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Upcoming Events

January 2
Stated Meeting
Installation of Officers

The meeting will be conducted to the Nobility via Zoom and **requires** registration **prior** to Saturday morning to access.

To register, email:
registration@kazimshriners.com
AND include your first name, last name, Temple, and phone.

There is a limit of 100 Nobles so please act quickly.

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2021 Kazim Elected Divan

Potentate Elect: Bill David
Chief Rabban Elect: D. Matthew Clarke
Assistant Rabban Elect: Aubrey J. Rosser
High Priest & Prophet Elect: Frankie Edward Howell
Oriental Guide Elect: D. Cole David
Treasurer Elect: James Gordon Saul
Recorder Elect: Ricky Joe Leftwich

2021 Kazim Appointed Divan

1st Ceremonial Master: Brian J. Brabham
2nd Ceremonial Master: Gary D. Huffman
Director: Jimmy L. Bradbury
Marshall: Henry L. Bolling
Captain of the Guard: Kyth B. Banks, Sr.
Outer Guard: William W. David, III

2021 Uniformed Units Elected Officers

Director Elect:
D. Cole David (Misfits)
1st Asst. Director Elect:
Ricky Leftwich (Fire Brigade)
2nd Asst. Director Elect:
Sean Wilson (Mystic Pirates)
3rd Asst. Director Elect:
Mike Kinzer (Hillbillies)
Secretary Elect:
Giles Gilley (Tramps)

**All Officers will be installed on January 2nd during the Kazim Stated Meeting.*

Membership Committee

Dear fellow Nobles,

The 2020 year has been a tough one. I would like to thank Cole for all of his help this year. I hope that in the upcoming year we will have a lot more events to share. I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Let's make the upcoming year a year to remember.

Thank You,

Jeff East
Membership Chairman

Unit Update

The **Mobile Nobles** made a gift to a local family this week (December 20-26) whose 14-year-old daughter is suffering from brain cancer. She will be having proton radiation treatments soon at St. Jude's in Memphis. Her mother is single mother who works hard to support her 3 children. They were proud to take a little bit of stress off of her shoulders.



Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's Super-Liam!



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for Children®**

Love to the rescue.®

A curve was initially discovered in Liam's spine when he was 6 months old, though his physician at the time concluded that it was nothing to worry about, and no further action was taken. Later on, 2-year-old Liam underwent another round of X-rays, which revealed the undeniable curve had increased to 30 degrees. He was officially diagnosed with early onset scoliosis, which his physicians believe to be linked to a condition Liam was born with called congenital diaphragmatic hernia.

After Liam was diagnosed with scoliosis, his family was initially referred to a specialist in the Seattle area where they live. At their consultation, the physician explained that they would like to continue to monitor Liam, but wanted to wait until the curve progressed to 35 degrees before beginning any sort of treatment, which would eventually necessitate surgery. Liam's mom, Sarah, felt troubled by the advised approach to wait until the condition worsened.

"It was all very new to us at the time. We went home feeling like we were just waiting for the inevitable [surgery]," said Sarah. "It seemed unsettling not to try and act on it now."

A close friend recommended that she seek a second opinion from Shriners Hospitals for Children — Portland. At the Portland Shriners Hospital, Liam was seen by Joseph I. Krajbich, M.D., who recommended that they begin immediate treatment using the Mehta-Cotrel casting method.

This method utilizes custom molds of the infant or young child, usually through a series of corrective casts, to help prevent the progression of a spinal curve. Often this form of treatment can prolong the need for surgery, or in some cases eliminate it. Initially, Liam's treatment began with the serial casting treatments at eight-week intervals, and after a year he progressed to bracing.

"The casting treatments were a difficult pill to swallow as a parent. You think about the things your child will be missing out on because of the cast," said Sarah. "You think about little things like cast-free hugs and cuddles that you will no longer be able to feel, which is tough for any parent. Ultimately, the big picture becomes the most important thing, and knowing you are doing everything possible to give your child the best possible outcome overpowers the small things you may miss."



Liam and Sarah, who is a professional photographer, have learned to embrace Liam's scoliosis treatment by using his braces to create fantastical photos of Liam depicted as his favorite superheroes. As part of his treatment plan, Liam is typically fitted for a new brace every nine to 12 months, and every time he gets a new brace, the transformation begins. Using a variety of outdoor vinyl materials to design the costumes, Sarah creates the ensemble needed for Liam to save the world.

Potentate's Remarks

Nobles of Kazim

In January, I stated that I saw the future of Kazim Temple as a thriving, robust and solid Shrine Center, of Nobles coming together, looking for ways to participate and moving our Shrine Center forward. Unfortunately, 2020 has been anything other than what I had planned and hoped for. When Covid-19 became a reality in the 1st quarter I had hoped it would be over by mid-year. Now it's year end and our hopes of experiencing "Unity" through socializing of Units and Clubs has all but vanished.

I'm deeply indebted to every Noble who took it upon themselves to support our Sportsman's Raffle and make it the best ever. Our Shrine Center remains financially stable primarily due to **your** efforts.

I'm excited that there have been a number of new Nobles join our Fraternity and they are all excited to be a part of our great Fraternity. I encourage every Noble to reach out to our new Nobles. I believe that the future of Kazim is bright and I look forward to the time when we can socialize in earnest again.



I appreciate the support afforded me and the Divan members this year and the continued efforts of the nobility in support of Kazim and our Philanthropy.

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Edward G. Barker
Potentate 2020

Halo Project Donation

The motorcycle was made by Noble Ryland Burchette with the wood donated from Noble Whitey Lawhorn. These Nobles have made several motorcycles in the past and those have also ended up with Shriner Kids. The money from this motorcycle went to the Halo project at Greenville Shriners Hospital.



Nobles Ricky Leftwich, Ryland Burchette, Ill. Ed Barker, Whitey Lawhorn, and Jimmy Litchford.



Shriners International

150th Anniversary Membership Directory

Shriners International recently launched a comprehensive project to coincide with our 150th anniversary - the newly updated Shriners International 150th Anniversary Member Directory.

We've assembled the information in our member files and now need your help to confirm its accuracy and fill in any gaps.

Up-to-date information helps our organization to grow and serve through our shared values of Brotherhood, Family, Fun and Philanthropy.

That's why your participation in verifying the accuracy is so important.

Your prompt assistance is greatly appreciated. Please call the Shriners International Hotline at 1-888-822-1723 to verify your information today.



SHC Open Players Interact with Patients

Although our standard bearers and patient ambassadors were not able to attend the tournament this year, we were still able to connect them to the PGA TOUR players, so they could interact and share their stories virtually.

The image above shows 2018 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open champion Bryson DeChambeau reacting to the shoes that patient Katharine designed for him.

Check out our YouTube Channel for all the videos pertaining to the SHC interactions.

We hope you enjoy these stories and share them with your friends and families on social media.

YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfVrMYcKM47zRv-YsklQMGQ>

OR

Simply Search for “Shriners Hospitals”



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Suggestions to the Kazimer

We appreciate your patience as we work through some inevitable bugs and glitches with this Newsletter, but know our end goal is to help connect our **Nobility** with everything going on at Kazim. To do that it will take YOUR help to make sure we mold this into a worthwhile Newsletter for all Nobles, and Ladies, to enjoy.

If you would like to make a suggestion for any type of information to add to the Kazimer please feel free to do so as it will help us provide you, our **Nobility**, with a more well-rounded Newsletter.

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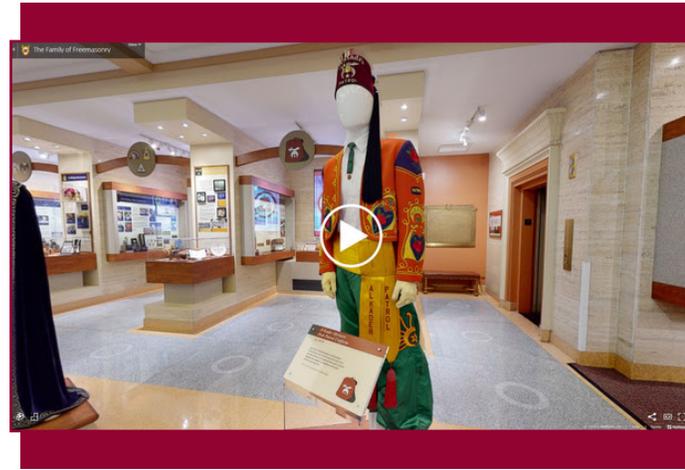
Imperial Program Updates

Share the Good News

Eric Morabito of Cyprus Shriners in Glenmont, New York, was recently recognized by People magazine as one of 25 Reasons for Hope in America.

Noble Morabito, 57, walks from Highland, New York, to hospital locations in Springfield and Boston, Massachusetts, a distance of roughly 250 miles, gathering donations for the health care system. He also receives donations via GoFundMe and relies on the kindness of strangers for food and lodging. According to the magazine, after seven treks, he has raised more than \$60,000.

Help us acknowledge and congratulate our fellow noble on this distinguished recognition. Click on the above photo to read the People magazine article, and share it on social media.



Take a Virtual Tour of a Shriners Display

You can now visit the Shriners International display at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial from the comfort of your own home through a virtual tour!

The display officially opened in Alexandria, Virginia, this past February after a ribbon cutting ceremony attended by Imperial Sirs Jeff Sowder and Mark Hartz.

The display is part of the Family of Freemasonry room, which includes exhibits from several other Masonic family and ladies' organizations. This immersive experience allows you to “walk” through the room and even zoom in on items to see them closer.

Look for the Shriner mannequin to find our section, and check out the four cases featuring photos and artifacts from our fraternity and philanthropy.

