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## Congratulations to New Jaffa Nobles!

*The Jaffa Ceremonial was held on November 8th at the Jaffa Shrine!!  
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*Vern Carey*  
**Potentate**

## *Potentate's Message*

ES SELAMU ALEIKUM

To All Nobles, Ladies and Friends of Jaffa,

This is the last message I will be sharing with you as Potentate. It has been quite a year and I thank you all, both nobles and ladies, for your support. It has been an honor and privilege for me to serve as Potentate of Jaffa Shrine. I am glad I had the opportunity to get to know all of you better and have enjoyed working with you on many projects for the good of Jaffa and the hospitals we support.

We traveled to Atlantic City in late October with a great group of 51 people on the bus. A good time was had by all. Ladies, don't forget to sign up for the Trim-a-Tree Party on November 30th. Also, join us on December 5th for the Potentate's Roast and on December 14th for the Kiddies Christmas Party. Don't miss the New Year's Eve Party on December 31st featuring the sounds of Flood City Brass Band playing rock, soul, funk, ballads, pop, rhythm and blues, party/dance favorites and even an occasional swing or polka.

As we move closer to 2015, I want to ask that you do all you can to help Jaffa grow. As you know, "Membership Keeps Us Rollin'". If we divided membership into these groups (recruitment, retention, restoration and mentoring), we could put together a good system. One person cannot do all it takes to make membership work. It is like asking one noble to do all the collecting for the hospital crusade. We are the #1 shrine in Pennsylvania collecting monies for the hospitals. Out total is more than the other six shrines combined. We probably have 250 nobles collecting on different weekends plus another 50 on plaques year round. My point is, we need several good nobles to step forward and get membership going in the right direction. In 2014, we had 155 nobles in arrears. If we had a good retention and mentoring program, we could cut that number back by 75%. If we want to recruit new members, we need to get the word out in your lodges and be visible in our community by helping others. In the last issue of the Journal, we read about members of the Provost Guard making repairs to the grave of a Masonic brother and planning on making repairs to the graves of other Masonic brothers. Together, we could create a good membership program whereby Jaffa would be the #1 shrine in Pennsylvania for bringing in new members, just the same as we are for collecting monies for the hospital.

Lady Billie and I thank you all for a GREAT YEAR!!

Yours in the Faith,

Vernon A. Carey, Potentate



**Membership Keeps Us Rollin'**



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# FROM JAFFA'S UNITS & CLUBS



## LEGION OF HONOR

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The Commander's Ball, better known as the Past Commander's and Ladies Night, held on October 25<sup>th</sup> here at Jaffa was, in my opinion, a big success. Thanks to 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Commander Earl Aurandt, the man in charge, and his committee for a job well done. Also, a big thank you to Bonnie Morningstar for her expertise with decorations.

I'm going to toot my horn a little bit here. Our unit (The Legion) is the largest unit here at Jaffa and we could have had a much larger turnout than we had. The attendance was good; don't get me wrong. We had good numbers, but could have had more.

We were proud to have hosted the M.A.S.A. L.O.H. Commander Kevin Fox from Rajah Shrine, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Barry Weisser from Rajah (also the sitting Rajah Commander), Illustrious Sir Robert McCormick. The M.A.S.A. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Commander from Nur Shrine was in attendance. Also, Illustrious Sir Eddie Daffern, International 5<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant Commander from

Khiva Shrine, Amarillo, Texas, Commander Brad Slinkard from Zembo Shrine and their ladies. Jaffa's Illustrious Potentate Vernon Carey and his lady Billie attended with Divan members Chief Rabban Paul Zell and Lady Judy, Assistant Rabban Ken Costello and Lady Delores, High Priest & Prophet Gerald Lower and Lady Sandy, and Treasurer Fred Reigh and Lady Doris.

The entertainment was provided by the band "Albatross". There was lots of good food and enjoyment for all.

The Black Camel passed through our oasis taking from our ranks Noble Robert S. Baum of Johnstown on July 14, 2014. Bob had been a legion member since June 1975. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

Dues owed are down to 3 owing for 2014 and 2 owing for 2013 and 2014. The dues notices for 2015 will be in the mail by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

"Never fear shadows.....they simply mean there's a light shining somewhere nearby" Noel Burkard, Kansas City, MO

Remember our troops, no matter where they are serving. Keep them in your daily prayers. Remember Nobles - "It's an honor to belong to the Legion of Honor".

Leon Collins, P.C., Reporter



Well, where did the summer go .... seems like we were just starting the parade season in Juniata and here we are Christmas shopping.

Things have been fairly quiet since MASA .... a few parades including the Halloween parade at Hollidaysburg. Was a nice evening for a parade.

As a followup to our MASA report, a wooden train, hand-crafted by our own Fred Goodman, was raffled off with proceeds to benefit the Erie Shriners Hospital for Children. Thanks to the efforts of Joe Bletz and his son selling the raffle tickets, the Lil' Vettes Unit was able to donate \$500.00 to be used toward an equipment upgrade in the

hospital's Radiological Department. Pediatric radiography presents some unique concerns as kids are more vulnerable to radiation induced cancers and imaging systems are designed for adults. The update to Digital Radiography (Gentle Imaging) will provide the best diagnostic images with far less radiation and enhance the Erie facilities ability to continue providing the best care for its patients.

Unit elections were held and the officers for 2015 are President - Ralph "Bud" Campbell, Vice-President - Dwayne Solich and Secretary/Treasurer - Fred Goodman.

It is a little early but we will be thinking about the 2015 Jaffa Sports Show. This unit assists with the set-up and tear down. We are responsible to move the vendors into the Jaffa basement prior to the show and back out after the show.

Here is hoping that everyone has a wonderful holiday season. This reporter will be heading to southern climates for a few months but will be thinking of all of you who are not "snowbirds" ..... (sure I will!!)

Hoping to see you down the road .....  
Jim "Spanky" Edwards



*Left: Charlie Cox and Jim "Spanky" Edwards, past presidents and Ralph "Bud" Campbell, President for the 2015 year having a toast at MASA.*





## CONCERT BAND

Here's some news and notes from the Jaffa Concert Band.

We are actively pursuing new members... especially woodwinds. All who are or ever have been an accomplished musician, no matter what instrument...we would love to have you join us!

Here's a round-up of what we've been doing the last few months:

We had a great group attend this year's MASA Convention in Virginia Beach. The band looked and sounded great and we happily brought home a 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy for Division 1 Brass/Concert Band!



Left to right: Don Ferguson, John Peters, Oriental Guide Bob Baranik, Chris Ferguson and Todd Wilkins, Jr.

We've also played for parades in Clearfield, Central Fire Parade in East Freedom and, most recently, the Hollidaysburg Halloween Parade, and Fall Ceremonial.

On October 25 we held, the first in a very long time, family night in the band room at the Jaffa. We enjoyed a lot of great food and fun with band members and their families. We also watched the PSU Ohio State football game on a 50 inch big screen TV, donated to the band room by Scott & Amy Woomer. We hope to plan many more of these events going forward.

Reporter: Todd K. Wilkins Sr.



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## PATROL PATTERN

**PATROL / DIRECTOR'S STAFF**  
Meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month

Hello from the desk of the old scrip-ter. It's hard to believe that fall is almost over and winter will begin on December 21, 2014. The Patrol has had no time to rest following the MASA, Virginia Beach trip. We are now in full throttle mode as we prepare for our election of officers and our traditional oyster dinner on November 5, 2014. As soon as the election and dinner is over, we will be practicing for the Arch production, which is part of the November 8 Fall Ceremonial. Then, it's preparation for the Children's Christmas Party and our own Patrol Christmas Party on December 14, 2014. Yes, the Patrol will be ready for a long winter's nap.

### MASA:

The Patrol had an outstanding turn out of Patrolmen on our trip to the hot sands of Virginia Beach. The Patrol had many new members participate in their first convention and parade, coming away with a third place. To all of those who participated and especially to all those new Patrolmen, congratulations on a job well done!

In talking with our new members, they are looking forward to MASA 2015. MASA has become more than a competition, it's a chance for our families to get to know one another and to relax and enjoy the friendship and comradery that is the Jaffa Patrol. Hats off to the officers and all those who made this such an outstanding affair.

**I leave you with this final thought:** "We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing new things, because we're curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths." Walt Disney

Mel Woomer, Secretary





## MOUNTED PATROL

The Jaffa Mounties returned from the Mid Atlantic Shrine Convention looking forward to next year's competitions. Friday morning, we went to the competition grounds without a drill team, but we were encouraged by MASHPA officers to get one together. So we did, five minutes before the competition started, and with no preparation, Capt. Brad Germaux recruited Dave Burchfield, Mike Luther, ( on a borrowed horse from another Jaffa Mountie ) Todd Detwiler, and Bernie Edmundson, and on voice commands from Brad, finished their drill.

After the other "more experienced" drill teams from the other MASHPA Temples finished, they announced that Jaffa had placed first. Just good horsemanship and leadership.

A short time later, the Western Equitation competition was underway. We did "ok" there, too. Again, on a borrowed horse, Mike Luther placed first. Several other Temples placed ahead of Jaffa's Dave, Brad, Bernie and Todd, who also competed. Congratulations, Noble Horsemen and your Trusty Steeds!

Mountie Mike Luther, our youngest member, is a recent newly wed and currently doesn't have a horse, and didn't plan on participating at Virginia Beach, but with a "borrowed" horse, he did very well. We're looking forward to having him and his bride and a new horse at the beach next year.

Two of Dave Burchfield's sons, Tyler and Cory, led all the Jaffa units as banner carriers in the Mid Atlantic parade, and did a good job helping Jaffa get another first place in parade competition.

Jaffa's winning ways didn't just happen. About twenty years ago, PP Raymond A. Long, then serving as Col. of units, kept pushing our parade units to practice more. And soon thereafter the band, drum and bugle corps, oriental band, patrol, and other units could be seen Wednesday evenings during the nice weather in the parking lot back of Jaffa, or during colder months on the big Jaffa auditorium floor, practicing and marching - and it has paid off handsomely. What is it now - 18 or 20 years that Jaffa has placed first in Mid Atlantic Competition? Thank you Illustrious Sir Raymond A. Long. We are indebted to you, Sir.

I honestly think the Jaffa Mounties went above and beyond. A mountie from Syria Temple's horse was unable to compete in the above competitions, so he "borrowed" a horse from one of our Mounties, and he placed on a "borrowed" Jaffa horse. After the competition, our in-house farrier, Brad Germaux, was needed to put a shoe on a Syria noble's horse so he could ride in the parade on Saturday. Jaffa and Brad to the rescue. Thanks, Captain!

A special thanks to Mounties Mark Miller and Fred Putt for riding on the "chuck wagon" and cleaning up the road apples. We can't compete without them. Another job well done.

After the competition and with trophy and ribbons in hand, we returned to the stables to bathe, clip and clean up the horses for the Saturday parade. It paid off. We were proud to finish second in the parade competition with our thirteen sturdy and trusty mounts.

It was great to have three generations of Imler's riding in another parade - especially the Mid Atlantic. Past Potentate Fred Imler, Sr, his son Fred Jr. and his son Brian did us proud. What an effort. Thanks to their "rig" driver, Landon Focht, who hauled their horses along with his wife Cassy and two lovely little daughters to the convention. Landon's three ladies really enjoyed the beach.

It has been a busy spring and summer, starting with parades at Juniata and Duncansville on Memorial Day, and followed up with parades at Martinsburg, East Freedom, Williamsburg, DuBois, Shellsburg, and the Hollidaysburg Halloween activities. I'm sure I missed a few parades - but I'll blame it on my age.

The Jaffa Mounties and I would like to thank Syria Horse Patrol Noble Roy Reuter for serving the Mid Atlantic Shrine Horse Patrol Association as secre-

tary-treasurer for as many years as I can remember. I do recall Noble Gene Heisey from Zembo was doing that job when Fred Imler and I joined the horse patrol in 1969, and I am not sure when Roy inherited the job.

The new Noble in that job will be PP Gary Davis from Lulu. I know he can take notes and his wife Cheryl can type them up for him/us. I know they will do a great job. Thank you very much for "volunteering", Gary and Cheryl. I must say she is a lot better looking than he is. I'm old - not blind. Give me a break!!

Our Jaffa Mounties have taken on a lot of Jaffa leadership responsibilities recently. Scott Buchanan and Jordan Settle have been co-chairing the Jaffa Gun Raffle, a big fund raiser for Jaffa.

Many of our Mounties and their ladies spend a lot of hours in the kitchen preparing food the night before, and getting out the barbecued chicken dinners, sandwiches, salads, etc., the day of the big event, selling raffle tickets, etc, and then the big clean up. We do get help from some of the other units, but we are a big part of it - backing Scott and Jordan.

Now that I have mentioned Jordan Settle, who is serving as senior warden in his lodge, what an amazing young gentleman, husband, father, and shrine-mason who has sponsored 16 masons into his lodge and on into Jaffa Shrine. What does he do in his spare time?

And our lieutenant Bernie Edmundson has agreed to chair the Jaffa Sports Show next year. We're all behind you Bernie. Thank you in advance for what we know will be a job well done. And a special thanks to Becky for loosening up his reins a little so he will have some extra time.

About six years ago the Jaffa Mounties were facing what some of our other horse patrol units are now facing- declining membership. PP Fred Imler called and inform me that a newly created noble had horses, and he was too good a noble to let get away. We contacted him and the rest is history. Dave Burchfield, Jr. has gone on to be a worshipful master in his Masonic Lodge, has had several leadership roles in our horse patrol, and is currently serving as secretary. He is the proud father of Jaffa's banner bearers Cory and Tyler. Zach is another son, still in college and unable to become active with shrine, but we are anxiously awaiting him. I'm sure Dave will have a horse ready for him.

A much newer recruit is Lieutenant Bernie Edmundson, who, as I mentioned is taking on new Jaffa responsibilities. Between the two of them over the years, they are responsible for about ten new Master Masons and Mounties. They start them off right and bring them into Jaffa and the Mounted Patrol. Thank you for your continuing leadership. Keep up the great work. We need and appreciate you and your lovely ladies, Rhonda and Becky.

We were also fortunate to have Barry Darr accompany us to the beach, although he was unable to ride in the parade, he did bring two lovely Lynn's - his wife Lynn and Lynn Shaffer, whose late husband Richard previously served as our captain, and invited us to numerous social events and trail rides at their home deep in the hills of Somerset County.

We want to keep in our hearts, thoughts, and prayers, some formerly active nobles whose health has kept them from our midst and activities: Mike Al-berter, Tom Fletcher, the Rev. Ken Keiper and Jim McNulty.

Until the next time, sit tall in the saddle and keep a steady hand on the reins.

Ray Nycum, Jr., Reporter



*Pictured right:  
Mike Luther,  
1st individual western  
pleasure*





## HIGHLANDERS

Here it is almost Winter again. We had our first snow on Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> of November and I need to talk about some very warm parades from this past Summer. The Highlanders were busy as usual with parades.

After the DuBois Homecoming and our Caravan parade, we marched next in Brockway for their Fourth Of July Homecoming parade. Always a biggie. I've said before if you haven't seen it you can't understand. The streets are lined with people, spacious yards on the tree lined streets are full of people and food, and the folks just have FUN. Our Don Rouch is from Brockway and this year his sisters moved the usual party from his Mom's house to one of theirs closer to Main Street.

There was plenty of delicious food and plenty to wash it down with. It was a hot evening and it took lots of cool refreshment afterward. We get to be near the colors in what is a two hour parade so when we're done we get to watch too. Let me tell you, those folks know what the Fourth is all about, and they celebrate it too.

July 12 saw us in Phillipsburg in the afternoon for what is always a scorcher. We watched our main competition go by with a very large contingent, about three times larger than our eight. I laughed, I cried, I screamed to the heavens when the First place check came in my mail on Wednesday. Good job guys. Quality does count.

On Monday night the 28<sup>th</sup> of July we marched in the Clearfield County Fair Firemen's Parade. Hot, long, and tiring barely describes it. The String band vehicle waits to give us a ride back to the staging area. and it is very much appreciated. We have developed a routine when there is a halt in the parade. We circle up and play Amazing Grace and get back into position. It is a real crowd pleaser.

After a busy July August saw no parades. Next up was MASA in September. Due to a large variety of conflicts we only were able to have two pipers and no drum at MASA. We decided not to march with so few players. James McFadden finished his year as Mid Atlantic Association of Shrine Highlanders Clan Chief. This writer was re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer of MAASH.

On January 24, 2015 the Jaffa Highlanders will be sponsoring a dinner commemorating the birth on January 25, 1759 of the Scots poet Robert Burns. We plan a fine meal with Great Highland bagpiping

and drumming. The "Water of Life" will be plentiful. See page 21 of this issue for more information and where to get tickets for the event. We promise a wonderful evening of music and storytelling. Please come and join us, kilt not required.

When we march and sweat and get tired we are always reminded of the reason we do it. It is because of the children who can't walk and run that we dedicate so much time and effort. Helping them to enjoy the simple pleasures we take for granted puts a smile on your face and a warm place in your heart. Having someone say, "He's from Jaffa, he's a Shriner, he helps support their Children's hospitals" let's you know, that's what life is all about. Keep up the good work.

Duane L. Mohny, Clan Chief and Reporter



Donald McConahy (right) and Duane Mohny (left) represented the Jaffa Highlanders and played at the dedication of the 17th Street bridge as the Blair County Veterans Memorial Bridge.

## Robert Burns Supper

A MEMORABLE EVENING OF TARTANS, TASTES & TOASTS

See page 21 for more information



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**Altoona Burns Night Dinner**



5 man drill team, 1st place



2nd place—parading 13 horses



## DRUM & BUGLE CORPS

The Corps meets Wednesday evenings at the Shrine Center

First and foremost, I want to THANK George Knott. As Reporter for the Drum Corp, he has had many fine and interesting articles over the last twenty years. George, your talent and keen observations over the Jaffa realm will not be soon forgotten. God Bless you and take care of your lovely Lady Patti.

While at MASA this past September, the Corp's annual Miss Drumbeat Contest was held. This scribe does not have all the details as to voting, but the "Queen" for 2014-15 is Tabitha Shimer. I am sure she will keep her Court in order. Miss E.Z. is Terri Eastep, and I'm told she has many projects planned for the year. Next year's contestants will soon be campaigning within the Corp for votes. Brenda, I hope your foot is healed in time!

A hearty Thank You goes out to Sam & Tabitha Shimer for arranging the Drum Corp Ladies Night. The celebration was held in Bellwood at the Bell Mansion Victorian Tea House. We began with a little hors d'oeuvres and beverages, then we were treated to a delicious appetizer, salad and chicken dinner the finished with a triple chocolate cake and, of course, tea. After dinner, we were entertained by Pamela who played the piano for us. A lovely evening was enjoyed by all. Thanks again, Sam and

Tabitha, what a great idea!

Jaffa Shrine Fall Ceremonial will be history by the time this article reaches you, but, hopefully we can see some increase in membership for our Temple and for the Drum Corp.

Coming events for December: The Potentate's Roast is December 5th. It would be nice if we could have a nice turnout for Potentate Vernon since he has served so diligently during his tenure on the Elected Divan and also, the Roast is a lot of fun! December 14th will be our annual Kiddies Christmas Party which will be a highlight of the Holidays for many of us.

Speaking of the Holidays, I hope you all have a very blessed and safe one and a very rewarding New Year as well. Don't forget to come out for Jaffa's Election on January 3, 2015.

Words of Wisdom: No one need ever be ashamed of fingernails made dirty by a hard day's work.

The most beautiful sound in the world is the "remission bell" in the Oncology ward of a Children's Hospital.

And lastly, don't taunt the Alligator until you've crossed the creek. Think about it!

Till next time,

John Campbell, PP, Reporter



**The JAFFA JOURNAL and JAFFA SHRINE are on FACEBOOK!!**

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## CYCLE CORPS

**Cycle Corps  
Barrie Wyland, Reporter  
Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday at 7:30 PM**

### New Members Welcome

The New Year is here, why not mark your calendar now for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month at 7:30 PM. We would really like to see you and fellowship with the members who have not been at a meeting for a while. If you need a ride call one of the officers and we will try to get a ride for you. We would also like to see you at Jaffa functions even if you can't help you can keep the meeting room comfortable for the members that are working.

The Sports Show is right around the corner. As always, we need all the help we can get with parking. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and be warmer and dryer than it has been in the past.

Then before we know it, the Circus will be here in April. Hopefully we will see everyone there helping also. Any time you can give is always appreciated.

If any member knows of a Cycle Corps member who is sick or in the hospital, please let one of the officers know.

To any Noble of Jaffa, the Cycle Corps would like to invite you to join the Cycle Corps. We ride motorcycles in parades, park cars for numerous events held at Jaffa, make Cotton Candy at Circus time and just have fun and good fellowship. We have always been a family oriented group. (There are a couple of bikes that may be for sale).

Please remember that we ride and have fun so that the children can receive help at the Shrine Hospitals. We also enjoy putting a smile on the children's faces along with the adults when we ride.

The Cycle Corps members would like to wish everyone a very Happy and Safe 2014 Holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year.

I would like to thank all the Cycle Corps Members for all the help that they gave with the parking this year.

Our meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month at 7:30PM in the Cycle Room.





## DUBOIS AREA SHRINE CLUB

Our September and October meetings covered several issues for discussion. The first was our annual Christmas Party with Harry Bressler and John Ortiz chairing the event. We had a tentative Officers nomination for 2015: President Harry Bressler, Vice President John Ortiz, Treasurer Steve McCully, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ and Fundraising Chairman also \_\_\_\_\_.

Ron Ferguson mentioned dues for 2015 will remain the same. Steve McCully asked for more assistance for Plaque and Circus Ad sales as we've only had 4 or 5 guys doing most of the work. We had a brief discussion on organizing our 2015 fundraising events.

As of now, I am hoping for a replacement as Secretary. Things have been going very well on my recovery from my May surgery, however I

do wish to cut back on some things at least until well into 2015. I discontinued Blue Lodge Custodian and would like to step down as Secretary. Also Roadrunners is bye the boards until well into 2015. I'm not riding off into the sunset, but some time off from some things would serve me well. I will continue my fundraising efforts.

As we head into the Holiday season, I would like to wish you all and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

Let's Keep the Kids Smilin'

Ron Ferguson, Secretary



## JAFFA BOWLING

Only seven more weeks to bowl the 1st cycle. Time flies when your having fun.

Ray Cook was having fun when his Joker team got in a dog fight with the Oriental band for 1st place in the Low Division Monday evening. First game Ray had six strikes in a row to lead his team to victory. The Oriental Band with Frank Ardizzone, Larry McIntire, Jim Miller, Joel Fouse and myself roared

back to take a three game lead at this point.

In the High Division The Spurs team with Jeff and Fred Putt, Dick Henry, Dave Cherry and Ron Estep lead by one game over the Greeters and Provost Guard.

I was happy to see a full league of scores (60) this past week. The league is strong again. Doug Hoffman 733, Ray Berkheimer 661 and Ryan Dodson 641 series led the league this week, and Sparky Langer

90 and Steve Dively 110 trying to keep their averages down had low scores. Dick Brown 120 average is hot on the tail of Rand Colyer for low average of the League. Randy is feeling the pressure. That award may not be a sure thing for Randy this year. We will bowl straight through the Holidays this year.

The Altoona High School / Jaffa Shrine Holiday Hospital Fund raiser Tournament is fast approaching. Girls play December 5th and 6th. Boys play December 29th and the 30th at the Altoona High School Field House.

If you want to help see fellow bowlers, Gerry Lower, Dick Swartz, Denny Newberry or myself for more information when and where help is needed. All profits benefit Shriners Hospitals.

Sec/Treasurer, Steve Slogik



## SOMERSET SHRINE CLUB

Reporter: Stan Landis

The Somerset Shrine met at the Hay Loft in August 28th 6:00 P.M. located in Rockwood, Pa. The Chuck Wagon catered the picnic meal. Pres. Don Gardner and his Lady Joy greeted Nobles, Ladies and Guests. The Shrine Club gave Betty Lou Svonavec a Shrine Plaque for letting us use the Hay Loft for our meetings. We thank her very much. Our Entertainment was Nancy Hay and her dulcimer friends to play for us. The 50/50 drawing won by John Brant, which he donated back to the club. Our guests from Jaffa were Potentate Vern Carey and his Lady Billie, also Assistant Rabban Ken Costello and his Lady Delores. Chaplain Tom Brown told a couple of stories, then offered the Benediction.

The Sept. 25th the Shrine Club met at Lamonicas' 6:00 P.M. Pres. Don Gardner and his Lady Joy greeted members of the club. Chaplain Tom Brown offered the Invocation. Pres. Don led with the flag salute. Everyone ordered from the menu. There were 17 Nobles, Ladies and Guests present. All enjoyed good friends and fellowship. Chaplain Tom Brown told some jokes, then offered the Benediction.

The Oct. 23rd meeting 6:00 P.M. at Best Way Pizza, the Shrine Club ordered from the menu. Pres. Don and his Lady Joy welcomed everyone. Chaplain Tom Brown offered the Invocation. Pres. Don led with the flag salute. The guests from Altoona were Potentate Vern Carey and his Lady Billie, Assistant Rabban Ken Costello and his Lady Delores.

The 50/50 drawing went to Don Gardner, which he donated back. Club will call Betty Lou Svonavec to book Hay Loft for 2015. Potentate Vern Carey gave some Shriner Care books to the Nobles. The Shrine Club donated \$100.00 to the Million Dollar Club in Stan Landis's name. Potentate Vern Carey presented Stan Landis with a certificate.

Some were fined for not wearing their fez. New 2015 officers are Don Gardner, President--1st Vice President Bill Hoffman, Secretary/Treasurer Stan Landis,--Tom Brown--Chaplain. Tom told a couple of jokes then offered the Benediction. There were 25 Nobles, Ladies and Guests present.

There will not be a meeting in NOVEMBER. THE CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL BE DECEMBER 11TH AT THE BERLIN COMMUNITY BUILDING, TIME 6:P.M. Have a great Christmas and a safe AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.



## Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America Jobel Court #11

*Submitted by Lady Diana Wilkins,  
Associate Princess*

The ladies of Jobel Court #11 continue to work hard for the kids at Shriners Hospitals for Children.

On October 12, we held our annual Longaberger and 31 Basket Bingo. This is our largest fundraiser of the year and thanks to so many people, it was a huge success! We have to thank our sponsors and members that contributed money and items for our baskets. In addition to 15 games of bingo, we had 5 special games, raffle baskets, 50/50, tear off games and other raffles. Our total raised this year was **\$13,423.87!!** Definitely a successful event...and all for the kids at Shriners Hospitals for Children!! **It's All About the Kids!!**



While last minute preparations were happening for the basket bingo, the ladies of Jobel Court also started making peanut brittle. On Mondays and Tuesdays throughout October and into November, the ladies cooked and stirred and produced some very tasty peanut brittle. If you missed it this year, keep watching next year.



Our court continues to grow as we welcomed 5 new members. During our October meeting, we held an initiation ceremony and welcomed Bobbi McIlroy, Colleen DeLeo, Christine Bernardo, Andrea Emigh and Sue Harding to the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America, Jobel Court #11. We are so happy these ladies joined us and know they will all be great additions to our court.

**\*\*\*\*\*Please Make A Note\*\*\*\*\***

**December 27, 2014**

**9 a.m. – 10 a.m.  
Coffee & Donuts**

**Business Meeting at 10 a.m.  
For reading of petitions**

**Mini-Ceremonial to follow  
In the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Lounge**

**Shrine Dress**

**Please plan on attending!  
Vernon A. Carey, Potentate**

In November, Jobel Court held an Installation ceremony during our meeting. Lady Paula Binus was installed as 2<sup>nd</sup> Ceremonial Lady. We know she will be a great addition and will do great things as she continues through the chairs. We congratulate Paula on her appointment.

The Jobel Court Officers are as follows:

Lady Julie "Juls" Bratton, High Priestess  
Lady Kathy Brown, Princess  
Lady Diana Wilkins, Associate Princess  
Lady Susan Daugherty, 1<sup>st</sup> Ceremonial Lady  
Lady Paula Binus, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ceremonial Lady


**Membership is our future!** Not a member of Jobel Court? We'd love for you to join us. We will be happy to answer your questions and get you a petition for membership. We hope you'll join us and helps us do all we can for the Shriners Hospitals for Children. It is **"All about the kids."**



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## Daughters of the Nile Update—Dorcas Temple #129

Submitted by Susan Nycum

Dorcas Temple has several fundraisers each year. We have 3 major ones. Of course, there is working at Curve games. The other ones are making hard candy and chocolate candy.

In October, we made the hard candy. PQ Sandy Pritts was the chairman for this project. I would like to share the following thank you from Sandy.

**"I cannot thank everyone enough for the help with our hard candy project. We made 450 pounds of candy in two days!!! As we were making the candy, I thought, 'We are too old for this. Why did I think we could do this?' But we did!!! Making the hard candy is a hard job but WOW, what a great group of workers we had for those two days. There were 15 to 20 workers at a time and 5 or 6 men to help at each time. Those marble slabs are heavy and it was great having the guys to help us. By Tuesday night we were all done by 7:50, all candy was made, orders were packed and the Jaffa kitchen was all cleaned up. Thanks again everyone. Dorcas Temple is the best!!!!"**

As one of the workers, I know we worked hard, then going home with aching backs, legs and feet. But it was all worth it. It was so nice to have the men work with us.

Our next project is making chocolate candy. The chairman is PQ Connie Himes. We start working at 8:00am on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. I am sure the ladies will be quite busy. I know Connie is hoping for lots of help. If anyone wishes to order candy, contact

any member of Dorcas Temple.

On Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, Dorcas Temple held a tea and fashion show in the Blair Room at Jaffa. This was to celebrate the 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Dorcas Temple. A program entitled "Bosom Buddies to Bustles" was presented by Peggy Fields. Ladies from Bosom Buddies and Dorcas Temple modeled clothes from 1870 to 1970. The Dorcas models were PQ Lillie Ann Brennan, Pr. Charlene Lewis, Pr. Gerri McGee, Pr. Badora Connie Beers and Pr. Tirzah Carolyn Painter Don't they look lovely? The program, the refreshments and the conversations were enjoyed by all.



**Dorcas Temple #129 Daughters wishes everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year. This is a time to make new memories with family and friends. Enjoy this wonderful time of the year.**

**To Queen Judy, a special Merry Christmas to you and Happy New Year. We will keep you in our prayers for your health to continue to improve.**

**In the new year, remember to Live, Laugh and Love every day.**



## "OPERATION BEAR" UPDATE

In a world where everyone is larger and everything is unknown, it is very comforting to have a small, soft, quiet companion, a "Cuddly Bear". A hospital stay can be very stressful but even more so for children. Not only is everyone bigger but they are away from home, sleeping in a strange bed, wearing strange clothing, eating different food and learning a new vocabulary. Thanks to your generous donations, eight hundred twenty five "Cuddly Bears" helped children and their families cope with the experience of having surgery in the Erie Shrine Ambulatory Surgery Center or the Philadelphia Shrine Hospital. "Cuddly Bears" calm the children and ease the fears of the parents.

You can assist in this project by donating \$5.00 for each "Bear" given for adoption by a patient in the Erie Shrine Ambulatory Surgery Center or Philadelphia Shrine Hospital. Join our endeavor and send your donation to: Daughters of the Nile, Jean Kensinger, PQ, 705 Ivory Lane, Martinsburg, PA 16662. Checks payable to: "Dorcas Temple #129" with "Operation Bear" on the memo line. Again, we "THANK YOU" for your continued support.

### September 2014

Betty Miller (10)  
Ben & Jean Kensinger (2)

Janet Pena (7)  
Dorcas Temple No. 129 (20)  
Leon and Phyllis Collins (2)  
Connie Jarrett (1)  
Paul and Shirley Bobak (4)  
Harry and Gerri McGee (4)

### Sponsors for October 2014

Ray and Susan Nycum (2)  
Dave and Carol Peterman (1)  
Carolyn Painter (1)  
Alma Eastep in honor of Katie Kennedy (1)  
George and Rebecca Timchak (20)

Jack and Donna Moyer in memory of James Harding (5)  
Ed and Doris Benson (20)  
Robert & Nancy Whitsel (8)



## 2014 Jaffa Shrine Gun Raffle Winners



	<b>Gun Make/Model/Cash</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Seller</b>
1	Kimber 84M Blue Std. Cal. or \$900	2369	William Clark	William Clark
2	Henry Golden Boy LA 22LR or \$300	8044	David Glunt Jr	David Glunt Jr
3	Marlin 336W Birch 30-30 or \$300	14975	Rob Hixon	Ed Boston
4	Mossberg 500 AC Crown 12 or 20 Ga or \$250	12029	Ryan Fleck	Tom Price
5	Ruger All American All Cal. or \$250	7592	Scott Bryar	Roger Hoover
6	Remington 7600 Syn. Std. Cal. or \$500	9443	Dan McGonigal	William Dudish
7	Remington 870 Express Syn. 3" 12 or 20 Ga or \$250	22876	James Knep	Dave Amos
8	Remington 11-87 Sportsman Syn. 3" 12 or 20 Ga or \$550	9849	Greg Anstead Jr	Mike David
9	Remington 700 SPS Syn. Std. Cal. or \$450	8351	June Beck	John Grove
10	Ruger 77 R Hawkeye Blue/Wal Std. Cal. or \$525	9235	Steven Foor	Bill Lewis
11	Marlin 1894 357 or 44 Mag or \$450	9850	Cindy Gettings	Mike David
12	Stevens 512 Gold Wing O/U all Gauges or \$450	20297	Bryce Bennett	Justin Chamberlain
13	Thompson Center Triumph Blue/Syn. .50 Cal. or \$300	11709	Jayne Steward	Michael Steward
14	Weatherby Vanguard Syn., Series II Std. Cal. or \$400	15385	William Michaels	William Michaels Jr
15	Remington Model 7 Blue/Syn. Std. Cal. or \$450	23163	Brian Parsons	Bill Knepper
16	Remington 870 Express Syn. 3" 12 or 20 Ga or \$250	7703	David Madjaric	Bill Penn
17	Henry Golden Boy LA 22LR or \$300	4297	Thomas Price Jr	Tom Price
18	Marlin 336W Birch 30-30 or \$300	9553	Paul Sloan	Todd Snoby
19	Mossberg 500 AC Crown 12 or 20 Ga or \$250	16262	Aaron Kulbacki	Eugene Mabie
20	Marlin 1894 357 or 44 Mag or \$450	10800	Preston Barkman	Joe Bowser
21	Remington Model 7 Blue/Syn. Std. Cal. or \$450	22822	Mike Sellers	Justin Wilkens
22	Remington 11-87 Sportsman Syn. 3" 12 or 20 Ga or \$550	18212	Rose Rider	Mike David
23	Ruger All American All Cal. or \$250	3703	Sandra Weber	Ken Johnston
24	Remington 7600 Syn. Std. Cal. or \$500	18973	Daniel Wylie	John Daniel
25	Ruger 77 R Hawkeye Blue/Wal Std. Cal. or \$525	7502	Bill Vonada	Bill Vonada
26	Stevens 512 Gold Wing O/U all Gauges or \$450	7503	Earl Smith	Claude Sayers
27	Remington 700 SPS Syn. Std. Cal. or \$450	15700	John Tougher	Lawrence Acker
28	Thompson Center Triumph Blue/Syn. .50 Cal. or \$300	6568	Terry Wagner	Scott Wagner
29	Weatherby Vanguard Syn., Series II Std. Cal. or \$400	5130	David Plank	David Plank
30	Ruger All American All Cal. or \$250	288	Laura Connor	Bob Huether
31	Marlin 1894 357 or 44 Mag or \$450	10180	Tom Himler Jr	Tom Himler
32	Ruger Red Label O/U 12 Ga. or \$800	22516	Nadine Ritz	John Rutherford
33	Henry Golden Boy LA 22LR or \$300	18394	Steve Rose	Rick Cowfer
34	Remington 870 Express Syn. 3" 12 or 20 Ga or \$250	3496	Joseph Handel	Fred Ewald
35	Mossberg 500 AC Crown 12 or 20 Ga or \$250	9410	Kurt Schich	Roy Lutz Jr
36	Marlin 336W Birch 30-30 or \$300	22723	Josh Gibson	Josh Gibson
37	Remington 7600 Syn. Std. Cal. or \$500	10441	Sharon McClellan	Scott McClellan
38	Ruger 77 R Hawkeye Blue/Wal Std. Cal. or \$525	15912	Cindy Bennett	Dee Bennett
39	Remington 11-87 Sportsman Syn. 3" 12 or 20 Ga or \$550	1441	Joe Bingman	Roy Costello
40	Remington 700 SPS Syn. Std. Cal. or \$450	284	Chuck Kock	Bob Huether
41	Stevens 512 Gold Wing O/U all Gauges or \$450	9545	Tom Lowman	Tom Lowman
42	Weatherby Vanguard Syn., Series II Std. Cal. or \$400	4916	Jo Emeigh	Charles Emeigh
43	Marlin 1894 357 or 44 Mag or \$450	5109	Jonatha Krepps	James Krepps
44	Remington Model 7 Blue/Syn. Std. Cal. or \$450	1707	Austing Upright	Jeff Coleman
45	Thompson Center Triumph Blue/Syn. .50 Cal. or \$300	14848	Bart Eckenrode	Tim Lightner
46	Remington 11-87 Sportsman Syn. 3" 12 or 20 Ga or \$550	18393	Eugene Ferenchick	Richard Cowfer
47	Ruger All American All Cal. or \$250	202	Aaron Luther	Bob Nagle
48	Weatherby Vanguard Syn., Series II Std. Cal. or \$400	845	Benjamin Certeza	John Campbell
49	Remington Model 7 Blue/Syn. Std. Cal. or \$450	3984	Keith Budnick	Keith Budnick
50	Kimber 84M Blue Std. Cal. or \$900	22516	Nadine Ritz	John Rutherford
51	Remington 7600 Syn. Std. Cal. or \$500	9948	Lester Edgin	Lester Edgin
52	Remington 870 Express Syn. 3" 12 or 20 Ga or \$250	9308	Bryan Shetler	Stan Landis
53	Henry Golden Boy LA 22LR or \$300	1026	Ryan Pote	John Campbell
54	Marlin 336W Birch 30-30 or \$300	12194	Virginia Dumm	Bob Johnson
55	Mossberg 500 AC Crown 12 or 20 Ga or \$250	3654	George Wagner	George Wagner
56	Thompson Center Triumph Blue/Syn. .50 Cal. or \$300	22072	Paul Moyer	Paul Moyer
57	Remington 700 SPS Syn. Std. Cal. or \$450	13612	Bradley Snyder	Scott Sayers
58	Stevens 512 Gold Wing O/U all Gauges or \$450	19868	Ed Lingerfelter	Ed Lingerfelter
59	Ruger 77 R Hawkeye Blue/Wal Std. Cal. or \$525	51	Drew Hoff	Jordan Settle
60	Weatherby Vanguard Syn., Series II Std. Cal. or \$400	22316	Randy Dell	Roger Hoover
61	Marlin 1894 357 or 44 Mag or \$450	6263	Denver Kuhn	Denver Kuhn
62	Remington 11-87 Sportsman Syn. 3" 12 or 20 Ga or \$550	14674	Jennifer Hewitt	Tom Seiler
63	Thompson Center Triumph Blue/Syn. .50 Cal. or \$300	4455	William Daugherty Jr	Denny Etters
64	Remington 870 Express Syn. 3" 12 or 20 Ga or \$250	2622	Tina Washabaugh	Andy Washabaugh
65	Henry Golden Boy LA 22LR or \$300	3438	Rick Campbell	Sherman Glick



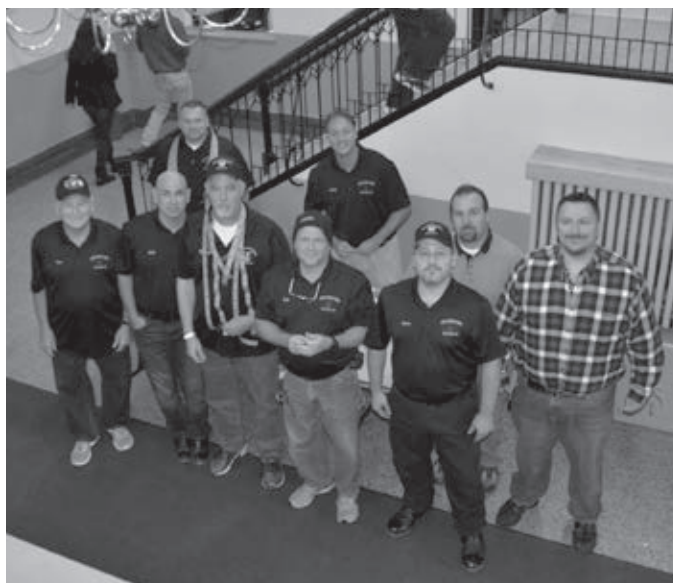
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 21152 Jonathan Hoffner  
 2317 Chester Pribble  
 125 Nathan Wilkins  
 22461 James Bathurst  
 13644 Frank Dwyer  
 19772 Peg Corman  
 1666 Lynn Charpentier  
 17713 Eric Selfridge  
 10357 Terry Korb  
 6767 Jacob Wasilko

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 Ron Hoover  
 Chester Pribble  
 Jordan Settle  
 Cory Maher  
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 Bill Knepper  
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# **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS!!**

*Thanks to all nobles & ladies for their help in making the Gun Raffle a great success!*



# IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

## RESTORATION

*By Gerald W. Lower, High Priest & Prophet*

At our last stated Executive meeting, Potentate Vern slid me a piece of paper and ask me to do an article on "Restoration" for the next Journal.

The next morning I arrived at the Jaffa, started taking notes, brickwork finished, broken window glass squares replaced, new roof, parking lot patched, sealed and coated, deck recoated, working on entrance to basement. I just couldn't see any more we could do at the present time. That's when I looked at the piece of paper the Potentate gave me, low and behold he was talking about "Member Restoration". That's members with 2 years in arrears in dues.

First I will tell you this article is strictly my opinion and mine alone.

Webster Dictionary defines "Restoration" as an act of restoring or the condition of being restored. Bringing back to a former position or condition. Reinstatement.

Up until a year or two ago, we didn't pay much attention to members who were two years or more out with dues but with our aging members, the Black Camel is visiting us on an average of 100 times a year. At the present time, we have 84 members with past dues of two or more years, that's a total loss of 184 members this year, we are bringing in approximately 75 new members per year. Those numbers are staggering and we cannot continue to stay afloat with these losses. In 1980, we had 8000 members, at the present time, we have 2778. That's why you 84 past due members are important to us.

Now I understand there are probably 25-30 members who are sick, in a home, or just too old to be active anymore, so I will address the other 55-60 members. Before I do that I'll take this opportunity to thank you elderly nobles for your time and service to Jaffa Shrine. You will be missed.

Several weeks ago, we visited Clearfield Shrine Club, through conversation with Denny Lezzer, we are of the opinion that this problem is not about money. Here is what we think: #1—your top line signer didn't take the time to introduce you to the things that are offered at Jaffa. #2—maybe someone told you if you became a Shriner it would have a great bearing in your vocation and special favors would come your way. Sorry, things don't work that way. We become Shriners to be better men and most importantly to support our children and hospitals.

Let's crunch some numbers.....Annual dues are \$75 per year, that's \$6.25 per month. It blows my mind when I see people throw down \$60 for a carton of cigarettes that will probably only last a week. That's \$240 per month, almost \$3000 per year, that makes dues look like chump change.

You took an oath on a Bible and promised to support Jaffa Shrine with your spirit, time, talents and means.

In the future, there will be some incentives put out to entice you Nobles back, I personally hope some of you return to good standing, we certainly would welcome you back.

I will be Potentate in 2017, I certainly don't want to be the one to refuse a child needed services due to lack of membership or maybe transportation to and from the hospitals. PLEASE consider becoming an active Noble. Still unsure, come in, take a trip to one of our hospitals and see the end results of your dues.

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## Recruiting and retention key to ensure philanthropic endeavors

*By Robert P. Baranik, Oriental Guide*

What is the future of our great philanthropy? As nobles, what can we do to insure that our philanthropic endeavors maintain the ability to offer health care to sick and injured children?

The answers to the above questions revolve around recruiting new members and retaining the members we have. Without active members, all possible fund raising programs grind to a halt, threatening financial aid to the Shriners' Hospitals.

Recruiting and retention are hot topics at most temples. Finger pointing and assessing blame for declining membership will not solve the core issue. We need to pull together and support each other in order to turn this pattern around.

In my opinion, for the long-term benefit of Jaffa, the solution is three-fold—recruiting, retention and mentoring. To start, we all should recruit one new member—think of it as replacing yourself. However, getting a new noble in the door doesn't work if they don't feel welcome or mentored.

How often since we started one-day classes have we taken in a new member only to find that in two to three years they stop paying their dues and resign? I feel that as you recruit a new noble, you should stay close with that person and introduce him to various units, escort him to different functions and include his lady whenever possible.

We have no control as to when the black camel takes a noble from us. We can, however, keep more nobles in Jaffa by mentoring and making all feel as a brother at all times. Mentoring does not have to end with the sponsor. All units should work together to stay in contact with all unit members—hold unit social gatherings, start a phone chain to stay in touch and visit elderly brothers.

A great idea suggested to me by a brother is to start a rusty noble night where elderly nobles would be contacted by unit members, picked up and escorted to Jaffa for an evening of light refreshments and fellowship. Mentoring should never stop. As a noble grows into a comfort level in any unit, they should be mentored to be elevated into a leadership role in the unit, at Jaffa or possibly the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association.

Involvement and having fun are the key ingredients to maintaining a healthy membership program.



JAFFA SHRINE'S

# NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31st

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Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ \$75 per couple before December 26, 2014.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Include your Shrine Number \_\_\_\_\_ if VIP was purchased.

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TOTAL ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

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# What's New in Erie!

**Shriners Hospitals for Children®**

Erie Ambulatory Surgery Center and Outpatient Specialty Care Center  
An Update for our Temple Affiliates

November 2014

## Outstanding Fundraising Efforts For New Radiology Equipment

Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie's fundraising efforts for the program to upgrade its radiology department suites to Digital Radiography, called Gentle Imaging, have been progressing full steam ahead.

The original goal to outfit one of the rooms was \$350,000. This goal was surpassed in a few short months. With the exceptional fundraising work being done for this project, including events like the JET 24 Telethon, the goal was raised to \$700,000. Included in the \$700,000 price tag would be the installation of brand new Digital Radiography (Gentle Imaging) X-ray equipment in both of the radiology suites and upgrading the portable x-ray machine. Currently SHC-Erie stands at close to \$500,000. We are well on our way.

Digital Radiography (Gentle Imaging) offers many benefits to that of traditional x-ray techniques. These include time efficiency, the ability to digitally transfer and enhance images, and most importantly, it cuts down on the radiation received by children, up to 39% less exposure.

With all of this in mind, we thank all the Shrine temples, clubs and units that have helped make this project become a reality. We invite those groups to continue their support of the radiology project so SHC-Erie can continue to best serve the thousands of children who annually receive care here.

## Equine Therapy an Ongoing Success

For children taking part in equine therapy, physical therapy is more exciting than ever. Following an initial 6 week phase, the children are now returning to the WLD Ranch twice a week to ride horses and utilize their muscles in unique ways.

The therapy program is led by Sue Birkmire, RN, SHC-Erie Spina Bifida Care Coordinator, and is proving extremely successful at improving the children's continence. The children alternate between sitting front and rear-facing as they strengthen different muscles. The current goal is to find the minimum number of weekly sessions required to maintain their progress in bowel and bladder control.



## Aladdin Shriners Make Large Donation to Erie Facility

At the October 16 Board of Governors meeting at Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie, the Aladdin Shriners of Columbus, OH presented the Erie facility with two donation checks totaling \$184,132.70 to be applied to the radiology equipment project.

The presentation was made by Illustrious Sir W. Garol Rogers, Aladdin Potentate. The funds were from the Aladdin Shriners' annual tabloid sales as well as a contribution from the Aladdin Shrine Association for Children.

Everyone at Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie thanks the Aladdin Shriners for their generosity.



## New Public Relations Manager Named

Gregory Hall, former Marketing and Sales Consultant with FOX 66 in Erie, has been named the new Manager of Public Relations at Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie. A Pittsburgh native, Greg received his B.S. degree cum laude from Gannon University. He also earned his J.D. at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law.



At FOX 66, Greg worked to develop marketing strategies to help clients grow their brand and ultimately their business. These strategies involved the creation of television commercial production as well as the use of digital platforms and social media. Greg is active in the community and serves on the Board of Directors of SafeNet in Erie.

Greg replaced Bob Howden who retired July 4 after nearly 15 years at Shriners.

## YouTube Channel Launches

Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie launched a local YouTube Channel. The channel will be utilized as a place to populate with news pieces, informational videos, and compelling success stories from SHC-Erie. Currently news coverage and stories from the telethon have been uploaded.

Please subscribe to the SHC-Erie Channel to help grow the viewer base. Also, this will allow you to access videos to keep you up to date about happenings at the Erie facility and the ability to share the message of Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

The channel can be located by logging on to:  
[www.youtube.com/user/SHCErie](http://www.youtube.com/user/SHCErie).

**For additional information, contact:**

**Greg Hall (814) 875-8782.**





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# JAFFA LADIES NIGHT - OCTOBER 11TH



What a fabulous evening of great entertainment to honor our Ladies! A fine meal was superbly prepared by Jaffa Steward Walt Kissell then followed by a terrific performance of "Bingo-a Winning Musical" by the Tyrone Community Players.

*Many thanks to all the Nobles and Ladies in attendance as well as to Chef Walt and the Tyrone Community Players! The evening was awesome!*



Shriners Hospitals for Children®—Erie hosted an outreach clinic at the UPMC Altoona on October 24, 2014








Above: Troy Harding (left), Associate Member of the Board of Governors at Shriners Hospitals for Children@-Erie, presents a check in memory of his father James Harding to Jeff Stephenson (right), Chairman of the Board of Governors, to be applied to the purchase of new radiology equipment.

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Valley View donated scooters to Philadelphia hospital  
From left: Potentate Vern Carey, Sharon Knouse, Valley View Rehabilitation, and Ralph "Bud" Campbell



Delivery of donated scooters at Philadelphia Shriners Hospital  
From left: Harry Sanchez, Philadelphia Hospital and Potentate Vern Carey



# ALTOONA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT JAFFA SHRINE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

at the Altoona Area Field House

## GIRLS TIP-OFF TOURNAMENT

December 5-6, 2014

Altoona | State College  
Central Dauphin | Mt. Lebanon

## BOYS HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

December 29-30, 2014

Altoona | East Stroudsburg North  
Mifflin County | Central Mountain

## CHICKEN BBQ



The Jaffa Basketball Committee sponsored a Chicken BBQ on October 11 to raise money for our sponsored basketball tournaments. We raised over \$1,800. The Altoona Lady Lions spent the day working the BBQ as part of their community service. **Thanks to everyone for supporting our cause!**







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The Jaffa Shrine proposed budget for 2015 is available in the Recorder's Office for membership review. Budget approval will be at the business meeting on January 3, 2015.

**FEB 27-MAR 1, 2015**



**Next Committee Meeting:  
December 3 & January 7**

**7:00pm in the 22nd Street Lounge  
Plan on attending!!**

**Bernie Edmundson, Chairman  
(814) 937-0480**

### IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE VISITED BY THE BLACK CAMEL

"Death is a black camel that kneels unbidden at every gate."



The Officers and Nobles of Jaffa Shrine express their sincere sympathy to the families of these departed Nobles:

NOBLE	LOCATION	EXPIRED	NOBLE	LOCATION	EXPIRED
RAYMOND D KISER	JOHNSTOWN, PA	3/30/2011	JAMES E FOSTER	JOHNSTOWN, PA	4/13/2014
CLIFFORD F RANDALL	VENICE, FL	4/11/2012	ALVIN J SKINNER	PETERSBURG, PA	4/21/2014
ALVIN S MUNDEL	UNIONTOWN, PA	10/20/2012	LAWRENCE E DAVIES	HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA	4/28/2014
LARRY W BRACKEN	JOHNSTOWN, PA	7/1/2013	J HOWARD BONSON	LEWISTOWN, PA	5/1/2014
FREDERICK D MCDANNELL	CHERRY TREE, PA	10/7/2013	CHARLES E BERKEY	JOHNSTOWN, PA	5/2/2014
PAUL E BOUMA	DUNCANSVILLE, PA	11/26/2013	Alan Reigh Martin	SEWARD, PA	5/30/2014
MERRILL L DONALDSON	HUNTINGDON, PA	11/29/2013	GEORGE R THOMPSON	ALTOONA, PA	6/9/2014
Robert C Foster	DU BOIS, PA	12/23/2013	ROBERT E ERICKSON	MILL HALL, PA	6/16/2014
EDGAR E HUNT	MIDLOTHIAN, VA	12/23/2013	LIONEL C HAMER	Millbury, MA	7/2/2014
WILLIAM D SHANER	WEEDVILLE, PA	12/25/2013	ROBERT F GICKING	HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA	7/13/2014
MILTON G COBLE	CLEARFIELD, PA	12/27/2013	David W. Williams	SOMERSET, PA	7/13/2014
WAYNE A BENNETT	MONROE, NC	12/31/2013	ROBERT S BAUM	JOHNSTOWN, PA	7/14/2014
IRA WRIGHT JR	HONOLULU, HI	1/3/2014	RICHARD E HAUGER	SOMERSET, PA	7/20/2014
DAVID R GRACEY SR	ALTOONA, PA	1/4/2014	PATRICK R WAKEFIELD	ALTOONA, PA	7/23/2014
JOHN F KLING	ALTOONA, PA	1/7/2014	ROGER L GARNER	HUNTINGDON, PA	7/26/2014
RONALD C ANDERSON	HARRISBURG, PA	1/12/2014	ROBERT G STRAW	ALTOONA, PA	7/28/2014
PAUL S FOSS	LEWISTOWN, PA	1/17/2014	JAMES A NULL	CURWENSVILLE, PA	8/17/2014
JOHN C PETERS SR	HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA	1/30/2014	Edward A Ator	DU BOIS, PA	8/23/2014
ROBERT E BAY	JERSEY SHORE, PA	2/2/2014	EDWARD P SAINTZ JR	JOHNSTOWN, PA	8/23/2014
CARL K WACHOB	PUNXSUTAWNEY, PA	2/10/2014	JAMES G WALTERS	BOILING SPRINGS, PA	9/2/2014
BENJAMIN C LLOYD	PHILIPSBURG, PA	2/16/2014	KENNETH E WILKINSON	ALTOONA, PA	9/5/2014
RICHARD E SHAFFER	MEYERSDALE, PA	2/19/2014	HARVEY W STINEMAN	LEHIGH ACRES, FL	9/11/2014
FRANCIS MARUSKA	GALLITZIN, PA	2/22/2014	ROBERT L JOHNS	STATE COLLEGE, PA	9/13/2014
ROBERT A ROARABAUGH	PORT CHARLOTTE, FL	3/4/2014	ROBERT W WILKINS SR	DUNCANSVILLE, PA	9/15/2014
ARTHUR L BROWN	SOMERSET, PA	3/10/2014	JAMES F HARDING	ALTOONA, PA	9/20/2014
George E Whitaker	WILLIAMSBURG, PA	3/10/2014	SPENCER W HAUENSTEIN	HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA	9/25/2014
DARRELL G SPENCER	GRAMPIAN, PA	3/12/2014	JAY E KIMMEL	BERLIN, PA	9/28/2014
NEWTON C TAYLOR	HUNTINGDON, PA	3/13/2014	LESTER D BAIR	HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA	10/11/2014
STEPHEN G MCCAHAH JR	MARTINSBURG, PA	3/21/2014	RICHARD J BURGAN, JR	JAMES CREEK, PA	10/13/2014
			E ROY STERN	MARTINSBURG, PA	10/18/2014

*Please keep the families of these Nobles in your thoughts and prayers!*



# OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2015 at 1:00 PM

## ELECTION OF SHRINE OFFICERS INSTALLATION OF SHRINE, UNIT, & SHRINE CLUB OFFICERS JAFFA SHRINE

The Annual Session of Jaffa Shrine will be held Saturday, January 3, 2015 in the Jaffa Shrine, Altoona, PA for the annual election and installation of officers and representatives to the Imperial Council and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Temple.

ATTEST:



*Don Grove, Recorder*



***Present your 2015 Dues Card!!***

### **PROGRAM**

Business Meeting.....1:00PM

Election.....2:00PM

Temple, Unit, and Shrine Club Officers

***Installation with Traditional Feast to follow***



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**Imperial Council Bylaws require that the following extract from Article 25 be published in the notice sent to the membership.**

The first seven officers of the temple are the Potentate, Chief Rabban, Assistant Rabban, High Priest and Prophet, Oriental Guide, Treasurer and Recorder.

325.2 (a) The first seven officers shall be elected annually by ballot and constitute the Official Divan.

325.4 Each Temple must elect its Officers and Representatives at its annual meeting in January.

325.5 Election of officers shall be by separate written ballot and by a majority vote of those present and voting. A blanket ballot is prohibited.

325.6 Balloting must commence no later than 9:00 PM and when that hour arrives all other business must cease and none may be transacted until the election is concluded.

325.8 Candidates for Officers and Representatives must be placed in nomination from the floor. Nominating committees are prohibited.

325.10 (a) When a temple elects more than one Representative, all candidates must be balloted for on one written ballot.

(b) Each member voting must vote only for the total number of Representatives to be elected, otherwise his ballot cannot be counted as a vote.

(c) A majority vote of those present and voting is necessary to elect each Representative.

(d) Only those candidates who receive a majority vote shall be declared elected.

(e) Successive written ballots must then be taken in the same manner on other candidates until all Representatives are elected.

(f) If more candidates receive a majority vote than the number of Representatives to be elected, then those receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected.

(g) Blank ballots are not voted.

325.11 (a) The printing, publication, circulation or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets or other devices, by a Noble, suggesting, recommending, opposing or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the Temple is prohibited.

(b) For any violation of (a), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of the officers void and order a new election.

(c) At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election the Temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section.

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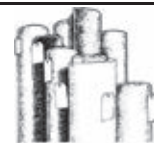
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Candidate's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Q:** How many Shriners does it take to screw in a light bulb?

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## Chaplain's Corner

by Rev. Noble Dorè Patlian, Chief Chaplain, Sahib Shriners, Sarasota, FL

*Reprinted from The Reporter, The Official Monthly Publication of Shahib Shriners, November 2014*

The seasons. Have you ever wondered what life would be like without seasons? Here in Florida we have two of them, very dry in the winter and very wet in the summer. What if every day was just like the last and the next?

Imagine Buffalo, New York without sub-zero temperatures and oodles of snow in the winter. Sure winters there are legendary but think how much western New Yorkers look forward to the delightful summers that they enjoy. Break out the boat and let us do the Dewitt Clinton Canal over to Lake Erie or let us explore the Finger Lakes District. Oh, my yes! Prettiest country you have ever seen but would you really want to live through those winters?

There is a lesson that the Great Architect is teaching every one of us with the seasons, if we have the eyes to see and the mind to 'comprehend. The seasons are the Creator's way of reminding us that we can never experience the heights unless we have walked through the valley. High is only high if we have experienced low. Good is only good unless we have tasted bad. Winter would not be winter unless we have experienced a summer.

Earth is a relative place. Everything on Earth exists in relation to something or someone else. Men cannot experience their maleness without women and their wonderful gift of softness and femininity. A man is a man because he is not a woman. Are you beginning to see where I am going with this?

The best steak you ever enjoyed is only the best when compared to a steak that was not as good. The highs must have the lows, the good must have the bad, the sublime must have the profane; else we would not know either.

What is true for our Earthly home is also true of our Shrine home. Sahib has the largest Shrine luncheon (most of the year) because so many other temples have much smaller ones. Egypt Temple with much larger territory and population base had 32 nobles present when I went to their once monthly luncheon a few months ago.

As we watch the ages of our nobility climb to rival that of the Old Testament Prophets, some forecast decline and doom. No, we should celebrate the experience as long dedication to Masonry and the Shrine that is sitting around us at lunch. What a well of knowledge and dedication we have all around us, if we would but tap into it. We are truly blessed that we can take advantage of that pool of talent that few northern cities have because their seniors are all down here!

There is a season for everything under heaven. This is the season of regeneration, rebirth and rededication to Shrine Masonry and to Sahib Temple. Some say it cannot be done. It is always easy to naysay because it takes no commitment, places no burden of responsibility on the naysayer. I believe, in fact, know, that anything can be done we have the heart and passion to do it. I do, do you?

I am passionate about Masonry and Shrine Masonry in particular because we make a huge difference in this community. We are the public face of Freemasonry; known everywhere for our philanthropy, our dedication to healing children and our fellowship and great family fun. I walked into a restaurant that I patronize with my fez on to place a poster in the window for the Circus. Almost everyone in the restaurant stood and applauded me! That fez is a universal symbol of a good and just man. That goodwill is priceless.

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DECEMBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Jobel—kitchen	2 S.S. seminar	3 Jobel—kitchen	4 DOTN—SR S.S. seminar	5 POT ROAST—BH 	6 Private Christmas party
7 Nittany Cheer—A	8	9 Unit Head Meeting—L Nutcracker start	10 Work sessions for Kiddies Christmas party Chanters—BR	11 Jobel—SR	12 Private Christmas Party—BH Antique Cars—BR	13 Clowns party—BH 
14 Jaffa Kiddies Christmas Party Patrol Party—BR	15	16	17	18	19	20
					PSU GRADUATION—W	
	22	23	24 Recorder's Office closed at Noon Merry Christmas	25  Recorder's Office CLOSED	26	27 BUSINESS MTG & MINI CEREMONIAL
28	29 	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY Recorder's Office closed at noon	BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS: Dec 5 & 6—GIRLS Dec 29 & 30—BOYS Altoona Area High School Field House		

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4	5	6 DOTN—SR	7	8 Jobel—SR	9	10
11	12 Cyberschool—BH	13 Unit Head Mtg—L	14	15	16 Ushers Party—BR	17 Set up Bridal Event—BH & A
18  Bridal Event—BH & A	19  Martin Luther King Day	20	21	22	23 Show—A	24 Robert Burns Supper
25	26	27 ARD Blood Drive	28	29	30 RDS Fundraiser	31 350 Club—BH



	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
FEBRUARY 2015	1 		3	4	5	6	7 Potentate Aides planning dinner— BH
	8	9	10 Unit Head Mtg— L	11	12 Jobel—SR	16	14  Wedding Recpt
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22 The Q Chicken BBQ	23	24	25	26	27 <b>SPORTS SHOW</b>	28
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 December 5 & 6—Jaffa Shrine/Altoona Area High School Girls Basketball Tournament at AAHS Field House  
 December 14—Kiddies Christmas Party  
 December 21—Holiday Ice Spectacular  
 December 27—Business Mtg/Mini Ceremonial  
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