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Recorder's Ramblings

Merging our database into the Tampa central WebFez has been ***INTERESTING***. Last October, I noticed that Nobles who had just been created in 2015 were being assessed as being in arrears for \$100 for 2014. It was corrected. Nobles who requested and received demits in 2015 are still being billed for 2016 dues. This too was corrected. It is taking about eight weeks from the date your payment is recorded by us to the date of mailing your dues card from Tampa.

You may sign on to edit your own record for addresses, phone numbers, email, etc. at <https://webfez.shrinenet.org/>. At last count, 14 of you have.

The following is a direct quote from WebFez: "Membership Cards are only mailed to the 'Home' or 'Temporary' Address. The 'Temporary' address is used when the mailing date for the card falls between the Start Date and End Date indicated for the address.

The 'Home' address is used when:

- There is no temporary address, or
- The temporary address does not have both a Start Date and an End Date, or
- The End Date of the temporary address has passed.

If there is no address for the Noble, the card will be mailed to the temple."

We had about a dozen dues cards that were mailed to Noble's home addresses during a period when they were not there and were sent to our post box for postage due, because the mass mailing from Tampa does not qualify for automatic forwarding. We have tried to reunite these cards with their owners.

Editor's Corner

Please send all articles, information, and photos to thekellys@nycap.rr.com.

Format for articles, ads, flyers: Microsoft Word, Times Roman, 12 point is preferred. **Please do NOT pdf** your documents. I cannot open them.

Photos: Pictures from cell phones are not clean enough. Digital camera photos are preferred. Bring your real camera to functions, snap away, and then email photos to me as an **attachment**.

Shirley Kelly, Editor
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Potentate's Message



Dear Nobles and Friends,

I hope you are enjoying the summer. It certainly has been a warm one. I hope you take advantage of this weather because the alternative will be here before we know it!

Imperial Session was a great success this year. Thank you to Bob and

Pat Zentner, Karl and Betty Koch, Tony and Pranit Prizza, Jim and Jai Pulver, and Ben Garry for joining Lynn and me in Tampa.

CONGRATULATIONS! Imperial Sir Kevin R. Costello, our new Imperial Outer Guard. Please congratulate Kevin and Jill and give them your support. I know he will continue to support Cyprus Shriners and make us all proud as he advances up the Imperial line.

Please see the calendar of events for the remainder of the year that is on the back cover of this edition. Mark on your calendar the many opportunities to serve and participate in the activities of your Shrine Center. I particularly call your attention to the Germanfest, Fall Ceremonial, Potentate's Reception, and the Gun Raffle. Aside from our very successful bingo program, the gun raffle is our only fund raiser. The raffle has been a success in past years but it can be much more successful if we all make a sincere effort to sell the raffle tickets. The format is different this year in that the tickets are in booklets of four tickets. If you sell the three purple tickets, you get one free yellow ticket. This free ticket entitles you to admission into the event, a chance to win all of the guns included in the raffle, and entry into the sellers' only drawing for a 1st prize of \$500.00. You will receive ticket booklets to sell and hopefully pass out to sportsmen clubs, volunteer fire organizations and the like. The free ticket should be an incentive for all of us to be **active participants** in this program. Together we can make this fundraiser a great success.

The real estate transactions are progressing. We now have contracts to sell the property and purchase the Milestone Restaurant. We are doing our inspection and submitting our applications to the town for building permits and sign approvals. I will keep you informed of all developments. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me.

Finally, as always, I want to encourage all of us to keep membership development as our first priority. As I have indicated in past messages, we are below 500 members. While this is scary, I submit the remedy for our present decline in our census is within our control. Our Immediate Past Imperial Potentate encouraged us "to become **active participants** in our fraternity because the future of Shriners International belongs to us, and is ours to shape and strengthen." To accomplish this we need to continue to grow in our manhood through honest and active participation in the Shrine and by demonstrating to the whole community around us that we are indeed a vital and relevant organization committed to charity, true fellowship, and brotherly love. The very good news is that I believe we are well on our way to putting this formula into action as we are adopting modern technology and practices as a means of staying relevant and reaching out to new members. Evidence of this is our new web site and the use of all manner of social media to promote our many innovative social opportunities. You all realize that communication and innovation are keys to sharing our gifts so that we can attract good men to the Shrine and so that all Nobles and Masons can become and stay active. If we continue to follow this simple formula, I believe we will secure our future for ourselves and succeeding generations of men. Through your good efforts we are sowing the seeds of our rebirth.

Thank you for your continuing help and support.

Yours in the Faith,
John

Illustrious Sir John W. Scott

Breaking News

The Potentate and Divan have nominated Noble Gerald Irwin as our Associate Representative to the Board of Governors of Springfield Hospital. We congratulate Gerry and thank him for his willingness to serve our philanthropy. We are confident Gerry will be an asset to the Board.

Potentate's Reception

Cyprus Shrine cordially invites you and your Lady
To A Roaring 20's Speakeasy Reception at the Radisson Hotel
205 Wolf Road, Albany, NY 12205



**Honoring Illustrious Sir John W. Scott and Lady Lynn
Saturday, October 8, 2016**

A tremendous evening of serious fun is planned for your enjoyment.

Hospitality Room from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Social Hour at 5:00PM with cash bar and assorted hot and cold Hors D'oeuvres

Dinner featuring a Grilled Filet Mignon and Grilled Chicken entrée at 7:00 PM

Dancing following dinner and dessert

Music provided by

Kenny Casanova & the DJ Service

Formal Black Tie or Dark Suit for the gentlemen

1920's-themed cocktail dress and accessories for the ladies

Sunday Buffet Breakfast at 9:00 AM

**Room Reservations Made Directly with the Hotel
518/458-7264, Rate \$112 plus tax and surcharge**

MAKE YOUR MEAL RESERVATIONS NOW!

Name: _____ **Dinner: How Many?** _____ **@\$60.00 each=\$** _____
Telephone: _____ **Breakfast: How Many?** _____ **@\$22.50 each=\$** _____
Total: \$ _____

Mail to: Cyprus Shriners, 27 Hannay Lane, Glenmont, NY 12077

Letter to Cyprus Nobles from YOUR Imperial Outer Guard,



Good day to all my brother Nobles and their Ladies. I hope you are all having a great summer. Lady Jill and I are enjoying the nice weather and a whole lot of traveling. I would like to begin by saying "Thank You" to all of you who

supported my candidacy for the Imperial Divan. I really appreciate all the support. It was quite the experience. We did work very hard at campaigning; making many friends around the country, which I believe is why we were elected the first year.

It truly does not matter where in this great country a Shriner is from—the South, the Northeast, the Midwest, or the West Coast. We all think very much alike and have very similar concerns. The number one concern across the country is our Membership. We MUST work harder to bring more Masons into the Shrine. And we MUST recruit our friends, neighbors, community members, and people we engage during our daily lives into the Masons! Remember the guy who cuts your grass, works on your car, delivers your fuel oil, waits on your table in a restaurant, or your favorite bartenders are all candidates that you can recruit. Just ask them if they are interested. "Just Get One" should be our motto. Let's work at it together and bring a bunch of new blood into our Blue Lodges and our Shrine Temple! Just as a point of reference: If 20% of our Cyprus Temple Nobility successfully recruited one new member in 2016, that would equate to 96 new members. Let's do it.

Upon my election, I was required to resign from the Springfield Hospital Board, so we have a new member going on the Board. I'm sure Ill. Sir will introduce who that is in this or the next Cyprus News. I will always have a special place in my heart for Springfield Hospital, but now I have been

assigned to Twin Cities Hospital, and I'm responsible to work for all twenty-two hospitals. I look forward to the challenge, and I can assure you that I will be pushing for research and additional disciplines to expand the services we provide in our Hospitals. If you have any comments or ideas, please give me a call at 845-234-0923.

Thank you again for your support. I am honored and humbled to be the first Cyprus Temple Noble to be elected as an Imperial Officer. I am there to serve you, so if I can be of assistance, please let me know. You, as a Cyprus Temple Noble, are obligated by your cable tow to be involved in some manner to support our Temple. There are a few ways to do that: recruit a new member, sell a couple of Monster Raffle tickets, help out with the Sportsman's Raffle by selling a couple of books of tickets, or just go down to the Temple and say hello to your brother Nobles. I can assure you, no matter who you are, you will be greeted with friendship and hospitality. YOU are a Shriner!

With Love and Respect,

Kevin R. Costello, Cyprus
Imperial Outer Guard
Shriners International

In Memoriam



*When Allah calls, then
our friends obey,
And fold their tents and steal away,
To the land where the crystal waters flow,
Where the beautiful Palms of Allah grow.*



It is with great sorrow that we inform you of the passing of Imperial Sir Wayne Lachut. Memorials should be directed to Shriners Hospitals for Children in his memory.



Please keep the Lachut family in your thoughts and prayers.

18th Annual Germanfest

Saturday, August 27, 2016

**The Ulster County Shrine Club
will hold its
18th Annual Germanfest
at the Robert E. Post Park
Town of Ulster, NY**

**Entertainment provided by the
Joe Unger Band**

Continuous serving of German Bratwurst, Hot Dogs, and Burgers will begin at 1 PM with the main meal of Roast Pork and all the trimmings starting at 4 PM. Tickets are \$30.00 and children under 12 accompanied by an adult are free. Beer, Soda & Wine are included. There will be drawings for great Door Prizes throughout the Fest. Come out and join us for a day of fun, relaxation, great food, music and dancing along the banks of the beautiful Hudson River at the Town of Ulster Park—one of the best-kept secrets of the Hudson Valley in Ulster County.

**For tickets and more information call
Kevin Costello 845-234-0923 or Jim Maloney
845-399-6810**

**Please make checks payable to:
Ulster Co. Shrine Club
Mail to: Ulster Co. Shrine Club
16 Dirk Lane, Kingston, NY 12401**

All proceeds are for the benefit of the Ulster County Shrine Club. Contributions and ticket purchases are not deductible as charitable contributions.

Directions to the Town of Ulster Park: NYS Thruway (I-87) to Exit 19, Kingston. Bear right on Route 28 to Route 209 North. Follow Route 209 North to Route 32 South exit. Follow Route 32 South to Robert's Marine. Turn left on Ulster Landing Rd. Take first right (Park Road) into Town of Ulster Park. Go to Pavilion and ENJOY!

Sportsman's Gun Raffle

November 12, 2016

The time has come again for the Sportsman's Raffle, scheduled November 12, 2016, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, at the existing Temple. We have an agreement with the prospective buyer, who has agreed if the building ownership should change, Cyprus Shriners may still use the building for the event.

The Raffle, at Cyprus Temple, will follow the same schedule as it has in the past. There have been fifteen (15) additional prizes added to the list, which totals fifty (50) prizes this year. There will be additional raffles at the event, just as there has been the last few years.

The manner in which we are doing the raffle has changed this year, which will hopefully improve sales of the raffle tickets. Please review the following description of how the raffle will work, and if you have any questions, please contact me.

The raffle tickets now come in a numbered book, which contains three (3) purple raffle tickets with the prizes on the back of the ticket. The fourth yellow ticket in the book is the Sellers Ticket. If the Seller is able to sell the three purple tickets, the yellow ticket is free to the Seller. There is no limit on the number of Sellers Ticket you accumulate.

The Sellers Ticket entitles the possessor to attend the Raffle Event and makes them eligible for the Sportsman's Raffle prizes. Additionally, the Sellers Ticket will enter the individual listed on the Sellers Ticket Stub in a separate raffle for \$500.00 cash prize. You may enter any number of times, consistent with the number of Raffle Books you have sold.

Should you have any questions about the manner in which the raffle will operate, please contact Kevin Costello at 845-234-0923, prior to selling the raffle ticket books. Please feel free to invite your friends, Firemen, Policemen, or Sportsmen to sell the Raffle Ticket Books. That is the point: to broaden the number of people selling the books. These same rules apply to all Sellers, whether they are Shriners or not.

**Kevin R. Costello, Chairman
845-234-0923**

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CYPRUS LEGION OF HONOR

Monday May 23rd, the Legion of Honor hosted a luncheon for the Disabled Veterans who reside permanently on the 9th floor of the Veterans Administration Hospital, Albany New York. Because of circumstances, these men and women have no other place to live. This is our second year of hosting a Luncheon for the Vets at the Shrine Center, and this lunch and break from the daily routine of the Hospital was greatly appreciated. The Vets and Staff that accompanied them sat on the Patio after the luncheon and enjoyed the outdoors until they had to return to the Hospital for medication time.

We want to thank Accordionist, Mike Siciliano for volunteering to entertain during the Luncheon and Roger Lane who sang some well known songs that everyone joined in on.

Thanks to those who made it a success: Ill. Sir John Scott, Potentate, Commander Ray and Rose Brooks, Vice Commander Hank and Sigrid Coons, Don and Patti Bond, Treasurer Jack and Ruth Norray, Grover LaFountain, Ill. Kevin Costello and Ill. Karl Koch, Adjutant. Special thanks to Mike Siciliano and Roger and Loretta Lane.

Karl Koch, Adjutant

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**Cyprus Shrine 2016
Summer/Fall Dates**

August

14 Hillbilly Picnic and Degree
27 Germanfest
Ulster Town Park

September

7-11 MASA Fall Meeting
Virginia Beach
13 Divan Meeting 7:00 p.m.
22-25 NYOSA Fall Meeting
Alexandria Bay

October

2 Ambassador Monster Raffle
5 Camel Club 5:00 p.m.
8 Potentate's Ball

October (cont)

11 Divan Meeting 6:30 p.m.
11 Temple Meeting 7:30 p.m.
22 Fall Ceremonial 9:30 a.m.

November

2 Camel Club 5:00 p.m.
12 Sportsmen's Gun Raffle
Cyprus Shrine Center
16 Divan Meeting 6:30 p.m.
16 Temple Meeting 7:30 p.m.

December

7 Camel Club 5:00 p.m.
10 Temple Christmas Party
1:00-5:00 p.m.
21 Divan Meeting 6:30 p.m.
21 Temple Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Election of Officers