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Potentate's Message

ES SELAMU ALEIKUM

Miles K. Costello *Potentate*



To All Nobles, Ladies, and Friends:

Two months have gone by like a flash. I have learned that time flies by fast! Coming up next will be the Potentate's Reception, don't miss it. Come and meet the Good Ol' Boy and his Lady. The date and time are in the Jaffa Journal, along with the price and hotel accommodations.

Our next big event coming up will be our annual Circus. The dates will be April 14th through the 20th, 2016. We need lots of help, so come out and join your Unit or Club.

The Hospital Crusade will be in May. Dates and times will vary per Unit and Club. Next to follow will be parade time. Your Potentate and Divan plan to attend as many as possible.

I would like to thank all the Nobles that helped with the Sports Show and also the J.Y.N. group that are working on the 23rd Street Lounge – it is looking good.

Thanks to one and all.

P.S. We still need Nobles to work the ticket office for the Circus.

Yours in the faith,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Miles K. Costello". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Miles K. Costello
Potentate



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FROM JAFFA'S UNITS & CLUBS



LEGION OF HONOR

Not much to write about at this time. We have just finished the Sports Show and now as I write this, they are setting up for the Blair County Home & Garden Show. Then comes the Potentate's Reception on April 2nd, which the drill team members will again participate in as honor guard (escorts) along with members of the Provost Guard.

The Circus will be coming next, starting on April 14th and finish on April 20th. Second Lieutenant Harry Chirdon will be in charge of the Legion Novelty Stand, so let's give him our support by helping.

The Mid-Atlantic Legion of Honor Convention will be held in Reading, PA on April 22nd through the 24th and this reporter will be attending. A report on this will follow.

A list of new Legion members will be reported in the next issue.

The Black Camel once again passed through our Oasis and took from us Noble Tom Brown of Somerset, PA on February 24th. Tom had been a member of the Legion since October 1970. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

Please remember also our military forces, all over the world, in your prayers.

"The shortest distance between two people is a smile."

- Victor Borge

Recently, a very good friend, Wayne Baggett, asked me if I would like to have a copy of a children's book that his wife, Maureen had written and, of course, I said I would love to. He said that all the proceeds of the book would go to the Shrine Children's Hospitals.

When I received the book and after having read it I thought "How could I thank her for doing such a wonderful thing for our children's hospitals?" As I write this, thinking that every Legion Noble would buy a book or at least make a donation in Maureen's honor. This would make a very nice gift to the hospitals. Let's run with this and see where we can go with it. I will get all the details in the meantime; where, when and the cost of the book.

Remember nobles, "It's an honor to belong to the Legion of Honor".

Leon Collins, P.C., Reporter



JAFFA BOWLING

We have a great race in the Low Division the second cycle. The Jokers team led by John Campbell PP, Fred Gallagher, Randy Colyer, Dale Wills and Ray Cook are trying to stay ahead of a good Directors team that won the first cycle. At this writing The Jokers are ahead with a 11 point lead.

Over in the quiet High Division the Nomads have a one-game lead over first cycle winner Provost Guard with the Jeepsters and Spurs close. In other news, our Bowling President has been appointed proof-reader for all Journal articles.

I am not so sure this article will make the cut. Also one of our league bowlers Dick Swartz got his name in the Altoona Mirror for counting the outdoors visitors to the Jaffa Sport Show. WE have the best in our league.

Our banquet is scheduled for May 23, 2016 at the Jaffa, so make plans if you are going to attend. It makes no sense to pay for meals that are ordered and have no shows. Just trying to save bowlers money. Should be a good roll-off season and I can relax.

Good luck to all bowling teams in their division races.

Steve Slogik, Secretary/Treasurer



MOUNTED PATROL

Under the direction of chairman Bernie Edmundson and co-chairman Dave Burchfield Jr., the Jaffa Shrine Sports Show had another successful year. With a nearly capacity crowd at every show, the vendors saw a steady flow of traffic all four days.

All participating units had a good turnout of members to serve our guests from the Commonwealth, as well as visitors from several nearby states. Our new show coordinator, Kim Kindle, got her feet wet and kept everything under control. It should be easier for her next year.

In addition to all the vendors on both levels of the Jaffa facility, there were displays outside and special events inside, such as the mechanical bull ride, BB gun shoot, archery tournament, trout pond, coyote hunt and the turkey calling contest. At least five coyotes were weighed in this year.

Bernie and Dave want to thank all the units for their turnout and support of this annual event. A more complete report will be published in the next edition of the Jaffa Journal.

The annual Jaffa Sports Show was another huge success and the Mounted Patrol played a big role in the endeavor. It was chaired by Bernie Edmundson and co-chaired by Dave Burchfield Jr., Derek Martin was the food guru, responsible for all the food being where it was to be, and not run out of anything, Brad Germaux headed up the fish pond detail, including erecting the pond, getting it filled and stocked and baiting hooks, Phil Smith headed up the turkey calling contest, Brennan Fether weighed in the coyotes, Dwayne Smith oversaw the archery shoot, Dave Dick kept the BB guns loaded and pointed in a safe direction, and Fred Putt organized the 23rd St. concession stand and the other Mounties, too numerous to mention, assisted with all of the above activities. Another good job, and well done.

PP Fred Imler was there helping in numerous ways, selling gun raffle tickets and helping where needed, as well as providing us with a refrigerated truck to keep the food items as needed by Derek Martin.

Our March meeting was scheduled as a family get together at Zach's Sports and Spirits in Altoona, so we could sign up for the circus, as well as having dinner with our fellow horsemen and their families. About the time we are reading this edition of the Journal, we will be gearing up for the BIG Jaffa Shrine Circus, April 14 - 20.

By now everyone is working on getting the winter wool off of the horses so they will be presentable for the first parades of the season on Memorial Day at Juniata and Duncansville, hopefully with a family picnic after the second parade.

Every noble knows a master mason that is not yet a shriner. We have a business meeting and ceremonial coming up on April 29 and 30. Now is the time to get their name on a shrine petition, and possibly a new member of the Mounted Patrol or other unit worth of their talents.

Fred Imler, Sr, PP. and emeritus board member at the Shriner's Hospital at Philadelphia, encourages all of us and our ladies to take advantage of Potentate Ken Costello's bus trip to the Shriners Hospital at Philadelphia on June 25. Busses will be leaving Jaffa at 7am and going directly to the hospital, where tours of the hospital will be available and lunch will be served to those attending. We will be stopping on the return trip for a Dutch Treat dinner at a top notch restaurant recommended by Mountie Fred Imler.

Potentate Costello is making the trip available to all nobles and ladies at a nominal fee of \$10 per person. Every noble and his lady should take advantage of this opportunity to see the work that the shrine hospitals do for the children that the Road Runners take to the hospitals at Erie, Cincinnati and Philadelphia every week for treatment and surgery. Reservations should be made in the recorder's office at Jaffa.

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

Ray Nycum, Jr., Reporter



ATHLETIC CLUB

The Athletic Club is the Jaffa Shrine's newest club. Our interests are in athletics and will focus on bringing but not limited to our basketball tournament, wrestling and cheerleading tournaments to the Jaffa Shrine. The past three years we were known as the Basket-

ball Committee that had sponsored the Holiday Basketball Tournament at the Altoona Area High School Fieldhouse.

In December 2016, we are bringing basketball back to the Jaffa Shrine! With a refurbished floor and new score boards, we are excited for basketball to be played at the Shrine again. Our intent was to have four boys and four girls high school teams participating. Running on short notice, we will only

have the girls tournament this year as we contacted 48 boy's teams that their schedules were filled. In the 2016-17 season we will have both as several teams are already interested in playing.

Presently, we are working on our by-laws. Below is a list of officers and members.

Mike Colledge, President
Denny Newberry, Vice-President
John Bollinger, Secretary/Treasurer

Members: Bob Baranik, Jerry Lower, Joe Orr, Steve Slogik, Bill Wilkinson, Scott Woomer

New members welcome!

2016 JAFFA SHRINE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

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Monday, December 12th

6:00pm Altoona Girls vs. Juniata Valley
7:30pm Altoona Boys vs. TBA

Tuesday, December 13th

6:00pm Bellwood Girls vs. Bishop McCort
7:30pm Bellwood Boys vs. TBA

Wednesday, December 14th

6:00pm Girl's Consolation Game
7:30pm Girl's Championship Game

Thursday, December 15th

6:00pm Boy's Consolation Game
7:30pm Boy's Championship Game



Left to right – Ben Kensinger, P.P., Philadelphia Hospital Representative Emeritus, Fred Imler, Sr., P.P., Philadelphia Hospital Representative Emeritus, Ray Goodman, Chairman of the Board Philadelphia Hospital, Dr. Jack Rocco, Associate Board Member Philadelphia Hospital. Presented a check in the amount of \$100,000 from Ken Weaver, Jaffa Shriner.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 25

Potentate Miles K. Costello, Jr, is planning a bus trip to the Philadelphia Shrine Hospital on Saturday, June 25. Early plans are for a 7am departure, and lunch to be available at the hospital.

Upon completion of the arrangements for the trip, information will be made available to the Units and Shrine Clubs and will be available through the Recorder's Office.

Every Shriner and his Lady should see the work done by the Shriners for our patients. Our Jaffa Road Runners get to see first hand the hospitals at Philadelphia, Erie and Cincinnati.

This is an excellent opportunity for every noble and his lady to see first hand one of the outstanding children's hospitals in the country.

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:



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 POT REC SET UP - WB	2 POT RECEPTION - WB
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1 SIGEL'S PHOTO - A	2	3	4 DOTN REH - 5:30pm - SR	5 PSU GRAD - A DOTN - 6pm - SR	6	7
8	9	10 SHOWALTER REC - A	11 RED CROSS - 12:30pm - BH	12 HNA - 7:30am - BH JOBEL - 6pm - SR	13	14 FREDERICK VENDOR SHOW - BH
15 CLOWNS - BBQ PIT	16	17 PB ROGERS REC - A ARC BLOOD DR - 12-6pm - BH	18	19	20	21
22	23 BOWLING BANQ - 6pm	24 SIGELS REC - A	25	26	27	28
29	30 MEMORIAL DAY	31 ALTOONA DANCE REC - A				

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5 BLAIR BLIND ASSOC - BH	6	7 ANDREA'S REC - A	8	9 BLAIR HEALTH CHOICES - BH JOBEL - 6pm - SR	10	11 BRUMBAUGH WEDDING - BH
12	13 BLAIR DANCE REC - A	14	15	16	17	18 LIGHTNER WEDDING - BH
19 FATHER'S DAY	20	21	22	23	24 HOLLINGSHEAD PARTY - BH	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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Please notify your committee members who are involved in the Ceremonial. If you have any questions please contact Duncan McIntyre at 814-942-7138.

WELCOME

We would like to welcome Stephanie Miller to Jaffa. She will be our Accounting Assistant in the Recorder's office. Stephanie is a graduate of Penn State Altoona. She has multiple years' experience working in public accounting, auditing, reviewing, and compiling financial statements; as well as preparing tax returns and establishing and enhancing internal control procedures. Stephanie is working diligently to accurately present financial information and strengthen internal control policies and procedures. Stop in the Recorder's office to say hello and welcome her to Jaffa.

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