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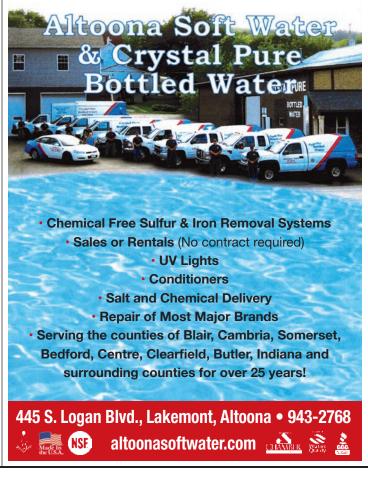
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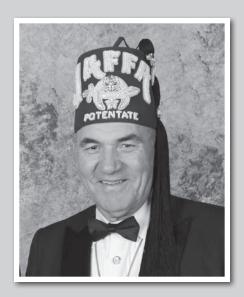
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Potentate's Message ES SELAMU ALEIKUM

Gerald W. Lower Potentate



Wow! It's the middle of March already. Somehow January and February went by the wayside very quickly. Coming off the Sports Show and Home Show, I would like to thank all the workers for their help with our rentals and programs. Looking forward to the Potentate's Reception and the Circus. When I wake up tomorrow morning, it will be May.

This message is being written before the reception, so I'm going out on the limb and thanking everybody for making our reception a very special day in our lives; a day we will never forget. A special thank you to our Chief Aides, Bill & Steph and also our decorator Bonnie Knouse. The Circus is well on its way. A full show is scheduled as well as a lot of new acts. I would like to thank our Circus Chairman, Jerome Eckardt and a big thank you to Sue Bollinger. Sue has worked relentlessly with the schools, disabled and the scouts to fill the house.

Looking forward our trip to the Smokey Mountains is a success. We need a 55 passenger bus to accommodate all who are going. Also in the month of May our Business Meeting will be held on May 5th at the Jaffa Shrine at 7:30 p.m., followed by a ceremonial at Brush Mountain Sportmen's Lodge on May 6th at 11 a.m. I would like a nice class of new candidates for the occasion.

As I sit here and look further into the year, a cruise is being put together to Bermuda in the month of October, departing from New Jersey. Look for the itinerary in the journal.

An item of interest happening in the near future is Ali Ghan Potentate's Reception on April 22nd. The Divan will be attending. The next item would be our paper drive on May 26th and May 27th. I would like to see a little more effort put into this program. Another item of interest is Zem Zem Potentate's Reception on June 3rd located in Erie, PA. We always have a good participation for the reception and follow with Erie Hospital Day on June 4th. This year Erie Hospital will be celebrating their 90th birthday. There has been some interest expressed for providing a bus for the Sunday celebration. Please notify me in the office if you are interested in participating.

If you have not seen my office yet, please stop in. We had new carpet installed, rearranged the furniture, and hung some new pictures. But the main addition is the two candy jars. One jar has peppermint patties, the other has sour balls. When you enter the office with a positive attitude you are offered a peppermint patty. Come in with a negative attitude, you guessed it, straight to the sour balls. I can honestly say the peppermints are disappearing rapidly. LOL!

Until next issue, have fun, be active and keep the faith.

Potentate Jerry

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FROM JAFFA'S UNITS & CLUBS



Have you been up to our Unit Room yet? You may think you are in someone else's room when you visit. Kudo's to Earl Aurandt, Tom Cook, Ray Berkhimer, Harry Chirdon and Bob Verbonitz. These nobles put a lot of work into the improvement of the room; new ceiling tiles, lights, floor and a new paint job. Sure does look different

from what it used to be. Bobby "V" took down all the lockers and the locker room will become a social room. When you see any of these Legion nobles, give them a big pat on the back and thank them for all their good work.

Thanks go out to all the Legion nobles who have paid their 2017 dues. Some have even paid for 2018 already, and there are a few who have not paid. Three or four will be dropped from our roster for non-payment of dues for over two years.

By the time you read this article, we will have helped Illustrious Sir Gerry Lower and Lady Sandy celebrate their reception on April 1st. Honest; this is no April Fool's Day joke. Also,

we will be in the midst of our 78th Annual Circus. Noble Tom Cook will be in charge of the Legion's Novelty Booth.

No report of any visit by the Black Camel.

We have welcomed the following nobles into the Legion: Dennis Etters, Raymond Cook, Randy Druck, Robert Kessling; all from Altoona and Stephen John from Hollidaysburg and Phillip Mentzer from Roaring Spring, PA. When you see any of these nobles, please extend your hand to welcome them.

"Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere."...Albert Einstein

Remember to keep our troops in your daily prayers wherever they may be. Also, remember Nobles, "It's an honor to belong to the Legion of Honor."

L. Collins, P.C., Reporter



SOMERSET COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

The Somerset Shrine Club met Jan. 26, 2017, 1pm at the Somerset Fraternal

Order of Eagles. President Stan Landis greeted the Nobles, Ladies and Guest. He led with the flag salute, and Chaplain John Fisher offered the Invocation. The Shrine members are helping with the adds which will be published in the circus book. We still have calendars for sell. The 50/50 drawing was won by Past Potentate Vern Carey. He donated the money back to the club. The club would like to thank him for the donation.

We sent cards to Roger Miller, Monia Lea Hoffman, Jim and Jovina Holiday and Ken and Ruth Shockey. Blue Lodge will be held Sept. 23rd. It will be a one day class. The next meeting will be at Mostoller's Country Corral. You need to call Stan Landis by Feb. 20th. Chaplain John offered the Benediction.

The Shrine Club met at Mostoller's Country Corral at 1:00 P.M. on Feb. 23rd. Pres. Stan Landis led with the flag salute. Chaplain John Fisher offered the Invocation. Pres. Stan and his Lady greeted the Nobles, Ladies and Guests.

Our guests from Jaffa in Altoona were Potentate Jerry Lower, Chief Rabban Bob Baranik, Imperial Rep. Leon Collins and Past Potentate Ken Costello and his Lady Delores.

Jim Holiday would like to go Pizza Hut on March 9th. Pres. Stan won the 50/50 drawing, and he donated it back to the club. The Shrine Hospital Crusade will be June 2nd and 3rd, Paul Keyser and Bill Hoffman will see if Shrine Club can collect for the Shriner's Hospital at different places. Potentate Jerry Lower has a trip scheduled to the Smokey Mountains, there are still seats available on the bus. Potentate Jerry has a cruise in October. Potentate Jerry Lower's Reception is April 1st. Jerry said background checks will be done. Chaplain John Fisher offered the Benediction.

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MOUNTED PATROL

Sitting here in sunny Florida where it's 80 degrees at 9am when it is 30 degrees back home in Jaffa land makes me think Sue was right when she convinced me to take a couple weeks to travel south and warm up a bit. We did get to visit with Mountie Bob Taylor and Carole at their winter residence in Zephyrhills,

where we went to a strawberry festival and got my fill of fresh, sweet and juicy strawberries and ice cream that will hold me over until April strawberry night at Logan Lodge.

We later headed to the Tampa area where we visited with former Mountie Bob Lohr and his wife Faye in Sun City Center. Bob was an active Mountie from Somerset County and was active for many years before he moved south to take advantage of the sunny climate. We also had a chance to check in with Steve Acker and Cathy for a couple days and had lunch with "Uncle Dave" Peterman and Gary and Patty Sipes, all Jaffa members sunning it out for the winter.

I missed my first sports show since we started it years ago, but saw that Brad Germaux and Mike Luther "baptize" Derrick Martin in the fish tank. Hope he didn't end up with a big trout in his pants.

The sports show was the only big event since the New Year's Eve party, where Nicole Morgan a/k/a Germaux was the featured singer. I have been a Mountie since 1969 and I have never been prouder to be a Mountie than I am now. We support all the Jaffa events and were planning to go out of our normal bounds in support of Maddie Shura in Bellwood in her courageous battle with cancer, but that event was cancelled due to her going into hospice care.

I am looking forward to getting home and the Mid Atlantic trail ride in Syria Shrine territory at the farm of Nick Kaukonen in Coal Center where I am going to be able to ride Chip, the big Tennessee walking horse I sold to Nick when I discovered that a 71 year old mountie was not a good match with a 17 hand steed.

That trail ride is May 5-7, so if you haven't made arrangements to attend, contact Ben Ritchey for information if you lost yours, or if your wife misplaced it.

We have an outdoor ceremonial coming up the same weekend as the trail ride, and the Potentate has given us permission to attend if we have a suitable number of Mounties attend the ceremonial at the Brush Mountain Sportsmen's Club. So, all the non-riding members are hereby requested to be sure to attend the ceremonial, and please wear your Mountie western hat or shirt or something to indicate you are a Mountie. Thank you!

It won't be long until we have to sign up for numerous shows - and there are 15 circus performances during the week - so don't be bashful when it comes time to sign up for more than one show. Having served as secretary for over 25 years, I know it can be a little frustrating when we have open slots to fill and time is getting short. Thanks, Ben, for doing such a great job of keeping us Mounties informed and up to date with our busy schedule and what is coming up. And yes, we do know that Megan is a great help in getting it all done. Thanks to both of you.

So, from sunny Florida, until the next time, sit tall in the saddle and keep a steady hand on the reins.

Ray Nycum, Jr., Reporter



HIGHI ANDERS

The Jaffa Highlanders kicked off the new year with the traditional Robert Burns Dinner on January 28, 2017. This was the first year for the Jaffa Highlanders / Robert Burns Dinner scholarship. Over \$1000.00 was raised to provide scholarships to high school seniors. An interested student at a participating school will submit an essay

about his or her interest in Scottish heritage.

As part of the Potentate's gift, the Highlanders made a donation to the fund of Potentate Gerald Lower to use as he sees fit. The Potentate expressed his appreciation for the

evening and asked Clan Chief Bruce Kelley to prepare a brief Highlanders performance for the Potentate's Reception.

New piper Matt Evans and new drummer Dwayne Kaufman made their debut performance with the Jaffa Highlanders at the Robert Burns Dinner. A class of three novice pipers has begun under the tutelage of Shawn Gority. Our summer season kicks off with Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day parade performances. We have opportunities for pipers, drummers and color guard members. For additional information, contact Bruce at (814) 935-0965.

Rob Vonada, Pipe Major



The Jaffa Campers had a meeting February 19, 2017 at Jethro's Restaurant. Everyone ordered their favorite food from the menu. Our next meeting will be held March 19 in the Motor Corps Room, 22nd Street sider of the building, at 6pm. This will be a covered dish. Michele Grove will have the meat,

meatball sandwiches with everyone bringing their favorite covered dish (filled). Notify John Grove if you intend to go by email at Fiero86@atlanticbb.net or by phone at 814-695-5786.

Our first campout for this season will be held at "Old Mill Stream" campground June 9 to 11. It is located at 2249 Lincoln Highway, Lancaster, PA. The cost is \$55 per night with full hookups. Reservations must be made as soon as possible by calling 717-299-2314 under the name "Jaffa Campers." We will rent the pavilion in case of rain.

The next campout will be held at Ali Ghan, Cumberland, MD in July, date to be announced. The group campground at Raytown is reserved for October 20 to 22.

If you love camping, come along and sign up with the Jaffa Campers. Dues are only \$10 a year and are collected at the first campout of the season. We are notified by email when and where the next meeting will be held.

At the campouts the guys cook breakfast, so the ladies will get a break. We all love to eat and visit around a hospitality table. The majority of our meals are pot luck or covered dish, so no one will ever go away hungry.

Have any good ideas for a campout? Bring them along to the meeting. We need more campers to make the club a big success. We always have a great time at our campouts. All are welcome - from a sleeping bag, tent, pop-up, travel trailer, fifth wheel, or motorhome. Come on out.

Lynn DeLozier, Reporter



CLINTON COUNTY **SHRINE CLUB**

Clinton County Shrine Club held their annual Turkey night on November 16, 2016 at the

Restless Oaks Restaurant with 46 nobles and guests including Potentate Miles Costello and Jerry Lower, Chester H. Probble, P.P., Paul J. Zell, P.P., Leon Collins, Jerry Graham, and John Campbell, P.P.

Also included in the business part of the meeting was the discussion on the future of the Clinton County Shrine Club, we were approached by Centre County Shrine Club if we would be willing to join the two clubs to share in some functions during the year, we were receptive to this idea, for all of us are having a attendance problem with the nobility.

A big thank you goes out to all those that helped with the Jaffa Sports Show. As Nobles, we all recognize the importance

of the funds that we raise to keep our temple functioning at

The election of the officers for the ensuing year are Paul J. Zell, P.P., President, Douglas M. Brush, Vice President, Dennis W. Schrack, Secretary, M. Stephen Caskey, Treasurer and Directors are James L. Moore, Brent May, G. Schuyler Ramm, Richard A. Meyer Sr., Leroy H. Keiler Jr., and William C. Vonada.

We have scheduled our Christmas party with the ladies on January 6, 2017 at the Gamble Inn in Jersey Shore, PA, at noon.

And we presently are planning the paper drive in the month of May of 2017.

Dennis W. Schrack, Secretary

difference!



the high levels we are known for.

been a strange winter!! Don't know whether to wear your t-shirt or parka. We are so looking forward to hearing the birds make music...so we can too!

Welcome to Spring!! Wow...has this

The Jaffa Band is growing. So far this year, we have four new members. A big welcome to James Adams, Paul Good, Dave Pearlman and Nathan Pearlman.

members being able to make it to practice. You all do make a

With improving weather, looking forward to more of our

Looking forward to Spring and warm weather parades and concerts!

Todd K. Wilkins Sr., Reporter

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Jaffa Young Nobles Club
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Mifflin County Shrine Club

The Sanborn Church of God's Vacation Bible School class of 2016 donated to the Operation Bear program using their missions offering for a second year in a row to benefit the children of Shriners Hospitals in Erie and Philadelphia.

This year, the children were more knowledgeable about the Shrine and the Operation Bear program and were more involved in discussions. The children brought in offerings of their own money, money they earned from their chores and any change they found. Through their faithfulness and eagerness to help comfort the children in the Shriners hospital as well as the support of the congregation, the children could offer to the Shriners Hospital and Operation Bear a very generous offering of \$1,112.22 to go towards the purchasing of bears for Erie and Philadelphia patients.

Dr. Jack Rocco and his family offered an informative presentation on the happenings at the Hospitals to the children and their families during the service on Sunday Morning February 26th and accepted the offering on behalf of The Dorcas Temple and Operation Bear.



Pictured from left to right starting at bottom:

Hailey Ralston
Michael and Bernie Ralston Jr
Raya Lutz; James and Sophia Rocco
Noble Bernie Ralston; Grant Lutz; Walter Ralston; Noble
Jack Rocco; Carleigh Dixon and Braeden Dixon
Missing from photo are Garrett Dixon and Ociee Harnish



Troy Harding, Member of the Board of Governors at Shriners Hospitals for Children – Erie, presents checks totaling \$1535 to Jim McKinney, P.P., Chairman of the Board of Governors.

KNOW YOUR DIVAN



Robin Harkins

Rob was born 1953 in Altoona, PA. Rob advanced through the Altoona Area School system, graduating in 1971.

In 1972 Rob joined the Army Reserves, 298th Lt. Maintenance Division, 99th Ream Located in Altoona, PA. Rob performed basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey and later reported to Fort Belvoir, Virginia where he was trained in working with special electronic devices. Rob worked as a Supervisor for Penn Central Railroad from 1974 to 1976, Conrail from 1976 to 1999, and Norfolk Southern Railroad from 1999 until he retired in January of 2014.

Rob was raised as a member of Portage Lodge #220 located in Hollidaysburg, Pa. in October of 1982 and has been a member of Jaffa Shrine since November of 1988. Rob is a Past Captain of the Patrol Director's Staff and actively serves on the committees for the Sport Show, Gun Raffle, and the Circus. Rob was elected to the Divan in 2016, and elected Imperial Representative for the years 2016 and 2017.

Rob is a member of Tall Cedars in Chief Logan Forest #131 located in Hollidaysburg, Pa. He is also a Master Artisan in the Order of Quetzalcoatl, Colotic Misztli #91 and a member of the Royal Order of Jesters Court# 70.

Rob resides in Altoona, PA with his Lady Teri, together they have five children, and six grandchildren.



Jim Miller

Jim was born in Spangler, PA and moved to Altoona in 1960. Jim is currently employed at Ward Transport and Logistics for 31 years as the Telecommunications Manager.

Jim is a member of Logan Lodge #490 F. &A.M. in Altoona. He is a member of the Jaffa Drum and Bugle Corp. Jim was a member of the Jaffa Oriental Band where he held many offices. In 2012, Jim also served as President of the Mid Atlantic Shrine Oriental Band Association. He has been on the Appointed Divan for the past six years and was elected as an Imperial Representative in 2016 and 2017. He also is Controller for the Jaffa Shrine Circus Concessions.

Jim is married to the former Deborah Rutherford. They have one son, Christopher, who is also a member of Jaffa Shrine.

ABOUT THE SAMSAR AWARDS

About the SAMSAR Award

SAMSAR is derivative from the Sanskrit (official language in India) word Samsāra which is the repeating cycle of birth, life, death, and re-birth. It is also used to describe one's actions and consequences in the past, present, and future in Hinduism, Buddhism, Bon, Jainism, Taoism, and Sikhism.

The SAMSAR award was established to encourage membership in our fraternity. These awards are presented to nobles who have been active in recruiting new members for Jaffa Temple. SAMSAR Awards are presented at each Jaffa Ceremonial.

How Points are Accumulated

Awards are based on points accumulated over a period of years. In order to become a member of Jaffa, a petition for membership must be completed, along with two signatures of current members. One is called a top line signer and the other a second line signer. You receive SAMSAR points based on being a top line or a second line signer. First line signers of Affiliation and Reinstatement Nobles also received points.

75 points - A top line signer on a Shrine petition

25 points - A second line signer on a Shrine petition

25 points - A top line signer for each Affiliation to Jaffa (Completed)

25 points - A top line signer for each Reinstatement in Jaffa (Completed)

In addition to accumulating points towards your SAMSAR jewel and attachments, you can receive symbols representing the number of petitions you have signed. For your first petition that you signed on the top line, you received 75 points toward your SAMSAR jewel plus a CAMEL lapel pin. For your second petition, you will receive a TASSLE holder for your fez and a jeweled numeral 2 to attach to this tassel holder, representing the fact you were a top line signer on two petitions. For each additional shrine petition that you sign on the top line, you received a jeweled numeral representing the number of petitions that you have signed.

SAMSAR Merit Awards

Award Description	Points Required
Camel	75
Jeweled Tassel Holder and No. 2 Jeweled Numeral (Jeweled Numerals Given for Additional 2 First Line Signatures)	150
Basic SAMSAR Ribbon and Jewel	500
Red Crescent	1,000
Yellow Crescent	1,500
Star with Emerald	2,000
Star with Diamond Center	2,500
Star with 2 Diamonds	3,000
Star with 3 Diamonds	3,500
Star with 4 Diamonds	4,000
Star with 5 Diamonds	4,500
Diamond In Handle of Scimitar	5,000

SAMSAR AWARDS

Listed below are the members who earned SAMSAR awards from the October 29, 2016, Ceremonial held at the Jaffa Shrine Center. They will be distributed at the Spring Ceremonial to be held at the Brush Mountain Sportsman's Club on May 6, 2017.

<u>Camel Lapel/Fez Pin</u> (for top line signer on first petition)

Brian Aynardi	Nathaniel Dell	Harold Harshbarger	John Mallow	Scott Woomer
Terry Barbus	Ricky Fetzer	Richard Hill	John Miller	Ronald Wright
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Jeweled Tassel Holder and Jeweled Numeral (for being a top line signer on a second petition plus a jeweled numeral for the number of petitions signed. Total SAMSAR points are in parentheses)

Lawrence Bilotto - #3 (275)	Harold Conrad, Jr. #4 (300)	James Hollingshead - #3 (250)	Thomas Price, Jr #3 (250)
John Buchan - #2 (200)	Dennis George - #2 (150)	Brian Keen - #2 (150)	Donald Swanger - #2 (150)
John Bollinger - #5 (400)	Colin Greenleaf - #4 (300)	Bruce Kelley - #3 (325)	Scott Woomer - #2 (150)
Randall Colyer - #2 (150)	Richard Hill - #2 (150)	Timothy Plunket - #2 (150)	Robert Vonada II - #3 (275)

Jeweled Numerals Have already received jeweled tassel holder and will receive jeweled numerals representing the number of first line signatures on petitions. Total SAMSAR points are in parentheses.

Ryan Baranik - #3 (275)	Charles Lightner - #5 (475)	Lawrence Field - #9 (850)	Douglas McCall - #16 (1225)
Brady Hogue - #3 (250)	Daniel Dixon - #6 (575)	Danne Kindle - #9 (900)	James Edwards - #21 (2150)
Wayne Kassebohm - #3 (275)	George Ferris - #6 (500)	Keith Rhodes - #9 (725)	Ray Nycum, Jr #22 (1750)
Scott Sipes - #3 (275)	Gerald Lower - #6 (525)	James Russell - #9 (975)	Jordan Settle - #31 (2650)
Todd Wilkins, Jr #3 (275)	Jason Wilkinson - #6 (475)	Keith Rhodes - #9) 725)	
Jonathan McNelis - #4 (325)	William Harris, P.P #7	Ronald Wilson - #9 (700)	
Steven Shuey, Jr #4 (300)	(1725)	Jack Speece - #13 (1575)	
Robert Baranik - #5 (450)	Patrick Mulhern - #7 (525)	David Dodson, Jr #16	
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What's New in Erie!



First Lady Project a Huge Success

Patty Sopp, First Lady of Zem Zem Shriners 2016, along with Potentate Bill Sopp, present a check for \$90,000, which is the proceeds of Patty's First Lady Project. The money will be put towards the purchase of a Carestream mobile x-ray system, which offers high quality diagnostic images that can be immediately viewed with lower doses of radiation to the patient. Thank you so much Patty, for all of the work that went into your project!



Camel Herders Make Donation to Car Seat Fund

Richard W. Crabb (left) and James H. Richardson (right) present a check for \$5000 to Rick Liebel, Development and Donor Relations Officer for Shriners Hospitals for Children – Erie,

on behalf of the Zem Zem Camel Herders Stable 44, to be applied to the purchase of car seats.



A Most Worthy Donation

Robert C. Penoyer, Most Worthy Grand Patron and Diana Michael, Worthy Grand Matron of the PA Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star present \$40,000 to Jim McKinney, P.P., Chairman of the Board of Governors, to be applied to the purchase of new EOS radiology equipment.

Shriners Hospitals for Children—Erie Announces New Medical Director



Shriners
Hospitals for
Children –
Erie is pleased
to welcome a
new medical
director, W.
Timothy Ward,
M.D.

Dr. Ward serves as the chief, Division of Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgery at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh; professor, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh; and executive vice chairman, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Dr. Ward is a member of several organizations, including American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America and Scoliosis Research Society.

Dr. Ward received his medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh. Following graduation, he completed his orthopaedic residency at Duke University Medical Center and pediatric orthopaedic fellowship at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. He also completed an adult spine fellowship at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, as well as a fellowship in hip reconstruction at University of Bern in Switzerland with Reinhold Ganz, M.D.

"We are excited to have found such an exceptional surgeon with a wealth of experience who is deeply committed to providing high quality health care for the children we serve," said Administrator Mary Jane Antoon.

"I am thrilled to have been chosen for the position of medical director," said Dr. Ward. "The Shriners Hospitals for Children brand is rich in history of providing great care, and I am looking forward to collaborating with the providers, staff, Shriners and community to continue that mission in our region."





Erie Patients Navigate Surgery with New Adventure Maps

Surgery can be a scary event, especially for a child. Being separated from their parents, the unfamiliar faces of the doctors and nurses, and pain during and following surgery cause anxiety. Shriners Hospitals for Children — Erie has launched a new tool to help lessen that fear.

The new pirate themed "Surgery Adventure Map" helps patients navigate the adventure of their surgery and relieves some of the anxiety that they may be feeling. Less preoperative anxiety can mean fewer complications during and after surgery and a faster recovery period.

The map is meant to explain the process of the surgery at a child's level of understanding. Appropriate information for each child, based on age, cognitive ability and other factors, is provided for each stop on the map. The overall goal is to help them understand what is going to happen at each stop along the way. Patients of all ages cope better if they have a general understanding of what is going to happen and why it is necessary.

The map begins in the waiting room and goes through the entire adventure of surgery, with seven stops along the way. The third stop on the adventure - everyone's favorite - is the Treasure Room where children can pick out a toy. At each destination patients collect crab stickers to place on the map to show that step has been completed. Tracking their progress gives the patients an idea of how much longer they will be in the medical center. There are also activities, such as a word search, maze and Tic-Tac-Toe, on the back of the map to occupy any free time and continue to distract the kids with positive activities to help keep their mind off of the fear or anxiety they may be feeling.

Congratulations Dr. Franklin!

Corinna Franklin, MD has been awarded the 2017 Alexandra J. Kirkley, MD Academic Traveling Fellowship, which is presented by the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society. This prestigious honor is offered to members of the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society to travel in order to enrich their academic career. It is awarded to one surgeon each year to travel to sites specific to the winner's area of interest. Dr. Franklin is focusing on our FIERCE Program and will be traveling to hospitals renowned for Female Sports Medicine programs. Congratulations Dr. Franklin!





Book Donation

Author, Jennifer E. Lyons recently donated 35 copies of her book, "Munch's Adventure." Munch's Adventure is a fun, colorful children's nutrition themed book for elementary aged children. Thank you Jennifer!

Calling All Units!

On Sunday, June 4, Shriners Hospitals for Children – Erie will be celebrating 90 years of caring for kids in Erie, PA with a Community Day like you've never seen before. The event will be filled with kid-friendly activities including the PNC Grow up Great Mobile Learning Adventure, face painting, juggling, performers and more. We would love to see participation from all of the Shrine units to make this the best Community Day ever! Please contact Micheal Widrig at 814-875-8780 if you have any questions.



TROOPER LANDON E. WEAVER UNITES COMMUNITY

Trooper Landon Eugene Weaver, age 23, was killed in the line of duty on December 30, 2016, while responding to a call to investigate a protection-from-abuse violation near Hesston, PA. Trooper Weaver had been serving with the Pennsylvania State Police for just over one year and was assigned to Troop G, Huntingdon Barracks. Landon married his high school sweetheart, Marcy Gottshall, on June 4, 2016. A 2012 graduate of Central High School, Martinsburg, earned a degree in criminal justice from Indiana State University of PA.

With a constant daily bombardment of negativity that the world gives us, there is a tendency for one to withdraw into his shell like a turtle and shield ourselves from the adversity. In this state of self-preservation, we forget to smile and offer kind gestures to one another. We hide behind our computers and TVs and seek what little enjoyment they bring. Association with our churches and community organizations and activities gets smaller each year. Daily life becomes a routine and little gets accomplished.

TROOPER LANDON E. WEAVER UNITES COMMUNITY

Very shortly after the tragic incident happened, a call was made to see if the Masons could provide a dinner for the friends and family of the fallen Trooper after the funeral. This honor was immediately put into action and the Jaffa Shrine Center was contacted to make sure that the facilities were available. Realizing that there would be over 1,000 attending the services, the auditorium was offered for use. However, seating was insufficient for the Officers who would be attending and the venue was changed to the Convention Center. Although it took a little convincing, the State Police "family" did accept the dinner invitation which was to be held in the banquet hall of the Jaffa Shrine.

What started out to be a simple meal for the friends and family of Trooper Weaver was soon changed to a full banquet. An offer to provide the food for the event was offered by a local supplier. Upon contacting several long term Masonic brothers to prepare the meal, additional offers were made to make the event even greater. With a few calls from Jaffa's front office personnel, everything needed for the supper was made available by donations from vendors in the area. Many brother Masons volunteered to help serve. It became a real effort to coordinate all that was offered and not accept more than we could use. Donations from corporations and individuals who were concerned became too numerous to name. Not only were donations made for this cause, but other arrangements in the Martinsburg area were also being provided for. The entire funeral route from Altoona to the cemetery in Martinsburg was lined with those who wished to show their respect. It was a very humbling experience to those who worked on the project to see the overwhelming response.

Close to 400 attended the dinner after the funeral in Jaffa's banquet hall. The ample space provided a nice atmosphere for all to come together and talk to each other. The bonds of friendship could easily be seen. There was a concern that due to the generosity of all who donated that there would be excessive leftovers. What wasn't considered was that the Troopers had started their ordeal at 5am and hadn't eaten since. It was a delight to see these well-deserved men and women finally get a good, hot and filling meal. This was a fine example of how great organizations can work together for the good of mankind. Thanks to all!

It takes a Trooper Weaver to get us out of the rut and unite for good. The outpour of the community over this tragedy has been overwhelming. The generosity displayed by not only the local people, but the nation as a whole in expressing their concern has been a testimony that righteous values are still the bedrock in most homes. Representatives from every state were present, and the procession was over ten miles long.

This is one community that has a lot of good to offer. May we all continue to be united and make this a better and more joyful place to live. Thank you Trooper Weaver for all you have done and awakening our spirits to remind us of our moral values. May you rest in peace and may we always remember the sacrifice that you and all your fellow first responders provide for us on a daily basis.

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A very special thanks to our Jaffa Shrine Facility Coordinator Angela Zimmerman, who in a very small window, was able to reach out to our community and Nobility to show our respects. What started as a small luncheon gathering turned out to be a full course meal for over 400 people! This could not have been possible without perfect coordination, the volunteers of the Jaffa Nobility, and the generous support given by a very caring community. We would be remiss if we did not thank everyone for their generous donations of time, services, and food stuffs.

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2017 Jaffa Shrine

INTRODUCTIONS & NATIONAL ANTHEM

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



NOBLE	LOCATION	EXPIRED	NOBLE	LOCATION	EXPIRED
Robert S. Hewitt	Hollidaysburg, PA	4/1/2016	Robert L. Campbell	Altoona, PA	10/5/2016
Oliver W. Britten	Altoona, PA	4/7/2016	Donald A. Donlan	Chalfont, PA	10/9/2016
Guy E. Shaffer	Bellefonte, PA	4/10/2016	James L. Shovestull	Indiana, PA	10/14/2016
Paul F. Weaver	Altoona, PA	4/11/2016	Jedidiah Matthew Eckardt	Duncansville, PA	10/24/2016
Chester D. Rose	Altoona, PA	4/14/2016	Raymond H. Paul Jr.	Altoona, PA	10/26/2016
George R. Baker	Martinsburg, PA	4/17/2016	Wayne A Mangialardi	Cranberry Twp., PA	10/27/2016
Richard L. Wagner	Mill Creek, PA	5/1/2016	Donald F. Sharer P.P.	Altoona, PA	11/2/2016
Harry W. Hanna	Altoona, PA	5/11/2016	Samuel G. Price	Duncansville, PA	12/1/2016
Jay D. Dobson	Punxsutawney, PA	5/13/2016	David A. Holland P.P.	Altoona, PA	12/9/2016
Richard E. Nedimyer	Altoona, PA	5/14/2016	Harry E. Caylor	Punxsutawney, PA	12/12/2016
Russel M. West	Bedford, PA	5/23/2016	Elvin S. Snyder Jr	Timblin, PA	12/19/2016
Clarence L. Rutherford	Altoona, PA	5/25/2016	William J. Rossman	Duncansville, PA	01/1/2017
Dewey R. Showalter	Everett, PA	6/27/2016	R. Dale Hixon	Warfordsburg, PA	01/1/2016
James P. Webb, Jr.	Mill Hall, PA	7/2/2016	Larry F. Knepp	Lewistown, PA	01/2/2017
Harold Lingenfelter Jr.	East Freedom, PA	7/5/2016	Charles F. Fox	Honey Brook, PA	01/5/2017
George W. Fouse	James Creek, PA	7/13/2016	Earl E. Wood	Indiana, PA	01/9/2017
Gary L. Conrad	Punxsutawney, PA	7/19/2016	James E. Fetterman	Altoona, PA	01/10/2017
Earl N. Rager	New Florence, PA	7/21/2016	Harold E. Beegle	Parkville, MD	01/13/2017
Richard G. McDowell	Altoona, PA	7/26/2016	Theodore J. Campbell	St Marys, PA	01/16/2017
Thomas M. Walker	State College, PA	8/11/2016	Dean E. Williams	Altoona, PA	01/19/2017
Thomas V. Morris	Belleville, PA	8/17/2016	Harry P. Hassinger	Boalsburg, PA	02/4/2017
Keith R. Stroup	Huntingdon, PA	8/27/2016	Mark J. Holbay	Johnstown, PA	02/18/2017
Wilmer R. Frye	Williamsburg, PA	9/9/2016	Paul D. Wertz	Tipton, PA	2/25/2017
William H. Rowley	Blairsville, PA	10/1/2016	John A. Lehner	Tyrone, PA	02/25/2017
J. Richard Mattern II	Clearfield, PA	10/4/2016			

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

ATTENTION NOBLES: Have you told your Lady and family that when you pass on, to give your Shrine and Masonic effects (Fez, jewelry, uniform, etc.) to a Mason in your family, or return them to the Jaffa Shrine. Jaffa will give them to some deserving Noble or return them to the Masonic organization.

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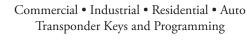
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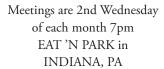


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
						POTENTATES RECP - WB
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
POTENATES BREAKFAST - BH	JOBEL - SR	CIRCUS PREP IMPROVEMENT & UNIT HEAD MEETING		DTRN - AASR ROOM	CIRCUS —	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
					→	
CHICKEN BBQ - PL						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	INVESTMENT & EXECUTIVE MEETING			ROJ - BH (RIGHT SIDE)	BIG TIME WRESTLING - AUD	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
OSS BINGO - BH	TOA CONSIGNMENT SALE (PREP) - BH —			TOA CONSIGNMENT SALE - BH		
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	
			DTRN - SR - 6PM	PENN STATE (PREP) —		PENN STATE Graduation
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7	8	9	10	11	12	-
	SHOWALTER DANCE -					SHOWALTER DAN RECITAL - AUD
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14	15	16	17	18	19	
	EXECUTIVE	PAULINE BAKER				PAULINE BAKEF ROGERS DANCE
	MEETING	ROGERS DANCE RECITAL (PREP) - AUD				RECITAL - AUD WEDDING - BH
21	22	23	24	25	26	:
	JAFFA BOWLING	SIGELS DANCE			HOSPITAL CRUSADE —	
	BANQUET - BH	RECITAL (PREP) - AUD			-	SIGELS DANCE RECITAL - AUD
28	29	30	31			
	MEMORIAL DAY Parade - Juniata	ALTOONA DANCE Theatre (prep)				
	That John In	- AUD	DTRN - SR - 6PM			

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				ALTOONA DANCE — THEATRE (PREP) - AUD		ALTOONA DANCE THEATRE - AUD
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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		(PREP) - AUD	JOBEL - SR	JOBEL - SR		- AUD
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	BLAIR DANCE —					BLAIR DANCE RECITAL - AUD
	RECITAL (PREP) - AUD	IMPROVEMENT & UNIT HEAD MEETING			POTENTATE'S GOLF OUTING - PARK HILLS	JOBEL - SR
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	EXECUTIVE MEETING					
25	26	27	28	29	30	
			DTRN - BH - 5PM			
		DTRN - SR - 6:30PM	DTRN - SR - 7:30PM			

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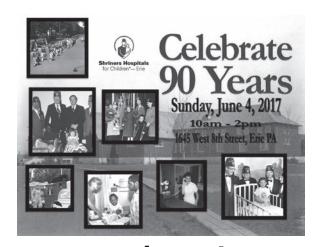
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