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III. Sir Jeff Geske, Potentate of Moslem Shriners
has called for a Stated Meeting and Election of Officers
for the Moslem Shriners

To be held on Monday,
December 9, 2019 at 7:00 PM

at the Shrine Center in Southfield, Michigan.
Entry to the meeting will require possession
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So Ordered: Illustrious Sir Jeff Geske

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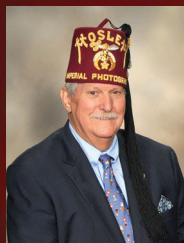
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CHILDCARE CHRISTMAS PARTY

For the upcoming Childcare Christmas Party on **December 15th**, we are opting to do something a little different this year and we are getting the notice out now so there is plenty of time for our Nobles and their Ladies to prepare. Keeping with the First Ladies theme of "Our Kids are Never Alone," Moslem's Child Care Coordinator, Pam York, and her team will be placing a giving tree in the Unit room hallway sometime early September. On this tree will be ornaments with the names of kids in our care along with their age and gender. The premise of a giving tree is very simple:

1. Take an ornament, or as many as you want, off the tree.
2. Purchase an item for the child / children based on their gender and age.
 - a. We are limiting the cost of each of the items to be within a \$20 to \$25 range, so it is constant.
3. Nobles, I would highly recommend asking your Lady for assistance up front on what to buy – it will save you a trip back to the store to exchange it later on.
4. Bring the item to the Shrine and drop it off.
5. Repeat

In the past, we have had some truly wonderful experiences interacting with the kids and their families during the holiday party, but this way they will have something that they can take with them and then unwrap when they get home on Christmas Day from the Shriners.

The Unit or Club that donates the most for this event will be given special recognition prior to the Installation of Officers in 2020 which will be my last official act as Potentate for Moslem Shrine.

We are all Shriners and taking care of kids is what we are all about so, I am asking for as much assistance as we can possibly get to make this event a real success.

YITF, Jeff G.



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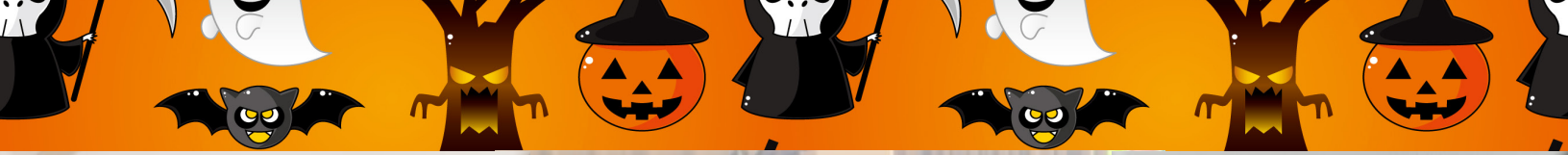
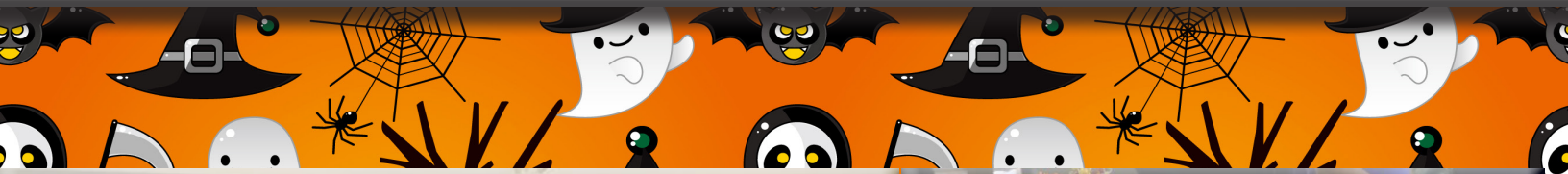
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Branch County Shriners host picnic, donate \$500 to Shriners Hospital



On Aug. 19 the Branch County Shriners Club held its annual fish fry and picnic at the farm of Jim and Linda. At the picnic, the club hosted members from Moslem, Mizpah and Battle Creek Shriners. Moslem Shriners will have its Shriners Hospital for Children bus and a motorized unit for this year's Halloween parade in Coldwater. Business from the meeting included a donation of \$500 to the Shriners Hospital for Children in Chicago. The next meeting will be held at Broadway Grille in Coldwater at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16. Blue Lodge members are encouraged to attend. [COURTESY PHOTO]

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PAST MASTER UNIT

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Oh, Lord, now this we're thankful for:
The good things life has held in store;
The love of those within our home,
And friends to greet wherever we roam;
The health and strength wherewith to toil,
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And worship Thee in our own way;
To live within a land that's free;
For this, dear Lord, our thanks to Thee;
And through these blessings, one by one,
May Thy will, Lord, on earth be done!

It is true when they say that when you are having fun that time flies. Take a good look at your calendar and get a big shock. November is here and summer is but a memory, and we still have much to do the remainder of the year.

The Past Master Unit is looking for a few good men. We need to build up our membership to assist us in putting on the Second Section of the Master Mason Degree at Blue Lodges in the Detroit Metropolitan area. If you are a Worshipful Master of your Lodge, or a Past Master and also a member of Moslem Shrine Temple, please give this your serious attention and call the Director, John Thornhill at 248-488-9711 or e-mail him at jwmt@aol.com.

On Saturday, September 28th, the Past Master Unit had a Visitation to Detroit Lodge #2 F&AM to put on the Second Section of The Master Mason Degree at the Masonic Temple in Detroit. The work was excellent and I thank all the Worshipful Brothers that took a part. You are the greatest. Thanks to all the Brothers at Detroit Lodge #2 F&AM for providing lunch and dinner and their wonderful warm hospitality.

Thanks to Worshipful Brother Kevin Betz, food is now served at all Past Master Unit meetings.



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MEMBERSHIP



Hello Mighty Moslemites!

I'm fresh off the Membership Training Seminar in Tampa along the Illustrious Sir Jeff and Chief Rabban Ray and man did we get a bunch of ideas! Turns out, nationwide, we are no different than most temples with regards to membership decline as well as Masonry Membership decline. However, there are some temples who are turning it around and have reported membership gains! How are they doing it? It takes Shrine Masons, like yourself to be dedicated and disciplined to take a part in preserving and helping to add to our members. This includes being active within your lodges an going back to the basics of serving the community.

On this day of October 30th 2019, we currently have 1886 members of the 1910 we began with this year. Unfortunately we have lost 81 of our Nobles to travel with the Black Camel. 52 new Nobles have been created, 11 restorations and 3 affiliations have been added to keep on pace. We currently have 21 unfulfilled petitions to join the Shrine. (If you're keeping track, that means we could have as many as 73 new Nobles for the Fall Ceremonial!) This will be the largest class held since Fall of 2010! **The Membership Drive Continues. Please remember that the Pote's special deal of the membership petition fee for \$100 does not end until December 31st.**

Fellow Shriners, please know that those members in arrears on their dues are not permitted to participate in Shrine events until they are current. This includes the upcoming business meeting and elections. NPD's are one of the leading sources of losses within Shrine membership and is one of the easiest to avoid. Simply look at your card to see if it is current and call our Shrine Office to make arrangements for payment if necessary. If you haven't seen a Brother in awhile, reach out and see what their situation is to assist.

Be on the look out for "Red Shirts"! Each of the newly created Nobles may be wearing a red shirt with Potentate's Unit marked on them. These Nobles are not ready to be enlisted into a unit until they have completed the base requirements of the Pote's unit to move about to others. You are however, encouraged to reach out and introduce yourself. I can tell you, this group is younger, energetic and eager to pitch in for the temple and hospitals. Please make them and their families welcome.



Fraternally Yours,

Noble Rick Gaines
Moslem Temple
Membership Committee Chairman
GLSCUA 2020 President
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Nobles All Greetings

From time to time we depart from the norm and let someone from outside the organization tell their story. In the case below is a letter received at the Shrine Center from Joselyn Johnson, Mother of Shrine patient Ally Johnson



Ally's Journey

Ally's journey began in July of 2017. She was first diagnosed by her pediatrician with a severe scoliosis. At diagnosis she was thirteen years old and had an s-curve of

58 and 41 degrees. Her pediatrician referred her to see a specialist at Children's Hospital in Detroit. Before going to the appointment I started doing some research. I knew those numbers were high and that Ally was more than likely going to need surgery. Ally went to the appointment with a specialist at Children's Hospital in Detroit. The specialist recommended that she should have spinal fusion. He said it needed to be done in the next three months. He also said he wouldn't know how far down he would have to fuse her until the day of surgery. Ally has been a dancer all of her life. So the thought of fusing her down in her lumbar just didn't sit well with us.

I joined a scoliosis support group on Facebook and learned about a surgery called VBT that was being performed at Shriners Hospital in Philadelphia. I sent Ally's X-rays to Philly and then waited to hear if she was a candidate for VBT. The hospital called and said that she should be a candidate for the surgery and made us an appointment with Dr. Hwang. That's when a family friend, Debbie put us in contact with Judy and Bob O'Brien. They told us to contact Pam so we could start the process to get Ally to Philadelphia. Pam was just awesome to talk to on the phone. She helped to calm down my "worry mom brain." We booked our flights and hotel and we were heading to Philly in August of 2017.

It's hard to not get emotional when I talk about how much we love Shriners Hospital of Philadelphia from the first time we walked into the doors. We were greeted at the front desk with smiles. At that first appointment I think we were all nervous and excited. I of course also came with a list of questions. Dr. Hwang didn't make us feel rushed at all. He talked with us about fusion and VBT and the pros and cons of both operations. I don't know how to put into words that we just knew we were in the right place with the right surgeon for Ally. The first appointment was a very long.

CHILDCARE Continued...

Ally had to do a few tests while we were there to clear her for surgery. Every person we came in contact with was amazing. Dr. Hwang did approve Ally to have VBT surgery and we decided that's what would be best for her.

VBT uses cords instead of rods to keep the spine flexible. With Ally being so young and so active at the time she needed surgery we decided this was what was best for her. VBT is basically like putting braces on your spine. It straightens the spine as the patient grows. In case you didn't know this surgery was created by Dr. Samdani and Dr. Betz at Shriners Hospital in Philadelphia. Pretty darn amazing that our kid was able to apart of something that is changing the lives of many kids with scoliosis. At the time of Ally's surgery VBT was still a part of an FDA study. Meaning it was not FDA approved at that time. It was just recently approved by the FDA just a few weeks ago. Again so amazing to see that Shriners Hospital is the reason for that approval!

Ally's surgery was on October 5th, 2017. Detroit Shriners paid for our travel expenses and our stay at Ronald McDonald House. Not having to worry about that part was a huge weight lifted off our shoulders. That morning of surgery was a whirlwind. Ally is a strong girl but when they came and told her it was time to get ready to go she instantly started to cry. When we got to pre-op the staff instantly started talking to Ally and introducing themselves. I could not believe how many people that were going to be in her surgery came out to talk to her. I will be honest the weeks leading up to her surgery I cried and prayed every single day. I was so nervous even though I knew we had made the right choice for her. After leaving her in pre-op I was truly calm. I knew she was in the very best of hands. I knew that she was going to be okay. Surgery was almost eight hours long. Ally is a double tether so they did her thoracic curve first and then flipped her and did her lumbar curve. She originally was only going to be a single tether. The decision to make her a double was decided the morning of surgery. Her bottom curve had gotten 9 degrees worse in six weeks. So at the time of surgery she was at 61 and 50 degrees.

She spent that first night in PICU and the staff was awesome. She moved to a regular room the next morning. She spent a total of five nights in the hospital and I was able to stay there with her the entire time. The nursing staff was so good to all of us. Ally wanted to get home the same day she was discharged. We drove so we could stop and let her walk around when she needed to. I was surprised that she wanted us to do all that driving back to Michigan in one day. We took our time and she did really well.

Since surgery we have been back to Philly four times for checkups. Usually it goes 6 weeks, 6 months, 1 year and then return once a year after that. Well Ally was two inches taller right after surgery and then grew another three inches after that. So a total of five inches taller in less than six months. So because she grew so much and her spine corrected so much Dr. Hwang also asked for her to be seen at 18 months post-op. Her 18 month checkup was in April of this year and they do think she has two breaks in her cords. That's not necessarily a bad thing because sometimes when a child corrects so much the spine can over correct (go the opposite way). Which could mean they need to go in and cut the cord. Since it broke on its own they don't need to do that. In April Ally's curves were at 21 and 15 degrees. That's very mild and we are hoping that she stays stable. Her next appointment is in a few weeks. If all goes well they might not have her come back for another year.

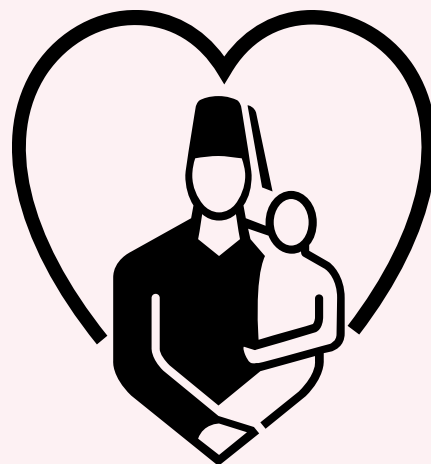
CHILDCARE Continued...

Even though I am always a little nervous before Ally's appointments we truly do look forward to our trips to Philly. It has almost become like a second home to us. Not only has it been fun to explore the city we look forward to seeing the staff at the hospital. I love how they remember us as soon as we walk in the door. It might seem crazy to others, but Shriners Hospital for Children Philadelphia is one of my favorite places to go. We are so lucky that Dr. Hwang is Ally's surgeon. At her last appointment when we learned about the possible two breaks I had more questions when we got home. I sent him an email and had a response from him in less than thirty minutes. I also love that at Ally's appointments he always asks her what she has been up to. A lot of surgeons do not have that kind of bedside manner. We are so blessed to have him.

When I sit and think about Ally's entire journey it makes so thankful. My grandfather was a Shriner all of my life. He started off as a Detroit Shriners in the 70's and when he retired to Florida in the 80's he transferred to Ft. Myers. He for years drove children from Ft. Myers to the Tampa hospital. At one point he had the most miles driven. Here a few years after he passed away his great granddaughter was going to have surgery at a Shriners Hospital. Talk about something coming full circle. My grandmother is in Daughters of the Nile in Florida. I'm thankful she was able to see what amazing care Ally has received. My husband is self-employed and I'm a stay at home mom. The insurance we have is very restricted. It covers nothing out of the state of Michigan. So Shriners has given us and Ally such an amazing gift. They fixed our girls spine and give her excellent care. They will also help get us to Philly when we need them to. It's like we won the lottery but even better. Nobody ever wants to hear that their child needs surgery. Detroit Shriners and Shriners Philly made a really hard situation so much better. We will be giving back to Shriners for the rest of our lives. It will always hold a special place in our hearts.

In closing I would like to share a little about Ally now. She is a very active 15 year old girl. She still dances and is in color guard at her high school. She had a dance solo in her winter guard competition this year and her team placed first in the state. She's involved in student council, class congress, and also became an ambassador for Shriners Philly. She loves to give back to the hospital and talk about her experience. She has shared her experience with other kids that also need surgery. She loves to share her experience and raise money for the hospital.

Until we meet again.....Bob O'Brien, Past Potentate Child Care Director



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