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Enjoy the Fall Season





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Shriners Hospitals Helping Over 1 Million Children!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Ill. Past Potentate John Garhartt**

P.P. Garhartt has been a regular participant at Oriental Shrine parades. Ill. John dresses as **Grumpy the Clown** with a distinctive fly on his nose and a skunk's tail tucked in his pocket or pants. He has also taken a critical role in developing the U.S. Clown Unit for Oriental Shrine.

At the Troy Shrine Club meeting on October 26, Ill. P.P. John, aka Grumpy, was recognized for his dedication as a clown and was awarded the distinguished Roy Sandberg Memorial Humor Award.

Congratulations Ill. Sir!

Recorder's Corner

Ill. THOMAS K. NICHOLSON, JR., PP Recorder, Oriental Shriners recorder@orientalshriners.org 518-899-6407 (h) (voice and fax) 518-233-0461 (o) (voice and fax) 518-526-4771 (c)

Dues statements have been mailed from Imperial. Membership cards will be mailed from Imperial starting in December. Please submit your dues payments to the office before the end of November so we can have your membership card mailed as soon as possible. There is also time to purchase a Life Per Capita Membership for \$450. After December 31, the cost will be \$900. Purchasing a Life Per Capita Membership at this year's rate will pay itself back in 15 years or less. Purchasing it in 2016 will extend the payback period to 30 years.

Season's Greetings Time ~ 2015

Join us in sharing a holiday greeting!



Greetings to All Nobles, Ladies, and Families:

Once again the sights, sounds, smells and the joys of the holiday festive season quickly descend upon us. It is hoped that we all get to enjoy the rich blessings of the upcoming holiday season. Everyone deserves the love and hope that this time of year represents to each of us.

This is also a special time to let you know how much we depend upon and greatly appreciate your continuing support and gift for the "The Season's Greetings" page for our magazine, "The Oriental News."

Your contribution will help to defray the cost of the publication and postage. This is an invitation to you to share a gift and receive the intrinsic pleasure it brings at this special time of year.

To have your name appear in this year's **Season's Greetings** page with your fellow nobles and ladies, simply complete the coupon below. It costs **only \$5** to list a noble and his lady, as well as family, if you so desire. Please clearly print the names of those you wish to include.

We look forward to receiving your reply and, once again, thank you for your generous and giving support.

GARY E. BURCH, Outer Guard

SEASON'S GREETINGS – 2015

Here is my \$5 donation for the 2015 Season's Greetings page. (*Please make checks payable to Oriental News*)

Please list us as follows (Clearly print each name):

Noble____

Lady

Family members

Send to: Oriental Shriners, 75 Water Plant Rd., Troy, NY 12182 or give to PP Thomas Nicholson, Recorder

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THE POTENTATE'S MESSAGE





Realizing Thanksgiving

As we move further into this year's fall season, Thanksgiving is quickly upon us. Many of us will gather with family and friends and share our appreciativeness with each other for what we have been afforded and for the blessings we have received. Lady Leslie and I are no different; once again, we will have the opportunity to celebrate Thanksgiving with our sons and extended family. This year, however, we realize we have much more for which to be thankful.

We are particularly thankful for the continuous support we have received throughout 2015 from the Nobles and Ladies of Oriental Shrine. From the installation in January, to the Potentate's Ball last spring, all the fundraising throughout the year, the parades, and to the recent Fall Ceremonial, you all have stepped up to participate and to assist us at every turn.

We are thankful for the opportunity given to us to travel to the hospitals, Imperial Session, NYOSA's conferences, and the many other Potentates' Balls throughout the New York/Ontario Shrine Association region. Through our travels we have met and become friends with many Nobles and Ladies outside of our own Temple. It quickly became apparent from these gatherings, we all share a common bond—it's not just the chance to have a fun social gathering, rather it is the firm belief in what we all do and the constant reminder and realization of the great work our hospitals continue to do.

We are especially thankful for the opportunity to meet just a few of the many children our hospitals successfully served. We have heard their personal stories and have seen their beautiful smiles, and we recognize firsthand the new lease on life our doctors and staff have given them. As I share these heartening and uplifting stories with you, it is evident that you too are moved and you can also give thanks for your ability to help these kids in any way you can.

So yes, Lady Leslie and I move into the season with so many blessings brought to us this year by Oriental Shrine. We are grateful to each of you who willingly demonstrated each time when called upon that you, too, believe in the cause.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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

Stated Meeting



COLD SANDS and
ELECTION OF
2016 OFFICERS
HOLIDAY PARTY follows

Sat., December 12th - 1:00 PM Oriental Shrine Center

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You are hereby requested to attend a Stated Meeting of Oriental Shriners on Saturday, December 12, 2015, at the Oriental Shrine Center, 75 Water Plant Road, North Troy.

Doors will open at 12 noon and allow for socialization before the start of the meeting. The Stated Meeting will begin **promptly** at 1 p.m.

The main purpose of this meeting will be to elect the 2016 Potentate and the 2016 Divan. In addition to the election, there may be a Cold Sands to bring in new nobles who could not attend the Fall Ceremioal last month.

Also, all nobles are asked to bring an unwrapped gift for a child. Our Uncle Sam Clown Unit will be assisting in the Marine Corps "Toys for Tots Program." Your donation to this worthy cause is certainly appreciated by many.

Following the meeting will be our annual **Christmas Holiday Party** where a potluck food fest will be enjoyed along with seasonal music.

Ill. THOMAS W. ABRAHAM Potentate

Attested by: Thomas K. Nicholson, PP Recorder



In Memoriam

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Sadly, Oriental Shrine lost two individuals this month who were an important part of our organization.

On October 22, **Lady Helen LaFountain** passed away. Helen was a vital part of the Adirondack Shrine Club. She organized club meetings, helped with correspondence, and made the necessary contacts with the restaurants for their meetings. Lady Helen's last efforts were to organize the hospitality room for the Cyprus Potentate's Ball in October. Helen had a smile and kind word for everyone she met.

On October 30, Oriental Shrine lost a friend and supporter. **Sal Cannavo** was not a Shriner, but he admired and respected all that we Shriners stand for. At our winter holiday celebrations, Sal would play music, sing, and entertain us for two hours. His services were provided to us at no cost; he said it was his small way of giving back to the Shriners for their wonderful work.

Both Helen and Sal will be missed. May they rest in peace.

4. SHRINERS HOSPITALS

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Uncle Sam's Clowns

PAUL "Fuddi-Duddy" KLEINBERGER

Want to clown around? Uncle Sam's Clowns are looking for a few good Shriners with big hearts and a desire to make people smile.

We will train you! Check 'em out at the next

Troy Shrine Club meeting!

Uncle Sam Clowns Host A Festival of Clowns On Monday evening, October 26, the Uncle Sam Clowns hosted a festival of clowns at the Troy Shrine Club meeting. Special guests included Barbara "Sparky" Bird, Vice-President of Red Nose Response; Elaine "Val N Tine" Person, Executive Director of Clowns On Rounds; and Janice "Nifty-Gilifty" Mastromarchi, President of Electric City Clowns. Lots of clowning around was seen, laughter heard and fun had at the meeting. The program of-fered members a thumbnail view of what else goes on with clowns beside what the Uncle Sam Clowns do!

Roy Sandberg Humor Award to Grumpie! Roy "Herbie" Sandberg was a unique clown. Beloved by everyone who knew him, for thirty some odd years he was the comic heart and soul of the Oriental Shriners. Founder of the NORCO Clowns, Roy was an award winning clown known throughout the international clown community for his unique character, his performance abilities, balloon artistry and all of the laughter he always left in his wake. When he passed away, Herbie left a legacy of mirth, merriment, hilarity compounded with caring and love. Roy is remembered for a giving nature second to none. In his memory, the clowns he inspired established the Roy Sandberg Memorial Humor Award.

The award pays homage to Roy's comic ways and the laughter Herbie shared with the Oriental Shriners. The award was presented to L. John Garhartt, known to most as "Grumpie," October 26th at the Troy Shrine Club's Festival of Clowns. John is a twice Potentate of the Oriental Shriners and currently serves as President of Uncle Sam's Clowns.

While very serious about the Shrine, its hospitals and all the children the Shrine has served through the years, when John performs as "Grumpie" laughter prevails. Congratulations "Grumpie"!

Wear Your Shrine Pin . . . Always!

A Moving Narration

For all who attended the Fall Ceremonial, there was a special moment when Noble Ronald Williams recited - without written copy or notes - the Shriners' Creed. Ron's presentation was moving, flawless, and from the heart. The Creed is the essence of who we are as Shriners and a very special thank you goes to Noble Ron for his demonstrating the meaningfulness of this special document.

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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MANY THANKS!

Oriental Shriners received the following donations during the Fall Ceremonial.

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Donations to the Temple

Saratoga County Shrine Club Troy Area Shrine Club Noble Mark Bertsche United Steel Workers (Nobles Paul Kahian and Rick Sauer coordinated a 50/50 drawing)

Springfield Hospital

3rd Annual Bass Tournament (coordinated by Noble Mike LaPoint) ... SINCE 1922 5.

100 MILLION DOLLAR CLUB

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Recorder's Office

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Do You Know?

BYRON MOAK, PP, Historian

— Answers to Sept.-Oct. Questions —

- 1a.) The very first Imperial Potentate was Walter M. Fleming.
- b.) Imperial Sir Walter M. Fleming served for ten years: 1876-1886.
- c.) Imperial Sir Fleming was a member of Mecca Shriners.
- 2.) Of the 196 Shrine Centers today, the most Imperial Potentates came from Al Malaikeh - 5; Ararat - 4; Islam, El Jebel, Lu Lu, Rameses, Medinah, Moolah, Zuhrah, Murat, Morocco - all had 3.
- 3.) The Shrine Centers of the New York-Ontario Shrine Association (NYOSA) that have contributed at least one Imperial Potentate since 1876, are: Mecca 1; Ismailia 2; Rameses 3; Damascus 2; and Kismet 1.
- 4a.) Dr. Charles Horace Mayo, a founder of the Mayo Clinic, was also a member of Osman Shriners in St. Paul, Minnesota.
- b.) The new collaboration between the Shriners Hospitals for Children and the Mayo Clinic Care Network will allow the dedicated medical staffs of both organizations to share knowledge and expertise with one another and with providers and will further ensure that our patients receive the best care psssible.
- 5.) The 2015-16 Patient Ambassadors for the Shriners Hospitals for Children are: Katharine Koonce, 11, of Huffman, Texas, and Clint Crain, 15, also of Huffman, Texas

Katharine suffered severe burns when 4 1/2 years old during a fire that started in a restaurant during Hurricane Ike in September 2008. She suffered burns over 70% of her body. She was treated at the Shriners Hospital in Northern California since the Shriners Hospital in Galveston, Texas, had suffered damage due to the hurricane.

Clint was on a family outing during the 4th of July weekend in 2014. He lost his balance in a boat and fell into the propeller. He received an above the knee amputation. After seven days in the hospital including three in intensive care, Clint was sent to the Shriners Hospital for Children in Houston, where he received physical therapy weekly and was fitted with a prosthesis.

November Questions — Answers in next Issue —

- 1a.) What are the Shriners Dromedary Awards?
- b.) When are they awarded?
- c.) What Temple communications are currently recnized?
- 2.) What do our National Patient Ambassadors Katharine Koonce and Clint Crain — do during the 2015-16 Shrine year?
- 3a.) Who is the new Executive Vice President of Shriners International?
- b.) Who had been the Executive Vice President of Shriners International?
- c.) What is the goal of the new Executive Vice President of Shriners International?



Christmas Holiday Party Following the Stated Meeting & Election of Officers



Saturday Oriental Shrine \mathcal{T}_{emple} **December 12, 2015** 75 Water **Plant Road** Trov. NV

 \mathcal{E} njoy music of the season, food & beverages, & friendship!

Join us for a holiday season ~~Potluck~~

 \mathcal{B} ring your favorite holiday dish to share!

Saratoga County Shrine Club

HAROLD GOODSELL, Secretary

The October meeting of Saratoga Shrine Club was held at the Saratoga Holiday Inn on Monday, the 12th. 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 Annalore, the club officers and their

Sickness and Distress and Happiness: none reported

Secretary's report: was received by all, a motion made by P.P. Howard Waller, to accept the report. It was seconded by Noble Mike La-Pointe, all were in favor.

Treasurer's report: was given by P.P. Dan Murray, which found a balance of \$1,425.27, after expenses. A motion was made P.P. Paul Marinello and seconded by Noble Harold Goodsell to accept. All were in favor and both reports will be placed on file.

Old Business: Noble Mike LaPointe reported on the 3rd Annual Bass Tournament at South Bay on September 13th. He turned over \$600 profit to the Shriner's Hospital. Reservations are needed for the Fall Ceremonial. Contact Ceremonial Master Noble Barry

New Business: Noble Harold Goodsell made a motion that the club give \$500 to the Transportation Fund and \$500 to Oriental Shriners. The motion was seconded by Noble Michael LaPoint, all in were in favor, the motion was carried. President Russ Lehr will make the presentation on the October 31st at the Fall Ceremonial.

The monthly drawing received \$95.00 and the winners were; Ladies Linda Trasacco, Claudia Cuniff, Julie Vooys, Nobles Harold Goodsell, Armand Marion and P.P. Dan Mur-

Our next meeting will be on November 9th, 2015. Meal choices will be bourbon-glazed BBQ chicken breast, hearty country meatloaf w/mushroom gravy or beer battered fish, all served with a salad, garlic mashed potatoes, vegetables, rolls, dessert and beverage.

Please note that our group will be dinning in the Holiday Inn's Bookmakers dining room due to a large conference group using the large meeting room. Reservations are due to Dan Murray at 885-4358 or dmurray13@nycap.rr.com. The price is \$23 per person including 18% tax and service charge.

P.P. Recorder Tom Nicholson spoke of the upcoming Pie Sales with orders due in by October 16th. He also reminded everyone that the billing of our 2016 dues will be coming di-

rectly from Tampa.

President Russ introduced III Tom Abraham, who introduced Lady Leslie and the Divan present; Chief Rabban Robert Harris/Lady Jacque, Assistant Rabban Jim Vooys/ Lady Julie, Recorder PP Tom Nicholson, Personal Aid Walt Cunniff/Lady Claudia, Assistant Rabban Jim Vooys/ Lady Julie, Recorder PP Tom Nicholson, Personal Aid Walt Cunniff/Lady Claudia, Assistant Rabban Jacques Residence Re Circus Chairman Noble Barry Trasacco/Lady Linda and Chief Aid Noble Harold Goodsell/Lady Gerry. Past Potentates present were; Tim Grogan/Lady Shelly, Tom Nicholson, Bill Fink/Lady Kathy, Howard Waller/Lady Madeline, Byron Moak, John Garhartt/Lady

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Jewelry from Tiffany & Co.

20 Carat Blue Chalcedony Drop Pendant with 18 Inch Sterling Silver Chain With matching 20 Carat (total weight) Drop Pierced Earrings Designed by Paloma Picasso~~Total Retail Value \$1400

> Drawing December 12, 2015 at the Holiday Party Winner need not be present to win

\$20 donation; proceeds benefit Oriental Shriners Donation is not deductible as a charitable contribution

Win This Beautiful Item!

Tiffany & Co. Jewelry — III. Steve Flatt & Lady Julie have 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, with a retail value of \$1400. One hundred tickets will be available for a donation of \$20 each and the drawing will be at the Christmas Holiday Party at the Oriental Temple on Sat., December 12. ... SINCE 1922 7.

2015 FALL CEREMONIAL

Welcome to the New Nobles & Ladies!

On October 31, Oriental Shrine's Fall Ceremonial was held at the Holiday Inn Resort in Lake George.

The morning began with the traditional Ceremonial to bring in five new nobles: Kris Mullady (Judy), Dave Pelton (Lisa), Ricardo "Rick" Rizzo (Seneca), and Edward Bouissey (Kimberly) became new Nobles. Raphael Jean-Baptiste (Debbie), who was brought in via Cold Sands in May, also participated in the Ceremony. All of the new nobles received their fezzes as part of the evening's festivities.

The morning session also included a Ladies program. Twenty-one ladies had a good time receiving instruction on decoratively painting a scene of pumpkins on two wine glasses. The ladies were good natured and the results were fabulous and unique!

Thank you, **Lady Margaret**, for supplying the delectable morning pastries and **Lady Madeline** for helping with setup and cleanup!

During their "free" time, nobles and ladies relaxed in the hospitality room. As is the tradition for Oriental hospitality rooms, there was no want for lack of snacks, food, or drink. Thank you to all who brought food and snacks, including the donation of delicious fall soups from Lady Gerry, Lady Claudia, Lady Linda, and Lady Andrea's chili!

The evening festivities featured dancing to the music of Joe's Boys and great food prepared by the Holiday Inn staff. Rich Cunniff of Joe's Boys spoke of his personal experience with Shrine Hospitals. As a boy he suffered from polio, and it is because of the hospitals that Rich is able to walk today and devote his

time to performing music for others.

There is much to be done behind the scenes for an event to be successful and it does not go unnoticed. Lady Leslie and I would like to give special thanks to **Noble Barry Trasacco**, 2nd Ceremonial Master, and **Lady Linda** for their time and months of effort in coordinating the festivities from beginning to end and much in between as well. Many thanks also go to **Noble Walter Cunniff**, Personal Aide, and **Lady Claudia** as well as **Lady Madeline**, for their attention in helping host the hospitality room and coordinating particulars for a smoothly run event! The attention to detail all of you have given puts you at the top ~~ thank you for taking the initiative and getting it done and done right! *Great job by everyone!*



ATTENTION NOBLES!

IT IS EXPECTED THAT YOU ATTEND THE

ANNUAL MEETING

Installation of Officers

Sat., January 9, 2016 promptly at 1:00 pm at the Oriental Shrine Center

You will need your 2016 Dues Card for admission.

Notice is hereby given that the **Annual Meeting of Oriental Shriners** will be held at the Oriental Shrine Center, 75 Water Plant Rd., North Troy, on **Saturday, January 9, 2016**. At this time annual reports will be presented, installation of appointed and elected officers for the year will occur, and other such business will be transacted that may properly come before the meeting.

THOMAS W. ABRAHAM Illustrious Potentate

Attested by: THOMAS NICHOLSON Recorder 8. SHRINERS HOSPITALS

Troy Area Shrine Club

PAUL KAHIAN, Secretary

The October meeting of the Troy Shrine Club was held at the Oriental Shrine Center on Monday, October 26th. Club President Rick Sauer was unable to attend. Club Vice President PP Byron Moak gave the invocation, followed by the Shrine Pledge to the Flag.

Lady Andrea and helpers were thanked for a wonderful dinner.

The October meeting sent in the Clowns! Paul Kleinberger a/k/a "Fuddy Duddy" welcomed everyone and introduced his fellow clowns: PP Byron Moak a/k/a "Blueberry." PP John Garhartt, a/k/a "Grumpie," and our special guest clowns, Barbara Bird, from Red Nose Response, Janice Mastromarchi, from Electric City Clowns and Elaine Person, from Clowns on the Road. Much fun was had. We all received washers and dryers and other great gifts, and some great raffle prizes.

The club then went to the Lodge Room where Noble Robert Harris, introduced Lacy Jacque and officers of the Troy Shrine Club. He then asked our Noble Paul a/k/a "Fuddy Duddy" to speak about the clowns. Paul gave a great talk about his years as a clown, and how our area is so "clown rich." He spoke about meeting his mentor, Noble Roy Sandberg, back in 1976. Roy inspired the comic spirit of Oriental.

A very special presentation was made. The Roy Sandberg Memorial Humor Award was presented to PP John Garhartt for his many years of faithful service and dedication. A wonderful presentation by Barbara, Janice, and Elaine for all the great work their clowns do all over the world. From Katrina to Newtown, to Children's Hospitals all while putting a smile on the face of a hurting child and their

Fuddy Duddy then thanked all the clowns and turned the meeting over to Noble Bob Harris. Bob thanked all the clowns for their presentation and all their work.

Under sickness and distress came sad news: Lady Helen LaFountain, wife of Noble Grover LaFountain, has passed away.

Secretary Paul Kahian's reading of the previous meeting minutes was waived since they were published in the Oriental News and

Treasurer John Pagano gave a financial report. He made a motion that the Troy Club donate \$1,000 at the Fall Ceremonial. The motion was seconded and passed. III. Tom Nicholson reported and made a motion that the bar revenue of \$1200 be donated at the Ceremonial, and the money be split, \$600 to the Temple and \$600 to the Transportation Fund. The motion was carried. It was reported that the Clown Nose sales for the evening was \$17 and designated for the Transportation

The Club President then presented III. Tom Abraham, he in turn introduced Lady Leslie, members of the Divan, Past Potentates and their Ladies. III. Tom Abraham and P.P. Tom Nicholson presented a fez to Noble Antonio Sturges who was unable to attend previously. III. Tom reported that the Sportsman's Raffle was not as successful as was hoped for, but there was great afternoon activities and good food prepared by PP Paul Marinello, Noble Barry Trasacco and his Lady Linda and helpers. He reported one fundraiser was on-

2015 Oriental Shriners Circus Daddy Program

Thanks to everyone who supported the Circus Daddy Program. If you have not sent in your donation, we would appreciate your support.

A special thank you to all who attended and worked at the circus, including Potentate Tom Abraham/Lady Leslie, Chief Rabban Robert Harris/Lady Jacque, High Priest and Prophet Gaylord Hawley/Lady Patty, Recorder Tom Nicholson, P.P. Bob Rabe/Lady Audrey, P.P. Paul Marinello, and P.P. Byron Moak.

Thanks to Ladies Leslie and M.J. for working the ticket booth. Nobles and Ladies that distributed posters and tickets prior to the circus: Tom and Leslie Abraham, Tim and Shelly Grogan, Jacque and Robert Harris, Gaylord Hawley and Bob Rabe.

Thanks to Tim and Shelly Grogan for selling t-shirts. Thanks to all the ladies that made sure we were well fed at the shows.

Finally, a special thank you to my wife Linda for all of her support and hard work.

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Andrea, Dan Murray, Joe Mack, and Dick Gibbons, Ladies Carol Slocum and Sally Lebowich were also present. III. Tom asked Lady Julie Vooys to speak of the Shoe Collecting Project for the less fortunate. A project for Lady Melissa Hicks of Tigris Shrine who is doing the drive for her project as first Lady next year. III. Tom asked Lady Leslie to speak

going this year; the Jewelry from Tiffany & Co. is being raffled for a \$20 per ticket donation. The drawing will be held at the Holiday Party on December 12th. He announced that the first fundraiser for incoming Potentate Robert Harris and Lady Jacque is a beautiful quilt.

With no other business at hand, PP Byron Moak gave the benediction.

of the Collage Presentation that she made for P.P. Dick Gibbons and Lady Margaret for their recent sky diving expedition. III. Tom spoke of the Circus being a big success, even though the attendance was a little off from previous years. He spoke of the work and dedication put into the Circus by Noble Barry Trasacco and Lady Linda.

The Sportsmen's Raffle Drawing will be on October 17th with the Shrine Knife drawing, the 50/50 raffle and other door prizes. P.P. Chef Paul Marinello and his assistants are planning a special meal for all that attend the drawing. The Tiffany Jewelry that was donated by P.P. Steve Flatt and Lady Julie, was discussed, there are only 100 chances available at \$20.00 per chance, and it will be drawn at the Temple Christmas Party.

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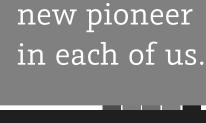
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