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WINTER 2018



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Congratulations to Cyprus Shrine's New Potentate
Illustrious David M. Unser, Sr. and his Divan!

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**** NOBLES TAKE DUE NOTICE ****

**SPECIAL Meeting
 of
 Cyprus Shriners**

April 18, 2018 7:30 PM

Purpose

To fill a vacancy in the position of High Priest and Prophet on the Elected Line of Cyprus Shriners.

Noble Wayne Holt - Candidate for H.P.&P.

If Noble Holt is elected, we will hold an election for Oriental Guide.

Noble Richard VanVorst - Candidate for Oriental Guide

Ill Sir David M. Unser, Sr Attest: Karl J Koch P.P.

Potentate

Recorder

FROM THE RECORDER'S DESK

Ill. Karl Koch - Recorder

Please send all mail for Cyprus to:

PO Box 12473, Albany, NY 12473

Please remember to notify me if you have a new address, phone number or email address.

Important Note: Cyprus is not able to accept credit card payments for dues at this time.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me.



Potentate's Message

First and foremost I would like to thank the Nobility of Cyprus Shrine for electing me to the position of Potentate for 2018. It is a great honor and privilege for Lady Karene and I to serve Cyprus! We are looking forward to a fun, exciting and productive year. The Divan and I have hit the ground running starting with a Clubs and Units Meeting at the temple, several Club Officer installations throughout the realm and a successful Super Bowl Party at the Temple! It's great to see so many Nobles and their Ladies enjoying themselves at Temple events and their own Club events. If you haven't been out and active in a while you need to come out and join the fun!

Shriners are all about having fun and helping kids! We want to keep Cyprus strong and vital so that we can continue fulfilling that mission for many years into the future! Your Divan and Club/Unit officers are committed to this but we can not do it alone. Every Cyprus Noble is a vital part of our success. Pay your dues in a timely manner, come out to your Club/Unit and Temple events, come to a stated Temple Meeting and hear what's going on around the realm and our Shriner's Hospitals and just be active!

Membership! In 2017 under the leadership of Illustrious Sir Anthony Prizzia, Sr. we created almost 50 new Nobles! We have set a similar goal for 2018! That being said we lost just as many Nobles in 2017 to the Black Camel and Non Payment of Dues. There isn't much we can do about the Black Camel but I feel there is more we can do about the NPD's. We need to reach out and talk to those Nobles we haven't seen around in a while and see how they are doing. Maybe there is something we can do to help? **VALUE FOR MEMBERSHIP** is a term that I like to use. I am pretty sure that most of us joined the Masons and the Shrine for fraternal fellowship and to be around like minded men of integrity to not only improve ourselves but improve the organization as a whole by working together. There is much satisfaction in being apart of something that is greater than one's self. Where do we find new members? Let's start by looking at NPD's and Restorations. What went wrong and how can we do better? Are you active in your Blue Lodge? That's where new Nobles come from. Not every Mason will become a Shriner but if they are not exposed to what Shriners do and support through those activities than we will never know. In my experience active Masons make active Shriners. What about our sons, brothers, fathers, uncles, cousins and friends? How about some of our coworkers? Would they make good Masons? Would they make good Shriners? Working together we can strengthen both organizations!

The Divan and I are looking forward to seeing you all as we travel around the realm attending the various Club and Unit events as well as hosting events at the Temple. Events are listed on the Temple Calendar which can be found on the Mobile App and Cyprus website. I encourage you to get your events listed on the calendar by sending the detailed information and/or flyer to the Temple Recorder at recorder@cyprusshriners.com. Communication is key to the success of your events!

Yours in the Faith,

Illustrious David M. Unser, Sr.

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Chief Rabban's Musings

My fellow Nobles of Cyprus Shrine,

First, let me thank you for the trust you have placed in me by electing me Chief Rabban. It is an honor to serve our Shrine and promote Cyprus and our Hospitals.

The year has started off with a bang! There have been many Clubs and Units electing and installing their Officers. Congratulations to the new Officers. We know you will be great!

As our Potentate has said in his message we had a great year for creating Nobles last year. We now have a firm foundation to build upon. Let's get out to our Blue Lodges and let them know about our Shrine and our philanthropy. Let them also know that you are a proud Shriner that supports his Blue Lodge. The myth that the Shrine steals members from the Lodges must be debunked. If anything belonging the Shrine and meeting new Masons from all over makes me what to go to Lodge even more.

From our Ceremonial: "Remember always that when you place upon your head the Red Fez of a Shriner, you are symbolically tying about your waist the white Lambskin Apron of a Master Mason. **Your first duty has always been, is now, and will forever be, to your Masonic Lodge**, for you received there the highest degree you will ever receive - the degree of Master Mason."

Men from all walks of life have chosen to become Shriners. What unifies all these men are their shared values, desire to have fun, perform good deeds and build lifelong friendships. Let's give our friends and Brother Mason the opportunity to do the same by talking to them about Masonry and the Shrine.

Our Potentate's message for the year is "Value for Membership." There are many opportunities that Cyprus, its Clubs and Units provide for you to be an active part of your Temple. I urge you to take advantage of them. We as a Divan are committed to not taking any Noble's membership in Cyprus for granted.

We have all heard the slogan "Masonry takes good men and makes them better." To that I would add "Shriners take Masons and make the world better - one child at a time."

See you at the Shrine.

Yours In The Faith,

Bob Baker, Chief Rabban



IN MEMORIAM



Since our last newsletter the following Nobles were called to the Celestial Lodge.

Noble Alfred S. Lane
 Noble Elbert J. Weller
 Noble George Scheidig
 Noble William H. Branion, Jr.
 Noble John S. Luther
 Noble Peter H. Wilson
 Noble Harry E. Giles, Jr.
 Noble Robert W. Smith
 Noble Frederick A. Beitter
 Noble Charles Schiller
 Noble Joseph M. Mack
 Noble Martin J. Foley
 Noble Michael P. Skok
 Noble Edward A. Bogardus
 Noble Charles W. Smith, Sr.
 Noble George L. Goldstein
 Noble Richard J. Gibbons

When Allah calls, then our friends obey,
 And fold their tents and steal away,
 To the land where the crystal waters flow,
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NYOSA SPRING SESSION

April 20 - 22, 2018

Buffalo, NY

Friday: Friday's history tour has been finalized! The tour will be stopping at Forest Lawn Cemetery (<https://www.forest-lawn.com/events>) and the Buffalo Naval Park (<http://buffalonaivalpark.org/>). Both spots are fantastic and very unique to Buffalo. Great history at both!

Bar Crawl details are being finalized as we speak but I can guarantee fun, fellowship and a few IPAs are on tap!

Both the tour and the crawl will be ending at Pearl Street Grill (<https://pearlstreetgrill.com/>) where we will be enjoying a buffet-style dinner in one of Pearl Street private rooms. Pearl Street is a great spot with great food and great drinks. The dinner is open to everyone, not just those who take part in the history tour or crawl, and is not to be missed as once again fun and fellowship are guaranteed!

Saturday: Business meeting. Beginning with a working breakfast where we can get through the usual formalities (i.e. outer guard candidates, time and place of NYOSA, etc.) following that the meeting turn into an executive session of NYOSA temples with the goal being to generate some concrete ideas on ways the Association can better serve the NYOSA nobility as well as ways the Temples can better work together.

Saturday night in lieu of the normal dinner and dance-style event, we will be doing a casino night. There will no formal sit down dinner, although there will be plenty of food. Instead it will be more of an extended cocktail hour. This will allow all in attendance to not only play the casino games available but also provide a better opportunity to network and socialize.

Rooms are available at the Hyatt Regency. Reservations can be made here:

<https://aws.passkey.com/gt/54427366?gtid=caea69516a9ac0e5fafee9504492eb6e>



Spring Ceremonial



Saturday, May 19, 2018

Temple Meeting 11:00 am ♦ Ceremonial 12:00 pm

Following the Ceremonial we will be having a reception for Eric Morabito for his arrival in Glenmont on his Walk to Boston.

Family and Friends are welcome to attend the Reception.

Initiation fee of \$150 includes Fez

Petitions can be printed from the Cyprus website (www.cyprusshriners.com) under More → Member Resources.

Around the Realm

Potentate's Ball



Christmas Party







CLUB AND UNIT INSTALLATIONS

Adirondack Shrine Club



Schenectady County Shrine Club



Ulster County Shrine Club



Ambassadors Unit



Hillbilly Unit



Dutchess County Shrine Club



Noble Eric Morabito Walks for Shriner's Kids

Greetings Fellow Nobles, Ladies and Friends,

First, I would like to thank everyone for all of the kind words I have received recently. As some of you know, in December I had a stroke. I am happy to report that, thanks to the quick reaction by the people at the work, I have made a full recovery and am back to normal (or as close as I have ever been).

Second, on May 18th I will be setting out on my 5th Annual Walking for Children. I will again be walking from Highland to the Cyprus Shrine, then on to Springfield and finally to Boston. I will reach Cyprus the afternoon of Saturday, May 19th which just happens to be during the Spring Ceremonial. I encourage everyone to be at the Shrine Center that day to welcome our new Nobles. If you would like to say hi to me, give me some encouragement for my journey or make a donation, I'll probably be the guy collapsed in the corner.

I do this walk to raise awareness about the services provided by the Shriners and to raise a few bucks. This year's walk is in honor of a young boy I met last year at the Cyprus Picnic, Christopher, who was severely burned when he was 1 ½ years old and has already undergone 14 surgeries at the hospital in Boston and he will continue to have surgeries as he continues to grow. Half of the money raised this year will be donated to the Boston hospitals Burn Unit in Christopher's name.

My goal for this year (besides surviving) is to raise \$10,000. I ask that you help by making a contribution if you can and also by helping to spread the word about my Walk. I base the success of my Walk on two factors, by the total that is raised and by the number of people that are made aware of who we are and what we do. Anyone interested in helping can contact me or go to my GoFundMe link: gofund.me/bc7wyo.

Lastly, I would like to give everyone a reminder. When I joined the Shriners in 2010 I was asked why I wanted to be a Shriner. My answer, and that of all the new Nobles that day, was to help children. I now have a question for you. What do you do to help the children? I ask that you give this some thought and try to come up with something that you can do regularly. I was a Scout leader for 16 years and strongly believe in "Do a good turn daily" and "Help other people at all times". I have come up with a way to incorporate these ideas into my life that allows me to do something positive to help the children while also providing me with a feeling of great satisfaction and accomplishment. Granted, I don't expect anyone to walk almost 8 miles each day and attempt a 260+ mile trek for the kids each year but you can come up with something that meets your needs. Please remember that there are innumerable things that need to be done at Cyprus, in the community and for the hospitals. Nothing is too small and all are greatly appreciated.

Thanks,

Eric Morabito

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Eric arrives in Boston in 2016



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2018 Dates

April 26

May 24

June 28

July 26

August 23

September 27

October 25

4 pm - 7 pm

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Cookies

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Reserve your dinners by emailing: chxbbq@cyprusshriners.com

Include your name and number of dinners in the email.

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MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP

2017 Final Membership Status

Jan. 1 2017 Membership	479
Creations	37
Affiliations	3
Restorations	6
Total Added	46
Demits	4
Suspensions	24
Expired	29
Total Dropped	55
Dec. 31 2017 Membership	468



2018 Membership Status

Jan. 1 2018 Membership	468
Creations	1
Affiliations	1
Restorations	0
Total Added	2
Demits	1
Suspensions	2
Expired	7
Resigned	1
Total Dropped	11
Feb. 28 2018 Membership	459

A NOBLE'S PERSPECTIVE ON BECOMING A MEMBER OF CYPRUS SHRINERS.

By Noble Josh Magnus

As I reflect on the Noble Brotherhood, still being fairly new to it and trying to discover it's significance and it's strengths, I find myself focusing on some words and images. Words like 'good men' and 'better' and 'Masons' of course come to the forefront and I do find that particularly significant. It goes without saying that it's all about the Children but just a little beyond that the Shrine also seems to help the men, make them better perhaps. The Hospitals and Doctors cannot get enough praise and I couldn't even begin to try, I will leave that to better men, but the Brothers and the Clubs that make up the Shrine are worth a little of this reflection. I have met so many Ambassadors that still make the drives and the long days and then I also met a Flying Fez that tells me about the planes back in the day. I have met a clown and seen a parade. I even met a bartender in Ulster who saw the Fez and told us of her child and the care received in Springfield. I see posters on the wall when I take my kids to the doctors office. I see Alec, a NASCAR, and a football game. Many images and many words and I find myself thinking that by helping the children, this Noble Brotherhood can't help but do even a little more.

I recently petitioned the Cyprus Temple and joined the Dutchess County Shrine Club looking for something more and I have definitely found it. A personal experience got me thinking about the Hospitals and that as a Mason I could be a small part of it and I haven't looked back since. Fellowship with other Club members, trips to the Temple, more exposure to the community of philanthropy, and all of the Masonry I have experienced leave me knowing I probably have not made many better decisions than this in my life. Doing good things and having fun doing it couldn't be any more true. The Hospitals and helping the children could not be any more Noble a cause, but I look forward to finding out if along the way a little of that help comes my way, will I get a little 'Better'.

Upcoming Events



BAD PUNS

- Last night, I dreamed I was swimming in an ocean of orange soda. But it was just a Fanta sea.
- The past, the present, and the future walk into a bar... It was tense.
- A scientist cloned himself but the experiment created a duplicate who used very foul language. As the clone cursed and swore, the scientist finally pushed it out the window, and it fell to its death. Later the scientist was arrested for making an obscene clone fall.
- Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, but when they lit a fire in the craft it sank -- proving once and for all that you can't have your kayak and heat it, too.
- Two boll weevils grew up in South Carolina. One went to Hollywood and became a famous actor. The other stayed behind in the cotton fields and never amounted to much. The second one, naturally, became known as the lesser of two weevils.
- A jumper cable walks into a bar. The bartender says, "I'll serve you, but don't start anything."

March

- 14 Temple Meeting 7:30PM
- 21 Divan Meeting 7:30PM

April

- 12 Dutchess County Shrine Club
- 18 Divan Meeting 6:30PM
Special Meeting 7:30PM
- 20-22 NYOSA - Buffalo, NY
- 26 Chicken BBQ Fundraiser 4PM - 7PM

May

- 10 Dutchess County Shrine Club
- 11 Ulster County Shrine Club
- 16 Divan Meeting 7:30PM
- 22 Legion of Honor Veteran's Luncheon
- 24 Chicken BBQ Fundraiser 4PM - 7PM
- 27 Rensselaer Memorial Day Parade
- 28 Bethlehem Memorial Day Parade

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Get more information on the website at www.mccny.com/mycare.



MY CARE CONNECTION



Have you told your Lady and Family that when you pass on, to give your Masonic effects (Fez, jewelry, uniform, etc.) to a Mason in your family or give the to the Shrine? Cyprus will give them to some deserving Noble, or return them to the proper Masonic organization.

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