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2021 ELECTED DIVAN



Front Row: Barry Wright - Treasurer, Randall Colyer - High Priest and Prophet, David Dodson - Chief Rabban, James Miller - Potentate, Christopher Ritchey - Assistant Rabban, Gary Smith - Oriental Guide, Danne Kindle - Recorder. Back Row: Dwayne Kaufman - 2nd Ceremonial Master, Dan Kindle - Captain of the Guard, Eric Ramsey - Marshall, Dwayne Garman - Outer Guard.

POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



To All Nobles, Ladies and Friends of Jaffa,

Boy does time fly. It just seems like yesterday that I announced I was going to run for Oriental Guide, and now I was elected the 118th Potentate of Jaffa Shrine. What an honor and I hope to continue the traditions of my predecessors.

I would first like to thank Illustrious Sir Rob Harkins and Lady Teri for their service to Jaffa. I realize their year was not what they had planned, but under the circumstances, they represented Jaffa in an outstanding way.

Membership is the key to success in 2021. With the membership numbers dropping to under 2200, now is the time for Jaffa to shine. With Masonic Lodges starting to open back up, get ready to have petitions signed. We are planning a Full Ceremonial on May 22 if we have enough candidates.

Going into 2021 we will continue to face adversities due the pandemic, but hopefully have a successful second half of the year. Many thanks to those Nobles who came out for the annual elections. This was the first time in many years that the office of Oriental Guide was contested. Congratulations to Gary Smith on being elected Oriental Guide.

Lady Debbie and I are looking forward to upcoming events this year. The Potentate's Reception is scheduled for May 8. The theme is "NO PLACE WE'D RATHER BE", a beach-themed party. Our trip is scheduled for July 17-24 at a destination to be determined. Due to the present traveling conditions, we have to take into all considerations of safety. Detail of the trip and a meeting date will be coming out in early March. MASA will be held in Virginia Beach from September 9-12. Housing Chairman, Jason Wilkinson is currently working on the pricing with the hotels. The Circus has been changed to four days this year. Dates are October 14-17. There will be nine shows.

The entire Divan is looking forward to working with you this coming year. We will need everyone's help in making Jaffa the best it can be.

Yours in the faith,

James F. Miller
Potentate

2021 EVENTS

Ceremonial May 22
Potentate's Reception . . . May 8
Potentate's Trip. July 17-24
MASA. September 9-12
Circus October 14 -17

CONFEDERATE RAILROAD AND WHEY JENNINGS



SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2021
AT THE JAFFA AUDITORIUM

Doors open at 6:30. Show time is 7:30.

***Ticket prices: \$42 for Floor Seating, \$32 for Below
the Walkway and \$22 for above the walkway.***

Tickets available at the box office or JaffaShrineCenter.com



SOMERSET COUNTY SHRINE CLUB REPORT

The Somerset Shrine Club met at the Fraternal Order of Eagles, January 28, 2021. President Stan Landis and his Lady Bonnie greeted the Nobles and their Ladies. Acting Chaplain Bill Hoffman offered the Invocation. President Stan led with the flag salute.

Our guests from Jaffa were Potentate Jim Miller, P.P. Bob Baranik, P.P. Jerry Lower, also International Rep. Leon Collins. Potentate Jim Miller presented Paul Keyser with his 50 year pin – congratulations.

There will be a four-day Circus October 14th to the 17th. The Potentate's Reception is May 8th.

The 50/50 drawing went to Ann Kimble which she donated back to the club. There were 18 Nobles and Ladies present at the meeting. Acting Chaplain Bill Hoffman offered the Benediction.

Reporter, Stan Landis



50 YEAR AWARDS

Noble Paul Keyser of the Somerset Shrine Club was recently presented his certificate and pin for serving the Jaffa Shriners for 50 Years by Potentate Jim Miller. Those in attendance were Illustrious Sir Gerald Lower - Past Potentate, Noble Keyser, Jim Miller - Potentate and Illustrious Sir Bob Baranik - Past Potentate.

Others receiving 50 year awards in 2021 were: Illustrious Sir Darrell L. Bathurst - Past Potentate, Noble Richard Butler and Noble Richard Lehner, Jr.

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OFFICE**

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**TEN DRAWING DATES IN 2021**
\$10,000 EACH DRAWING

OCTOBER 3	OCTOBER 31	NOVEMBER 21	DECEMBER 5	DECEMBER 19
OCTOBER 17	NOVEMBER 14	NOVEMBER 28	DECEMBER 12	DECEMBER 26

WINNERS WILL BE DRAWN ON FACEBOOK LIVE

DONATION: \$100

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DRAWING TIMES WILL BE POSTED TO FACEBOOK
ONE WEEK PRIOR TO EACH DRAWING DATE.

SMALL GAME OF CHANCE #
2020-33

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SPECIAL RAFFLE PERMIT
1311

Mid Atlantic Shrine Association

2021 Annual Meeting and Parade

Virginia Beach, Virginia

September 9-12, 2021

LODGING WILL BE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS

Four Points by Sheraton Virginia Beach Oceanfront at 1211 Atlantic Avenue
 Best Western Plus Sandcastle Oceanfront Hotel at 1307 Atlantic Avenue
 Barclay Tower Suites at 809 Atlantic Avenue

Below is the package pricing per room. Unit room assignments will be announced after deposits are turned in and room counts can be estimated. Unit housing representatives please contact housing@jaffashriners.org to receive your registration sheet.

	Standard Room (K or QQ)	Upgraded Room (Limited availability at Four Points or Best Western)
6 night package (M-T-W-TH-F-S)	\$900	\$1,200
5 night package (T-W-TH-F-S)	\$800	\$1,025
4 night package (W-TH-F-S)	\$675	\$850
3 night package (TH-F-S)	\$550	\$650

Wednesday through Saturday Hospitality Rooms\$400
 Transportation Costs contact housing@jaffashriners.org if interested in transportation
 Registration Fees (all members must pay)..... \$35 member

HOUSING POLICIES

1. All reservations must be made directly through your Unit/Club Housing Representative. This includes details on your stay and any guests that may accompany you. All suites are first come, first served; contact housing@jaffashriners.org to reserve suites or alternate hotels.
2. All MASA Registrations will be purchased separately from housing this year.
3. This year you may pay by credit card at the office. Please instruct the office administrator to notify the unit and the MASA Housing Committee of your payment. Please retain all receipts until the end of October in case an error is made. You will still be responsible to register with your unit.
4. All units are responsible for deposit and final payment costs. A deposit of \$100 per room is due at the office by June 1, 2021. Final payments are due at the office by July 27, 2021. If either payment is late an additional cost of \$100 will be assessed to the unit.
5. Cancellations may be made prior to July 27 without charge. Any cancellation after July 26, the party will be responsible for any registration fees. Cancellations after August 17, the party will be responsible for any registration fees and a single night stay. Any reservation that does not check in at their scheduled time or does not contact the MASA Housing Committee will be responsible for any registration fees and a single night stay. All changes and cancellations must be made through a member of the MASA Housing Committee after July 27.
6. Members of the Elected Divan, Chief Aide, Executive Aide, and Personal Aide will register through the office. Past Potentates may register through the office or your unit. Registration through your unit means you will be lodged at the hotel your unit is assigned. Individuals not a member of a unit may register at the office and they will be assigned a hotel room sometime after July 27.
7. Check-in time must adhere to hotel policy. Any additional charges incurred will be billed to the unit. The hotels have been instructed to not accept any check-ins on a day prior to the scheduled day.

MEMORIAL ON THE PASSING OF PAST POTENTATE FRED N. IMLER, SR.

Whereas, on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 the Supreme Architect of the universe sent the black camel, which carried our esteemed brother, Illustrious Sir Fred N. Imler, Sr. to his eternal reward, and

Whereas, That great architect in his infinite wisdom, called our exalted Masonic brother, devoted husband, Father, and eminent Blair County citizen from his earthly labors to rest in that home on high, not made by hands eternal in the heavens, and

Whereas, His untiring efforts, unswerving loyalty and devotion to his Fraternity earned him the esteem and admiration of his brothers and his passing will leave an everlasting void in the minds and hearts of all the Nobility, and as Potentate of Jaffa Shrine in 1980 his sound judgment and sage counsel were invaluable resources to all the Nobles of Jaffa Shrine, and

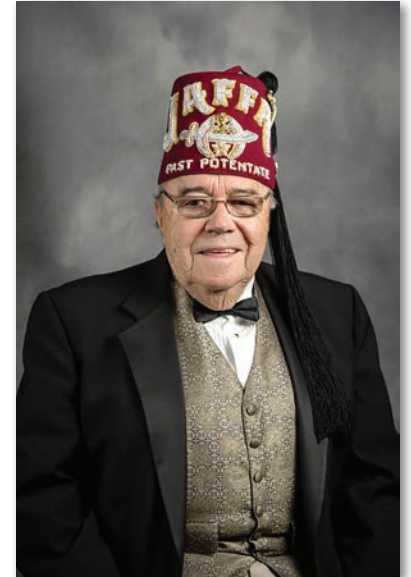
Whereas, He was born in Hollidaysburg, son of the late Lester P. and Mary Christine Imler. Fred married Joann Erb in 1952. They spent a wonderful 63 years together and she passed on October 26, 2014. He is survived by four children; Nancy Morgan (Harry), Cheryl Davis, Fred Imler II (Cherrie Henry) and Karen Hetrick (Barry); 13 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and his significant other and traveling companion Audrey Burgan of Altoona. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Richard and Darrell Imler.

Whereas, Fred attended and graduated from Hollidaysburg High School. Fred spent his entire life in the family business, Imler's Poultry, six generations strong, Fred Imler, Sr. being the fourth generation. The business had to adapt and change over the years, changing locations several times as the company grew. He was an active and vibrant presence in the business, actively participating until his death. Fred was a man bigger than life, dedicated to his God, family, and numerous passions. He touched the lives of thousands of individuals and organizations. He was a member of Grace United Church of Christ since birth and provided generous support to his church.

Whereas, He was a member of the Jaffa Shriners for over 50 years, was recognized by the Imperial Potentate of Shriners International with the Award of Merit, and held various posts within the Shrine. The Shriners Hospital for Children was one of his passions. As a member of the board, he made many trips to Philadelphia.

Whereas, friends were received Saturday, January 16, 2021 from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Jaffa Shrine Center. Family and friends met at the Jaffa Shrine Center on Sunday, January 17, 2021 where a Masonic Funeral was held at 8 p.m., and also from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Monday, January 18, 2021 at the Jaffa Shrine Center where a funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Interment was made at Alto-Reste Park Cemetery.

Whereas, The Potentate and Elective Divan unite with the Past Potentates and Nobility in this expression of enduring grief, which has been sustained by the Fraternity of which he was so faithful and prominent member; and be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be printed in a timely issue of the Jaffa Journal.



This memorial was prepared by Thomas M. Foose, Jr., P.P.

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. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Noble	Location	Expired	Noble	Location	Expired
Arthur W. Sickinger	New Philadelphia, OH	12/1/2018	William D. Nixon	Ashville, PA	6/3/2020
Donald R. Graham	Lilly, PA	12/3/2018	Richard N. Rearick	Kittanning, PA	6/5/2020
Roy E. Hemminger	Somerset, PA	5/31/2019	Warren A. Gingrich	Holidaysburg, PA	6/8/2020
Lester D. Edgin	Mount Union	5/28/2019	Edwin F. Wilt, Jr.	Altoona, PA	6/10/2020
Ralph P. Remaley	Chicora, PA	6/30/2019	William D. Thompson	Holidaysburg, PA	6/15/2020
Mark E. Leamer	Huntingdon, PA	9/1/2019	Henry M. Brinker	Delmont, PA	6/19/2020
Ronald L. Feight	Bedford, PA	9/5/2019	John M. Duff, Jr.	Blairsville, PA	6/21/2020
Robert R. Brown	Clairton, PA	11/8/2019	Anthony J. Palumbo	Dubois, PA	6/25/2020
W. Clark Packer	Snow Shoe, PA	12/3/2019	Paul A. Laus	Rockwood, PA	6/25/2020
J. D. Corman, Jr.	Belleville, PA	12/8/2019	Don C. Meyer	State College, PA	7/20/2020
Wayne L. Runk	Mount Union, PA	12/25/2019	Robert L. Rupp	Duncansville, PA	7/27/2020
Richard C. Probst	Lock Haven, PA	12/30/2019	C. William Lauver	Indiana, PA	8/16/2020
John D. Szymckec	Martinsburg, PA	1/13/2020	Robert W. Turkovich	Bedford, PA	8/25/2020
Douglas W. Litzinger	Gallitzin, PA	1/22/2020	John W. Snyder	Murrysville, PA	8/29/2020
Paul R. Hencel	Armaugh, PA	1/30/2020	Emory P. Miller	Rockton, PA	9/16/2020
David M. Champe	Morgantown, WV	2/10/2020	Walter S. Wilt	Altoona, PA	9/30/2020
Ronald P. Scheeler	Altoona, PA	2/16/2020	Robert E. Mitchell	Seward, PA	10/23/2020
William C. Twist	Philipsburg, PA	2/27/2020	Max W. Ankney	Somerset, PA	10/26/2020
William Logue	Martinsburg, PA	2/28/2020	Franklin D. Shaffer	Everett, PA	11/14/2020
Theodore Dybus	Ashville, PA	3/4/2020	John B. Richardson	Altoona, PA	11/17/2020
William L. Gilliland	Huntingdon, PA	3/6/2020	Henry C. Weinberg	Altoona, PA	11/18/2020
Lloyd S. Hughes	Johnstown, PA	3/13/2020	George W. Duff	Lock Haven, PA	12/7/2020
Andrew Ruben	Edgewater, FL	3/13/2020	Milton R. Weaver	Mill Hall, PA	12/7/2020
Maynard D. Amond	Indiana, PA	3/18/2020	David A. Zeek	Holidaysburg, PA	12/8/2020
James K. Hershberger	Martinsburg, PA	3/20/2020	Harry E. McGee	Altoona, PA	12/11/2020
Eugene E. Sauer	Altoona, PA	3/22/2020	Larry R. Boop	Reedsville, PA	12/14/2020
Oliver A. Cunkelman	Homer City, PA	4/3/2020	Kenneth E. Shockey	Somerset, PA	12/18/2020
Patsy F. Defelice, Jr.	Punxsutawney, PA	4/6/2020	Lee P. Nelson	Dubois, PA	12/20/2020
Melvin R. Arnold	Davidsville, PA	4/11/2020	Walter A. Siry	Altoona, PA	12/22/2020
Robert H. Crook	Carrolltown, PA	5/16/2020	Wayne C. Lowry	Friedens, PS	12/26/2020
John G. Myers	Altoona, PA	5/22/2020	Ronald L. McCleary	Holidaysburg, PA	12/26/2020
R. Clair McClellan	Bonita Springs, FL	5/23/2020	Donald E. Grove	Altoona, PA	12/30/2020

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 Center. We 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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Spine procedure helps patient get back into the swing of things

For many unknown reasons, scoliosis predominantly affects teenage girls, but many teenage boys are also diagnosed with the condition each year. Like many others, Seth's family sought help through a family friend, who is a chiropractor, when he received his diagnosis. Seth's curve was at about 25 degrees when he started going to the chiropractor, and had progressed to 40 degrees when they realized the treatments were not working a couple of months later.

Seth's chiropractor suggested that he consider surgery and directed his family to a Facebook Group, where they learned about Shriners Hospitals for Children - Philadelphia and its special vertebral body tethering (VBT) procedure as an alternative to spinal fusion. Seth had his initial appointment with Joshua Pahys, M.D., in January 2017, and was scheduled for surgery in March. By this time, Seth's curve had progressed to 58 degrees.

"Seth and his family were incredibly tough and resilient through the entire process," said Dr. Pahys. "It is certainly not easy for many families to comprehend surgery on an otherwise healthy and active teenager. Seth's hard work and positive attitude helped him bounce back speedily to playing golf. He has far exceeded our expectations, and hope he continues to progress in his golfing career."

Seth was nervous that having surgery would affect his ability to play golf, and is happy that having surgery did not change too many things for him, "I was worried that my stroke would be slower and perhaps not as strong," said Seth. "But really, I am right about where I was and able to compete with others in my age group."

Today, Seth plays on his high school golf team and competes in several tournaments throughout the year. He is hoping to get a golf scholarship to college, where he plans to study finance. "I want to be a finance professional, but I would also love to be a professional golfer, too," said Seth. "Thanks to Shriners Hospitals, anything can be possible now."



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