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ORIENTAL SHRINERS #7 - 1877 — TROY, NY



(photo by Paula Hebert)

Oriental Shriners march in Troy's Uncle Sam Parade.

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The September 28th meeting was opened by Vice President Byron Moak who gave the invocation and led all in the Shriner's Pledge to the Flag. Everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared by Lady Dorothy Allen.

Club President Rick Sauer congratulated Noble Merrell and Lady Dorothy Allen on their 60th wedding anniversary and Dorothy's birthday. All joined in singing happy birthday.

President Sauer then introduced the Troy Shrine Club officers.

Club Treasurer John Pagano gave Treasurer's report. A motion was made to accept report – motion passed unanimously.

Under Sickness and Distress, Noble Roger Minch reported that Noble Jake Leberman was going to have knee surgery.

Noble Paul Kleinberger gave us a preview of next month's exciting program. Since it is fall and all is colorful, Noble Paul asked all to dress colorfully. The meeting date is October 26th.

Program of the evening was a very interesting and informative movie about Shriner endowments in farming and lumber.

Noble Robert Harris wanted all to know that Oriental was looking for a new Transportation chairperson.

President Sauer then asked for a Nominating Committee for officers of the Troy Shrine Club for 2016 to be presented at the November meeting. Nobles Paul Kleinberger, Bob Harris and PP Bryon Moak all agreed to serve.

Illustrious Tom Abraham was then given the floor. He introduced his Lady Leslie and all members of Divan, Past Potentates and ladies. He reported: Circus was a success and thanked all that helped out. There has been a committee meeting about insurance coverage. He reported that the Sportsmen's Raffle will be held at the Shrine Center on October 17th. All are welcome to attend a fun filled afternoon. There is a raffle for a beautiful knife with the Shrine's emblem. Lady Leslie is heading the raffle of Tiffany necklace. Tickets are only \$20 and drawing will be held at the Holiday Party, October 31st is the Fall Ceremonial. It will be held at the Holiday Inn in Lake George beginning at 9:00 am. There will be an exciting (top secret) Ladies program. He reported that the Uncle Sam Parade participation was a great success, and that our own "Uncle Sam," Noble Michael Blaine, was on the front page of the Times Union.

Noble Paul Kleinberger was called up to accept well deserved congratulations for being awarded the Wendell K. Walker Builder of Men Award by the Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

A report was given on the NYOSA fall meeting.

PP John Garhartt gave a report on the Springfield Hospital. Assistant Rabban Jim Vooy's gave a report on the Boston Hospital.

The Potentate asked for a volunteer to become Transportation Committee Chairperson. This is a very important position to coordinate transportation for children and families to our Hospitals.

Benediction was given by PP Byron Moak. Next meeting of Troy Shrine Club is October 26, 2015.

Recorder's Corner

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Per Capita Dues Increase

At this year's Imperial Session in Houston, Texas, a per capita increase was approved. The per capita portion of your dues will increase from \$15 to \$30. This will be reflected in your dues billing statement this fall.

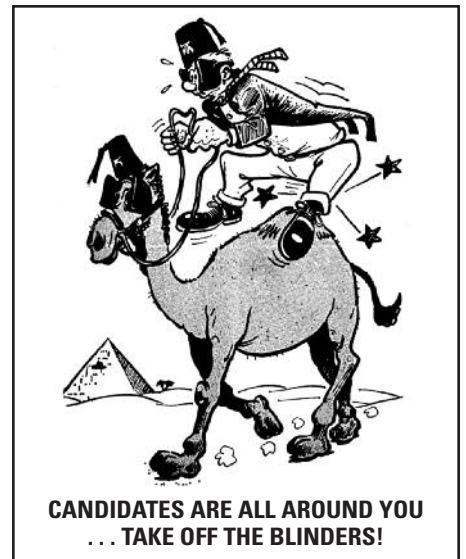
If you would like to avoid this per capita increase, and any future per capita increases, you may purchase a Life Per Capita Membership. Per Imperial Bylaws, a Life Per Capita Membership may be purchased by paying to the temple recorder an amount equal to 30 times the current per capita. Until December 31, 2015, this amount is \$450 (30 times \$15). You are then exempt from the annual per capita, and any per capita increases, and will be subject to only the temple and hospital assessments.

After December 31, 2015 the per capita will increase to \$30 and a Life Per Capita Membership will increase to \$900. With subsequent per capita increases, the cost will rise, as well as your annual dues.

You may purchase your Life Per Capita Membership by sending \$450 to the Recorder, Oriental Shriners. The recorder must enter this into the system by December 31, 2015, so mail your payment, made out to Oriental Shriners, as soon as possible. If we receive your payment and enter it into the membership system by September 30, your 2016 dues statement will reflect your Life Per Capita Membership and your billed amount will be only \$26.15.

Any Life Per Capita Membership purchase request received by the recorder after December 31 will cost \$900. We are not able to back date any purchases in the system.

If you are an Associate Member of Oriental Shriners, you do not pay your per capita to Oriental Shriners, but to the temple where you hold your regular membership. You can contact the recorder of that temple to arrange for purchasing your Life Per Capita Membership.



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THE POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Believe in the Shriners' Creed; Believe in the Cause

At Installation, the Shriners' Creed is recited as part of the ceremony. The Creed was crafted to reflect who we are and what we stand for. This is a significant historical Shriners' document which is intended to be heeded by all Shriners at all times and not just to be recited as part of an annual ritual. In my experience thus far, it seems the installation ceremony is the only time during the year in which we actually hear or pay some attention to the Creed. As such, I would like to share with you and reflect upon some of the guiding principles written in the Shriners' Creed, as it certainly deserves more attention than what it is currently afforded.

"We believe that care for the less fortunate, especially children who suffer from burns and crippling diseases, is our institutional calling."

The 22 hospitals Shriners serve do just that. Our hospitals have served and successfully treated over one million children. In doing so, we have given them hope and inspiration to carry on with their young lives in as normal a way as possible. Most of you have visited one of the hospitals, or have seen videos or commercials, or at least have heard of success stories of children helped by Shriners. Each story, each child helped, is a wonder in and of itself that goes beyond being "institutional." Yes, the medical science is provided for the children, but so much more transpires. Lives of all those involved are changed for the better. Individual Shriners and Ladies fundraise to support the hospitals; doctors, nurses, and family members provide the physical and emotional care of the child; each child experiences a life better than what he or she would have had otherwise. As one of our burn patients recently said to our Imperial Potentate, Jerry Gantt, "I may look different, but I am the same person on the inside." Our collective efforts gave this child the ability to look into a Shriner's eyes and say that and to move on with a better life. This patient's statement, and so many more like it, inspires us to continue our dedicated work.

"Together we will support each other in adherence to this creed, so that we and our communities will be better because of our fraternity and its principles."

The word "support" is used a great deal, I know; then again, it is a great deal for each of you to provide any assistance you can to support the principles of the Shrine. Take a moment to reflect on the individual effort you have put forth and the important work you have done for the Temple over the years so that, in turn, our hospitals can continue to be successful in providing special care to these special children. Upon this reflection, you may remind yourself that you have made more of a difference than you initially realized, or you may also discover that there is more you could do.

"As Shriners, we look beyond ourselves to serve the needs of others, especially children who cannot help themselves. We believe Shriners Hospitals to be the world's greatest philanthropy."

Indeed, we have looked beyond ourselves in our support of this great fraternity. Our successes can be seen in the smiles of the children we serve as they take their first steps or dance or throw a ball or re-enter the world after suffering catastrophic burns or injuries. Those smiles and those normal activities that we take for granted in our daily lives are major accomplishments in the lives of those children. They have been made possible because of you and your involvement with and your belief in this great fraternity. If you have seen any of these special children, especially up close and personal, inevitably you will be filled with the immense pride that comes with that exceptional bond with the world's greatest philanthropy.

I have touched on only a few of the stated principles in the Shriners' Creed. My intent was to help you become just that much more cognizant of its original principles that still hold strong today, to be one who recognizes how the active Shriner is an im-

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Do You Know?

BYRON MOAK, PP, Historian

— Answers to July-August Questions —

1a.) At the 141st Imperial Session in Houston, Texas, Hikmat Shriners was chartered.

b.) Hikmat Shriners are located in Cuiba, Mato Grasso, Brazil.

c.) Hikmat Shriners are the 196th Shrine Center.

2a.) The next five Imperial Sessions are:

2016 Imperial Session — Tampa, Florida

2017 Imperial Session — Daytona Beach, Florida

2018 Imperial Session — Daytona Beach, Florida

2019 Imperial Session — Nashville, Tennessee

2020 Imperial Session — Kansas City, Missouri

b.) Tampa, FL, had an Imperial Session in 2006. Kansas City was the site of Imperial Sessions in 1901, 1924, and 1976. Neither Daytona Beach nor Nashville have hosted an Imperial Session in the past.

3.) Arnold Palmer, a famous golfer, has appeared in advertisements for the Shriners Hospitals for Children and is himself, a Shriner.

4.) According to the Shrine Hospital Report at the Imperial Session in Houston, some \$450 million has been received in third party pay.

5.) The Shriners Hospitals for Children are now collaborating with the Mayo Clinic Network.

6.) Our Imperial Potentate for 2014-15, Sir Dale Strauss, was elected President of the Colorado Corporation in an extremely close election over Ill. Sir Douglas Maxwell, who had been President of the Board of Trustees (Colorado Corporation) for several or more years.

Sept.-Oct. Questions

— Answers in next Issue —

1a.) Who was the first Imperial Potentate?

b.) How long did the first Imperial Potentate serve?

c.) What Shrine Center was our first Imperial Potentate a member?

2.) Of the now 196 Shrine Centers of Shriners International, which have furnished the most Imperial Potentates from their membership?

3.) Since the formation of the Shriners organization, which Shrine Centers of the New York-Ontario Shrine Association, have had a member become Imperial Potentate?

4a.) What relationship did Dr. Charles Mayo, a founder of the Mayo Clinic, have to the Shriners?

b.) Why is the Shriners Hospitals collaboration with the Mayo Clinic Care Network important?

5.) Who are the 2015-16 Patient Ambassadors for the Shriners Hospitals for Children?

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The September meeting of Saratoga Shrine Club was held at the Saratoga Holiday Inn on Monday, September 14th. 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 ladies.

Sickness and Distress and Happiness: Noble Red Peek is getting out and feeling stronger. P.P. Paul Marinello had a heart procedure done recently and is doing well.

Secretary's report: was received by all. A motion made by Noble Robert Harris to accept the report. It was 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 \$1,327.27, after expenses. A motion was made by Noble Harold Goodsell and seconded by Noble Frank Finch to accept; all were in favor. Both reports will be placed on file.

Old Business: Reservations are needed for the Fall Ceremonial.

New Business: Noble Frank Finch was introduced as our speaker. His topic was "Ideas for Recruitment for New Members" with an outsider's point of view.

The nightly raffle took in \$84. The winners were Ladies Jacque Harris, Leslie Abraham, Shelly Grogan, Andrea Garhartt, P.P. Dan Murray and Noble Armand Marion.

P.P. Tom Nicholson spoke of the Fall Pie Sale with the pie selections being the same as in the past. Orders are due by October 17th and pick-up will be at the Shrine Center. The pick-up date will be available at next meeting. Daughters of the Nile will be sponsoring their Annual Oktoberfest at the Shrine Center on October 11th and they will have a selection of German beers and ales as well as a great menu. As our Recorder, P.P. Tom reported that there are several changes from Imperial, including an annual dues increase, which will come from Tampa. Tom also noted that it was Lady Leslie's birthday – she was then serenaded with our birthday wishes.

Our next meeting will be on October 12th, the menu will be: three cheese lasagna, chicken havarti with cheese sauce, dill and prosciutto, and sliced roasted top sirloin w/ mushroom sauce. All selections will be served with a salad, red bliss potatoes, rolls, desert and a beverage. Reservations are needed by the 7th to Dan Murray at 885-4358 or dmurray13@nycap.rr.com. Price is \$23 per person including 18% tax and service charge.

President Russ introduced Ill. Tom Abraham, who introduced Lady Leslie and the Divan present: Nobles Robert Harris/Lady Jacque, Dan Rhodes/Lady Maria, Barry Trasacco/Lady Linda and Chief Aide 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 Andrea, Dan Murray, and Joe Mack. Lady Carol Slocum was also present.

Ill. Tom spoke of the upcoming Circus dates at Plattsburgh, Lake Placid, Glens Falls and Amsterdam. He spoke of the work and dedication put into the Circus by Noble Barry Trasacco and Lady Linda.

Ill. Tom spoke of the Troy Parade and

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Sbriner'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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Potentate's Message

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perative component to the growing number of beautiful smiles and major accomplishments of those to whom we ultimately serve, the children.

To help you stay focused on all of the principles of the Shriners' Creed, I encourage you to take the time to read it through frequently, not just hear it once a year at the Installation Ceremony. Take one sentence, one principle, and personally reflect on what you are currently doing and what more you can do as a true dedicated Shriner.

Believe in the Cause!

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

thanked those for coming out. He was pleased to have 20 nobles there, including our very own "Uncle Sam," Michael Blaine. He also mentioned the Sportsman Raffle for which there are still many tickets that need to be sold. The Fall Ceremonial will be at the Lake George Holiday Inn on October 31st and reservations must be made in advance. The Fall Ceremonial will also be the Stated Meeting. Lady Leslie spoke of the raffle for the Tiffany jewelry that was donated by P.P. Steve Flatt and Lady Julie. There are only 100 chances available at \$20.00 and will be drawn at the Christmas Party.

With no other business on hand the Benediction was given by P.P. Byron Moak.



Jerry G. Gantt
IMPERIAL POTENTATE
SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL

Jerry G. Gantt of Houston is currently serving his 11th year as a member of the Boards of Directors for Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children. Gantt was elected Imperial Potentate, part of the 13-member body that helps govern the Shriners fraternity, during the Shriners' 2015 Imperial Session, held in Houston, July 5 - July 9.

Gantt was raised a Master Mason at Cherryville Lodge #505 in 1971. He is a member of the York Rite, Grotto and was honored with the 33rd Degree of the Scottish Rite. Gantt became a member of Oasis Shriners in Charlotte, N.C., in 1972, and joined Arabia Shriners in Houston in 1980, where he held numerous offices, including chairman of the Five-year Planning Committee. He served as the temple's Potentate in 2002.

Gantt is a chairman emeritus of Shriners Hospitals for Children – Houston Board of Governors and has served at the Imperial level as Outer Guard Aide, Captain of the Guard Aide, Imperial Marshal Aide and member of the Imperial Dispensations and Charters Committee. During his years as a member of the Boards of Directors, he has served on a number of committees, including Budget, Building and Equipment, Information Systems, Public Relations, Salary, Personnel and Retirement, Planning, Corporate Compliance, Education Seminars, Sports, Research, Medical Affairs, Strategic Planning, Investments and Budget. In addition, he has served as Liaison Officer to the Shriners Hospitals for Children in Philadelphia, Houston, Cincinnati, Montreal, Tampa, Honolulu and Galveston. In addition to his service in the Shriners fraternity, Gantt is an honorary member of the DeMolay Legion of Honor.

Born in Gastonia, N.C., Gantt attended Wingate College in Wingate, N.C. He then joined the United States Marine Corps., where he served as an air traffic controller. He is now President of Piedmont Contractors, Inc., a commercial general contracting firm in Houston.

In his community, Gantt and his wife, Lisa, enjoy NASCAR and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, where they are life members and Gantt is an active committee member.

Sportsmen's Raffle

The Second Annual Sportsmen's Raffle was held on Saturday, October 17, at the Temple.

Attendees enjoyed a fabulous meal prepared by **III. P.P. Paul Marinello** and Lady Linda and **Noble Barry Trasacco**. Several hours were dedicated to make this delicious meal for those who were present. There were also several door prizes, 50/50 (won by III. Sir John Scott of Cyprus), the raffling of the custom-made Shrine knife (winner being Tom Abraham, Jr.), and of course, the raffling of the 51 sportsmen's items. The winners' list has been submitted to Smitty's Trapping Supplies in Schaghticoke.

I thank all of you who actively sold and/or purchased tickets; your efforts were truly needed and many of you came through in true Shriner fashion! An extra word of thanks goes to the special folks who took the time to attend the event; it meant a great deal to me. I also wish to give a special thanks to Lady Leslie who helped me with producing the tickets, doing the bookkeeping, and keeping me on track!

Supporting this year's endeavor to raise money for Oriental Shrine was important ~~ thank you sincerely!



Sportsmen's Raffle cooks: PP Paul Marinello (left) and Noble Barry Trasacco.

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!

Three members of the Uncle Sam's Clowns have been honored:

L. John Garhartt, PP, known as "Grumpie," was presented the Clown Arts Leadership Award by the Capital Region Clown Arts Festival. A long time Shrine Clown and twice Potentate of the Oriental Shriners, when asked to take the helm of the fledgling Uncle Sam Clowns, he gladly did so. For the past 18 months he has been coordinating the founding of the unit and all that goes in to becoming constituted clown unit of Shriners International.

Byron "Blueberry" Moak, PP, was presented the 2015 Funny Bone Award by the Clown Arts Festival. When he introduced us all to his character "Blueberry," his clown persona was an instant hit. Since he has worked diligently to keep the laughter rolling on many fronts around the Capital Region. Blueberry tickles everyone's funny bone! Thank you, Byron, for all you do.

Paul "Fuddi-Duddy" Kleinberger was honored by the Grand Lodge of New York. The Grand Master, M.W. William Thomas, presented Paul/Fuddi-Duddy the Wendell K. Walker Builder of Men Award. Simply stated those members of the Fraternity selected for this award have emerged as extraordinary in their devotion to the principles of the Order, and through conscious effort and untiring work, have helped to shape others into those smooth stones fit for inclusion in the Celestial Lodge above, and are correctly identified as Master Builders in the Craft ... Builders of Men.

Congratulations to one and all!

It's Great To Be A Shriner!

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
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The 2015 Oriental Shrine Circus

The Temple's sponsorship of the annual circus is the single, largest fundraiser for the Temple, and this year's venture was no different. Under the leadership of our Circus Chairman, Noble Barry Trasacco and Lady Linda, we had yet another successful year.

With venues at Plattsburgh, Lake George, Glens Falls, and Amsterdam, Walker Brothers Circus entertained the crowds with a high wire act, an acrobatic family, juggling and much more. There were also humorous acts which were quite appropriate for family fun of all ages. The size of the crowds varied but not the reaction of the crowds: Many leaving the circus thanked Oriental for a good time and a

good circus and encouraged us to come back next year.

The success of the circus is due in large part to the uncountable hours of persistent behind-the-scenes work done by Noble Barry and Lady Linda. Throughout this past year, they have travelled countless miles and attained the many essential contracts from sponsors with their ads in order to make this year's advertising book the great success that it was. Along with that, there was continuous communication with the circus people and the various contacts for the venue locations to make sure everything went as smoothly as possible. With these dedicated efforts, Noble Barry and Lady

Linda brought in thousands of dollars to the Temple.

There was good representation of the Shrine with many nobles and ladies on hand who worked to fulfill the necessary tasks such as traffic control, selling & collecting tickets, selling circus T-shirts, handing out Shrine information, clown noses, and more. A circus would not be complete without clowns, and a couple of Shrine clowns fulfilled that role!

Once again, our Nobles and Ladies proved that working together assures a successful venture for the Oriental Shrine Temple.

Congratulations to everyone on a job well done!



Fall Ceremonial

**Holiday Inn, Lake George
Saturday, October 31**

Nobles: Stated meeting & ceremonial commencing at 9 a.m.

Ladies Program at 9:15 a.m. with morning beverages, pastries, and an easy, fun activity.

Hospitality Room: Friday, 7-11 p.m.; Saturday, noon-4 & after evening entertainment by Joe's Boys; lunch at 1 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to welcome our new Nobles and Ladies and make them feel a part of our great fraternity!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Fishing Tournament A Success!

On September 13th anglers participated in the Third Annual Fishing Tournament. This year's tournament, as in the previous year, was coordinated by **Noble Mike La-Pointe** of Saratoga Shrine Club.

The tournament was a great success as \$600 was raised for the Springfield Hospital. Let's keep this fundraiser afloat and increase the support next year!

Congratulations to Noble Mike on this successful fundraiser . . . well done!



STATEMENT

Recorder's Office

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NYOSA: Fall 2015

The Fall Conference session of the New York/Ontario Shrine Association met in Corning, New York, at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center.

The formal business meeting was held on Saturday, September 26. The usual business was conducted with review of the 2015

more patients to our hospitals and the need to increase membership. Imperial Sir then asked those assembled to reflect on who would assume responsibility for our hospitals and support the aid of the children we serve if membership continues to decline at its current rate.



From left: Ill. Tom Abraham and Lady Leslie with Lady Lisa and Imperial Sir Gantt at the 2015 Fall NYOSA Conference in Corning.

budget, the proposed budget for 2016, and the election of the 2016 officers.

The highlight of the session was the visit of the Imperial Potentate, Ill. Sir Jerry Gantt and Imperial First Lady Lisa. The Imperial Sir's arrival followed his visit to the Shriners Hospital in Erie, thus finishing a visit to all 22 hospitals.

In his address to the attendees, Imperial Sir Jerry stressed the importance of bringing

Lady Lisa's presentation was on her project of continuing to raise money for combatting osteogenesis imperfecta or OI, commonly referred to as "brittle bone disease." Lady Lisa is strongly committed to furthering the research into finding a cure for this disease so that children with this affliction will someday realize their dream of walking or hugging without the fear of breaking bones. Her project title is "In Dreams I Walk."

The Imperial Sir wrapped up the business session by installing the officers for 2016. The new president is Ill. Terry Byard. Ill. Terry is Past Potentate from Media Temple. In his brief address, he asked that there be a greater effort from the Temples to increase attendance at NYOSA conferences. The sessions are open to Potentates, Divan members, and all Nobles. Ladies are also encouraged to attend. The Spring and Fall Conferences for 2016 will be held at Bonnie Castle in Alexandria Bay, with dates to be announced.

What is NYOSA?

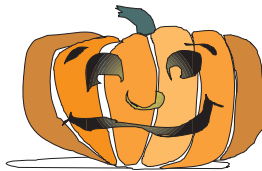
NYOSA stands for New York/Ontario Shrine Association. The Association is comprised of eleven Shrine Temples: Rameses, Oriental, Ismailia, Damascus, Media, Mecca, Ziyara, Cypress, Kalurah, Tigris, and Kizmet.

NYOSA meets twice a year, a Fall Conference and a Spring Conference, at select locations usually based on where the current president is from. Meetings, for example, have been held in Alexandria Bay, Geneva, Syracuse, Saratoga, Ellicottville, and this year in Niagara Falls and Corning.

Attendance at the NYOSA conference is open to all nobles of the eleven temples, and it is encouraged for all to attend. While the main purpose of the meetings for the nobles is to conduct the business of budget and the election and installation of officers, there are programs and site visits for the ladies and, of course, the end-of-session banquet. The hospitality room is always well-furnished in traditional Shriner style and is completed with good conversation and fellowship, providing for a good time being had by all.

Equally important, the NYOSA Conference gives all potentates and divan members the opportunity to meet and coordinate the various temple events to avoid as many conflicts in schedules as possible.

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Quilt — Lady Marjorie Durling (Cambridge Shrine) has very kindly donated a beautifully and professionally crafted quilt she fashioned called "Raining Cats & Dogs." It is Lady Marjorie's request that the donations benefit Shriner children; therefore, we have chosen Imperial Lady Lisa Gantt's project, "In Dreams I Walk," which benefit the treatment and research for *Osteogenesis Imperfecta*, also know as "brittle bone disease." The raffle will be spearheaded by Lady Jacque Harris and the winner will be announced at the Installation of New Officers at the Oriental Temple on Saturday, January 9, 2016.

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