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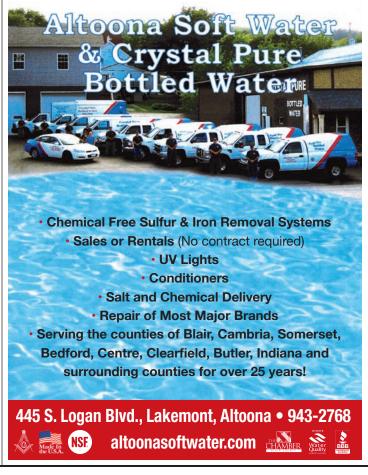
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Robert P. Baranik Potentate

Potentate's Message

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To all Nobles, Ladies and friends of Jaffa:

This is bittersweet as I share my last message with you as Potentate. Looking back, I think it has been quite a year and we have moved forward together in a positive way. I want to thank all the Nobles and Ladies who have worked and helped endlessly. It has been my honor and privilege to work and serve as Potentate of Jaffa Shrine. This has given me the opportunity to meet and get to know so many people in a special way. I feel blessed—thank you all!

On a more personal note, I owe so much gratitude to our Divan and Committee Chairmen. Most of you don't know how much work takes place at committee meetings and executive meetings. These men who serve on these boards work tirelessly to make Jaffa a great place to be

a member. The banking and finance committee, the improvement association board and the insurance committee have helped earn and save thousands of dollars for the Jaffa Shrine.

January 5, 2019, will be an important day for all Nobles to attend. It will be our elections and installations of the officers. Important this year will be a major explanation and request concerning upgrades to our beautiful older building. Also at 3pm, our incoming Potentate, Jordan Settle, has arranged an open installation as he is fezzed publicly. Visiting that day will be Imperial Sir Jeffrey L. Sowder. (See special message from the Potentate.)

I thank my main Aides and their ladies—Scott and Amy Woomer (Chief Aide), Ryan and Shauna Baranik (Executive Aide) and Denny and Sheila George (Administrative Aide). Words cannot describe the countless hours these folks have devoted so Sue and I could represent Jaffa Shrine without the stress and fear of the wheels falling off. These leaders had a great cast of support aides who decorated and bartended for events and so much more. Thanks a million!

This is my final chance to ask all to support the Divan and Temple to grow and improve. We have so many badly needed building projects in motion. Please help with any financial donations you can make. I wrote in an earlier Journal and it is worth repeating—please consider Jaffa Shrine as a donation bequest for others to respect you when you are called from this life.

Our wonderful building needs a lot more work and we want to be around a long time to support the needs of Shriner Hospitals.

I want to close with an update of building improvement updates. I feel it is important to thank, once again, the Nobles who have helped do tear-out and clean-up of rooms and sections of the building. Many don't know that volunteers did spring, summer and fall cleanout Saturdays of the building and garage. We were also blessed to get help from Nobles on demolishing and removing sections of the Star Room after serious water damage this summer. This leads me to my last section to recap 2018.

We have been so lucky to have received donations of money and material for many of our remodeling projects this year. The Improvement Association (our "landlord") has worked tirelessly with the Divan to improve our beautiful building. Thus far, the items that should be completed when you read this is as follows:

- Three remodeled bathrooms on the second level of auditorium
- New front doors into our main office
- A new picture board of the Divan in the main lobby
- Major repairs to holes in main auditorium ceiling
- New electrical service into the building and rebuilt support surface at rear area parking lot

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Potentate's Message (cont.)

To be completed in the next 30-60 days will be as follows:

- Our expandable camera system to be working in a few areas with more area coverage to follow
- Our key fob system at select doors
- The emergency electrical system throughout; we will add more required circuits per codes
- Storage room (old coal storage) remodeled for use

As you have read, a lot of work has already taken place. Many smaller tasks have been completed by our maintenance staff. We should all thank them when we see them! Speaking of staff, we have probably the best in all of the Shrine organizations. Our office staff is always learning and improving on service and accountability. Our two newest—Roy Amrhein, Banquet Chef, and Heather Chestney, Events Coordinator, have hit the ground running and quickly have gained a positive reputation for future events at Jaffa.

My closing comment is more of a request: I ask all Nobles and their families to support Jaffa Shrine financially with whatever level of support you can afford. The Imperial Officers will tell you to keep our buildings modern and vibrant to foster new members. They understand that if we lose our temple buildings, we lose members. So to help all the children we support, please help the future Divan to keep the upgrades at Jaffa moving forward.

I hope to see all on January 5, 2019. Sue and I thank you for allowing us to serve you this year.

God bless all with a safe, healthy and happy holiday season! Yours in faith, Robert P. Baranik, Potentate

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE POTENTATE

Brothers a special day is coming to Jaffa. For the first time in many years an Imperial Officer will be in attendance with us. Imperial Chief Rabban Jeffrey Sowder and his lady Cheryl will visit us on January 5th, 2019. We are excited to receive Imperial Sir Sowder and hear his message regarding the bright future of Shrinedom.

I request as many brothers as possible to attend and bring your ladies as we will also host our first public open installation of our 2019 Potentate Jordan Settle. Also that day we will recognize our 50 year members for 2019 and have our pinning ceremony.

Following is a summary of times and proper clothing.

SATURDAY JANUARY 5, 2019

1:00pm - Annual Business Meeting

2:00pm - Elections

3:30pm - Open Installation and 50 Year Pin Ceremony

5:00pm - Dinner (you must RSVP with the main office to stay for dinner)

DRESS

Officers - Black Tux, White shirt, Black Tie, Cummerbund, Fez **Nobles** - Masonic Dress (Suit or Coat and Tie with Fez) • **Guest** - Business Casual/Casual

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2001	Thomas M. Foose	2016	Mikes K. Costello, Jr.
2002	George C. Wagner	2017	Gerald W. Lower

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FROM JAFFA'S UNITS & CLUBS



Well summer is finally over. First, I want to apologize for the missing newsletters over the last couple of months. A lot has happened since you heard from us last. Our summer picnic was a success with a good turnout. Again, the Drill Team had a clean sweep at MASA with three first place trophies for in line inspection, drill competition and parade. Great job guys. Lastly was our Past Com-

manders Ball in October. We had a large turnout and everyone had a good time. As the year comes to a close I want to wish everyone the best over the Holiday Season.

William Sheehan, Past Commander





PATROL

After numerous parades this past summer for getting horses settled down and in parade mode, we were able to win first place at the Mid Atlantic Convention at Virginia Beach with twenty horses and riders and two nobles on pooper scooper detail.

Unfortunately, only one other horse unit, from Syria, was able to put horses on the street, and with a low number of horses there was no individual competition in equitation. Hopefully 2019 will see LuLu and Zembo back in the picture with horses for parade, drill team and equitation competition.

Our officers for 2019 are president Brad Germaux secretary Dave Burchfield, treasurer Tyler Burchfield, captain Mike Luther, 1st lt Jimmy Russell, 2nd lt. Dustin Leach, sergeant Ron Leach, and quartermaster Bryan "Shorty" Roush.

This was a big year for two of us in the unit. PP Fred Imler and I finished fifty years of riding with the Mounted Patrol. Fred was introduced to the unit by John Helsel and Dr. Charles Hendricks got me into the unit. It has been a great fifty years, and we both hope to get in a few more good years of participation and riding.

Several years ago my last horse (of many) past on to the big pasture in the sky, and thanks to Brad Germaux I have been able to ride Leo an all the parades. Looking forward to many more parades next year.

Our annual Christmas Party was held at the VFW at Duncansville, and with good food and refreshment and participation with the two other units and divan members, a great time was had by all.

Next year we are looking forward to participating at Nash-ville, Tennessee with the International Shrine Convention in support of Potentate (and Mountie) Jordan Settle. There is still time to sign up for the convention trip - just be at the next meeting in 2019.

We wish a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year to all looking forward to the first parades and picnic on Memorial Day.

We are still looking for more mounties and mounts. If interested, contact one of our members or attend one of our meeting on the second Wednesday in the Mounted Patrol room on the upper level of Jaffa near the men's rest room, at 7pm. The first meeting will probably be in March getting prepared for the circus and and the first parades and picnic on Memorial Day.

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

Ray Nycum, Jr., Reporter.



PROVOST GUARD I hope everyone had a great summer. This was a busy summer for the Provost Guard as we participated in the following parades: Juniata Memorial Day, Shellsburg, and of course MASA in Virginia Beach. At the time of this writing, we are looking forward to our fall and winter activities.

Mid Atlantic Shrine Association Parade was a huge success for both the unit and the Shrine in whole. We won First Place, Provost Guard along with 16 total trophies including 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. We did exceedingly well considering MASA combined the two divisions into one.

We have been doing a lot of bartending at various events including several fairly successful concerts. We also were out in force in support of the Gun Raffle and its Chairman, our own Randy Colyer. The gun raffle is a major fundraiser for the Fraternity and the Divan appreciates the amount of effort that the Provost Guard puts into this event.

We will be at the doors for Fall Ceremonial on November 3rd. This is an abbreviated ceremonial and following that will be Ladies Night. We will also be attending the doors at the Business Meeting and Election on January 5th.

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.

Jason A. Wilkinson, Reporter





SOMERSET COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

The Somerset County Shrine Club met August 23 at the Hay Loft for a 6pm picnic

style dinner. Jeff Latuch's Chuck Wagon catered the meal. Everything was great. President Stan Landis led with the flag salute. Chaplain Ron Wright offered the Invocation. We had 25 Nobles, Ladies and guests present.

Our guest from Jaffa was Potentate Bob Baranik. He gave updates on the renovations being done at the Jaffa Shrine Center. They are also fixing the front part. The new electrical system is complete. We also had the past Potentate Ken Costello and his Lady Delores as guest.

We will send a get well card to Roger Miller who is not feeling well.

Potentate Bob Baranik said the Erie and Philadelphia hospitals are doing well. We need the crusade money to keep the hospitals going. The 50/50 drawing was won by Joyce Brant. She

donated it back to the club. Chaplain Ron Wright offered the Benediction.

Our September 27 a meeting was held at the Berlin Legion Home for a good steak dinner at 6pm. Bonnie Landis made the cake. President Stan Landis led the flag salute. Chaplain Ron Wright offered the Invocation. The 50/50 drawing went to Shirley Eppley, which she donated back to the club.

The 2019 calendars are now available to sell for \$20 each. Past Potentate Vern Carey and his Lady Billie brought the calendars to be distributed to the club members. Our club does a good job selling them. Vern spoke about some of the Road Runners trips. They are kept busy. Past Potentate Ken Costello said the meal was good. He reminded everyone to get out and vote in November. No meeting will be held in November.

Benediction was offered by Chaplain Ron Wright.

Stan Landis, Reporter

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ROADRUNNERS

Every year the Road Runners take our young patients to hospitals in Boston, Cincinnati, Erie, Philaldelphia and occasionally Pittsburgh Childrens Hospital. It is a great pleasure to see the improvement in these children. Unfortunately, not all families have reliable transportation to get to the hospitals

and rely on the Road Runners to get there.

At the present time, PP Fred Imler and Chris Ritchey are serving on the Philadelphia Board of Directors. Both are also members of the Jaffa Mounted Patrol.

Jaffa has two vans to provide this service and we are still looking for more active drivers. Two drivers go on every trip with the patient and at least one parent. The trips are only one day in duration, usually leaving early in the morning and returning in the afternoon.

PP Vernon Carey is the coordinator of the unit, and if you are interested in becoming a road runner, please contact Vernon or the Recorders Office and inform them of your interest in becoming a member of the transportation team.





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Potentate Bob Baranik,
Dave Mays



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On Sunday, November 11, 2018, the Athletic Club held a Chicken BBQ at the Jaffa Shrine. Profits earned from the BBQ will be used to support the Jaffa Basketball Tournament being held December 17-19, 2018.

The Altoona Lady Lion girls basketball team volunteered their time to put dinners together for a fifth consecutive year. I want to thank all those who came out to help make this BBQ a success.







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Chanters performing at the Jaffa Church Service.



Concert Band performing at the Jaffa Church Service.



Highlanders performing at the Jaffa Church Service.



Divan members at the Jaffa Church Service. From left: Potentate Robert Baranik, Chief Rabban Jordan Settle, Assistant Rabban Rob Harkins, High Priest & Prophet James Miller, Oriental Guide David Dodson.

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Jaffa Shrine New Year's Eve Tailgate Party

The Jaffa Shrine hosts its annual New Year's Eve Party!

Monday, December 31st 8:00pm - 1:00am

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ONE SPECIAL FAMILY CREATING A LEGACY: MEET THE VONADA FAMILY OF SHRINERS, JAFFA SHRINE, ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA

Our story starts with Dr. Robert E. Vonada a Hollidaysburg Dentist, joined our Shrine in the mid-sixties entering the

Patrol. He was a charter member of the Motor Corp, drove the Red Fire Truck in parades and was a visible and active Shriner. He began his journey to become Potentate being elected Oriental Guide circa 1991 and sadly passed away in 1994 reaching the position of High Priest and Profit.

During his tenure in our elected Divan he was active in working with local causes and supporting membership and being involved in our many Jaffa fund raisers. His

tireless work and efforts encouraged his son Rob Vonada to join the Shrine in 1990.

Rob, a Workers Comp Judge began his Shrine journey with the Oriental band and has been the Jaffa Camel since

joining in 1990. He found a home with the Highlanders and began his journey as the Bass Drummer. Growing up he loved the alluring sound of the Bagpipes and aspired to play the pipes with the Highlanders, his devotion to his craft and to the growth of the Highlanders he rose to the position of Pipe Major in 1998.

Rob's tireless efforts with Shrine events and many fund raising efforts encouraged his two sons to follow in the Vonada family tradition and beliefs and became

Masons and ultimately Shriners in 2016. Eldest son Robbie Vonada is the Assistant Program Director for Hollidaysburg YMCA; he is a leader in developing youth programs and



Jaffa Shrine Legacy Program (cont.)

encouraging wellness and developing programs for YMCA members and groups. He plays the drums in the Highlanders and has been instrumental in researching, facilitating the latest advances in drum technology to procure the Highlanders "New" and spectacular Drums.

Rob's second son Donnie Vonada, a Counselor with Adelphoi, works tirelessly with Court adjudicated youth programs followed in both his father' and brother' footsteps joined our Shrine in 2016

becoming a proud Highlander. He too joined the drum line and like his father, works our many fund raising events and can be seen at the many Highlander events and Jaffa Parades. This year at MASA, VA Beach, a rare and very spe-



cial family accomplishment had dad Rob and both sons Robbie and Donnie play drums and pipes in the world renowned and First Place Winning Pipe and Drum Band in the MASA Parade. Families like the Vonada' shining example of dedication to the Shriner way of life enable our Shrine to prosper and grow our youthful membership.

I encourage families like the Vonada family to come forward and be recognized as we appreciate each and every one of our

extended families. Should you wish to become involved in the Legacy Program or to learn more, please contact: Kevin Law, Jaffa Highlander and Legacy Program Chairman 2018.

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Tickets available at the Jaffa's Main Office, and at any of our truck raffle sponsors, or just ask any Jaffa noble.

Small Game of Chance # 2018 -21-1282, must be 18 to enter

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Past Potentate Gerald Lower entering the Recorder's office. The new door to the Recorder's office was donated by Noble Paul Frederick.

UPCOMING BUSINESS MEETINGS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2019

T.UU PIVI	Ladies Luncheon (RSVP Required)
1:00 PM	Annual Business Meeting (Nobles Only)
2:00 PM	Annual Election of Officers (Nobles Only)
3:30 PM	Open Installation of Officers /
	50-Year Member Ceremony
5:00 PM	Dinner (RSVP Required with Main Office)

ATTIRE

Men - Tuxedo with Fez (Officers), Masonic Dress (Nobles),
Business Casual for Guests
Ladies - Business Casual

Jaffa Shriners would like to recognize the Sheetz Organization for their generous donation of a 100kw back up generator to the Jaffa Shrine Center in Altoona. We would also like to thank Friedman Electric in State College for their donation of the component parts required to connect the generator to our facility. We owe a great deal of gratitude to these two companies for their continued support of local community organizations such as Jaffa Shriners.

Our organization would also like to recognize the tremendous work put forth from many of our own Nobles. On behalf of the Jaffa Divan and Improvement Committee we would like to send a special thanks out to Joe Orr III, Bill Lightner, Matt Colyer, Allen Keith, Adam Nileski, and Chris Ritchey for their donations and expertise in helping complete our new transformer and generator project.



Front Row from left:
Bob Baranik
Second Row from left:
Dick Himes, Jordan Settle,
Rob Harkins, Danne Kindle
Third Row from left:
Allen Keith, Adam Nileski,
Matt Colyer (Sheetz),
Jerry Fulare (Friedman Electric)
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Patient with Acute Flaccid Myelitis (AFM) Visits for One Year Follow-Up After Nerve Transfer Surgery



In August 2016, at age 7, Talon was not feeling so well. He went to the emergency room and was diagnosed with a routine sinus infection. He woke up the next day with pain and was unable to move his left arm. His mother, Rachel, remembers that Talon had no motion whatsoever in his arm. He was able to move his legs. She quickly returned with her son to visit the emergency room. Doctors did a full work-up but could not find anything wrong or make a diagnosis.

Talon stayed at the hospital for two weeks. During that time, he started therapy that included electrical stimulation, steroids and antibiotics. He gained some movement in his elbow, fingers and wrists. While in the hospital, Talon was diagnosed with acute flaccid myelitis (AFM). Children will often present with rapid onset of weakness on one side, often rapidly progressing from normal strength to profound weakness with loss of reflexes within a few hours to days. Rachel learned about Shriners Hospitals for Children—Philadelphia through an AFM support group on Facebook.

Rachel called to make an appointment to see two of the top upper extremity pediatric orthopaedic specialists in the U.S., Dan Zlotolow, M.D., and Scott Kozin, M.D. Soon after speaking with the staff at the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital, Talon was scheduled for an initial appointment in September 2017. At this visit, Dr. Zlotolow and Dr. Kozin did a complete exam to review Talon's movement and strength. Although he had regained some movement in his wrists and hands, he was still unable to straighten his fingers and the muscles in his hands were weak. The team decided on a plan for nerve transfer surgery that would help Talon to regain as much function as possible.

On October 16, 2017, Talon entered the operating room for his nerve transfer surgery. The goal of the procedure was to give him more function in his elbow and fingers. He had no available nerves to help restore his shoulder function. After his surgery, Talon completed occupational therapy to help regain movement.

In April 2018, at his six month postop appointment, he was starting to straighten his fingers and had some improved movement in his deltoid muscle. He was also starting to gain some function in his rotator cuff. Talon's family was very pleased with these results. He continues to make improvements with the nerve transfer surgery.

Now one year post surgery, Talon, 8 years old, returned to see Dr. Zlotolow.

"His hand works well," said Zlotolow. "He can open and grab now, which is huge. His elbow may need further surgery. We're going to watch it for another year." Talon recently discovered he can play pinball machines, in addition to his video games at home.

Talon is one of several patients with acute flaccid myelitis that Dr. Zlotolow and the team at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Philadelphia have seen.

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What's New in Erie!

Shriners Hospitals for Children — Erie ranked as #9 of Best Places to Work in Healthcare in 2018

Shriners Hospitals for Children — Erie has been ranked #9 among health-care providers in the nation by Modern Healthcare's 2018 Best Places to Work in Healthcare. The medical center is the first healthcare provider in Erie, PA to be ranked on the list.



"Being one of the 2018 award winners is such recognition for our employees and SHC — Erie," said Mary Jane Antoon, administrator, SHC — Erie, "Ranking #9 is a tremendous achievement thanks to our staff, who come to work each and every day living the mission of Shriners Hospitals for Children."

Shriners 24-Hour Children's Charity Cup

Shriners Hospitals for Children — Erie hosted the Shriners 24-Hour Children's Charity Cup Friday, September 14—Saturday, September 15 at the Erie Bank Sports Park.

During this first annual event, there were 16 hockey games that contributed to the overall final score of 100 - 97. The games were made up



of men's leagues, local high school alumni teams, local businesses, youth leagues, local college teams and sled hockey. The final game was a Pros & Joes/Celebrity Game and featured retired Pittsburgh Penguins including Mike Rupp, Phil Bourque and Tyler Kennedy playing alongside the top fundraisers.

This first-year event raised over \$50,000 for the Erie Shriners Medical Center and planning for next year's Children's Charity Cup has already begun. One of the goals for next year's event is to have at least one Shriner team participate. If you play hockey or know another noble who does, please contact David Schumacher at 814-875-8781 or daschmacher@shrinenet.org.

National Patient Ambassador, Riley Desin, to visit SHC — Erie



Shriners
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Patient
Ambassador, Riley
Desin, visited the
Erie Shri-

ners Medical Center on November 19. Riley, age 17, was born with the genetic condition hereditary multiple exostoses (HME), which causes irregular bone growth. Exostoses are more commonly known as "bone spurs," which typically grow on the end of long bones during childhood and adolescence.

Riley has been receiving care for his condition at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Tampa since he was a baby. He has been an active patient ambassador for the Tampa Hospital for several years and is excited to now be a national patient ambassador.

Mission Minute

Meet our a mazing seven-year-old patient ambas-sador, Easton. He comes to SHC — Erie to receive care



for cerebral palsy and has a goal of walking independently. Easton just reached another milestone and his mom emailed us to share the good news.

"It is Easton's goal to walk independently. He recently reached another milestone by participating in his school's walk-a-thon! Easton walked around the entire school building—a farther distance than last year! We are so grateful to have such a wonderful team helping him to achieve his goal!"

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SAMSAR AWARDS

Listed below are the members who earned SAMSAR awards up to November 30, 2018. The awards will be presented at the Annual Meeting and Election, January 5th at the Jaffa Shrine Center.

Camel Lapel/Fez Pin

Top line signer on first petition
Jerry E. Mowry
Jonathan W. Spriggs
Jacob J. Lockard
Stephen John
Jason Robertson
Richard Greeley
David Pearlman

Jeweled Tassel Holder and Jeweled Numeral

Top line signer on a second petition plus a jeweled numeral for the number of petitions signed.

Richard P. Newman - #2

Eric L. Ramsey - #2

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.

> Wm. Matthew Evans - #5 (400) William E. Herr, Sr #14 (1425) Bruce K. Kelley - #4 (425) Jordan W. Settle - #43 (3425) Douglas R McCall - #18 (1400) Dale W. Woomer - #52 (6075)

Yellow Crescent for SAMSAR Award Need 1500 points Stephen B. McCully (1500)

In addition to the SAMSAR the following members are recognized through the membership recruitment program for 2018.

These members signed on the first line for two candidates in one calendar year, receiving their dues paid for 2019: Wm. Matthew Evans, Danne R. Kindle, Jordan W. Settle, and John M. Collins

These members signed on the 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: Jordan W. Settle and Wm. Matthew Evans

These members signed on the first line sign five candidates, you will receive a voucher good for \$250 of any Potentate's Trip: Jordan W. Settle

These members signed on the first line sign ten candidates, and will receive a Jaffa Life Membership: Jordan W. Settle

Congratulations to these members on these accomplishments!

SAMSAR Points Top 50

#	Name Total	l Points	#	Name	Total Points	#	Name	Total Points
1	Dale R Woomer P.P.	6,000	18	William J Harris P.P.	1,875	35	Robert J Huether	1,150
2	Jordan W Settle	3,275	19	David P Peterman	1,875	36	John L Buzard	1,125
3	Fred N Imler Sr P.P.	3,125	20	Ray A Nycum Jr	1,800	37	John R Cottle	1,100
4	Robert C Nagle	3,100	21	Todd K Wilkins Sr	1,800	38	Danne R Kindle	1,100
5	Ralph W Arthur Jr P.P.	2,850	22	Roy E Cook Jr	1,725	39	Vernon A Carey, P.P.	1,075
6	Darrel L Bathurst P.P.	2,850	23	Leon Collins	1,625	40	H Foster Snively, P.P.	1,075
7	Paul A McCabe	2,650	24	Howard V Cook	1,625	41	Charles W Hudson	1,050
8	Paul J Simpson	2,475	25	David O Swartz	1,625	42	John B Richardson	1,050
9	Leroy W Kerns	2,400	26	Jack H Speece	1,575	43	Kenneth E Shockey	1,050
10	Gerald W Graham	2,375	27	Stephen B McCully	1,500	44	James C Russell	975
11	Francis L Welsch	2,300	28	William E Herr Sr	1,425	45	William D Chilcote	950
12	James T Edwards	2,225	29	Douglas R McCall	1,400	46	David W Bithell	925
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17	George R Uzzell	1,900	34	Chester H Pribble P.	P. 1,250	51	Kenneth C Pine	850

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE VISITED BY THE BLACK CAMEL

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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
John H. Mellott	State College, PA	5/20/2017	James A. Hepner	Portage, PA	4/10/2018
Max Pallas Jr.	Pittsburgh, PA	6/26/2017	James L. Dietzen	Blairsville, PA	4/13/2018
Harry M. Gulliver	Friedens, PA	10/10/2017	Bernard F. Swartz	Huntingdon, PA	4/14/2018
Joseph W. Rager	New Florence, PA	12/12/2017	James R. Phillips	Windber, PA	4/17/2018
Robert L. Fry	Dillsburg, PA	12/22/2017	Zane W. Graffius	Ramey, PA	4/18/2018
Orville R. Marshall	Luthersburg, PA	1/8/2018	J. D. Maierhofer	St. Petersburg, FL	4/23/2018
Richard E. Shimer	Altoona, PA	1/10/2018	William E. Clark	Tyrone, PA	5/3/2018
John W. Birely	Hollidaysburg, PA	1/12/2018	John F. Patterson	Irvona, PA	5/4/2018
Arthur C. Burkey	New Paris, PA	1/19/2018	John H. Templon	Altoona, PA	5/9/2018
Robert C. Pine	Altoona, PA	1/20/2018	Harry B. Thompson	Hollidaysburg, PA	5/16/2018
Douglas C. Panasiti	DeLand, FL	1/22/2018	Thomas E. Allshouse	DuBois, PA	5/18/2018
William A. Schrader	Johnstown, PA	1/25/2018	John M. Miller	Altoona, PA	6/4/2018
Samuel R. Hillegas	Fairhope, PA	1/25/2018	Glenn B. Smith	Loganton, PA	6/17/2018
Thomas R. Ratchford	Cresson, PA	1/26/2018	Duane T. Woodring	Reedsville, PA	7/21/2018
William L. Guinivan	Cresson, PA	1/30/2018	Harry H. Negley III	Huntingdon, PA	8/14/2018
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Chester E. Wingert	Danville, PA	2/20/2018	Dale F. Evans	Tyrone, PA	09/17/2018
Byron P. Murphy	Altoona, PA	2/21/2018	J. Austin Walter	Roaring Spring, PA	09/18/2018
John W. Rutherford	Tyrone, PA	2/26/2018	Oscar L. Dearmitt	Pennsylvania Furnace, PA	9/27/2018
Howard W. Mann	Altoona, PA	2/26/2018	John D. Hills	Lock Haven, PA	10/1/2018
James J. Orzehowski	Johnstown, PA	2/26/2018	Earl M. Parker, Jr.	Brookville, PA	10/1/2018
Donald E. Lloyd	Clearfield, PA	3/7/2018	Daryl E. Pollard	Martinsburg, PA	10/6/2018
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J. Richard James	Montgomery, PA	4/7/2018	Robert J. Eisler	Shanksville, PA	11/14/2018

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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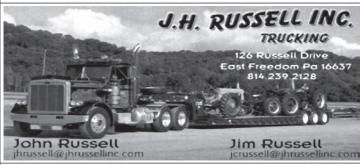
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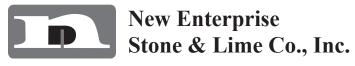
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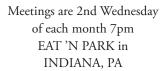


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