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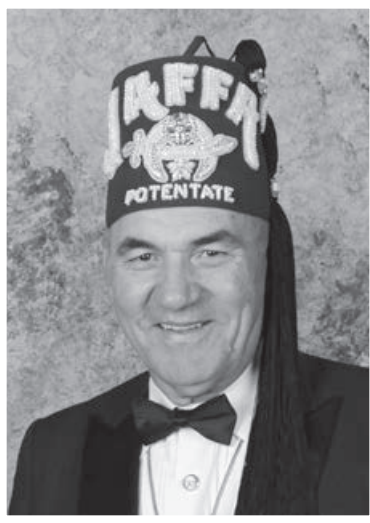
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## Gerald W. Lower *Potentate*

Competition placements were Legion of Honor Drill Team with two first-place trophies and Mounted Patrol had three ribbons. All this totaled to #1 Shrine for 2017.

I would like to thank all the Units for participating, and a big thank you to the Divan Ladies and Aides for a job well done in the hospitality room. The entire week was a great success!

To bring you up to date, during the month of August we enjoyed five picnics, Erie Hospital Clinic, and two parades. Needless to say, August was a busy month. I have been told several times by Past Potentates that once you get past M.A.S.A. your year is pretty much over. As I sit here and digest that statement, I think of

# *Potentate's Message*

## ES SELAMU ALEIKUM

On September 9th at 9:30 p.m. it rained trophies on Jaffa again. To be exact, we had 12 first-place and three second-place in the parade.

our Ladies Night, Bermuda Cruise, Atlantic City Bus Trip, and our New Year's Eve Party. At that point, I will say our year is pretty much over! L.O.L.!

I would ask you to support Lady Sandy and I for Ladies Night. The entertainment will be great. We have planned a plated meal, open bar and entertainment for the price of \$40 per ticket. Tickets are available now in the office, or they may be purchased by phone with a credit card, and are also available by mail.

In October we have the Bermuda Cruise from the 7th through the 12th, and also have Jaffa Day at Erie Hospital on the 18th. In closing, Lady Sandy and I are truly blessed to have you to call friends that we will remember for the rest of our lives. Once again, thank you.

Together "We" Make It Happen.  
Keep Smiling, Have Fun.

Potentate  
Gerald W. Lower

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# FROM JAFFA'S UNITS & CLUBS



## LEGION OF HONOR

Wow! What a picnic. Our annual family picnic on August 13th was a huge success. Standing room only. Just kidding! It was well attended with over 80 people. There were lots of good food and desserts. The corn was very delicious, as were the hot dogs and hamburgers. If anyone left hungry, it was their own fault. Illustrious Potentate Jerry and most all of his Divan were with us, as well as Past Potentates Ben Kensinger, Bill Penn, Ken Conrad and John Campbell. I hope I didn't forget anyone. It's the age disease thing if I did.

Kudos to 2nd Lt. Commander Tom Cook and his committee for a job well done. Also, the same to our master bingo caller, Steve Myers.

As I wrote in the last report, there are 12 members who have not paid their 2017 dues and five members still owing 2016 and 2017 dues. I would like to have a clean slate to turn over to the next financial adjutant.

The Black Camel once again passed through our Oasis and took from our rolls Noble John K. Hite of Martinsburg on



## PROVOST GUARD

I hope everyone had a good summer. This was a busy summer for the Provost Guard as we paraded Juniata Memorial Day, both Jaffa Caravans, Shellsburg, and of course MASA in Virginia Beach, Mid Atlantic Shrine Association Parade was a huge success for both the unit and the Shrine in whole. We won First Place, Division 1 Trophy. Jaffa had 15 trophies plus Outstanding Temple. Even if a unit didn't bring home any hardware, we should all be proud of the attendance at Virginia Beach, it really is a testament to how great our Shrine is.

80s Prom is October 13<sup>th</sup> at Jaffa Shrine. If you have never been to one of these events, they are a lot of fun. Think about attending. We will be at the doors for Fall Ceremonial on November 25<sup>th</sup>. Should be a fairly large one, please attend this event.

For the new members let me tell you a little bit about our unit. We were formed as a police unit originally, but we take members from all professions. Our main function is to tile Jaffa's business meetings and ceremonials. We also act as bartenders at Jaffa events. Our most popular event to bartend is 80s Prom. We operate two bars with as many as 15 members there to assist.

August 3, 2017. He has been a Legion member since November 1998. Please keep his family in your daily prayers.

Our annual trek to Virginia Beach this year was a great success. We took the broom with us and did a clean sweep – 1st place in-line inspection, 1st place Drill with rifles competition, and 1st place parade. This was the 15th year in a row we (the drill team) have taken 1st place in parade. Kudos to all the Drill Team members. The 1st place parade trophy was dedicated to our Illustrious Potentate in his honor.

The next journal will have a report on our annual Commander's Ball to be held on October 28th. I'm sure that our Legion of Honor Lt. Commander Harry Chirdon will have a good showing of members and guests.

Please remember all our troops in your daily prayers.

"The road to success is always under construction."  
- Arnold Palmer

Remember nobles, "It's an honor to belong to the Legion of Honor". Leon Collins, P.C., Reporter



Illustrious Sir Jerry Lower presenting the MASA Parade 2017, Division 1, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Provost Guard Trophy after the awards ceremony. Pictured from left to right: Rich Courtot, Jim Frederick, Frank Ardizzone, Illustrious Sir Jerry Lower, Lady Sandy, Denny George, Brock Golesich, and Jason Wilkinson.

If you are interested in membership in our unit, please feel free to join us at our meeting. It is the fourth Thursday of the month at 7PM in the Unit Room located in the basement down the staircase closest to the main office.

Jason A. Wilkinson, Reporter



Another parade season is winding down. By the time this is published we will have returned from MASA at Virginia Beach and hopefully a lot of trophies have come Jaffa's way. MASA is always enjoyable and a time to relax and enjoy the company of our Jaffa members as well as those from other shrines. Again this year, a great many of our Lil Vettes are being transported to MASA in a truck provided by M&C Trucking of Seward, PA and driven by Lil Vette member Tim Smith.

We still have some parades to look forward too...a few of us will be participating in the Hoodlbug Parade in Homer City... just a few as this parade is Sunday, September 10. A lot of our members will be on their way home from MASA but those of us who can will be there. Also, we will be participating in the Derry Railroad Day's parade...hometown of members Vern Carey PP and Fred Goodman, our secretary/treasurer. There will be a Halloween parade or two along the way also.

We acquired a new vehicle for the unit last year...it has been dubbed the Chair-I-ott. It was painted and decaled in the Lil' Vette style and has been to a few parades piloted by Fred Goodman. It is a nice addition and has received a lot of good

feedback at the parades it has been taken to. Always good to be noticed and it again brings attention to our mission... helping to provide care for children and families in need.

Sadly, we have to also report the untimely passing of our member Ralph "Bud" Campbell in August. Bud was always there when you needed him and was a friend to all and



will be greatly missed. Our condolences to his Lady Janice and son Brent as well as his extended family and friends.

That's about it for now... Hoping to see you down the road. Jim "Spanky" Edwards



Here are pictures of the new Char-I-Ott with Fred Goodman at the wheel as well as Vern Carey, PP, leading the way at the parade in Portage.



## INDIANA COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

As usual, the Indiana County Shrine Club van has been on the road quite a bit this summer. As of this writing, 28 trips have been completed to the Shrine Hospitals. Our club has some dedicated drivers who have been making multiple trips to the hospitals, but, as always Rich Hill, Transportation Coordinator is always looking for volunteers. Taking these patients to the hospitals is part of what being a Shriner is all about, helping out the kids. Every Shriner should make a trip to the hospitals and see what they do. If you see the amazing care the children receive from top-notch doctors and medical staff, you will be ready to go back.

Would again like to extend thanks to Rick Henry and his Lady Julie for taking care of the donations in support of the Shrine Hospital program and getting out the stickers for the plaques. This is a huge undertaking and is greatly appreciated. As Stephanie P. Herron, the Chief Development Officer for the Shriners Hospitals says, "The hospitals are a place to turn for help, hope and healing."

That is about it for this time.  
Jim "Spanky" Edwards



## BAND

The fall season is upon us and our annual Oktoberfest fundraiser with the Patrol/Director's Staff is right around the corner. Join us Saturday, October 14 for a great, family-friendly evening from 5-10pm. Tickets are available from any Band, Patrol or Director's Staff member. Tickets can also be purchased at the Jaffa Office.

We welcome our newest Band members: James Adams, Paul Good, David Pearlman, Nathan Pearlman and Christian Wilkins. In November, we will also be joined by Ian Adams and Brad Sherden. We welcome these new members to the Band!

This summer, the Band participated in the Juniata Memorial Day, Phillipsburg and Clearfield Parades. We are looking forward to the Hollidaysburg Halloween Parade in October. At the 2017 MASA in Virginia Beach, we marched Chief Rabban, Bob Baranik, into the ceremony that introduces all incoming Potentates at the Convention Center.

Thank you to Bob and Sue Baranik for hosting the Band for a fall family picnic at their home. A great time of friendship and food was had by all.

Todd Wilkins Sr., Reporter



### **MOUNTED PATROL**

The Mounties enjoyed another trip south to Virginia Beach for the annual Mid Atlantic Shrine Convention and came home with a second place trophy for our parade participation. During our individual competition on Friday, we took part in drill team and individual competition. The drill

team will have to spend a little more time in practice, but individually in western equitation Duane Smith placed 7th, Dave Burchfield, Jr. placed 4th, and Brad Germaux placed 2nd.

We did have a lot of practice, starting back on Memorial Day with parades in Juniata and Duncansville, then on to Huntingdon, State College, Phillipsburg, Martinsburg, Williamsburg and Shellsburg. Did I miss any?

On Friday before the competition got started, our master chef Buddy Daughenbaugh, with assistance of Ben Ritchey, Jim Russell, Rick Ridenour and Jacob Russell, prepared breakfast for everyone in attendance, including the owner of the stable, the judges, and nobles and ladies of the Mid Atlantic Horse Patrols, and I think at least one person that just happened to stop by.

After the competition we had our annual meeting and election of officers, Buddy had cooked a turkey for a light lunch before returning to the hotel. A big thanks to Buddy and his crew for job well done!

And while we are on the subject of food, a big thanks to the Mounties ladies for their contributions to our hospitality

room, where many of our members and their families had lunch and other snacks during the day. The Imlers also had a big part in supplying food for the hospitality room.

I am not a beach person, but Saturday after the parade, I ventured to the beach with beach chairs, umbrella, etc, and soon beat a hasty retreat back to the room to get warm. The hurricane season certainly cooled off the water and the air and beach parties.

As usual, everyone got out to several of their favorite restaurants for some great fresh sea food, and to the Potentate's hospitality suite for socializing with the divan and other unit members and their families.

This was a great year for family participation. I think I counted thirteen children in attendance this year. and I am looking forward three years when Coby "Rooster" Daughenbaugh will hopefully be riding with the unit. If next year Bryan Imler can attend, that will be three Imlers, three Russells and two Daughenbaughs. Nearly half of our riders will be from three families.

Past Potentate Fred Imler and I have been traveling to shrine conventions and trail rides since 1969, and many of them have been in other than Virginia Beach. We started out in Atlantic City, also hit Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Baltimore that I can remember. But that's a chapter for another article.

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



### **ATHLETIC CLUB**

The 2017 Jaffa Shrine Basketball Tournament is right around the corner! Girls' teams from Altoona, Bellwood, Bishop McCort and Juniata Valley will take to the hardwood on December 12-13, 2017 at the Jaffa Shrine. Last year's inaugural event received a great deal of community attention. Spectators

from all over the region remarked as to how nice the floor looked and what a great atmosphere the Jaffa was for basketball. As a result, several area teams have already reached out to the Jaffa wanting to participate in the 2018 tournament.

In addition, we were able to coordinate a special night this year that will feature a double header with both girls and boys teams! On Monday, December 11th, we will be proudly welcome boys and girls from Central High School and Williamsburg High School as they will kick off the tournament in regular game fashion at 6pm for the girls and 7:30pm for the boys.

It should be duly noted that these three evenings of basketball are a fundraiser for the Jaffa, so we would truly appreciate your support of these area teams.

Finally, on October 29th, 2017 from 11am to 2pm the Athletic Club is having a Chicken BBQ at the Jaffa Shrine parking lot. Dinners are \$8 and tickets may be purchased at the recorder's office. Please come out and support this fundraiser!





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## *Around the Jaffa Shrine...*



## DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE



*Trip to Rocky Gap Casino on July 30. A fun time was had by all. We had some winners and some losses, and enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner all together. We plan on making another trip in late fall, watch for dates.*



*Working a Curve game on August 2. We have been working the Curve games since 1999. We make donations to DON Foundation which turns money over to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.*



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Mike Colledge, Editor

## Potentate's Church Service

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Jaffa Shrine  
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Shrine Dress for Ladies  
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*Service by*  
*Dwayne Kaufman*  
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## Potentate's Atlantic City Trip

October 29-30  
\$169 double occupancy

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# SAMSAR AWARDS

Listed below are the members who earned SAMSAR awards up to June 30, 2017. They will be distributed at the Fall Ceremonial to be held at the Jaffa Shrine on November 25, 2017.

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Gordon Bloom, Jr.

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Nevin Leach - #2 (150)

Daniel Passmore - #2 (225)

Robert A Weyandt - #2 (200)

David W. Nileski, II - #2 (200)

**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.

David Dodson - #18 (1350)

Todd Wilkins, Sr. - #13 (1725)

Adam A. Husted - #7 (700)

Todd Wilkins, Jr. - #4 (350)

Danne Kindle - #9 (900)

**SAMSAR Ribbon and Jewel** Need 500 points

Bernard Edmundson (525)

Jason A. Wilkinson (575)

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## Membership Committee

In addition to the SAMSAR Membership Program, the Divan are offering these additional incentives for membership recruitment for the year of 2018:

1. If you first line sign one candidate, you will receive the current year potentate pin
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4. If you first line sign five candidates, you will receive a voucher good for \$250 of any Potentate's Trip like the MASA Fall Convention and Parade to be held at Virginia Beach, VA.
5. If you first line sign ten candidates, you will receive a Jaffa Life Membership. Temple dues are currently \$55.00; you would still be responsible for \$35.00 that goes to the Hospital and Shriners International.

These benefits are cumulative for 2018. In order to receive these benefits all petitions must be turned in and candidates be full members in the 2018 calendar year. All vouchers will expire December 31st, 2019 for the 2018 program. All vouchers are non-transferrable and can only be used by the noble who has received them. May be subject to additional terms and conditions. For information on these incentives, please email [membership@jaffashrine.org](mailto:membership@jaffashrine.org)

**50 year members will be honored  
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*\*Details & applications to follow*



# What's New in Erie!

## Local Erie Patient, Emily Mellish, Named National Ambassador

Every year, Shriners Hospitals for Children® selects two National Patient Ambassadors to represent the health care system's patients. The ambassadors spend the year telling their stories of perseverance in the face of adversity and the ways Shriners Hospitals for Children has made a dramatic, life-changing difference. The new national patient ambassadors, including local patient, Emily Mellish, were introduced during the premiere of their documentary called 'Free to be Me' as part of Imperial Session.



**Here are just a few highlights of Emily's story:** Emily's mother, Joy, did not experience significant issues during pregnancy, but moments after Emily was born, that changed. Emily was rushed by ambulance to

a hospital in a larger city only hours after birth, and spent her first two weeks in the NICU, where doctors gave her a complete assessment.

Emily was born with spina bifida, as well as severe scoliosis (missing eight ribs on her left side) a leg-length discrepancy, additional orthopaedic conditions, bladder and kidney problems and other issues. When she was six weeks old, Emily had surgery to close the defect over her spinal cord. The following day, a long list of serious complications began, keeping her in the hospital for 28 days.

### Finding the Right Team

Emily was first seen at Shriners Hospitals for Children – Erie when she was approximately six months old. There, she has undergone several surgeries. Other surgeries were done through a collaboration between Shriners Hospitals for Children and Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. Emily has also been seen at Shriners Hospitals for Children – Philadelphia, where external fixators were used to straighten Emily's leg at the knee, and increase leg length.

After this, she was able to ride a bicycle for the very first time. Emily always amazes her doctors with her "no limits" attitude.

### Giving Back with Beads for Needs

Today, Emily is an energetic and sociable 11-year-old. She loves dancing, swimming, painting pottery

and public speaking. In 2012, she started Beads for Need, an organization dedicated to raising funds for Shriners Hospitals for Children through bracelet and photograph print sales, and has raised more than \$80,000 for Shriners Hospitals for Children. Without Shriners Hospitals for Children Emily would not be Emily, she would be forced into a box," said Joy. "With Shriners Hospitals there are no limits to what she can do."

## Timmy's Day Out Program Encourages Fun, Independence



Since 2004, the Timmy's Day Out program at Shriners Hospitals for Children – Erie has provided many children with opportunities to participate in local and regional recreational events throughout the summer. This summer was no different!

The program was started with funds raised by Candy Bollin, whose son Timmy was born with spina bifida. It





# What's New in Erie!



introduces children with spina bifida to experiences and outings within the community.

The group kicked off the summer by attending an Erie Seawolves baseball game. They also visited Wagon Trails Animal Park for a safari with 350 animals. They held a cooking contest using ingredients that were grown by the patients themselves in Timmy's Garden, and the final activity of the summer will be a visit to Splash Lagoon Water Park, scheduled for August 17.

Although Candy Bollin, the driving force behind the creation of the program, passed away in June 2017, her legacy will live on through the families who participate in Timmy's Day Out.

## Syria Shriners Top Donor for Erie Gives

Shriners Hospitals for Children — Erie finished second again this year among the non-profit participants in the annual Erie Gives Day. Syria Shriners from Pittsburgh, PA played a large part in securing second

place with their donation of \$139,365, which was the largest single donation to any organization on Erie Gives Day.



This generous gift, along with donations from Ismailia, Osiris, Tadmor and Zem Zem Shriners and the match from the Erie Community Foundation brought the total amount raised to \$311,808 during this one day event.

The money raised during Erie Gives Day will be applied to the purchase of EOS Imaging Technology, to ensure that we continue to provide the highest quality care to children with orthopaedic conditions and other special health care needs, by offering the latest technology in patient imaging.

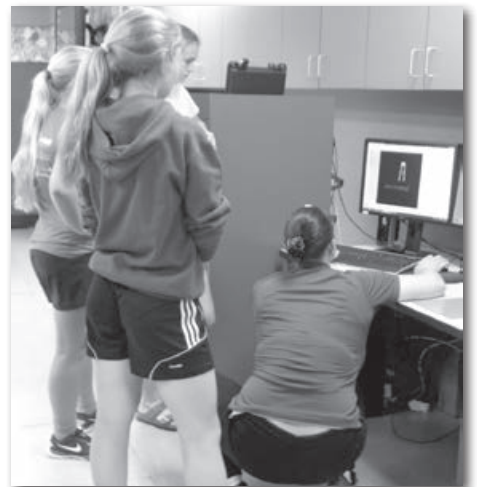
Thank you to Syria and all of our affiliated temples for helping to make Erie Gives Day such a great success!

**FIERCE hosts Mercyhurst Prep Varsity Girls Soccer**  
Shriners Hospitals for Children — Erie hosted the Mercyhurst Prep varsity girls soccer team for a three-day FIERCE sports medicine program in August.

The program was aimed at identifying risk of injury preseason and developing individual and team injury prevention plans.

The three-day program included individual biomechanical and strength assessments for each athlete on Thursday and Friday followed by a team educational session on Saturday morning.

The program was a great success and FIERCE will be looking to partner with other female sports teams in the future.





## Hopeless at home in New Mexico, Dilon finds help at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Philadelphia

### After a spinal cord injury 4-year-old Dilon finds hope and community

In 2015, 2-year-old Dilon had a spinal cord stroke due to complications from surgery, causing paralysis from the waist down. Hospitals in Dilon's native New Mexico had no experience with pediatric spinal cord injuries, according to his mother. I would ask questions and all they could say was 'we don't know.' I had lost all hope until I saw a commercial for Shriners Hospitals for Children on television."

Valarie called the number she saw in the TV advertisement which was a donation hotline. The operator redirected her to a patient services line, and she was connected her to our Philadelphia Shriners Hospital.

Before coming to the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital, Dilon was unable to hold himself up. Now 4 years old, he is able to crawl on his knees and balance to sit on his PlasmaCar, a ride-on toy that uses Dilon's own weight to push him along. "My goal for Dilon is for him to be as independent as he possibly can be, and Shriners [Hospital] is going to play a huge part in that," said Valarie.

But Dilon's trips to Shriners Hospitals for Children — Philadelphia don't just improve his physical state. "His emotional state has drastically



improved," said Valarie. "He doesn't feel so alone. Until we came here, he never saw another child in a wheelchair. He feels like he fits in."

Dilon is able to connect with his friends by riding his tricycle. After outgrowing his old bike, Dilon was in need of a new tricycle. During one of his most recent physical therapy sessions, Dilon's physical therapist, Ali, delivered some exciting news. Someone had just dropped off a donation that included the very type of bike that Dilon needed.

With the help of Rob, our seating technician, Dilon was fitted to his bike and immediately sped down the rehabilitation department hallways.

"We have the support of such knowledgeable personnel. They give us therapy plans to do at home and I know I can call if I have questions," said Valarie. "You're not just a patient ID here. It's not just a hospital — you're a part of the Shriners family."

## High school athlete has 'unreal' progress after hand surgery

### Domenic's recovery has doctors impressed

Finishing up his junior year of high school, Domenic had summer vacation, football and college visits on his mind. But after an accident that damaged a tendon and a nerve in his right hand, he found himself focusing on a few different things.

Heading into his basement, Domenic slipped and fell, dropping a glass bottle. The glass shattered and cut Domenic's right hand. A family friend recommended Shriners Hospitals for Children — Philadelphia. Domenic needed surgery on his hand, which included repairing a nerve with one grafted from his calf.

Domenic returned a few weeks later to check in with Dr. Zlotolow, or Dr. Z, and get a progress report. Dr. Z could not believe Domenic's 'unreal' progress. Nerves in Domenic's thumb had already begun to respond to stimulation.

With the prospect of a brace to allow him to get back onto the football field, Domenic, a two-year varsity letterman at Council Rock North High School, is hoping to come back to his team in even better physical shape.

"I've been preaching to all my friends. The service at Shriners [Hospital] has just been impeccable," said Pina, Domenic's mother. "It's just been a fabulous experience."



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*Provost Guard*



*Oriental Band*



# MASA 2017 VIRGINIA BEACH



*Legion of Honor*



*Divan and Ladies*



*Trophy presentation*



*Jaffa Shrine Band*



*String Band*



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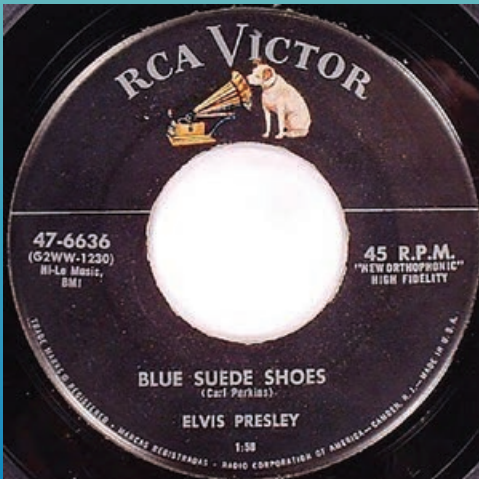
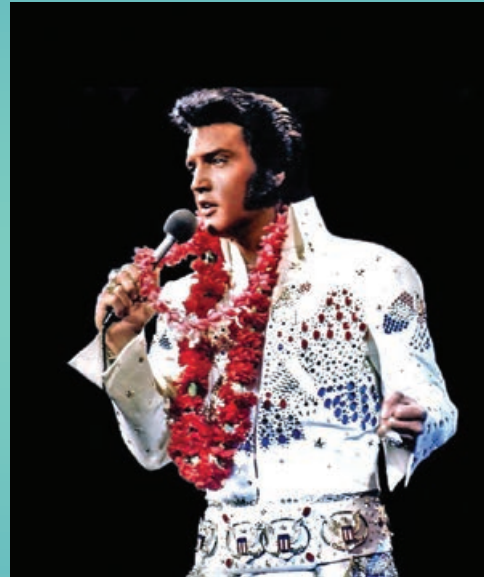


# Ladies Night at the Jaffa Shrine

Saturday, November 4th, 7 p.m.

\$40 per person

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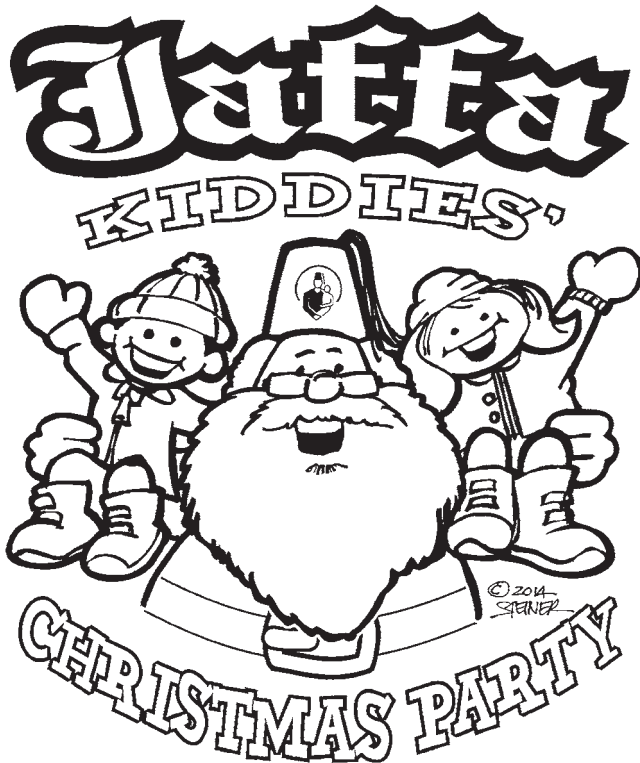


Doors open at 5p.m.

Dinner 6-6:45p.m.



HO HO HO...It's time to start thinking about Christmas...which means  
our Jaffa Kiddies Christmas Party is right around the corner!  
Get your tickets from November 1<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> so you don't miss out!



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>**  
the **HOLIDAY FUN** begins at noon!

Adult tickets are \$10, children tickets are \$20

*Come and enjoy a meal, some holiday  
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Tickets are available at the Recorder's office  
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**PLEASE NOTE:** Tickets will **NOT** be  
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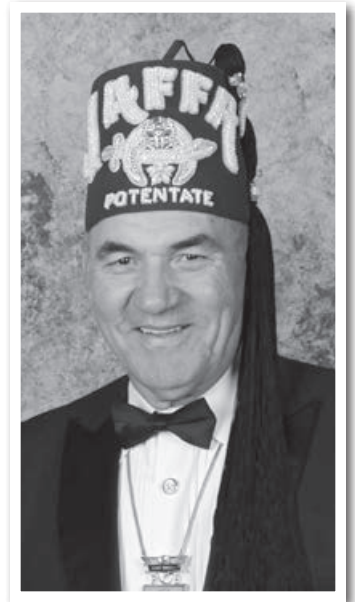
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# A ROYAL ~~ROAST~~ TOAST

**Honoring our  
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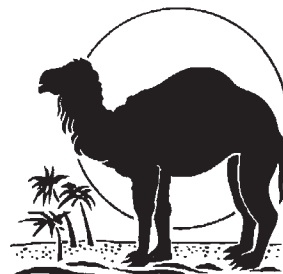
All are welcome and encouraged to roast and toast our Potentate  
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Reservations due by November 27th  
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# IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE VISITED BY THE BLACK CAMEL

*“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
Ronald W. Fait	Somerset, PA	11/4/2015	E. Raymond Grove, Jr.	Indiana, PA	3/4/2017
William H. Rowley	Blairsville, PA	10/1/2016	Emanuel K. Miller	Huntingdon, PA	3/6/2017
J. Richard Mattern II	Clearfield, PA	10/4/2016	John R. Colyer	Altoona, PA	3/9/2017
Robert L. Campbell	Altoona, PA	10/5/2016	C. Thomas Sturtz	Johnstown, PA	3/9/2017
Donald A. Donlan	Chalfont, PA	10/9/2016	Richard L. Mills	Everett, PA	4/1/2017
James L. Shovestull	Indiana, PA	10/14/2016	Shawn P. Nicewonger	Williamsburg, PA	4/3/2017
Jedidiah Matthew Eckardt	Duncansville, PA	10/24/2016	Donald R. Magill	Johnson City, NY	4/6/2017
Raymond H. Paul Jr.	Altoona, PA	10/26/2016	Earl E. Garber	Altoona, PA	4/13/2017
Wayne A Mangialardi	Cranberry Twp., PA	10/27/2016	Jack L. Thomas	Hollidaysburg, PA	4/13/2017
Donald F. Sharer P.P.	Altoona, PA	11/2/2016	James E. Schirm	State College, PA	4/16/2017
Samuel G. Price	Duncansville, PA	12/1/2016	M. Naveed Arshad	Hollidaysburg, PA	4/17/2017
David A. Holland P.P.	Altoona, PA	12/9/2016	Billy D. Stover	Aaronsburg, PA	4/23/2017
Harry E. Caylor	Punxsutawney, PA	12/12/2016	Robert E. Akins	Altoona, PA	4/24/2017
Elvin S. Snyder Jr.	Timblin, PA	12/19/2016	Melvin R. Brubaker	Altoona, PA	5/16/2017
William J. Rossman	Duncansville, PA	1/1/2017	Glenn E. Shope	Irvona, PA	5/23/2017
Larry F. Knepp	Lewistown, PA	1/2/2017	C. Kenneth Crotsley	Huntingdon, PA	6/7/2017
Charles F. Fox	Honey Brook, PA	1/5/2017	David E. Baker	Berlin, PA	7/14/2017
Earl E. Wood	Indiana, PA	1/9/2017	Paul D. Wertz	Tipton, PA	7/14/2017
James E. Fetterman	Altoona, PA	1/10/2017	Ralph P. Kearns	Lewistown, PA	7/22/2017
Harold E. Beegle	Parkville, MD	1/13/2017	Stephen J. McCahan	Everett, PA	7/30/2017
Theodore J. Campbell	St Marys, PA	1/16/2017	Larry E. Buterbaugh	Indiana, PA	7/31/2017
Dean E. Williams	Altoona, PA	1/19/2017	John K. Hite	Martinsburg, PA	8/3/2017
Harry P. Hassinger	Boalsburg, PA	2/4/2017	Elmer Gromley, Jr.	Mahaffey, PA	8/5/2017
Mark J. Holbay	Johnstown, PA	2/18/2017	Orn H. Lucas	Bellefonte, PA	8/7/2017
Arlington Walizer	Mill Hall, PA	2/20/2017	Ralph E. Campbell	Altoona, PA	8/12/2017
Harry S. Bhe	Big Run, PA	2/22/2017	F. Thomas Shingler	Reedsville, PA	8/12/2017
Paul D. Wertz	Tipton, PA	2/25/2017	Clair M. Waugerman	Manns Choice, PA	8/14/2017
John A. Lehner	Tyrone, PA	2/25/2017	William D. Baumgartel	Duncansville, PA	8/16/2017
Richard A. Furmanchik	Hollidaysburg, PA	3/2/2017	William H. Roberts	State College, PA	8/29/2017

*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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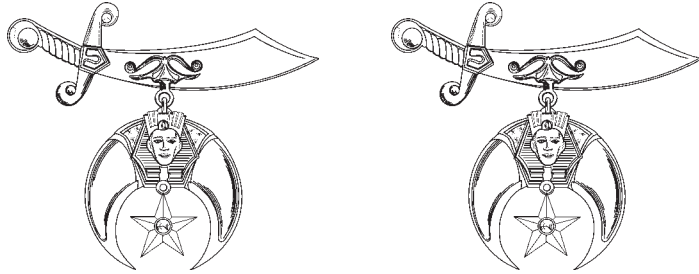
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OCTOBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> GUN RAFFLE - WB	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> DTRN - SR - 6PM	<b>5</b> DTRN - SR - 7PM	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> AASR - WB AAHS AFTERGLOW BBQ BERMUDA TRIP
<b>8</b> BERMUDA TRIP	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> ROADRUNNERS - BH - 6PM	<b>13</b> 80'S PROM - BH	<b>14</b> OCTOBERFEST - BH
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> BLAIR CO. COMMUNITY FAIR - BH	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> JAFFA DAY ERIE HOSPITAL	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> PRIVATE PARTY - BH PMAA - AUD
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> GIRLS NIGHT OUT - BH & AUD	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> LOH - BH
<b>29</b> ATHLETIC CLUB CHICKEN BBQ 11-2 ATLANTIC CITY	<b>30</b> IMLERS FOOD SHOW PREP - BH	<b>31</b> IMLERS FOOD SHOW - BH				

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> DTRN - SR - 6PM SPORTS SHOW MEETING - L - 6PM	<b>2</b> DTRN - SR - 7:30PM	<b>3</b> ANTIQUE CAR CLUB 300 - BH	<b>4</b> LADIES NIGHT - WB
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> JOBEL - SR PATROL/DIR. STAFF OYSTER DINNER & ELECTION - BH	<b>9</b> JOBEL - SR CRAFT SHOW PREP - BH	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> CRAFT SHOW - BH
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<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		

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					1 POTENTATES ROAST - BH	2 PRIVATE PARTY - BH
3	4	5 NUTCRACKER PREP - AUD	6 DTRN - SR - 6PM CHANTERS - BH SPORTS SHOW MEETING - L - 6PM	7 DTRN - SR - 7:30PM	8 ANTIQUE CAR CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY - BR	9 NUTCRACKER - AUD MOTOR CORPS - BR - 6PM
10 KIDDIES CHRISTMAS PARTY - WB	11 JAFFA SHRINE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT - AUD	12	13 JOBEL - SR PLANNING MEETING - BH	14 PENN STATE GRAD PREP - WB JOBEL - SR ROJ - BH	15	16 PENN STATE GRAD - WB
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