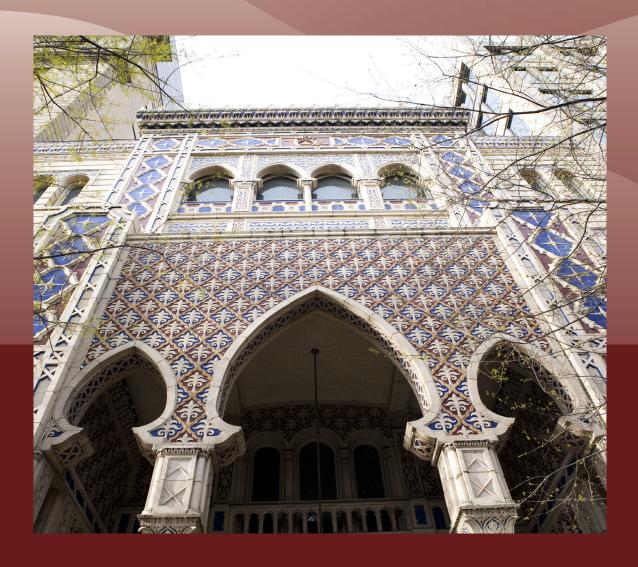
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Potentate's Rambles



Es Selamu Aleikum

Congratulations to the newly elected 2020 Divan and best wishes for a successful year. It is a team effort to provide leadership for Almas and I have been fortunate in the support, not only from the Divan, but from the membership as well. As the year draws to a close I look back and reflect on the year. It has been a fun but challenging year. Perhaps the biggest challenge faced by your Divan this year was the subject of drawing on investments to cover expenses as it has been for the past several years. Fortunately, the opportunity to lease the ballroom will in the long run address this issue and preserve an Almas Shriners presence in DC.

The fun part of the year has been the events and social life that are part of Almas Shriners. From the parades, crab feast, and other events at the temple, to Imperial Session and MASA in Virginia Beach it has been an eventful year. It is the teamwork that brought these together and my sincere thank you to all who worked to make these happen.

My only regret this year is that Lady Stephanie was not able to fully participate in our activities. In parting I would like to express my, and I am sure Lady Stephanie's, deepest appreciation for the support, thoughts, words, kindness, and love extended by the Almas Shriners family. It truly makes a difference in our lives to know that people care. This is what Freemasonry is about.

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Frank Ireton 2019 Potentate





Almas Shriners Annual Business Meeting



January 9, 2020 7:30 PM

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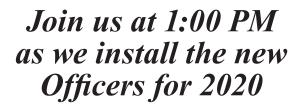
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Almas Open Installation of Officers



January 25, 2020





Almas Shrine Center 1315 K Street, NW Washington, DC

Chief Rabban - George Perez



Dear Brethren,

Thank you for your confidence and election of me to the Station of Potentate for the 2020 ensuing year. This privilege has left me overwhelmed and excited. Representing Almas Shriners is truly a dream come true for me; and accepting this position has left me on cloud nine.

As we continue to grow as Temple, it has become increasingly important to explicitly define the core values of Shriners Hospitals for Children from which we develop our culture, our mission, and our decision-making framework.

Per Shriners Hospitals for Children website, our Craft has a mission to:

- ➤ Provide the highest quality care to children with neuromuscular skeletal conditions, burn injuries, and other special healthcare needs within a compassionate, family-centered and collaborative care environment.
- > Provide for the education of physicians and other healthcare professionals.
- Conduct research to discover new knowledge that improves the quality of care and quality of life of children and families.

We know this is of utmost importance. BUT, it cannot be achieved if Almas Shriners are unable to contribute. This 2020 year, we will be undergoing a physical transformation of our ballroom and kitchen areas with the rental agreement to the hotel. While this fortunate opportunity to save the physical location has been granted to us by the hand of Providence, we are in danger of continual diminishing membership.

The Grand Architect of the Universe has granted us the opportunity to fulfill our mission by saving our home, now we must all work to fill it with family. As we examine our situation, me must look to evolve this, the changing time; preserve some traditions and create new ones which will attract young Masons and more importantly, keep them engaged and inspired to service.

This year, as we learn to work with our tenant and the small inconvenience of sharing our beloved ballroom, lets take the opportunity to change the offerings or lack of, we provide to our membership. By doing so, we will attract and engage new men to our Craft and mission. We must concentrate on rebuilding our temple and family locally first if we expect to be an effective contributor to Shriners Hospitals for Children. This can only be achieved if collectively, we are willing to evolve to the changing times and needs of a younger Mason whose process may not be as ours, but whose goals and results are aligned.

Please help me in opening the doors to the next generation of Almas Shriners. It is their vision and labor we must embrace to ensure our Temple and Home is healthy, prosperous, and celebrating our 200th anniversary in 2086.

Please accept my sincere gratitude to all our brethren. It is indeed an honor and privilege to labor with all of you.

I will be extremely honored and grateful if you would attend the Almas Shiners Installation on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 1:00pm.

S&F, George Perez E.C.R.A.P.



The Almas Transportation Fund is in need of a little boost. If you know of a friend or family member who has a birthday or some special occasion coming along, think of a donation in

their honor. We will be very happy to receive this kind donation and acknowledge everyone for their generosity. Thank you in advance for helping the children of the Shrine Hospital system.

A FEW GOOD MEN. Almas Shrine is responsible for transporting Shrine Hospital patients, along with their parent or guardian, to the Shriners Hospital in Philadelphia. We need good drivers who are retired or semi retired or still working who can donate some time for periodic trips using Temple Vans. Please call 202-898-1688 and volunteer. HELP US HELP US HELP US

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Imperial Potentate



News

Imperial Potentate Jeff Sowder visits the Portland Shriners Hospital

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Last week, Shriners Hospitals for Children — Portland staff was honored to receive a visit from Imperial Potentate Jeff Sowder and his wife, First Lady Cheryl Sowder. During their time in Portland, we were able to sit down with them and learn more about their vision for Shriners Hospitals for Children and Shriners International during the year of their leadership, from 2019 to 2020.

Imperial Sir Jeff Sowder was elected as Imperial Potentate in July of 2019 and will serve as CEO for Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children for one year. During his year of leadership, his goal is to challenge both Shriners and employees within the health care system to make a positive impact on others, as well as to increase the membership of the Shriners fraternity. "Cheryl and I both believe that everyone needs to belong to something bigger than themselves," said Imperial Sir Sowder. "Whether you think you can make a difference yourself or not, if everyone pulls together then they can accomplish more."

While Imperial Sir Sowder leads Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children, First Lady Cheryl Sowder will focus her time on amplifying the patient ambassador programs at the hospitals. Patient ambassador programs exist at most locations within the Shriners Hospitals for Children system. The program consists of current patients who represent Shriners Hospitals for Children through speaking engagements, events, fundraisers, videos and advertising opportunities. Her goal is to equip each hospital with the tools needed to launch a patient ambassador program, or grow their current program if it already exists.



"We've seen children blossom in these programs," said First Lady Cheryl. "You can tell that these kids are proud of their story and of who they are, and these programs give them the self-confidence that will help them throughout their life. It's about helping our patients achieve their dreams."

This is the 11th year that Imperial Sir Sowder has served on the Shriners Hospitals for Children Board of Directors. "The journey is all about service," said Imperial Sir Sowder. "Cheryl and I have been involved in masonry for almost 45 years. It's pretty ingrained in us to be able to give back. It's all about service to the fraternity and to the hospitals and the kids. That's what keeps everyone going! You walk into one of the hospitals within our system, you see the kids, and you're ready to keep giving." During their visit, Imperial Sir Sowder and First Lady Cheryl toured the Portland Shriners Hospital, attended the annual Food Caravan event and dinner, and thanked donors for their contributions at a special evening donor event. It was an honor to host them and introduce them to the Portland Shriners Hospital!

Learn more about Imperial Sir Jeff Sowder (https://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/shc/board-of-directors/jeffrey-I-sowder-5).

Learn more about First Lady Chery Sowder's patient ambassador initiative (https://lovetotherescue.org/first-lady-program/).

A BIG THANK YOU,

I would like to thank all of you who bought the White House ornaments this year.

I was able to sell a record number so this will mean a very nice contribution to

Shriner's Hospital, Philadelphia, PA this year.

Fred Evans, P.P.

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The NW-BCC Shrine Club meets at the Knights of Columbus Hall off Forest Glen Road. We have a monthly dinner meeting at \$25.00 per person which includes appetizers, Main Course, salad and dessert. Twice a year we hold our meeting at the Old Europe Restaurant in the District.

Our next meeting will be on January 22, 2020 at 6:30 PM at the Knights of Columbus. The address is 5707 Rosensteel Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910. At this meeting we will be discussing the Bull and Oyster Roast that we put on each year in March. In 2020 the date will be March 15th. So mark your calendar and join us as we partake of Oysters, fried or raw, hot dogs for the kids young and old along with roast beef, baked beans, clam chowder, salads and all the fixings along with all the desserts you could want all for only \$35.00 per person.

There will be the usual Trash to Treasure tables along with door prizes and lots of other things to keep you occupied while you enjoy the wonderful afternoon.

At our meetings all are welcome, including significant others, friends and family. We always welcome new members. If you are interested in attending or need additional information on anything call Walter Simon, the Secretary, at 301-318-2485





2019 Almas Brunch

Congratulations III. Potentate on a successful Almas Brunch. This year's Brunch was fun and well attended. The nautical theme was a fun change which kept the event fresh and full of good food. As our brethren labor in the quarries, it is important the Temple recognizes their spouses sacrifices to ensure the success of our mission.

Our spouses make a sacrificial adjustment in lifestyle to support our Nobles; and it is far from easy. It takes work, reflection, and re-commitment daily as we ask them to support us so we may improve the quality of life of an innocent child. But, the beauty and blessings which derive from their sacrifice far outweigh the few missed personal events.

We are honored to set aside a special day on the calendar to officially recognize temple's spouses for what they do every single day throughout the year. Our Nobles in service may wear the Fez; but our spouses command the home front. Our spouses provide support, dedication, and commitment worthy of a medal!

We must thank our Deity for our spouses and godly relationships. May He continue to surround us with family which reflect our heart. Our loved ones are slow to speak and quick to listen as we meet hurdles or success in our labors. They are the beacon of light to us, the Nobles, and we are truly and gratefully blessed to have them in our lives





















Shriners International News



News

Shriners Hospitals for Children establishes new genomics institute to advance precision medicine in partnership with Genome Medical

Shriners Hospitals and leading telegenomics provider team up to return actionable genetic findings for pediatric patients

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Shriners Hospitals for Children is teaming up with Genome Medical to ensure that pediatric patients and families receiving next generation DNA sequencing through the new Genomics Institute at Shriners Hospitals will have access to the highest standard of genetic services through Genome Medical's nationwide network of clinical genetic specialists. Together, Shriners Hospitals for Children and Genome Medical will be taking pediatric genetic research to a personalized, patient-centric level that will lead to more individualized treatment options and improved outcomes.

The Shriners Hospitals for Children health care system will offer genetic sequencing to patients at its 22 hospitals and outpatient locations in North America and from its international network of outreach clinics. For some patients, the sequencing will reveal genetic variations in the most medically actionable genes. These patients and their caregivers will be connected to Genome Medical to receive support and clinical guidance from its team of genetic counselors and medical geneticists, who specialize in pediatric conditions. This may include virtual genetic counseling, arranging confirmatory genetic testing for the patient, referrals to appropriate medical specialists for follow-on care and coordinating genetic testing of family members when recommended.

"Through sophisticated, next generation sequencing of DNA samples from our patient population, Shriners Hospitals hopes to gain the understanding needed to create more targeted, efficient and personalized treatments and therapies," said Marc Lalande, Ph.D., vice president of research programs for Shriners Hospitals for Children. "We are proud to be at the forefront of this next major step toward bringing new hope and healing to children and families the world over."

This genetics-based approach to medical care – precision medicine – is more than a hope, or a dream. It is becoming a reality, and one day will even be the standard. With the establishment of its Genomics Institute in Tampa, Florida, Shriners Hospitals for Children has taken a major step toward this goal of understanding the specific – and individual – genetic causes of various conditions and disabilities, such as cerebral palsy, cleft lip and palate, clubfoot, scoliosis and osteogenesis imperfecta.

"Genome Medical is excited to be part of this strategic partnership with Shriners Hospitals for Children to advance pediatric genomics research and improve the quality of care through genome-informed diagnosis and treatment," said Lisa Alderson, cofounder and CEO of Genome Medical. "Across the country, families often have to wait months or even a year to see a pediatric genetic specialist, and they may have to travel far distances. We are changing that by joining together with Shriners Hospitals to offer easy access to leading clinical genetics specialists via virtual care, typically with next-day appointments, to ensure every child has access to appropriate genetic care to guide personalized treatment plans."

Finding answers and improving care

Shriners Hospitals for Children performs and supports clinical and bench research in its network of hospitals and laboratories to understand the complex conditions it treats, to evaluate the efficacy of its clinical practices, and to enable the discovery of new and improved treatments for children all over the world.

With the introduction of the Shriners Hospitals for Children Genomics Institute, the organization is enhancing its capabilities and commitment to personalize pediatric care. It hopes to help patients through the discovery of new genetic causes for the diseases and conditions with which they are coping to create more targeted, efficient and personalized (tailored) therapies.

Genome Medical is dedicated to accelerating the integration of genomic-based medicine into health care for patients all across the United States. For both individuals and organizations like Shriners Hospitals for Children, Genome Medical's clinical team navigates the rapidly expanding field of genetics and utilizes test results to understand the risk for disease, accelerate disease diagnosis, make informed treatment decisions and lower the cost of care.



News

Kosair Charities grant supports Shriners International Educational Foundation

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

The Shriners International Education Foundation (SIEF) was created to support and expand educational opportunities and leadership development of our fraternity members and allied organizations. Since establishing SIEF, we've expanded offerings to include distance learning programs via live webinars and on-demand video training, and enhanced program content at our seminars.

Kosair Charities also believes that education is a critical component to the success of our fraternity and we are pleased to announce their support of SIEF, through a generous grant of \$50,000 to further enhance training programs for current and future fraternity leaders – helping to provide the necessary tools to more effectively lead our hospitals and temples.

John Piland, executive vice president of Shriners International, accepted the grant on behalf of Shriners International at the Shriner Appreciation Reception hosted by Kosair Charities on Oct. 3. The evening celebrated the history of both organizations, while providing an update on grant recipients, future goals, and recognizing key honorees.

"Shriners International Education Foundation is extremely grateful to Kosair Charities," said Piland. "This partnership will allow the fraternity to make a sustaining impact by providing education, training and leadership development at the 2020 Assistant Rabban Seminar, and strengthening other efforts."

Representatives of Kosair Charities will attend the 2020 Assistant Rabban Seminar in Tampa, Florida, March 9-11, 2020, and the closing reception will be named in their honor.

"We are proud of this grant and are looking forward to great impact with it as we help future Shrine leaders better understand leadership, responsibility and our mission to help children," said Keith Inman, president of Kosair Charities.

We thank the board of Kosair Charities for their support of Shriners International and their commitment to preparing future leaders of the fraternity.

About Shriners International

Shriners International, a fraternity based on fun, fellowship and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief and truth, founded Shriners Hospitals for Children as its official philanthropy in 1922. What began as one hospital, is now a world-renowned health care system with locations in three countries. The fraternity, which has nearly 200 chapters in several countries and thousands of clubs around the world, continues to operate and support the unique health care system. Please visit shrinersinternational.org to learn more.

About Kosair Charities

Kosair Charities enhances the health and well-being of children by delivering financial support for healthcare, research, education, social services and child advocacy. We envision a word in which children in need live life to the fullest. For more information, please visit kosair.org.



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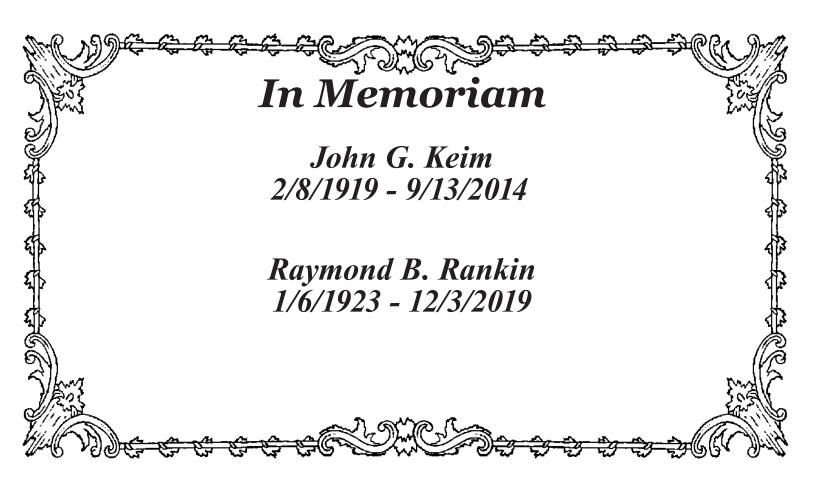
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Almas Yacht Club



Well a new year started but it seems we still have the same odd crew manning the ship. As we start this year our first port coincides with Chinese New Year which is January 26, the Year of the Rat. Our get together is January 23rd. We will meet at Young Chow Asian, a Chinese restaurant at 312 Pennsylvania Ave. SE. We can park in the bank lot next door after 6 PM. As before enter through the alley on 4th Street. For those familiar with it, it is the same lot used by Naval Lodge Hall. The meal is \$25 a person, drinks are separate on your own card. I arranged for a great selection on appetizers and meal courses. However we will not be eating duck, the scared beast of our club. Come join us, see what we're about. Contact our Secretary, Fred Evans, 301-502-5062 or fevens@ verizon.net if you are joining us. If you can wear something rat related, just so we can celebrate the Year of the Rat.

As I am serving another year as your trusted Commodore, I see no reason to have a Ball, so we hope to have a Yacht Club Gala in February. Probably, Saturday, the 29th.

It is in the planning stages but id held it will be held in the Shrine Center. We will be testing out the new arrangements with the hotel, rooms and catering. So block that day out join your calendar and more information is forth coming.

Yours in the Faith and blarney

Jesse Villarreal Commodore





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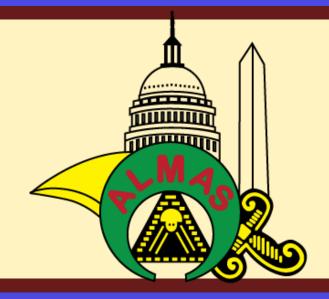
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