



# ZEM ZEM NEWS



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## ZEM ZEM Shrine ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Zem Zem Shrine will be held on January 20, 2018 at the Zem Zem Temple, Erie PA

SCHEDULE: 12:15 PM Band Concert 1:00 PM Opening of the Temple

AGENDA: To elect the Officers for 2018 and Four (4) Imperial Representatives and Four (4) Trustees

2017 Membership Report

2017 Financial Report

Presentation of 2018 Shrine Budget

Transaction of any business that comes before the Shrine

### OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

January 20, 2018

FROM IMPERIAL BY-LAWS IOWA CORPORATION ARTICLE 25

325.4 WHEN ELECTED, EACH Shrine MUST ELECT ITS OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING IN JANUARY.

325.5 BALLOT. ELECTION OF OFFICERS SHALL BE BY SEPARATE WRITTEN BALLOT AND BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING. A BLANKET BALLOT IS PROHIBITED.

325.6 TIME OF ELECTION. NOMINATIONS MUST COMMENCE NOT LATER THAN 9:00 PM AND WHEN THAT HOUR ARRIVES ALL OTHER BUSINESS MUST CEASE AND NONE MAY BE TRANSACTED UNTIL THE ELECTION IS CONCLUDED.

325.7 OTHER OFFICERS. THE Shrine MAY ELECT SUCH OTHER OFFICERS AS ITS BY-LAWS PROVIDE.

325.8 NOMINATION. CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE AND REPRESENTATIVES MUST BE PLACED IN NOMINATION FROM THE FLOOR.

325.10 REPRESENTATIVES.

(A) WHERE A Shrine ELECTS MORE THAN ONE REPRESENTATIVE. ALL CANDIDATES MUST BE BALLOTTED FOR ON ONE WRITTEN BALLOT.

(B) EACH MEMBER VOTING MUST VOTE ONLY FOR THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES TO BE ELECTED, OTHERWISE HIS BALLOT CANNOT BE COUNTED AS A VOTE.

(C) A MAJORITY VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING IS NECESSARY TO ELECT EACH REPRESENTATIVE.

(D) ONLY THOSE CANDIDATES WHO RECEIVE A MAJORITY VOTE SHALL BE DECLARED ELECTED.

(E) SUCCESSIVE WRITTEN BALLOTS MUST THEN BE TAKEN IN THE SAME MANNER ON OTHER CANDIDATES UNTIL ALL REPRESENTATIVES ARE ELECTED. IF MORE CANDIDATES RECEIVE A MAJORITY VOTE THAN THE NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES TO BE ELECTED, THEN THOSE RECEIVING THE GREATEST NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE DECLARED ELECTED.

(F) BLANK BALLOTS ARE NOT VOTES.

325.11 ELECTION REGULATIONS.

(A) CANDIDATE FOR AN ELECTED OFFICE IN A Shrine TEMPLE MAY PRINT, PUBLISH AND CIRCULATE DURING THE YEAR HE IS SEEKING THE ELECTED OFFICE. A RESUME CONSISTING OF HIS EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND, VOCATIONAL HISTORY, AND HIS MASONIC AND Shrine RECORD EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN THE PRIOR SENTENCE, THE PRINTING, PUBLICATION, CIRCULATING OR DISTRIBUTION OF RESOLUTIONS, LETTERS, TELEGRAMS, TICKETS, EMAIL OR OTHER DEVICES, BY A UNIT, CLUB, NOBLE, OR GROUP OF NOBLES, SUGGESTING, RECOMMENDING, OPPOSING, OR CONTAINING THE NAMES OF PROPOSED CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE IN THE TEMPLE IS PROHIBITED.

(B) EXPENDITURES PROHIBITED. THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEY FOR GIFTS, FAVORS, OR ENTERTAINMENT ON BEHALF OF A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTED OFFICE IS PROHIBITED.

Jeffrey B. Stephenson, P.P., Recorder/Potentate Timothy M. Hofius

This announcement is the official notice required by 325.11, C above

PLEASE- WEAR YOUR FEZ- 2018 DUES CARD REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION AND VOTING



## 2017 POTENTATE

Timothy Hofius

&

Lady Ann



Nobles,

It is extremely difficult to believe that I am writing my last column as Potentate. It seems like I was just struggling with my first one almost a year ago. The year has certainly blown by and it is difficult to express in words, all of the feelings and experiences Lady Ann and I have had the pleasure of being a part of. We have thoroughly enjoyed the past year and owe an extreme amount of thanks and gratitude to a lot of people. To everyone who has been a part of 2017 we say THANK YOU. Too often we all get caught up in our busy schedules and forget to say those two little words but they are so important to remember to say. I urge all of you to make it a point during the Christmas and New Year Season to use them freely. I would like to wish the 2018 Divan and trustees the best and hope you will offer them the same support and assistance I have received. I somehow sense that everything I write from this point on will only be a recap of the above, so unlike my propensity to ramble on, I will close without droning on and on but to just say Thank You for allowing me the privilege of serving as the 2017 Potentate as we celebrated 125 years Having Fun Helping Kids.

Tim Hofius

### Jewelry Corner

Well, another year has come and gone. The Jewelry Committee had a "VERY" successful year. Our donations were to First Ladies Fund, Hospital Transportation Fund (HTF) and Shriners Hospital Erie Unit. The gang attended the 2017 Annual Meeting, 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Shriners Hospital Erie, Summer Ceremonial (Hermitage), The Sportsman's Spectacular and the sales from the case at the Club. I would like to thank everyone for their purchases in 2017.

We will be out and about in 2018 starting at the Annual Meeting. I have a couple of additions. This one should be a big seller. Different Shrine characters. These will all be available that day. I will also have some items at the closeout corner so stop by and check out the selection.

Over the last 8 years I have tried to help make children's lives better. I would like to and will continue these goals. Shriners Hospital Erie sees over 12,000 children per year and Shriners Hospital of North American has helped 1.5 million children to have a better life.

In closing I would just like to say "THANKS"

John

### From the First Lady

In my final article I must take the opportunity to thank all of the Shrine clubs and units, individuals, community and fraternal organizations that have supported the EOS project. A groundbreaking ceremony will be held later this month at the hospital. Tim and I would like to thank everyone for your love and support this past year.

Best wishes to Randy and Agnes.

Sincerely,  
Lady Ann

## NOTES FROM THE RECORDER.....



Be sure to make plans on attending the Zem Zem Shriners Annual Meeting to be held on Saturday January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This is the meeting for all members and the meeting where we elect Nobles who will lead the Shrine in 2018 and beyond. Elections will be held for Divan Officers, Imperial Representatives and Trustees. Nobles who joined Zem Zem in 1967 will also be recognized for being a 50 year member of Shriners International.

You will need your 2018 dues card for admittance.

Also at the meeting the Nobility will vote on the use of earnings from the Life Membership Fund.

A reminder to all Units and Clubs. The year-end financial reports will arrive soon and must be completed in a timely manner and returned to the Recorder's office. If you receive the reports and you are not currently serving as your Unit or Club Treasurer, please forward the report to the new Treasurer.

2018 looks like it will be an exciting year. Randy Burr, Chief Rabban has put together a calendar of events and parades that will offer several activities for the membership. Now, you the members, need to get involved and support these activities.

Congratulations to Ill Sir Tim Hofus and his Lady Ann for a great 2017. We had a lot of social activities celebrating 125 years.

Thank you to the Nobles that have paid their membership dues for 2018. The dues, per the Shriners International bylaws are actually due 12-31-2017, so if you still owe dues for 2018 the Divan would appreciate getting them paid. Dues can be paid by cash, check or credit card. The 2018 Shrine budget is based on dues income.

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to serve you as your Recorder since 2004 and I look forward to serving you in the future.

Until next time.....

Jeffrey B. Stephenson, PP  
Recorder

## Oriental Band

Well, 2017 is a thing of the past, sure was a fast year when you are having "FUN" and "LOVE IT". The high kick in fast pace band is still laying low for the next few months, but will return to that pace when the cold and snow leave and the weather is nice and warm. Well unfortunate that won't happen for a few months. Keep the snow shovel close and the heating pad for the lower back closer.

The holidays were great a lot of hugs and kisses at the Oriental Band Christmas Party. We had a great turnout with 4 past PP present.

We also had Emily Mellish and the sisters and parents present. It had been a while since I had seen them. Emily is on the go most of the time spreading the word about Shriners Hospital and the special "LOVE" we all have for children. The girls were all about sharing the "LOVE" to all. Some special friends from Shriners Hospital Erie were Mary Jane "MJ" Antoon, administrator of the Erie unit and Christie Gunn, from the PT Department. She is responsible for all car seats at Shriners and making sure everyone has the correct seat for the size of the child. Parents and grandparent's should be aware of the expiration date on the sides of the seat, when in doubt give Shriners a call.

The band will be at the annual meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup>. We plan on voting for the correct candidates to lead Zem Zem Shrine for the next few years. If you read this article and don't belong to the Club please try to attend and vote on some of these issues, they are very important.

Before I close I forgot one big issue. Willie Bax's birthday is January 1<sup>st</sup> he will be 88 years old. Please take the time or give him a call and give him a special birthday wish. Please be nice I don't tell birthday secrets.

Well until we meet again

John Seastead

## ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION

**ACTION IS EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN  
ON THE USE OF THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP  
FUND FOR THE FINANCIAL NEEDS OF  
ZEM ZEM SHRINERS PER SHRINERS IN-  
TERNATIONAL BYLAWS.**

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR NEWS ARTICLES  
IN BY THE 10TH OF THE MONTH  
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SHOWERS, REUNIONS, AND SO MUCH MORE



You are cordially invited to attend the  
**Annual Dinner**  
Saturday, January 20th, 2018  
Honoring Zem Zem's 2018 Potentate

**Randy Burr, II & First Lady Agnes Burr**

Ladies Luncheon begins at 1:00pm in the Zem Zem Dining Room

Cost for Ladies Luncheon \$12.00 per person, cash bar

*Cocktails in the Zem Zem Dining Room at 5:00pm*

Dinner in the ballroom at 6:00 PM

Entrees for the Annual Dinner are:

Chicken Cordon Bleu or Salmon Beurre Blanc

Cost \$50.00 per couple or \$25.00 single

*Dress code for both events- Formal*

*Men-Tux or Suit & Tie*

*Ladies-Cocktail Dress or Ball Gown*

Please make checks payable to the Zem Zem Activities Committee

Mail check and RSVP Card to:

**Activities Chairman, Ronald Stoyer**  
**25591 Rynd Dr, Cochran, PA 16314**

Reservations are a MUST by January 13, 2018

**PLEASE NOTE THE APPOINTMENTS ARE FOR ONE YEAR ONLY**

For information of uniform members of Nobility, when a Potentate's term of office expires, all appointments made by him during his administration TERMINATE, according to the Imperial Code. Such appointments include ALL appointed Potentate's Aides, Members of Committees and their Chairman, Special Appointees, Directors, Assistant Directors and all members of the Potentate's Staff. Some uniformed Nobles have mistakenly believed or assumed their appointments to be permanent, NOT SO! Each Potentate has the power and authority under Imperial Shrine Law to replace every Appointee, or he may, if he believes it to be in the best interest, of the Temple, retain all appointees by reappointment. Traditionally, for the sake of efficiency, many Nobles that have demonstrated ability are continued in office by appointment or reappointment. But this is at the will and pleasure of the incoming Potentate.

IN no case is he, or can he be bound by his predecessor. By the same token in no case can any Potentate bind his successor. Courtesy requires that a Noble holding an appointive office, position or assignment render his resignation to the incoming Potentate. If it is the will and pleasure of the incoming Potentate that the Noble is to continue in his office or position by reappointment, he will be notified by the Potentate to that effect.



The new year is upon us and with it always comes the promise of opportunity, change, and new beginnings. Traditionally, the year starts with resolutions and new leadership for the Temple and the bodies. First, I would like to congratulate all the new officers and members of the Divan.

Let's look at potential resolutions for our organization. Increased membership continues to not only be a priority, but is critical to the Temple. If each member had a goal to recruit one new member, think of how many ways that would benefit Zem Zem Shrine.

We have one of the best venues in the region. Our facility is one of; if not the BEST in our area. People do business with other people. Each of us need to make a special effort to make our friends and contacts aware of just how good it is. Lady Ellen and I had our wedding reception in the dining room and the staff made the day PERFECT! Our wedding planner said, "The Shrine Club staff was the best she has ever worked with." In choosing the location, both Lady Ellen and I were committed to supporting the Shrine. We never seriously looked elsewhere and ended with a beautiful reception. Word of mouth is the best advertising.

There are many opportunities in the year ahead. We need to capitalize on as many as we can. The Futures Committee has been working on not only possible opportunities, but also possible changes in the Shrine's future direction. They need our input and support.

The best resolution we as Shriners can make is in 2018, support our leadership and improve our body and hospital.

The January meeting is scheduled for Jan 16th at 19:30 hrs. Dress is LOH uniform: Blue Blazer & Gray Slacks. The new LOH Officers will be installed at this time.

Lady Ellen & I would like to extend our very best wishes to all the Nobles, their ladies and families for the coming New Year. May all of you receive special blessings, good health & prosperity! Happy New Year!

Steven M. Smith, Commander

### **Join Us**

I am pleased to announce that Zem Zem will be making an official visit to the Shriners Hospital for Children, Cincinnati Burn Unit, on Saturday, April 21, 2018. Nobles, their Ladies, prospective members, etc., are welcome to join us. As of this moment, the plan is to meet on April 21, 2018 at the Hospital at Noon. The Hospital auditorium has been reserved for our visit, as an assembly and presentation area. We will have lunch at the Hospital cafeteria, then begin our tour. As of this moment, transportation is on your own, as is the cost of lunch. Notwithstanding, I need to know the exact names and number of everybody attending so that we can secure an appropriate number of tour guides, and be sure that the cafeteria is prepared for us. We may also be able to arrange carpooling. I must have this information **no later than March 16, 2018. THIS IS A FIRM DATE.**

**Please email me** with your reservations.

Yours in the Faith,  
James H. Richardson, Jr.  
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### **BRANSON TRIP 2018**

Chief Rabban Randy Burr and Lady Agnes invite Zem Zem Members, friends, and relatives to join them June 10th thru the 16th of 2018 on a trip to Branson, MO. We will be traveling by Deluxe Anderson Coach. The package includes the following:

*6 Night's Accommodations, All State & Local Guest Room Taxes, Round Trip Baggage Service, 6 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 4 Dinners, including a cruise on the Branson Bell with a Show & Dinner. Bus Hospitality and MUCH-MUCH MORE!*

For more information, including a copy of the day-to-day itinerary, please call Carl and Janice Holmes at

(814) 838-9568

# ZEM ZEM PATROL

*presents their*

## **97<sup>th</sup> Annual Stag**

Friday Evening, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018

*at the*

**Zem Zem Shrine Club**

*Cocktails at 6:00 p.m.*

*Dinner at 7:00 p.m.*



There will be two free drink tickets per person

Cost is \$15.00 per person

Reservations are needed by Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

*Please make reservations by contacting:*

***Jim Finn at 440-7427***

***[jfjamesr@aol.com](mailto:jfjamesr@aol.com)***

*or*

Send a check for \$15.00 payable to ZZP:

Jim Finn, 907 Delaware Ave, Erie, PA 16505

**All Clubs, Units & Nobles Welcome!**

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ZEM ZEM Shrine OFFICE HOURS  
 TUESDAY-FRIDAY 8:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.



THE WELL OF ZEM ZEM HOURS:

TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY 5:00 P.M. ???

LUNCH AND DINNER HOURS

LUNCH: TUESDAY TO FRIDAY, 11:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.  
 DINNER: THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, 4:30 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.

# February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Zem Zem Patrol Mtg 7:30PM	2	3
4	5	6 Activities Mtg 7:00PM	7 Clarion Trikes Mtg  Crawford CMP 7:00PM	8 Divan Mtg  Oriental Band Mtg	9	10
11	12 Warren CSC	13 Mercer Co. Shrine Club 7:30PM  ZZ Cycle Corps Mtg 7:30PM	14 Clarion CSC Mtg  Crawford CSC  Valentine's Day	15	16	17
18	19 President's Day	20 Directors Staff Mtg 7:30PM  LOH Mtg 7:30PM	21 Col Drake/Tri Wheels  Hospital Board of McKean CSC	22 Erie CSC Mtg 7:30PM	23	24
25 Clown Mtg	26	27 DON Mtg  Fez Flyers Mtg 7:00PM  Venango CSC Mtg 6:30PM	28			

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1. New Year's Day	2 Activities Mtg 7:30pm	3 Crawford Co Motor Patrol Mtg 7pm	4 Zem Zem Patrol Mtg 7:30PM	5	6
7 Take Down Christ- mas Decorations & 2018 Aides & Activi- ties Mtg 10:00AM	8	9 Mercer CSC Mtg 7:30pm  Cycle Corps Mtg 7:30pm	10 Clarion CSC Mtg 6PM Social/7pm Mtg  Corry/Union City Tri-Wheels Col- Drake	11	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16 Director's Staff Mtg 7:30pm  LOH Mtg 7:30	17 McKean CSC Mtg 7:30	18 Divan Mtg	19 Camel Herders	20 Zem Zem Annual Mtg 1:00PM  Ladies Luncheon  Election Dinner
21	22	23 Fez Flyers Mtg 7PM  Venango CSC Mtg 6:30 PM	24	25 Erie CSC Mtg 7:30PM	26 Zem Zem Patrol Stag 6:00PM	27
28 Mercer CSC Pan- cake Breakfast	29	30	31			