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Robert P. Baranik *Potentate*

business. You may have heard me say that no other corporation changes its CEO every year and a major corporation like Jaffa should be no different.

However we must, therefore the Divan has been meeting on a regular basis during the past year to begin planning for 2018 and beyond. We've developed a 5-year strategic plan so that we can consistently continue the direction and focus of Jaffa Shrine.

We will need the help of every noble in order to achieve our goals: physically, administratively and financially. Many hands will help to lighten the workload. Over the next couple of years, we are looking at many structural improvements to preserve the beautiful and historical facility that we call "home."

Potentate's Message

ES SELAMU ALEIKUM

To all nobles, ladies and friends of Jaffa Shrine,

I hope you all had a happy holiday season with friends and family.

With the election now behind us, it's time to get down to

Membership is the foundation of our fraternity and bringing in new members is very important as well as preserving our current membership. Within your units and clubs, please make sure all feel welcomed and needed.

Our divan has been busy helping plan many events for 2018. A new event—the Mountain City Beer and Wine Festival—was held January 20. We hope to make this first-time event an annual fundraiser for Jaffa. Other events to keep in mind are the annual Sports Show February 23-25, The NEW truck raffle, with the winning ticket to be drawn on the last day of the Sports Show, the Potentate's Reception on March 24 and the 79th Annual Jaffa Shrine Circus April 9-15. I will keep you updated with information about these events and those that will follow in upcoming Jaffa Journals.

My lady Sue and I have some fun trips lined up. The first is an all inclusive trip to Punta Cana June 3-10.

We've got an exciting year planned and I hope to see many nobles and their ladies come out and join the fun. Together, we can make Jaffa great!

My motto: **FUN FAMILY FRATERNITY**
Bob and Sue

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FROM JAFFA'S UNITS & CLUBS



PROVOST GUARD

Christmas is over and winter is well under-way. Provost has several wintertime activities to keep us from forgetting about the cold. If you aren't active in the Shrine you ought to think about coming out to some events. The Christmas Party at the Heidelberg was well attended. My memory of it was a little bit fuzzy, but my wife said I had a good time.

Enjoy a couple pictures from the event.



I am writing this just a few short days away from the Beer and Wine Festival. I am optimistic that it will be a success. The Mountain City Shiners are supposed to receive their Charter at that event. There is a lot of buzz around the latest Jaffa Club.

Cabin Fever benefitting Blair County Respiratory Disease Society will also likely be over by the time this is published. That was a success last year and I would expect attendance to be good this year as well.

We will be at the doors for at Ceremonial on February 10th. It is a full ritual ceremonial and should be a fairly large one, please attend this event. The Sports Show starts January 23rd. This year Provost will be serving beer in several locations throughout the event. We will see you there. The Potentate's Reception is March 24th. Provost Guard always has a good showing to this, we should have our room open for any thirsty travelers.

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.

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.

Chuck, our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Jason A. Wilkinson, Reporter



BOWLING

We finished the first cycle bowling with our annual Christmas party. The Nomads with their merry band of pros finished first. What a surprise! The Jokers with Fred Gallagher, Randy Colyer, Dale Wills, Ray Cook and Lefty John Campbell also earned a place in the finals at years end.

We had a few nice scores this year one of those by Randy Druck with a 748 series knocking The Oriental Band out of 1st place with about four weeks to go. Dough Hoffman rolled a 295 game and John Graham a 290 game. Steve Dively has

improved 19.31 pins to lead the most improved bowler stat. The second cycle should have started on Jan. 8, 2018. Now that last years Potentate has served his year in office we hope to see Jerry Lower PP back to regular bowling along with Leon Collins after stepping down from leading the Circus office. We still have a couple openings on teams for anyone interested in joining us for a fun night out every Monday 6pm. Stop by and ask for one of our officers and we will gladly get you started. Good luck on the lanes and Happy New Year.

Steve Slogik, Secretary/Treasuer





INDIANA COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

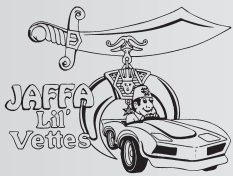
sitting with my feet up enjoying the Florida sunshine and a tasty beverage while reading the December issue of the Jaffa Journal. I saw that I had listed one of the 2018 officers incorrectly. President for this year is Tom Patz, I know Tom will do a great job. Sorry for the error...

Rich Hill, Transportation Coordinator, reports that our club van had 45 trips total for the year 2017 to Erie, Cincinnati and Philadelphia Shriner Hospitals. A busy year, and as always Rich is looking for drivers. Transportation Coordi-

Well, I am starting off 2018 with a correction to the last Shrine Club submission. While

nator is a thankless job and a lot more work that one would think. I still receive comments from families of patients who we transport that remember John Henry fondly. It is a tough job, but as I have said before, the smiling faces of the patients and the thankful parents are priceless. Seeing what these children and their families are going thru makes you realize how small your "big" problems are. If you would like to help out, give Rich a call. He would certainly appreciate it. Rich can be reached at 814-591-3294. Or, you can come to an Indiana County Shrine Club meeting...we get together at the Indiana Eat 'n Park the second Wednesday of each month at 7PM.

That's about it for this time...Jim "Spanky" Edwards, Reporter



...always a good time. The Jaffa Sports Show will be coming up in February and the unit members will be helping move the vendors in and out of the Shrine.

Well, it is fairly quiet around the Lil' Vette garages...winter has certainly come on like a lion. The members helped out selling Christmas trees for the Jaffa Roadrunners

home soon. He will continue to have rehab, but can do so in Altoona so will be able to be home with his family and friends. If you would like to drop Josh a word of support his home address is P.O. Box 913, Milesburg, PA 16853.

Lastly, I would like to share how much we all enjoyed working with Potentate Gerald Lower and Lady Sandy this past year...it was an eventful and fun year. We all look forward to 2018 and working with Potentate Bob Baranik and Lady Susan.

That is pretty much it...looking for Spring and the first parades of the season.

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



One of our members, Josh Green, was injured last fall when his motorcycle hit a deer, and has had a long recovery in Pittsburgh hospitals. As of this writing, Josh has been improving and is expected to be able to go



CALLIOPE CLOWNS

service to our Temple, hospitals, and most importantly... the kids! Thank you to Past Potentate Jerry Lower for your commitment to the Nobles and our Temple.

The Calliope Clowns are gearing up for a fun and busy 2018. Work is currently being completed to prepare for the 2018 Jaffa Circus. Through the upcoming months skits will be prepared as we work towards laughter from those in attendance.

As 2017 becomes a memory, we would like to thank the members of the Divan for their

tionally, we would like to recognize Lil' Red for many years of service to the Unit as our Treasurer.

The upcoming year will be another busy one. As the snow melts and the sun begins to shine, the Jaffa Calliope Clowns will be preparing for the busy parade season.

To any of our new Nobles: If you have yet to join a unit and get involved, we invite you to paint on a smile and join in on the fun. The Jaffa Calliope Clowns meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm. There's still time to become a clown in time for the circus!

Doug Kauffman aka KLiNK, Business Manager

We would like to take an opportunity to thank Long John for his services as President of the Unit during 2017. Addi-



ROAD RUNNERS

The Road Runners sold 450 blue spruce, douglas fir and frazier fir trees in the four weeks before Christmas, with the proceeds going toward our goal of getting the patients to their hospital appointments on time and our members being properly outfitted in RR shirts and hats. The trees went to local businesses, churches and residents. Unfortunately, very few went to fellow Shriners. Our Chief Rabban (at the time) paid for a tree to be given to a family that could not afford one - thank you Illiustrious Sir Robert!!

I have only been a runner for about four years, but in that time I have met some very nice patients and their parents. Our only "payment" is seeing their improvement and progress over the years. Occasionally, we may get a jar of "Triple Berry Jam" or a Shoe Fly Pie, or Christmas cookies - not that we expect it, but they are so grateful for the help their loved one are getting.

The jam is made by the older - but still a younger lady - sister of one of our patients from Belleville. The young widow makes the jams and jellies to sell to support her family as her husband was killed in a freak saw mill accident. In the near future, her jams and jellies will be available at Imler's Poultry Outlet in Duncansville. Stop in and get a jar of jam and chicken or two and say hello to PP Fred Imler who agreed to help this young lady in her quest to provide for her family.

Our Road Runner officers for 2018 are president Harry Chirdon, vice president Ray Nycum, Secretary Joes Weiss, and treasurer Raymond Berkhimer. Our out going president Dale Wills did a great job of organizing our tree sales making sure our sales trailer was staffed.

We want to give two great big THANK YOU's - first to Bill Ansley Jr. at Ansley RV's in Duncansville for providing us with a nice travel trailer for our members to keep warm and and keep our coffee hot and cookies secure while waiting for prospective customers.

The second big thank you is to Altoona Soft Water in Lakemont for providing us with the water, coffee, tea and hot chocolate we drink while working our shifts. Some snacks are homemade/ baked, or occasionally purchased when the home made runs low. Thank you to every one who provided them and helped.

A special recognition and thank you goes to Harry Chirdon who makes sure the vans are cleaned regularly and the maintenance done at Dave Peterman's garage in Juniata by Dave and Pat Garman. Also to our two nobles at Blue Knob Auto, Tom Tyler and Jim Paul who always come up with a suitable low milage van for our use when necessary.

Until the next time keep the wheels on the road and your eye on the gas gauge. Drive Safely!
Ray Nycum, Jr., Happy Road Runner



GREETERS

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year Greetings Nobles,

The Greeters have had a wonderful 2017 year, beginning with the counting the ballots at the Annual Election of officers in January.

We were then involved with several of the parades around the region and enjoyed every time that we were able to attend and bring waved greets to those spectators in attendance.

We met several times during the year at the Jaffa and had some lively and thought provoking discussions. We had the opportunity to assist the Concession committee with several events throughout the year, and found to have a little fun and fellowship with other units from the Jaffa.

Our Greeters annual election on Sunday, November 19th at 2:30pm was held whereupon the 2017 officers were re-elected

for 2018: President - George Greiner; Vice-President - Wayne Baggett; Secretary - Barry Yingling & Treasurer - Tom Mangus.

This year of fun and fellowship culminating with the Annual Greeters Christmas Party on Sunday, December 10th at Prime Sirloin, we were joined by the Ladies, Nobles and the Widows of our deceased members, everyone in attendance was dressed in their most festive apparel for an afternoon of good food and fellowship, reminiscing those that have passed and joined the Grand Architect of the Universe to watch over us, or those that were suffering illnesses and reminded to remember them in our prayers.

2017 is almost over, and it is my wish to all those reading this note to have the Merriest of Christmas's and my 2018 be ever joyful to you and yours in the New Year.

God Bless,
George Greiner, III, President of the Greeters



The 2017 Jaffa Shrine Basketball Tournament was a success. This year we featured Williamsburg High School and Central High School on a Monday night Tip-Off Tournament. The four teams that participated this year were Altoona, Bellwood-Antis, Bishop McCort and Juniata Valley, with Altoona taking home the championship trophy for the second year in a row.

Athletic club president Mike Colledge presented a \$7500 check to Past Potentate Jerry Lower. Thanks for everyone that helped with the tournament. Plans for a 2018 tournament are in the works.



Altoona's Olivia Hudson won MVP honors.



Tournament champion Altoona.



Altoona's Jessica Stevens received the Sportsman-ship Award.



All Tournament team member – Bishop McCort's Isabella Hunt.



All Tournament team member – Bellwood-Antis' Alli Campbell.



All Tournament team member – Juniata Valley's Taylor Leidy.



All Tournament team member – Altoona's Caranda Perea.



All Tournament team member – Altoona's Bridgid Fox.



Tip-off team Central.



Tournament runner-up Juniata Valley.



Tip-off team Williamsburg.



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Jaffa Shrine Legacy Program: Strengthening our Fraternal Bonds

This very special picture is of the new Potentate Dale R. Woomer being given his ring by his father and Past Potentate, Dr. Dale W. Woomer.



OUR LEGACY STORY RELATES TO A VERY UNIQUE FAMILY OF PAST POTENTATES IN JAFFA SHRINE, ALTOONA PA. A FATHER AND SON LEGACY AND PROUD SHRINERS, MEET THE WOOMER FAMILY, NAMELY, DR. DALE W. WOOMER TO SON DALE R. WOOMER.

Our story starts with past Potentate Dr. Dale W. Woomer a former combat veteran who served in WWII. He joined our Shrine in 1955 and played in the Jaffa String Band, a unit he organized in 1957. Among his many accomplishments he was influential in setting up the 32nd degree Masonic Learning Center for dyslexic children sponsored by the Scottish Rite. He went on to be Master of Logan Lodge 490, and served at multiple levels with York Rite, Scottish Rite, Jesters and was an honorary member of Court 70 Altoona. His untiring efforts unswerving loyalty and devotion to his fraternity earned him the esteem and admiration of his brothers. Sadly he passed in 2013 leaving a legacy for his son past Potentate Dale R. Woomer.

Illustrious Sir Dale R. Woomer retired from the public school system serving in the Johnstown, Altoona and State College districts. He went on to manage a successful car wash business and traveled extensively throughout the East Coast for 25 years. Among his many accomplishments he was Chairman of the Keystone Country Festival, served on the Chamber of Commerce and was on the board of Directors for Altoona Housing Authority.

His Masonic and Shrine career is filled with many accomplishments and accolades, the highlights of such an illustrious career are as follows.

He joined the Jaffa Cycle Corp in 1980 and served as Chairman/founder for Jaffa Sports Show 1982 thru 1990, Responsible for inducting 304 new Nobles and proudly wears the Samsar Diamond Cluster Award. He was President of MASA and served on the committee for 17 years.

He was elected to Oriental Guide in 1989 and progressed to become our Potentate in 1993. He is an active and valued member of our Shrine who is always present and visible at our major fund raising events throughout the year. Being a Shriner is a way of life and Dale's continued efforts to grow our shrine by introducing new Nobles, supporting our various programs and events has made him an invaluable member of our Shrine.

We encourage you to share your Legacy and family success in our Shrine here in Altoona PA. To learn more about the program and share your Legacy, please contact: Kevin Law, Jaffa Highlander and Legacy Program Chairman at klaw@nationwidecustomhomes.com or call: 919-730-1257.



2017 Shriners Hospital Christmas Project at THGI

by Ray Kline, Editor of THGI Newsletter

Each year The Hancock Group, Inc. selects a charitable organization for a Christmas Project. In the past the group has assembled grocery items for needy families, Christmas Shoe Boxes, sent items to our troops overseas, etc. This year's project was contributing money to the Shriners Hospitals for Children - Philadelphia. A total of \$510 was collected by the associates and employees of THGI. This year's project and contribution had a special meaning to the firm. Walter Sedlock, President of Hancock Capital Management, Inc. and Olivia Sedlock's daughter, Maggie, had spinal surgery at the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital, in January of 2017. Maggie had a severe case of scoliosis and during a pain-staking operation two rods were inserted in her spine. Her recovery was painful, but the surgery was successful and she will continue to have a series of follow-up appointments to monitor her spine as she matures.

On December 8th, a special presentation arranged by Allan Hancock, CEO of THGI, was made by Maggie Sedlock to Fred Imler of Imler's Poultry, Inc. Fred Imler is a Board of Governors Emeritus Member and has been associated with the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital for over 32 years! He has been one of the top fundraisers in the Eastern part of the United States for decades and has been instrumental in helping many individuals in our area. His passion in helping Shriners Hospitals for children has noted him accolades from all parts of the United States.

I am certain that many of you know how this organization is dedicated to helping all in need and, as a charity hospital; no money is ever asked from families of children who have benefited from their world-class surgical expertise.

It was an honor and pleasure for all the associates and employees of THGI to have Mr. Imler attend the presentation ceremony and accept our check for Shriners Hospitals for Children - Philadelphia.

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Contact Ron Eckstein (814-215-4478 or roneck21@aol.com) with any questions.

You are cordially invited to the Potentate's Reception Honoring the Illustrious Potentate Robert P. Baranik and Lady Sue ON SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018

Cost: \$50.00 per person.

(See below)

Reservations close March 15, 2018



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News from Cincinnati

50 years of Love to the Rescue



For Shriners Hospitals for Children—Cincinnati, 2018 marks 50 years of pediatric specialty health care. From our origins in burn treatment, Cincinnati Shriners Hospital has become a globally-recognized health leader and innovator. Our comprehensive, family-focused approaches to healing and groundbreaking research have changed lives for children across the country and around the world.

In the hospital's early days, survival was the primary focus after a burn injury. As advances in research and medical treatment improved outcomes, focus shifted to the child's quality of life after wounds healed—a philosophy of thriving, not just surviving. This expanded medical proficiency led to Cincinnati Shriners Hospital becoming a destination for pediatric treatment beyond burn care, including cleft lip and palate and other craniofacial disorders, specialized wound and skin conditions and plastic and reconstructive surgery.

Today, healing at Cincinnati Shriners Hospital encompasses family-centered care, with an emphasis on keeping parents and families close and actively involved in the individual needs of the child throughout treatment and beyond.

It's been an amazing 50 years and we have many upcoming plans for this year. Stay tuned to our website and social media pages and **mark your calendar for Divan Days, August 24 & 25.**



If you know a child we can help, go to
shrinershospitalcincinnati.org or call:

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Shriners Play a Big Role in Referrals

When it comes to finding medical help for children, Shriners are now more important than ever. Members of the fraternity have always played a critical role in helping families in their communities get connected with Shriners Hospitals for Children – Cincinnati, and now it has become even easier with a website and referral cards.

Website

Shriners Hospitals for Children – Cincinnati continues to make referring a patient and obtaining an appointment for care easier than ever through the **www.shrinershospitalcincinnati.org** website.

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What's New in Erie!

Shriners Hospitals for Children — Erie hosts Groundbreaking Ceremony



Shriners Hospitals for Children — Erie recently hosted a groundbreaking ceremony to launch construction on space for a new state-of-the-art EOS Imaging system. The first of its kind in the region, EOS Imaging System will be operational by spring. The Erie Shriners Medical Center raised \$1.4 million to secure the system. Tim Hofius, P.P., Zem Zem Shriners and Lady Anne also presented a check for \$104,000, which was proceeds from the First Lady Project, to be applied to the system.



EOS Imaging allows clinicians to provide patients with the most accurate diagnoses, while also limiting their exposure to harmful radiation. EOS provides a picture of the full skeleton to show natural, weight-bearing posture (either

sitting or standing) and allows clinicians to see the interaction between joints, muscles and bones. The head-to-toe image is detailed and higher quality than conventional x-rays and EOS uses up to 90% less radiation than a conventional x-ray and around 35-50% less than a digital radiography x-ray.

EOS Imaging is especially valuable for many of the patient populations treated at the Erie Shriners Medical Center. It is ideally suited for pediatric patients who have conditions that require multiple x-rays, such as patients with scoliosis. Scoliosis patients may receive 3-4 x-rays each year to monitor their spinal curve. The cumulative reduction in radiation is especially important to them, as well as patients with limb deficiencies, hip dysplasia and cerebral palsy who have many x-rays taken throughout their course of treatment.

New Treatment for Scoliosis Available at the Erie Shriners Medical Center

Shriners Hospitals for Children — Erie recently announced a new treatment offering for patients with scoliosis. The Scoliosis Specific Exercise program (SSE) is led by Brittany Ziegler, PT, DPT. The program is primarily used to treat patients with adolescent idiopathic scoliosis and offers exercises tailored to each patient's spine curvature with the goal to return the curved spine to a more natural position.



\$7500 for Wheelchair Program

Rent One and the Great Expectations Foundation recently made a donation of \$7500 to be applied to the wheelchair program at the Erie Shriners Medical Center. The money will be used to purchase appropriate adaptive equipment for patients.





Raise Your Glass Foundation

Shriners Hospitals for Children is grateful for the Raise Your Glass Foundation, a charity organization that has donated more than \$280,000 since its inception in 2012. They will now have a bronze plaque placed on the permanent donor wall located in the lobby of the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital.

A group of volunteers from various professions in the Warren, NJ community created the foundation for an extraordinary reason. Their fundraising goals focus on donating proceeds from various events to children's medical institutions while saluting those who make the impossible, possible in the lives of children.



Inspired by Adam and Danielle Yenish's son, Anthony John "AJ", the foundation was created when community members witnessed the miracle of Shriners Hospitals for Children in action. In 2008, AJ was born with arthrogryposis, a congenital condition that caused AJ's hands and feet to be severely twisted. Adam and Danielle Yenish interviewed various doctors and

found the magic team of Harold van Bosse, MD, and Scott Kozin, MD, at the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital.

The Raise Your Glass Foundation has hosted multiple fundraising events. Along the way, the Yenish family has become friends with the Leggitt family, sharing a similar story with their daughter Reece, who also has arthrogryposis. Their journeys have formed a bond with two families who live over 200 miles apart, but have become everlasting friends.

Today AJ is a vibrant 8-year-old who has been through multiple surgeries to correct his feet and allow him to not only walk, but run. The same goes for the sweet and sassy 6-year-old Reece, whose condition keeps improving. Shriners Hospitals for Children is grateful for the Raise Your Glass Foundation, as the money that has been received has helped many kids like AJ, Reece and more!

Patient donates artwork

At a recent follow up appointment, Alexa presented a charcoal print that she created to Ed Myers, administrator of the hospital. On the back of the framed art, she wrote the following:

As the daughter and granddaughter of Shriners, I have always been involved in some way with Shriners Hospitals for Children. Little did I know, however, I would be a patient one day. As my spinal curvature due to idiopathic scoliosis progressed, we searched for answers to help correct my spine without the use of metal rods. Thanks to Dr. Cahill at Shriners Hospitals for Children, I was able to do just that. He pre-*

formed two vertebral body-stapling surgeries on me in the months of December 2013 and January 2014. These surgeries have forever impacted my life for the better. As I was asked to create a charcoal piece for my art class in school, I was automatically inspired by the love and giving done by this organization. Shriners Hospital has given me a new lease on life and I am forever grateful for such wonderful care from such wonderful people.



Alexa previously sold prints of the charcoal artwork at a few events and donated the money to the Shriners Hospitals for Children system. We are so thankful for our patients who chose to give back! We get more than they will ever give! Thanks Alexa!

*Dr. Cahill is no longer with Shriners Hospital.



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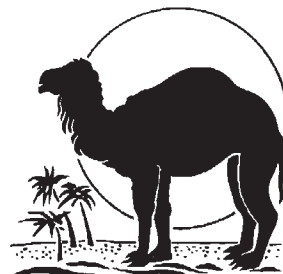


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The Officers and Nobles of Jaffa Shrine express their sincere sympathy to the families of these departed Nobles:



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Earl E. Garber	Altoona, PA	4/13/2017	Billy B. Marshall	DuBois, PA	9/8/2017
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M. Naveed Arshad	Hollidaysburg, PA	4/17/2017	Donald Devorris	Altoona, PA	9/14/2017
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John K. Hite	Martinsburg, PA	8/3/2017	William L. Guinivan	Cresson, PA	1/30/2018
Elmer Gromley, Jr.	Mahaffey, PA	8/5/2017			

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.

PLEASE DO NOT let these Shrine and Masonic items get into garage sales, flea markets or the wrong hands. *Thank you!*

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

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3. If you first line sign three candidates in one calendar year, you will receive a \$60 voucher to be used at a single Jaffa Shrine Sponsored Event. (Potentate's Reception, Ladies Night, New Year's Eve Party)
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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

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MARCH 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 DOTN - AASR ROOM	2 HOME SHOW	3
4 HOME SHOW	5	6	7 JOBEL - SR SPORTS SHOW MEETING - L - 6PM	8 JOBEL - SR	9 PRECIOUS LIFE - BH	10 PRIVATE PARTY - BH
11 DOTN INSTALLATION - BH	12	13 UNIT HEAD MEETING - 7PM	14	15	16 MAC'S BASH - BH	17 MISS PA PAGEANT - AUD
18	19 EXECUTIVE MEETING - 7PM	20 JOBEL INSTALLATION - BH	21	22	23	24 POTENTATE RECEPTION
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

APRIL 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 UNIT HEAD MEETING - 7PM	4 SPORTS SHOW MEETING - L - 6PM	5	6 CIRCUS (PREP)	7
8 CIRCUS (PREP)	9 CIRCUS	10	11	12	13	14
15 CIRCUS	16 EXECUTIVE MEETING - 7PM	17	18 JOBEL - SR	19 JOBEL - SR	20	21 PRIVATE PARTY
22	23 TRESURED ONCE AGAIN (PREP) - BH	24	25	26 TRESURED ONCE AGAIN - BH MASA SPRING MEETING - PITT	27 AASR - AUD	28
29 TRESURED ONCE AGAIN - BH	30					

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MAY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 SPORTS SHOW MEETING - L - 6PM	3 PENN STATE GRADUATION PREP	4 BUSINESS MEETING	5 PENN STATE GRADUATION
6	7 SHOWALTER SCHOOL OF DANCE - AUD	8 UNIT HEAD MEETING - 7PM	9 JOBEL - SR	10 JOBEL - SR	11	12
13	14 PBR DANCE - AUD	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 SIGELS DANCE - AUD	22	23	24	25 80'S PROM - BH	26 SAFARI CLUB - BH
27	28	29 ADT PREP - AUD	30	31		

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