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Noble Michael Lapointe, Illustrious Robert Harris and Noble Russ Lehr at Saratoga Shrine Club.

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— DATE CHANGE —

Please note that the next Schenectady Shrine Club meeting (Potentates' Night) will be on Wednesday, October 19th instead of the 5th as indicated in the newsletter that went out in the mail. Unfortunately Canali's was already booked for the 5th and your secretary sent out the newsletter before double checking.

Both potentates are on board with the date change. All other details remain the same. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Recorder's Corner

III. WILLIAM B. FINK, JR., PP
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Well, there is a chill in the air and that means that dues season is upon us. By the time you read this, your dues notice should have arrived for those who owe dues. We have a policy that if your age plus your years of membership is greater than 104, your dues are forgiven and you will not receive a dues notice.

Unfortunately, we have 21 nobles who have not paid their 2016 dues. These nobles are in danger of being dropped in January for non-payment of dues. If this happens, our membership will drop below 300 and we will lose one of our representatives to Imperial, giving us even less say. We cannot allow this to happen, so please get your dues payments in!

On a lighter note, our Circus was a big success as was the gun raffle. One noble sold over \$3,000 for the raffle! Be sure to give Wendell Beadnell a big "THANK YOU"!

under the weather. He introduced his Divan that were present: Chief Rabban Jim Vooy's/Lady Julie, Treasurer, P.P. Bill Fink and Chief Aide Noble Harold Goodsell/Lady Gerry. The Past Potentates present were: Dan Murray, John Garhartt/Lady Andrea, Bill Fink, Howard Waller/Lady Madeline, Byron Moak, Dick Gibbons/Lady Margaret, Joe Mack as well as Ladies Carol Slocum and Sally Lebowich. He introduced The Circus Chairman Barry Trasacco and Lady Linda, giving them special recognition for all of their work preparing and pulling off the two Circus week-ends. He spoke of NYOSA at Alexander Bay on September 23rd, 24th and 25th. He also spoke of the Sportsman Raffle that will take place on October 8th and reminded everyone that all tickets and monies must be turned in soon. The Fall Ceremonial Master Barry Trasacco and Lady Linda spoke of the up and coming Fall Ceremonial October 21st and 22nd. Reservations are needed to be in soon. Hotel reservations must be made directly to the Queensbury Hotel in Glens Falls and all information is in the Oriental News. The Basket Party is scheduled for November 20th, at the Greenwich Elks Club on Route 40.

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

The September meeting of Saratoga Shrine Club was held at the Saratoga Embassy Suites on Monday, September 12th. 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 the club officers and their ladies.

Secretary's Report: was received by all, a motion made by Ill. Robert Harris, 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 \$1,845.77 after expenses. A motion was made P.P. Howard Waller and seconded by Noble Harold Goodsell to accept; all were in favor. Both reports will be placed on file.

Sickness, Distress and Happiness: Both P.P. Bill Fink and Noble Russ Lehr thanked everyone for the condolences for their recent losses. It was good to have Noble Malcolm Ogden and Lady Betty with us this evening.

Old Business: none

New Business: Chief Rabban/Boston Hospital Chairman gave a report on the Boston Hospital which recently completed their budget. The Boston Hospital will be expanding different service areas. P.P./Springfield Hospital Chairman gave a report of the recent Walk-a-thon in the rain. The nightly raffle was drawn realizing \$90.00. The winners were: P.P. Dan Murray, Noble Malcolm Ogden, Ill. Robert Harris, as well as Ladies Andrea Garhartt and Maria Addiss.

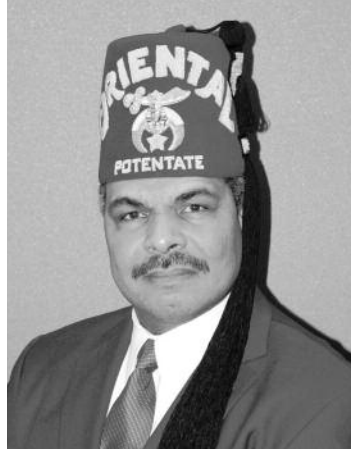
Past President Dick Gibbons was asked to speak and he told of a funny encounter he recently had with a Virginia State Police officer. Noble Mike Lapointe spoke of the recent Bass Tournament. He wished there were more Shriners who participated, but realized it was also a Circus weekend. There was a good turnout of 20 boats, thus realizing a profit of \$900.00 that he turned over to the Hospital Fund. He gave special thanks to their three sponsors: The Lake Lonely Boat Livery, The Washington County Boat Masters and Irving Tissue, a local union. Pictures can be obtained on the Washington Boat Masters web site. Next year's Bass Tournament will take place on Saratoga Lake, and he is hoping for a better turnout. The kitchen and wait staff were presented for our appreciation for a great meal. Our next dinner/meeting will be on October 10th. Menu choices are: house garden salad or butternut squash bisque. Entrée choices will be: chicken saltimbocca w/madeira wine sauce, or grilled petite NY strip steak w/rosemary demi-glace or wild mushroom ravioli w/chef's choice cream sauce. All are served with warm rolls, butter, triple chocolate cake, coffee, decaf coffee, assorted teas w/lemon and honey and ice water w/lemon. The cost is \$23.00 per person. As always, please contact P.P. Dan Murray with your reservation and meal choice by October 3rd at: dmurray13@nycap.rr.com or call him at 885-4358.

The Potentate was introduced who in turned apologized for his Lady Jacque who was unable to attend as she was feeling a little

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 HIM!**

THE POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



I am the Potentate, the Illustrious Sir ... yes, I am. However, I am still one of the workers in the temple with all of the nobles. We are all in this together, working to continue building what was started well before me and will continue after me. You nobles who are not attending Shrine Club or Unit meetings, I get it. You are tired and nothing seems to happen. Well, this is just not true. You are missing out on the fellowship in the Fraternity that is happening and also just the simple friendship that you can experience at our functions. Come on out and join us! The Saratoga Shrine club is now meeting at the new Embassy Suites in Saratoga Springs. Wow, what a beautiful place that is! The manager of the restaurant is from the Lake George Holiday Inn and knows our crowd. Come on out and join in at least once when you can. It really is fun! Bring a non-Mason and we will buy his (and his lady's) dinner.

I have been to every Potentate's Ball in NYOSA (New York-Ontario Shrine Association). Everyone is invited to NYOSA meetings. It is also very important that the Divan members be there as well. In the Spring and Fall we were visited by the Imperial Potentate Jerry Gant and the new Imperial Potentate Chris Smith, respectively. NYOSA also had a special guest, who accompanied the Shriners to the July 2016 Imperial Session in Tampa, Florida, by no other than the Most Worshipful Jeffery Williamson, Grand Master of Freemasons in the State of New York and his wife Carla. He is a very dynamic individual and lets all in Masonry know that the Shrine experience is what Masons should do – helping children, and also indirectly helping their families. What a great Fraternity! The golden rays of our mystic circle point out the way of doing what we do as Freemasons – which is who we are.

My heart is in this thing, a year devoted to the nobles and agreeably for the children who we serve, making lives better. Let us celebrate and bring some Masons to our festivities! Make them feel like brothers and fellows who walk the walk of Freemasonry. This is what we need to do, remembering that we are all brothers. That's what I was told by the Grand Master and the Imperial Potentate. Look at the Imperial Sir Chris Smith's pin. Masonry first, then reminding us all that Shriner work is what we do, and we have lots of fun doing it.

Well, I've got to subdue my fun and slow down a bit. While Lady Jacque and I traveled together throughout the year, our trips have reminded me of our days right after we got married while I was in the Air Force, going to many bases in different countries and learning about other cultures, food and languages. In all my military years, I began to realize how blessed I am to have suffered no injuries in any our wars or military actions. What a lucky man I am. I salute all of you who have served, "We Band of Brothers ... Hurrah!!!"

Speaking of injuries, I've discovered that dancing can get rather interesting as one gets older. My wife told me to be careful and as always, my "Tom Sawyer" side always seems to come out and I want to play. Sometimes playing hard is what I do ... with gusto. I never knew the polka could be so physically demanding on the body. Lady Jacque warned me that the polka is not the dance for me. Well, a few minutes into the polka and I was done. I ruptured my Achilles tendon. It felt like my ankle popped. Then it went numb and I had no foot action. Luckily it was near the end of the evening and I hadn't had any drinks, so when I got to the hospital, I was able to feel everything the emergency room doctor was doing while he was checking my ankle and demonstrating why he knew it was my Achilles to other staff. Ok, that's enough! I am now OK and feeling more fit, how-

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A Special Thanks to all who attended and worked at the Circus.

Nobles and Ladies that distributed posters and tickets prior to the circus:

Tim & Shelly Grogan
Robert & Jacque Harris
Jim & Juli Vooy

At the circus:

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Circus Chairman

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!

The Uncle Sam Clowns say THANK YOU to all those you attended the various circus performances. It was great to share smirks, smiles, giggles, laughter and red noses prior to the shows and at intermission time. A lot of fun was had by everyone. A special shout out to Sparky and Railz. Sparky the Clown is the VP of Red Nose Response. Railz is a member of the Melha clown unit in Springfield. Both took time from their busy schedules to join the Uncle Sam Clowns, the Oriental Shriners and the audience of the circus.

The Uncle Sam Clowns want to say "congratulations" to Bryon Moak, PP. Also known as Blueberry, Byron was recognized by the Imperial Potentate at the Imperial Session in Tampa for his years of involvement with the hospitals. A shout out to Fuddi-Duddy. Fuddi-Duddy has been asked by the newly elected President of Clowns of America International to continue his service as an international committee person and an advisor to the board. Paul will be making a presentation on Shrine Clowns at the next meeting of Apollo-King Solomon Lodge #13, Thursday evening, October 6. His presentation will be open to the public. Come on out and give a clown a laugh!

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Troy Area Shrine Club
 PAUL S. KAHIAN, Secretary

The September 26th meeting of the Troy Shine Club was opened by Vice President PP Byron Moak. He welcomed everyone and led everyone in invocation and pledge to the flag.

All enjoyed a chicken dinner by Dorothy Allen. PP Byron thanks Dorothy and her helpers.

PP Byron reported that Ill. Robert Harris was recovering from an injury he received.

The minutes of April meeting were sent via email and Oriental News. Club Treasurer John Pagano gave a report of the club's income and expenses.

PP Byron reported a nomination committee was needed. PP John Garhartt, Noble Dave Stanley and Nobel Paul Kleinberger agreed to serve on the committee.

Under Old Business it was reported that the club steak roast held in May was a success. Everyone enjoyed themselves.

Under New Business a motion was made to send \$100.00 to the Springfield Hospital fund. Motion passed. Noble Paul Kleinberger reported on the Clown School and several new classes will be available. The 50/50 was held with several winners.

PP Secretary Bill Fink reported on behalf of Ill. Robert Harris. PP Bill introduced all the Divan members, Past Potentates and ladies. He relayed two messages for PP Robert. The Sportsman raffle will be held Saturday, October 8th here at the Oriental Center. Asked everyone to continue selling tickets. The Ceremonial will be held on Saturday, October 22nd at the Queensbury Hotel in Glens Falls. We are in need of new Nobles. The Basket Raffle will be held on Sunday, November 20th at the Greenwich Elks at noon.

The benediction was given by PP Moak.

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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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A Note of Thanks to Our Circus Chair

The 2016 Oriental Shrine Circus kicked off on the weekend of September 3rd & 4th with four shows in Amsterdam, followed by four shows in Plattsburgh at the county fairgrounds on September 9th & 10th.

As a member of the Circus Committee, I want to extend appreciation and thanks to **Noble Barry Trasacco and Lady Linda** for their continuous efforts and dedicated hard work in making the Shrine Circus a reality.

This year has not been without its extreme difficulties. Originally, Noble Barry and Lady Linda arranged for the Garden Circus to perform and would have been a circus for an indoor venue. After lining up the Civic Center in Plattsburgh and the Lake George Forum, major obstacles were put in the way. The Plattsburgh City Council passed a resolution banning performances with captive animals and the Forum canceled out on the dates that were established. The Garden Circus then began to say no to certain sites, such as Glens Falls Civic Center, and changed the available dates several times.

The Trasaccos did not give up and continuously looked for other options. As August was coming to a close, they caught a break. After speaking with the folks from Circus Hollywood, they were able to quickly arrange dates and locations to suit both parties. Noble Barry and Lady Linda worked overtime on many of the necessary behind-the-scenes organizations to make the circus events come to fruition. Their efforts and time paid off; our Oriental Shrine Circus became a reality for 2016.

Circus Hollywood was a much larger circus than we have had in previous years and included a large petting zoo, including two magnificent giraffes. The shows consisted of several beautiful horses, two amazing camels, and many entertaining acts performed by the circus's personnel.

In addition to working on making the circus a reality, Noble Barry and Lady Linda are on the road all year long, from Amsterdam to Plattsburgh and everywhere in between, to seek out and procure advertising for our circus ad book, which brings in much needed funds to our Temple.

Thank you, Noble Barry and Lady Linda, for your commitment, time, and effort to this important fundraiser for the Temple and for the children we serve.

Fraternally,
Tom Abraham, P.P.
Lady Leslie

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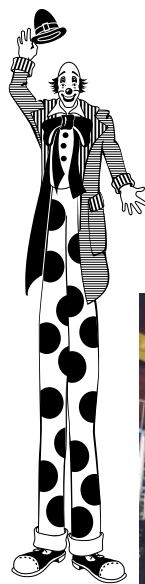
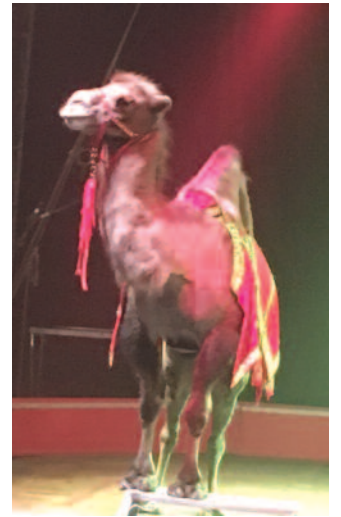
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20th, 2016*



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From the Circus Chairman

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As many of you know, it was a rocky road to the circus this year. We had been planning an indoor circus. After many unsuccessful attempts to locate venues we gave up on that circus.

The Hollywood Circus was performing locally. We were able to convince them to lay over for us. It was a mad rush to print tickets, print the book, distribute posters and contract for all the necessities.

Everyone pulled together. We put on the best circus we have had in several years.

Thanks for all the understanding and assistance.

Barry Trasacco
Circus Chairman

~~Mark Your Calendars~~ for the 3rd Annual Basket Raffle Sunday, November 20, 2016

Last year, we raffled over 85 baskets
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Do You Know?

BYRON MOAK, PP, Historian

— Answers to July-Aug. Questions —

1.) Under Article 6 of Officers of both the Colorado and Iowa Corporations, is the position of Deputy Imperial Potentate. With proposed amendment #2 of 206.1 and 206.5 (sections), the delegates at the Imperial Session in Tampa voted to eliminate the position.

2a.) At the Imperial Session in Tampa, Imperial Sir Chris L. Smith, the Deputy Imperial Potentate, was elected the Imperial Potentate for the year 2016-17.

b.) Imperial Sir Chris L. Smith was born in Memphis, Tennessee.

c.) Imperial Sir Smith is a member of Wahabi Shriners, which is located in Jackson, Mississippi.

d.) The new Imperial First Lady is Ethel Smith. For her Imperial Lady's project for 2016-17 she will provide funding for Shrine Camps. Shrine Camps bring children together who have the same or similar physical challenges.

e.) The 143rd Imperial Session in July 2017, from the 9th to 13th, will be held in Daytona Beach, Florida.

3.) From 2009-2016, International Shrine Clubs have grown from 33 to 71 active clubs.

4.) Since 1922, when the first Shriners Hospital for Children was started in Shreveport, Louisiana, 1.3 million children have been treated.

5a.) Shriners International owns the 33rd Degree jewel of Civil War General Daniel Sickles.

b.) General Daniel Sickles was one of the 13 original Masons or Charter members, who, in 1870 and 1871, founded The Order of the Mystic Shrine.



Sept.-Oct. Questions

— Answers in next Issue —

1.) In order to help reduce the need for another member assessment in the near future, what are the six initiatives unveiled at the Imperial Session in Tampa in July, 2016?

2.) When is the 92nd East-West Shrine football game?

3.) Why was the net loss of members reported at the Imperial Session at least somewhat heartening?

4.) How much did Lady Lisa Gantt realize in her program by selling Lady pins and Shrine ties for doing research on O.I. (brittle bone condition)? Her program was called "In Dreams I Walk."

5.) Who are our new national Patient Ambassadors for 2016-17?

Potentate's Message

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ever, no more dancing. I've now got crutches and wheelchair action to deal with.

We have only a few more things to take care of and I do hope that a lot of nobles come out to the Fall Ceremonial at the Queensbury Hotel in Glens Falls on the 21st & 22nd of October. Friday, the 21st of October is the Hospitality Room and then Ceremonial Dinner on the 22nd of October. I hope to see you there.

The next big thing, is our fund raiser, "The Basket Raffle" at the Greenwich Elks Club (off Route 40) on the 20th of November 2016, starting at 1:30. Then we have scheduled another Stated Meeting in December 2016 for

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voting and the business of the Temple. I hope you will be there and bring a Mason or neighbor to enjoy the festivities at our Temple.

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