Brad Lachut (Cyprus), 3rd VP III. Sir Kristopher J. "Krls" Scheetz (Ismailia), 4th VP Noble Scott G. Kinne (Kalurah) excused, III. Sir James "Mike" Gates Treasurer (Tigris) and III. Sir Alan Wood Secretary (Media).

Then followed the introductions of Imperial Line visiting officers (who would later speak): Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske Imperial Chief Rabban (Bahia), Imperial Sir Wayne Lachut Imperial Oriental Guide (Ismailia) and Imperial Sir William Bill Bailey Imperial Second Ceremonial Master (Orak).

The candidates for Imperial Outer Guard who also attended the Spring 2016 NYOSA Session were: III. Sir Gale Bennington, III. Sir Richard Burke and III. Sir Kevin Costello.

The current sitting 2016 Potentates that were present were as follows: III. Sir Scott Bisogni (Mecca), III. Sir Kevin Alexander "Skins" Faro (Damascus), III. Sir John W. Scott (Cyprus), III. Sir Robert E. "Bob" Harris (Oriental), III. Sir John T. Sargent (Ziyara), III. Sir R. Alan "Al" Berry (Rameses), III. Sir Laurence C. "Larry" Dittmer (Kismet), III. Sir Kristopher J. "Kris" Scheetz (Ismalia), III. Sir Terry Emerson (Media), III. Sir Scott G. Kinne (Kalurah) excused, and III. Sir Gary L. Damon (Tigris).

The Past NYOSA Presidents that attended were: III. Sir Lyle Muldoon, Imperial Sir Wayne Lachut, III. Sir Steve Behe, III. Sir David Freund, III. Sir James "Mike" Gates and III. Sir Lance Ward.

Hospital Representatives and current Hospital Board members introduced themselves and let the Nobility know which hospital they represented. A message from Imperial Sir Jerry Gantt was read.

Illustrious Sir Alan Wood gave the East-West Shrine Game report – video was shown. It's always good to promote the Shrine East-West Shrine Game!

Committee reports were then presented. Membership was discussed by III. Fred Clark. He gave all the temples a packet which looked at the statistics of our temples and their ranking. He demonstrated how membership was being affected over time. He asked us to remember that we're all Ambassadors for the Shrine.

The visiting Imperial Officers spoke about the new Montreal Hospital and a movie was shown that highlighted this impressive new facility. The hospital was visited by a host of celebrities and featured Patient Ambassadors, which were highlighted in the video.

The Imperial Sirs each gave short messages, reiterating membership as well as the Shriner's media commercials that have aired, especially the commercial with President Jimmy Carter. Other ideas to generate awareness of Shriners to the general public were discussed.

There was a hospitality room which was opened which was a nice respite oasis for end of day relaxation for all visiting Shriners and their ladies.

The dinner held in Home of the Stars with DJ Stan the Man, which ended the day, was business casual. Safety was emphasized for our drive home. All attending had a wonderful weekend.

Reminder to all Nobles: NYOSA is the weekend meeting for all Potentates, Divan, Nobles, their Ladies and Guests to exchange and collaborate on ideas for membership, fund raising efforts, and learning about the status of Shriner's Hospitals and other Shriner's Hospital medical breakthroughs.

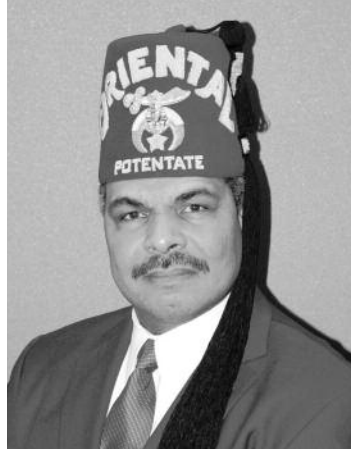
Schedule for future NYOSA meetings – Mark your calendar!!!

Fall 2016 – (Alexandria Bay) September 22-25
Spring 2017 – (Lake George) April 20-23
Fall 2017 – (Utica) October 5-8
Spring 2018 – (Buffalo) April 27-29
Fall 2018 – (Saratoga) September 28-30 (counter parts weekend)
Spring 2019 – (Ellicottville) April 28
Fall 2019 – (Geneva) September 27-29
Spring/Fall 2020 – (to be determined)

**How Do You
Get A
New Member?**

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HIM!**

THE POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Glens Falls Shrine Club

WALT CUNNIFF, Secretary

The last meeting of the Glens Falls Shrine Club was on April 28 at the Holiday Inn in Lake George. Attitude adjustment started at 6 with dinner at 7.

President Jeff Lindstrand opened the meeting at 7. Illustrious Sir Bob Rabe opened with an invocation followed by the Shriners Pledge to our Flag. Jeff introduced V.P. Dan Lambert and Lady Ginnie, Secretary Walt Cuniff and Lady Claudia, Treasurer Al West, and Chaplain Bob Rabe and Lady Audrey. After dinner, Claudia went around the room selling tickets for our nightly raffle. The winners were Gaylord, Ginnie Lambert, Bob Rabe, Tim Grogan, Jeff Lindstrand, Claudia and Al West. The club netted \$70.00.

Under Sickness and Distress: Aldo is in the hospital and is getting better. His next stop will be going to rehab for a while. Al Bryant's daughter had an operation and it was said that they got 95% of her tumor removed.

We had some good tidings – Dick and Sharon Sears are back in the north country and doing good. Jim and Audrey joined us this evening and it has been a while since they attended – good to see you guys. Ill. Tom Abraham and Ill. Bob Rabe were birthday boys also.

The Secretary's report was accepted as sent out with a motion by Wendell Beadnell, seconded by Dan Lambert. Al West gave the Treasurer's report and it was accepted by a motion by Walt and seconded by Dan Saville.

The program of the evening was presented by Queensbury Supervisor John Strough who was here with his Lady Chris. Harry Elkes was a famous cyclist who was from the Glens Falls area. During his short career of cycling he broke many records that were not broken for decades. This was way back in the 1890's when cycling was first becoming a real craze. Also during this period, cycling had a huge impact on fashion. This was the era when "bloomers" were made for the Lady cyclists. Harry Elkes is buried in the cemetery on Bay Street.

The meeting was turned over to Ill. Pote Robert Harris who introduced Lady Jacque and officers: Chief Rabban Jim Vooys and Lady Julie, Ass't. Rabban Gaylord Hawley and Lady Patty, 2nd Ceremonial Master Barry Trassacco and Lady Linda, 1st Ceremonial Master Dan Saville and Lady Lisa, Past Potentates Bob Rabe and Lady Audrey, Tim Grogan and Lady Shelly, and Tom Abraham and Lady Leslie.

Important dates to remember are: May 18 – Stated meeting at the Shrine Center; May 21 – Malta Parade with kick off at 9 am; May 28 – Hague Parade with kick off at 1 pm at the fire hall; Memorial Day in Crown Point, lineup at 1 with kick off at 2. Picnic at the church following and everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. June 5 – Troy Shrine Club annual steak roast; reservations to Woody Hacker by May 30.

Imperial Session is approaching and John Garhartt is the person to contact for reservations and information.

Also mentioned was the Firearm Raffle – we need participation from all.

The meeting was closed with a benediction by Ill. Bob Rabe.

Greetings Nobles, Ladies and Friends of the Shrine,

Lady Jacque and I appreciate all your encouragement and prayers for our safe travels and successful year. It seems just like yesterday we started on our journey through the labyrinth known as Shrinedom.

We really have soul. We have soul for our fellow man. We have empathy and that's why we do the work that we do making the lives of children better. Creating harmony in a world that may not care or help where people may not know they can receive help for their child. I emphasize to you this point because that is who we are.

The Imperial Sirs who were in attendance at the 2016 New York Ontario Shrine Association emphasized that point. Shriners Hospitals for Children are providing the best care possible. They reminded us, just like I stated in my last message, that we all are Ambassadors. Talk about the Shriners, their mission and the hospitals.

Onions sales were completed and successful. This is a very popular fund raiser for the many Shrine Clubs. Remember Nobles that the Shrine clubs are the back bone to our Temple. The clubs are the life blood of fund raising, socialization, hospital updates and fun. We need you to get to a club and join in the activities.

Parades are another way for us to make the public at large aware of our presence. Come out to a parade. We need you out there in our ranks. The more the merrier is really true. There are several parades this month and a few in June.

Lady Sally Lebowich invited us to her 17th year of going to Moreau Elementary School in South Glens Falls, where we would meet the Girl Scouts and their Troop Leader. After a small wait and settling, a group of ladies and their Scouts came into the classroom carrying heavy laden plastic bottles and rather large totes. I asked if I could help, however, all were happy to go up to the troop leader, Cady Kilpeck, and set down their bundles at the stage area in the classroom. We were amazed as to amount of the tabs that were collected. It filled up the back seat of my truck and the part of the truck bed.

I thanked the girl scouts and told them that we are happy to see that they had provided their time and efforts to do something to help another person. The Troop Leader of Girl Scout Service Unit 301 is Cady Kilpeck who also leads Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Cadets and Seniors. One of the mothers at the meeting, Kim Milligan, has a daughter Keely who is a patient at the Shriners Springfield hospital.

After my short speech about Shriners to the Scouts, Kim Milligan accompanied by her daughter Keely, gave a talk about the Shriner's Hospital experience. She was so impressed with the care given to Keely. To which Keely beamed her approval. Keely is having her arches done, one foot at a time, stretched, which includes, the Achilles tendons and hamstring. They have made four trips so far to the Springfield hospital. Keely is due, to have her cast, which goes from her foot to her hip, replaced on the 10th of May. Her new cast will be only to her knee. Then in September the procedure will be repeated on the right leg.

Keely, with her mother's permission, graciously allowed me to sign her cast and tell part of their story. Follow-ups to Keely's progress will be available when we receive them. Once again thank you to Lady Sally Lebowich for a very special and enjoyable evening.

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Do You Know?

BYRON MOAK, PP, Historian

— **Answers to April Questions** —

1.) At the Fall meeting of the New York-Ontario Shrine Association, which was held in Niagara Falls in September 1991, a concert was held in which the enterainers were Paul Anka and Foster Brooks.

2a.) Our Imperial Potentate, Ill. Jerry Gant, and our new Executive Vice President, Noble John Piland, helped in getting former President Jimmy E. Carter involved in providing messages on behalf of the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

b.) The Carter Center, located near Atlanta, GA, conducts peace programs, human rights programs and fights preventable diseases. Much of its efforts against disease has been on the island of Hispaniola, in the countries of the Dominican Republic and Haiti. Six diseases that the Carter Center has fought against are Guinea Worm, River blindness, Trachoma, Schistosomiasis, Lymphatic filariasis and Malaria.

c.) More information about the Carter Center can be obtained from www.cartercenter.org.

3a.) The first Shrine East-West Football game was held in 1925.

b.) In the most recent 91st East-West game, held at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, FL, on January 23, 2016, the West beat the East 29-9.

c.) Three major awards were given to players. The Pat Tillman Award was given to the player that best exemplified intelligence, sportsmanship and service. The winner was Navy quarterback Keenan Reynolds. The William H. Coffman Award for outstanding offensive player went to Oregon quarterback Vernon Adams, Jr. The E. Jack Spaulding Award went to the outstanding defensive player — Mike Caputo, Wisconsin safety.

d.) The East-West Shrine game brings players and coaches to a Shrine Hospital location. Games, crafts and other activities bring together college football players and hospital patients in a once-in-a-lifetime experience. The coaches and players gain an understanding of the importance of the game to our health system.

May Questions

— **Answers in next Issue** —

1.) Of the 22 Shrine Hospitals for Children, which are designated as research centers?

2a.) Of newborn babies, what percent have a developmental abnormality of the shaping of their ears?

b.) Why is it that in many cases this ear problem can be corrected if treatment is started within the first month of life?

c.) What is the EarWell approach used at Springfield, to correct abnormal shaping of the ears?

d.) What types of abnormalities of the ear benefit from the EarWell approach?

3a.) What is the EOS ultra low dose x-ray system used at the Shriners Hospitals for Children?

b.) Why is reduced radiation important?

4.) Who are some former national ambassadors for the Shriners Hospitals for Children who have become top level athletes?

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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SAVE THE DATE!

**Saturday, August 20, 2016
 will be a special date for
 Oriental Shriners!**

While the details still need to be worked out, we will be holding a Stated Meeting of the Temple together with a presentation of the "Cold Sands" – we have two petitions pending! We will also be presenting certificates to a number of Nobles who have achieved 50 years of membership in Oriental. Finally, there are a number of recent Nobles who have never signed the official copy of the by-laws. We will be inviting them to join us to perform that act.

There will be a dinner along with the usual beverages!

Right now we anticipate the program starting around 2:00 in the afternoon until ????

So save the date of August 20th! A great time will be had by all!

More details will be published in the June issue of the Oriental News so stay tuned!

The Sportsmen's Raffle is underway! Annual Sportsmen's Raffle - Get your Raffle Ticket Now!

Announcing Oriental Temple Fund Raiser 2016.

The Time is Now!

Get them in your hands today ... These donations Help the Good of the Order.

Contact: Chairmen Noble Paul Kahian and Noble Rick Sauer.

(A complete list is on the back of each ticket)

WHEN: Saturday, October 8, 2016 -- 1-4 pm

WHERE: Oriental Temple

Open Invitation Raffle Drawing Winners to be announced in a casual public setting.

The Shrine needs your support for this major fundraising event to be successful

What can *you* do to help?

- **Purchase** and **sell** raffle tickets to everyone you know!
- **Encourage** other Nobles to **sell**, **attend**, and **support** the fundraiser!
- **Bring** family and friends on October 8th for food, socializing, and a chance to win prizes!

All Donation Proceeds to benefit Oriental Shrine. Not Tax Deductible.

Potentate's Message

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The Sportsmen Raffle is here and this is win for us as a major way to get donations and its fun. Getting out and target shooting and for those that hunt and harvest their own food this is a necessary addition to the family. The Secretary of each club should have raffle tickets. If not contact Noble Paul Kahian or Noble Rick Sauer.

Imperial Session 2016 has an app for your smart phone. Yes, your iPhone and Android phone can now keep track of what's happening at the 2016 Imperial Session held from 1 July 2016-7 July 2016. There is work for the Colorado and Iowa Representatives and for the Divan ladies. There will also be offering some entertainment featuring "the Memphis Mafia," on Wednesday, 6 July 2016. Seating starts at 7:30 pm and the feature starts at 8 pm.

NOTE: The Oriental Shriners Oasis will be conducted out of the Sheraton Tampa Riverwalk Hotel. We will have a hospitality room and also a great dinner cruise on the yacht, Starship II, included with the Imperial package offered by Oriental Shriners.

The Imperial Session 2016 schedule and other details are also found at: <http://tampa-2016.com/http://orientalshriners.org> (some data of schedule not in synch with Imperial Session Schedule).

I wanted to remind all of my Divan you have duties and work, knowing what you learned in Blue Lodge, makes you aware that we have to all work together to get things done. There are obstacles of pressures and constraints of time from our professions and devotion to family. This is the beauties of what we learn as becoming better men and Masons. I salute and thank the ladies who give their Noble an opportunity to join in our labors at our Temple. Together we have the best time and intentions that turn into great memories and blessings, "To the Fraternity: Peace and Goodwill". Onward and upward we advance.

Yours in the faith,

ROBERT E. HARRIS, Illustrious Potentate

2016 Fund Raiser for Oriental Shriners

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Temple Name _____ # of Ornaments: ___ Shriner ___ Lady

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In Dreams I Walk

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OF OSTEOGENESIS IMPERFECTA



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Imagine being a loving, devoted parent, but afraid to hug your child. Imagine being a child, and constantly being warned to “be careful; don’t play too hard.” Imagine always being aware that anything you might do – even just cough or sneeze – could break a bone.

For children and families living with osteogenesis imperfecta, these are daily realities.

“We all want a world where children overcome, live their dreams, and walk into adulthood confident and secure. Let’s all help make that happen for children with OI,” said Lisa. “Join me in helping make the dreams of these children come true by supporting my program, *In Dreams I Walk*.”

SUPPORT THE FIRST LADY’S PROGRAM

First Lady Lisa Gantt has asked that, as she makes her visits throughout the Imperial Year, donations be made to her fundraising program in lieu of presenting her with personal gifts. For a donation of \$40, contributors will receive a bracelet with a bead fashioned as a shoe, representing her theme of *In Dreams I Walk*. A beautiful scarf can be purchased for \$30, and an elegant gentleman’s tie can be obtained for a donation of \$30. All three items are available for a total of \$100.

Completed order forms may be given to the First Lady. Order forms, along with donations made payable to Shriners Hospitals for Children, can also be mailed to Shriners International Headquarters, First Lady’s Program, Donor Relations Department, P.O. Box 31356, Tampa, FL 33631.

Canadian order forms and donations may be sent to Shriners Hospitals for Children – Canada, 1529 Cedar Ave., Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3G 1A6. Additional order forms and return envelopes may be obtained from the donor relations department at Shriners International Headquarters by calling **855-401-4897** or by sending an e-mail to lgantt@shrinenet.org. Donations to this program can also be made online at support.shrinershospitals.org/FirstLadyLisa.

UNDERSTANDING OSTEOGENESIS IMPERFECTA (OI)

In basic terms, the underlying cause of OI, also known as brittle bone disease, is a lack of collagen – or abnormal collagen – in the bones that prevents them from absorbing appropriate minerals and developing correctly. There are multiple types of OI – each with several symptoms and ranges of complexity and severity. In addition to the serious susceptibility to fractures, OI may cause below average height, early hearing loss, dental issues and additional orthopaedic difficulties, including bowed arms or legs, flat feet and scoliosis. Many children with OI will have difficulty walking.

For these children and their families everything – every activity, every choice, is measured against the threat of bone fracture, and other potential complications. The children and families coping with this debilitating disease will face it every day throughout their lives.

Shriners Hospitals for Children® has a long history of developing and improving available treatments for OI, and there is now more hope for these children and families than ever before. Still, research takes time, and the treatments are quite costly.

Over time, First Lady Lisa Gantt has become increasingly aware of the impact of OI on children and families, and is determined to make a difference. Her program, *In Dreams I Walk*, will provide additional funds to support Shriners Hospitals for Children’s efforts in the treatment and research of OI.

“We all want a world where children overcome, live their dreams, and walk into adulthood confident and secure.

Thank you for supporting my program and helping make that dream come true for children with OI.”

– First Lady Lisa Gantt, Shriners International



Lady’s Bead & Bracelet \$40

Gentleman’s Tie \$30

Lady’s Scarf \$30

Saratoga County Shrine Club
HAROLD GOODSSELL, Secretary

The April meeting was held at the Saratoga Holiday Inn on Monday, April 11th. Chief Rabban Jim Vooyo gave the Invocation, followed by the Shriners Pledge to the Flag. The meeting came to order with President Russ Lehr presiding. He introduced his Lady Annelore, the club officers and their ladies.

Sickness and Distress and Happiness: Ladies Gerry Goodsell and Annelore Lehr thanked everyone for their cards and thoughts.

Secretary's report: was received by all. A motion was made by P.P. Tom Abraham, to accept the report, seconded by P.P. Howard Waller; all were in favor.

Treasurer's report: was given by P.P. Dan Murray, which found a balance of \$1,681.77 after expenses. A motion was made P.P. Howard Waller and seconded by P.P. Bill Fink to accept; all were in favor. Both reports will be placed on file.

Old Business: It was noted that the Potentate's Ball was a fun time and enjoyed by all. The winner of the Quilt Raffle was Lady Gerry Goodsell. The money raised from this fund raiser goes to the Imperial First Lady's project for osteogenesis imperfecta which is also known as "brittle bone disease."

New Business: Chief Rabban Jim Vooyo gave a report from the Boston Hospital and the relationship with Mass General Hospital. P.P. Bill Fink spoke of the Mason's Online service, which was developed in the Albany Rensselaer District. Bill also spoke of Web Fez, which he will give a presentation of at the next meeting. It being a Universal Port of Shrinedom and Nobility.

The nightly raffle realized \$70.00. The winners were: Ladies Leslie Abraham, Madeline Waller, Jackie Harris, Julie Vooyo, Annelore Lehr, Shelly Grogan and Noble Armand Marion. Raffles prizes are needed for our next meeting. The kitchen and wait staff were presented for a round of applause for our dinner. The next dinner/meeting will be on May 9th, 2016. The menu choices are: chicken parm. with pasta, 6 oz. baked salmon, and sliced london broil/au jus both of those served with red potatoes and grilled asparagus. All with caesar salad, rolls and butter, cheese cake with strawberries and beverage. Complete price is \$23.00 each.

Lady Shelly Grogan spoke of the Sportsman Raffle tickets that are being distributed to sell. They will be \$20.00 each this year, or 2 for \$30.00.

Potentate III. Robert Harris was introduced, who in turn introduced Lady Jacque and the Divan members present; Chief Rabban Jim Vooyo/Julie, Recorder P.P. Bill Fink, Chief Aide Harold Goodsell/Lady Gerry and Trustee Frank Finch. Past Potentates present were: Dan Murray, Howard Waller/Lady Madeline, Bill Fink/Lady Kathy, Past Potentate Ladies present were: Carol Slocum, Sally Lebowich and Shelly Grogan. III. Robert thanked everyone who was able to attend the Potentate's Ball. He said he was trying to attend other fraternal organizations, letting them know more about Shrinedom. He also spoke about the upcoming Imperial Session to be held in July in Tampa. Reservations are needed, which can be made on line or by contacting P.P. John Garhartt. All other information may be ob-

tained at the Imperial 2016 website, including the 3-hour Star Ship Tour. With no other business on hand, the meeting was closed with the benediction by Chief Rabban Jim Vooyo.

The May meeting was held at the Saratoga Holiday Inn on Monday, May 9th. Chief Rabban P.P. Byron Moak gave the Invocation, followed by the Shriners Pledge to the Flag. The meeting came to order with President Russ Lehr presiding. He introduced his Lady Annelore, the club officers and their ladies.

Sickness and Distress and Happiness: Noble Red Peek is in Wesley Rehabilitation Center, after his recent hip surgery; P.P. Paul Marinello is recuperating in Ellis Hospital.

Secretary's report: was received by all, a motion was made by P.P. Bill Fink, to accept the report and seconded by P.P. Byron Moak. All were in favor.

Treasurer's report: was given by P.P. Dan Murray, which found a balance of \$1,701.77 after expenses. A motion was made P.P. Dick Gibbons and seconded by P.P. Byron Moak to accept; all were in favor. Both reports will be placed on file.

Old Business: Onions have been delivered: 218 ten pound bags and 35 five pound bags have been distributed to our club.

New Business: The upcoming parades were discussed. Tickets will be available for the drawing of a necklace donated by Lady Julie Vooyo. The raffle will be held at the December meeting. The president appointed a committee of Nobles Harold Goodsell, Frank Finch and Barry Trasacco to look into future sites for our monthly dinner meetings. Lady Jacque spoke of inviting recent patients of our hospitals to come and speak of their experiences at our hospitals at our next meeting.

The president asked P.P. Bill Fink to speak about Mason's on Line, which is a website designed for displaying fraternal group information. P.P. Bill is the administrator for Oriental Shrine. Bill spoke of how to register on line by going to Web Fez with your user name, Shrine membership number and your password.

The nightly drawing realized \$65.00. The
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Another Successful Year!



Onion sales are a Shriners annual traditional club fund raiser to supplement club activities for the year. This year with the help of all the Club onion representatives and Noble Ray Kappes, we sold 4390 pounds of onions! The onions arrived right on schedule

and were distributed over the next few days. Noble Gaylord Hawley took command of the coordination and distribution.

Noble Jeff Lindstrand and the nobles of the Keystone Kops had the highest sales. Thank you Keystone Kops and all the other clubs that participated in their fund raising efforts. Much appreciation to Noble Harold Goodsell who came through with his pick up to take the bulk of the onions on a large flatbed trailer.

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Cambridge Area Shrine Club

L. JOHN GARHARTT, Secretary

President Tim Grogan, PP, opened the May 13th meeting and the invocation was given by Frank Root. The Shrine Pledge to the Flag was then given by all. A fine steak dinner was then enjoyed by all. The kitchen staff was thanked. President Tim then introduced Lady Shelley.

The secretary then gave his report and made a motion to pay the Oriental News ad that the club has. It was seconded and all were in favor. The treasurer reported that the club has a balance of \$1266.36.

Under sickness and distress it was reported that Paul Marinello was at Ellis Hospital. Gary Burch reported that his PSA's were elevated and he is working with his doctors.

The raffle was held and the winners were Sylvia Wilson, Ras MacCauley, Jacque Harris

and Marge Durling. All were reminded to bring an item for the clubs next meeting. The next meeting will be a get together at the Wilson's home in Shushan and to arrive after four p.m. to enjoy the deck and enjoy the view.

III. Robert Harris was introduced and he then introduced Jacque. Officers present were Chief Rabban Jim Vooyoys & Lady Julie, Outer Guard Gary Burch & Lady Donna, Chief Aide Frank Root & MJ and \$100 Million Dollar Club Chairman Charlie Wilson & Lady Sylvia. Past Potentates Tim Grogan & Lady Shelley and John Garhartt & Lady Andrea were introduced. Also introduced was Lady Sally Lebowich. He reported on NYOSA Spring Session and all the fun that everyone had. Parades coming up are Malta, Crown Point, Hague and Saratoga. It was also announced the Troy Shrine Club annual steak roast will be on June 5th at the Shrine Center in Lansingburgh. The annual Basket Raffle Party will be held at the Greenwich Elks on November 20th.

The meeting closed with the benediction.

My Dear Nobles:

As many of you know, I am an Engineer by training and have spent almost 50 years designing building systems and working with the building codes here in New York. Since assuming the role as your Recorder, I have had an opportunity to really see the condition of our Shrine Center. To be honest, it scares me!

There are many conditions that are just not safe – in code jargon "Life Safety Issues" and these need to be corrected "yesterday." There are also many other areas that need improvement such as better lighting in the parking lot and repaving the parking lot as well as fixing leaks in the roof, etc.

Your Divan is dedicated to discussing these issues and trying to figure out how to pay for them. We have, already, held a special meeting dedicated to discussing the work that must be done along with additional work that should be done. The cost will be substantial – more than our Trustees can afford, so some other avenue will have to be found. Our first goal is to figure out how much that "substantial amount" really is, but just the vital stuff could be in the range of \$50,000.00

As for how to pay for it, we do not know what that will be, but we know that a dues increase will not suffice.

If you have any suggestions or would like to help in this effort, please give me a call. Your Divan has been elected and appointed to work for YOU. We do not have all the answers and need your input. We have a solid building, but it is now some 25 years old and in need of repairs.

Saratoga County Shrine Club

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Raffle winners were: Ladies Gerry Goodsell, Jacque Harris, Linda Trasacco, Nobles Frank Finch, Jim Vooyoys, P.P. Dan Murray and Byron Moak. Raffle items are needed for our next meeting.

The waitstaff of the hotel were presented for a round of applause. Our next meeting will be on June 13th with reservations due to Dan Murray, with meal choices, no later than June 8th. For reservations, call 885-4358 or dmurray@nycap.rr.com. The menu includes: penne pasta with shrimp and scallops in a lemon butter sauce, or roast pork with grilled apples and applejack demi, or chicken marsala. The pork and chicken will be served with mashed garlic potatoes and julienne vegetables. All with a garden salad, rolls and butter, and ice cream with strawberries and a beverage.

III. Robert Harris was introduced, who in turn introduced Lady Jacque and the Divan present: Chief Rabban Jim Vooyoys/Lady Julie, Recorder P.P. Bill Fink/Lady Kathy, and Circus Chairman Barry Trasacco/Lady Linda. Past Potentates present were; Dan Murray Bill Fink/Lady Kathy, Byron Moak, Joe Mack, and Dick Gibbons/Lady Margaret. Past First Ladies present were Carol Slocum and Sally Lebowich. The Potentate spoke of his recent visit to NYOSA at Bonnie Castle.

With no other business on hand the meeting was closed with the Benediction by P.P. Byron Moak.

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