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Sportsman's Raffle Update

Much to the delight of everyone, the 2022 Kazim Sportsmans' Raffle was a huge success. Our Nobles did a wonderful job of selling over 6500 tickets, resulting in gross receipts of over \$130,000.00. Of that amount, 10% was donated to the Temple's Transportation fund, per gaming guidelines as in years past. After costs of approximately \$47,000.00, the Temple will benefit to the extent of approximately \$70,000. As most of us know, we can use these funds for our building, but not for our everyday use. With the projects going on now, these funds will be very useful.

Many thanks to Phillip's Equipment for assistance with the John Deere Gator, New London Trailers, Henry Rifles, and of course, Sportsman's Warehouse, for all of their generous assistance in this project. And of course, thanks to all the Nobles for their dedication in selling the tickets, to the Hillbillies for the hot dog lunch, and to the Ma'at Court No. 110 for the delicious desserts. We also appreciate the Leaf and Cork Club for manning the bar, and for doing so without an ABC violation!

Of course, we also thank all who purchased tickets to support this project. Another great year for Kazim and our nobility!

Aubrey J. Rosser
Chief Rabban

Circus Update

I want to thank each Noble for all your assistance, support and presence for participating and being a part of this years Kazim Shrine Circus. We didn't have the overall attendance and financial outcome we had hoped for, but none the less a successful circus overall. I feel we did as much as we could have done and more to try and reach out and attract everyone to attend, but either there wasn't enough interest or other conflicting events that prevented us from having the attendance we had hoped for. I truly believe we made a lot of families many happy memories and a lot of happy kids really enjoyed themselves, but unfortunately for us that didn't provide us the money we needed.

On a more positive note, we were able to utilize the marketing capabilities of the Civic Center to capture and increase our market share dramatically by basically spending the same amount of money and receiving larger discounts than doing it ourselves. The savings resulted in over \$4000. We were able to expand into the Spanish community and in the School Systems throughout our Temple's footprint, enabling Kazim Shriners to be recognized and visible as part of our communities. The Trunk or Treat was a huge success, and I would recommend doing it again regularly as a community service and visibility, even if we don't do another circus.

Thank you, Illustrious Matt, for displaying confidence in me and allowing me to be the appointed Circus Chairman for 2022. Also, the Divan and Nobility for your continued support and help in trying to make this year's circus one of our best, we all came together in great numbers to make that happen, but fell short, but not for the lack of trying. For that you all need to be well commended for your efforts.

Expenses: 121,931.00
Income: 100,637.88
Net Income: (-21,293.12)

Kevin L. Brown
Kazim Shriners Circus Chairman



Potentate Year Recap

We are quickly approaching the new year which means my term as Potentate is coming to an end. The year has flown by, and it is time to reflect on a fun, busy, and productive year at Kazim! This year Kazim has brought in the largest number of new nobles in many years, held multiple lunch bunches with record attendance (thank you Ill. Wes, Lady Debbie, and helpers), Kazim's first TOGA party, a river event at my property in Alleghany County, two ceremonials, a Potentate's ball, a trip to a Salem Red Sox game with Taylor Lodge (I still feel I threw a strike for the first pitch!), voted unanimously as a membership body to make our building handicap accessible and current with building codes, held an Easter egg hunt with patients, countless parades, hosted the Provost Guard SASA convention, sold CDs for Hank Jr, held the circus, an unbelievable Trunk-or-Treat, had a blast at SASA while winning a trophy and hosting a stellar hospitality room, won a honorary mention Dromedary award for our social media accounts, hosted a Scottish Rite friendship night, survived countless inspections from various government agencies, made several visits as a Divan to Blue Lodges to show our support for Freemasonry, supported our clubs and units with nonstop visits, and much more!

I feel that you as a membership have really stepped up and brought so much energy and excitement to Kazim this year. I am most proud that we continue to support the jewel of our Fraternity, our hospital system. As of November 10th, 2022, Kazim Road Runners have taken over 250 trips to our hospitals to carry patients for treatment. When you walk into Kazim you are greeted by many photos of our patients, and they have been at almost all our events this year. This year we have helped children and had fun, the reason we are here!



This year could not have happened without the small army of supporters Lady Margee and I had help us this year. It would take pages to thank everyone individually, but for every member that has helped this year I cannot say thank you enough. Some of the best memories I have had in the Shrine are in the van on the way to a visit or setting up for an event joking around. I could not have served as Potentate had it not been for these Nobles, and their ladies, who took Margee and I under their wings and showed us the right way to do things.

I owe a special thank you to Lady Margee. Her decorations have been as beautiful as she is, and she has kept me sane all year! Her adopt-a-Shriner towel sales have been off the charts (you can still get them by the way) and I appreciate her putting up with me being in the line all these years and especially serving this year. Tearing up the road as much as we have this year has kept me away from the house a good bit and I look forward to spending some more time at home, but don't worry, I'm not going anywhere!

Nobles, thank you so much for this year. I look forward to seeing you at our stated on December 10th, the Christmas Parties, New Years Eve at Kazim with the Roanoke Valley Shrine Club, and installation on January 7th. I ask that you give Chief Rabban Almost Potentate (C.R.A.P.) Aubrey Rosser and his Lady Pat the same support you gave Lady Margee and I.

I hope you never forget what our mission is, our hospital system, and that you have fun while supporting it. Please always remember that you as members are the lifeblood of this organization and nothing happens without your support. It has been an honor to serve you.

Fraternally,

Matt Clarke

Potentate – Kazim Shriners

Election Results

Nobles,

On Saturday, December 10th, Kazim held their annual Election of Officers at their final Stated Meeting for 2022. Below are the results of that Election:

Potentate Elect

Aubrey J. Rosser, Jr.

Chief Rabban Elect

Frankie E. Howell

Assistant Rabban Elect

D. Cole David

High Priest and Prophet Elect

Lloyd T. “Charlie” Page, III

Oriental Guide Elect

Michael D. Kinzer

Treasurer Elect

H. Dana Smith

Recorder Elect

Russell E. Muncy, PP

First Ceremonial Master

Kyth B. Banks

Second Ceremonial Master

Kevin L. Brown

Marshall

Henry L. Bolling

Chaplain

Thomas T. Bryant

Director

Lucas D. Case

Captain of the Guard

Raymond T. Heinrich

Outer Guard

Newell B. “Russ” West

We would like to congratulate these Nobles, and wish them luck in the upcoming year.





My FezCard Viewer

Have you downloaded the new My FezCard Viewer app? Get access to your digital membership card on your smartphone without the need to carry a physical card in your wallet.

Download now on the **App Store** and **Google Play**.

For members who do not own a smartphone, the local Shrine Center, Club, or Unit can scan the QR code on their existing gold-colored membership hard card to instantly determine their membership status and check-in for stated meetings/events.



Newly Designed Membership Card

Equally exciting is the launch of the newly designed membership card. Effective August 2022, members who pay their 2023 dues will have immediate access to their newly designed, Black digital membership card!

The design of the card had three needs requirements, it must be “classy” and “bold” while retaining Shrine DNA. To achieve this goal, inspiration was drawn from the membership and financial cards recognized by society as having influence and importance including VIP cards, luxury cards and black edition cards. The key to accomplishing “classy” was decluttering the information to ensure that only the most valuable text remained, which through the act of simplification raises the prominence of these areas. “Bold” was pursued in several areas including; reinforcing the Shrine Center and member name as the primary priority on the front, the selection/reinforcement of Shrine iconography in both the foreground and background on the front, and the increased prominence of the Shrine color by featuring a black background.



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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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98th East-West Shrine Bowl

When: Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023

Kickoff: 5:30 P.M. PST

Where: Allegiant Stadium, Last Vegas, Nevada

The East-West Shrine Bowl™, America's longest-running college football all-star game, which supports Shriners Children's®, will be played on **Feb. 2, 2023**, at Allegiant Stadium, the home of the Las Vegas Raiders, as part of NFL Pro Bowl week.

We want all members of our Shriners family to have the chance to be part of this long-standing tradition. If you are not able to attend the game, we hope that you consider hosting a watch party.

Watch party packages are available for temples, clubs, units or small gatherings for a donation of \$25 to the East-West Shrine Bowl.

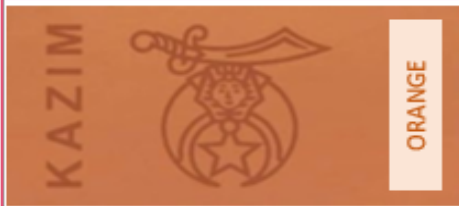
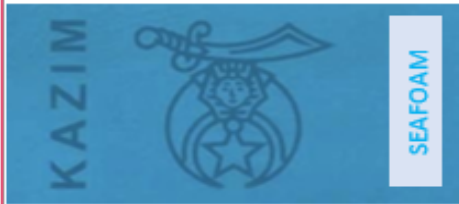


More than just a game



KAZIM SHRINERS

First Lady Fundraiser



**PURCHASE A
KAZIM BEACH
TOWEL FOR \$20!**

AVAILABLE NOW

To Order, Contact:

First Lady, Margee Clarke (firstlady@kazimshriners.com),
or talk with any Divan Lady.



First Lady, Margee Clarke

Proceeds go to the Adopt-a-Shriner Fund, which helps to assist Shriners with paying their dues.





THE ROCK BAND FOREIGNER IS HEADED TO THE SALEM CIVIC CENTER IN MAY.

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023 | 8:00 PM

Foreigner has '70s and '80s hits including "Waiting For a Girl Like You," "Long, Long Way From Home," the number one "I Want to Know What Love Is" and rock classics including "Juke Box Hero," "Cold As Ice," "Hot Blooded," "Urgent," "Dirty White Boy," "Head Games" and "Feels Like The First Time" among others.

Foreigner and Shriners in 2019

FOREIGNER, the classic British-American rock band, has announced that it is donating proceeds from a new version of its hit song "I Want To Know What Love Is" to Shriners Hospitals For Children. FOREIGNER recently recorded the song and created a new music video featuring Shriners Hospitals For Children patients.

"FOREIGNER has been involved with Shriners Hospitals for 10 years, and we've been looking for a way to make a more meaningful impact," said lead singer Kelly Hansen. "The lyrics of this song really speak to the qualities we've observed in the children here at Shriners Hospitals. The kids show this amazing resilience and happiness that really makes one think how powerful love is."

Kazim has the opportunity to sell CDs prior to this event and is looking for volunteers to help! If you are interested in helping, please contact Cole David at dcoledavid@gmail.com.

Currently there are no specific details for everything this entails, but as it was expressed to us anyone who helps to sell CDs will have free parking and a free ticket into the event. Times and locations will be given out once available.

Half of the money raised during this event will go to Shriner's Children.