



KALURAH KAMEL

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INDIANA JONES AND THE TEMPLE OF KALURAH

III. Mark Loughran - Potentate

Going through the storage building behind 625 Dickson was, to say the least, an eye opening experience. In that building, which proved not to be as resistant to the elements as we might have wished, was found a literal treasure trove of Kalurah artifacts, musical instruments, clothes, photos, papers and vehicles. Getting past the ample evidence that we shared the building with critters whose housekeeping skills left something to be desired, it easily became a time machine that brought us back 30-50-100 years to the early days of our Shrine.

If an archaeologist had nothing other to work with than the remains in that building, they would have come away with some interesting conclusions.

Perhaps the first observation would be that the organization whose stuff was piled in there loved to have fun. There was a heavy emphasis on parades. Mini-bikes, karts, chariots, a fire truck, a clown kar and parts to fix them were found in abundance, as were trophies and awards showing that this group of people had clearly impressed the people who watched them perform.

Our archaeologist would have come quickly to other conclusions – some of which might bring a grin to our faces. These strange people liked to march as well as ride. Large numbers of banners were found that surely brought as many smiles to kid's faces as they did to the furry inhabitants of our shed. We located tons of musical instruments – drums, horns, sheet music, cymbals – that showed that these people either had a fine ear for music.....or thought they did.....or didn't care - and just had fun.

The explorer would not have needed a keen sense of deductive reasoning to come to the conclusion that these folks were not large. The costumes and uniforms looked like they were made for a particular scene we all remember in the Wizard of Oz. They were sharp, though. It didn't take much imagination to see lines of (small) costumed musicians banging away on their instruments while they proudly stepped out in parades.

What do archaeologists do with what they find? They study it and, ultimately, it gets displayed to allow future generations some understanding of their past. And that's what we should be doing. As soon as we get ourselves comfortably settled into our new digs – having business and Divan meetings and Ceremonials – we need to set aside a day or two to lay these artifacts out for review. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the seasoned members of our Temple to pass on the stories and lore (much of which will undoubtedly be very, very humorous) to the newer members of Kalurah. We should scan and save photos and articles to better preserve them in an orderly manner.

And finally, we should display these artifacts; put them in cases and up on the walls where we can see them. When we do, we will find that we all have a great deal in common with the men who came before us as Kalurah Shriners and we will undoubtedly be reenergized to the mission of carrying and passing the torch of our beloved Shrine to future Nobles and their families.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Apr 20-- Children's
Easter Party
(Tentative)
- Apr 26-28-- NYOSA
- May 1 - Divan Mtg
- May 15 - Business/
Ceremonial

Notices

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KALURAH KAMEL**SCHEDULE**

EDITION	DEADLINE
FEBRUARY/MARCH.....	FEBRUARY 14
APRIL /MAY	APRIL 8
JUNE/JULY	MAY 15
AUGUST/SEPTEMBER	JULY 15
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER ..	SEPTEMBER 15

Elected Divan 2019**Potentate Ill. Mark J. Loughran**

Chief Rabban	David L. Hantsch	Assistant Rabban	Andrew Roberts
High Priest & Prophet.....	Thomas Whitney	Oriental Guide	Rob Schoonmaker
Treasurer.....	Ill. Gerald E. Putman	Recorder	Ill. Scott Kinne

Appointed Divan 2018

1 st . Ceremonial Master	Shawn McMahon	2 nd Ceremonial Master ...	Andrew E. Stoll
Director	Eugene R. Graves	Marshal	Joe Peters
Captain of the Guard	Scott Schwartz	Outer Guard	Ed hickey
Chaplain	Rev. Adam Demetros		

Representatives to Imperial Council

Ill. Mark J. Loughran	Noble David L. Hantsch
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Trustees

Ill. Gerald "Gene" Abbey	Ill. Eric G. Putman	Noble Robert N. Rogers
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Emeritus Members

Ill. Steven Behe – Colorado	Ill. Douglas Immoor – Colorado	Ill. Gerald E. Putman – Colorado
	Ill. Hugh R. Price – Colorado	

Living Past Potentates

Stephen M. James	1980	Thomas M. "Tim" McMullin	2004-2005
Richard N. LaFever	1984	Steven E. Behe	2007
David P. Spencer	1990		
James C. Whited	1992	Hugh R. Price	2009
Douglas Immoor	1994	Eric G. Putman.....	2011
Gerald "Gene" Abbey	1995	William P. Hush.....	2012
Nicholas F. Seketa, DPM	1996	Richard L. Barner.....	2014
Charles R. Henneman	2000	Alan P. Zdimal.....	2015
Nelson Johns	2001	Scott G. Kinne	2016
Gerald E. Putman	2002	Marty D. DeVault.....	2017
J. David Tinklepaugh III	2003	David J. Karre.....	2018

68th Annual Children's Easter Party & Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 AM

Saturday April 20, 2019

KALURAH SHRINE'S NEW LOCATION

549 Chenango Street, Binghamton, 1390

Join Us For Another Fun-Filled Easter Party!

- PLAN** Plan to attend. You'll have fun!
- RESERVE** Call or e-mail the recorder and make your reservations by **FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2019**. Due to the space limitations of our new location, we are **capping** the party at **75 kids**! There will be an admission ticket for each child with a reservation at the door. **D.J. Johnny Only** will be there again to entertain the young and young at heart!
- BRING** Bring children (ages 4-11) as your guests! Be sure to make a reservation so we can guarantee an adequate number of baskets!

Historically, contributions have been sufficient to defray the costs of the Easter Party. In recent years, contributions have been down, but costs have been up. Your contribution will help offset the cost!

All donations are greatly appreciated.

CAN WE COUNT ON YOU?

Please contribute!

Same Great Party, Different Space

by Andrew Roberts, Assistant Rabban

One of the things that humbles me most as a Shriner is the generosity of our members. Each year for the past 68 years our members have conducted an Easter Party for children entirely by donations.

Though we have moved locations the tradition will continue at our new location at 549 Chenango Street, Binghamton. So on April 20 join the tradition and come help us stuff baskets, hide eggs and enjoy the fun with DJ Johnny Only and the children.

Basket stuffing begins at 9am with the party at 11am.

Please contact me at aorenroberts@aol.com to help. THANK YOU!

New Shriners Needed!!!!!!!

Not to be a broken record, we need Candidates, we have a Ceremonial coming up soon, 1st Section The 2nd Section will be done later in the fall. That gives us the chance to repair and clean the items we need. But get those petitions and it will make for a better 2nd section. We always need help on the Directors Staff, you can belong on to everything else and still enjoy the fun of bring in new members!

Gene Graves, Director



There's New Life in Cortland !!!!

By Noble Andrew Stoll

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the Cortland Shrine Club. The officers are President Noble Tom Whitney, Vice-President Andrew Stoll, Secretary Noble Don Ellis, and Treasurer Noble Jason "Tiny" Quail. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Noble Tom Whitney for restarting the Cortland Shrine Club. The club was in active for about 15 years. Tom found out the charter was still around and took the initiative to say, "I want to restart the club." He followed through and the club is strong and growing.

At the present time we have 9 members. As a club we do a lot of exciting activities. One of our annual activities is helping out with the annual First Responders Softball Tournament held in September in Cortland, New York. The tournament is a fundraiser for the Special Olympics. We have also had dinner get togethers at Aiello's Restaurant. This past spring we hosted a presentation on the Galveston and Springfield Shiner's Hospitals in Cortland. As a club we are strong and growing. Again a huge thank you to Noble Tom Whitney for bringing back the Cortland Shrine Club.



Nobles Andrew Stoll, Tom Whitney, Don Ellis, Jason "Tiny" Quail

Parades are Here Again!!!!

Nobles, Parade season is fast approaching. What better a way to get out, enjoy some fresh air, have some fun and let our communities know who the Shriners are.

If you know of a parade in your area please let us know and help us get a contact person for the Parade. That way we can get an application for the parade.

Send the info to the Recorder, Gordy Gardner or myself so we can get the parades on our schedules and mark our dates.

Thanks Noble Gene Graves

My email is ggrav360pm97@epix.net



OFFICIAL NOTICE OF
BUSINESS MEETING & CEREMONIAL

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

6:30PM Dinner
7:30PM – Meeting & Ceremonial

Kalurah Shriners, A.A.O.N.M.S., 549 Chenango St. Binghamton, NY

**The meeting for reports and other business as may be presented, will be held at the
Kalurah Shriners 549 Chenango Street, Binghamton, NY.**

**Imperial Council Law requires that you have your CURRENT YEAR dues card to
attend.**

**THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THIS MEETING
WEAR YOUR FEZ!!**

Attest:

Scott G. Kinne, Recorder

Mark Loughran, Potentate

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW LOCATION

Kalurah Roadrunners are Alive and Well !!!!

The Roadrunners of Kalurah are a group of Nobles who transport our patients and their parents to the Shriners Children's Hospitals. As you may recall, the Shriners' Hospital we are closest to, and support with time, talent and means is the Hospital located in Springfield, MA. We also transport children to our hospitals located in Philadelphia, Boston and Erie.

This year, only three months old, has been a busy one. With warmer weather upon us more patients are lined up for hospital visits.

Anticipating the need for drivers, phone calls and emails were sent to Nobles, and the response has been great. We now have 39 Nobles who, if work schedules permit, are able and willing to transport children and parents. In addition, six ladies have expressed an interest in being co-pilots (we always send two drivers on a hospital trip, and at least one of them has to be a member of Kalurah.) Ladies who are wives of Shriners or widows of Shriners are eligible to be co-pilots.

We can always use more drivers, and if you are interested, call Tim McMullin at 607 748 6284 or email tmcmc-mullin@yahoo.com. If you do drive, Tim will arrange for a tour of the hospital. We Shriners have fun and help kids.

Shout It Out!

Are you part of an event planning committee, maybe a committee chairperson? What does it take to insure a successful event?

You have to get the word out. This is more important than ever, considering our move into Binghamton, our new facility, or any other facility we may hold an event.

We did not skip a beat with the recently held Meat Raffle. This was held at the Knights of Columbus in Binghamton, and attendance was as good as it has ever been. Why? We shouted it out to the community.



There are numerous ways to "get the word out"; paid advertising, various streams of social media, and Community Calendars. The Community Calendars are free and simple to use. You can submit your event at each of their web sites. To assist with surfing the web and locating the correct page, here is a listing of the ones that'll get you the best coverage.

Good Times-Go-Press Connects:

http://localsearch.pressconnects.com/localevents/add_event/100

Fox 40 - WICZ

<http://www.wicz.com/category/314150/community-calendar>

WBGN – TV

<http://www.wbng.com/community-calendar/submit?c=n>

Time Warner Cable News

<http://www.twcnews.com/nys/binghamton/submit-event.html>

Hey Flatlanders !!

Cuzzins Marty, Raban of the Clan, Cuzzin Tom Jr, Cuzzin Mark and Myself will be checkin out a site for our Grand and Glorious Hillbilly Degree, at which time we will come up with a date to have such degree, but we need Flatlanders wanting to become Cuzzins of the Two Rivers Hillbilly Clan. Iffin you need a peetition just send an email to me ggrav360pm97@epix.net and I will send it to you all for the lifetime cost of \$35 and for the Gals it's a lifetime cost of \$15. I need the petitions so I know what to order and have whats needed at the Grand and Glorious Hillbilly Degree!

Cuzzin Gene Graves, Keeper of the Cob



LAST CHANCE --- NYOSA Spring 2019

Planning for the Spring 2019 NYOSA session is just about complete. We will be visiting the eclectic village of Ellicottville, New York Friday through Sunday, April 26-28, 2019. Ill Sir Kris Scheetz, President, his Lady Claire and Ill Sir David Freund, Director General are putting together an event-filled weekend with some new twists and turns (western themed), our general session meeting, hospitality rooms and a special guest speaker from Tampa, past National Ambassador for Shriners Hospitals for Children, Leigh Dittman who has raised over \$1,000,000 for our cause.

Hotel reservations are being accepted now. When calling, be sure to mention NYOSA. Registrations are being accepted now. The registration form is included here, or contact the Recorder and one can be emailed to you.

If you haven't been to a NYOSA session, put Ellicottville and these dates on your calendar. There's no better way to find out what's happening on a state, national, and international-wide basis. To meet Nobles from across the state, Canada, and your counter-parts, this is the place.

Take a look at these web links for information about hotel facilities and the village of Ellicottville.

<https://www.holidayvalley.com/>

<https://www.ellicottvilleny.com/>



SEE YOU THERE!!!!

New York Ontario Shrine Association

Spring Session April 26 to April 28, 2019

Holiday Valley Resort and Conference Center

6557 Holiday Valley Rd • PO Box 370

Ellicottville, NY 14731

(716) 699-2345

REGISTRATION FORM

Noble: _____ Shrine Center: _____

Title: _____ Lady: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Arrival Date: _____

Noble Registration Fee.....\$125.00 \$ _____

Fee includes Hospitality, and Dinner Saturday

Ladies Registration Fee.....\$ 85.00 \$ _____

Fee includes Hospitality, Ladies Breakfast w/ Mimosas, and Dinner Saturday

Friday Evening Dinner: Finnerty's Tap Room - All Invited – Additional fee...\$30/person \$ _____

Pub Crawl, Friday afternoon, ending up at Finnerty's (if interested check here ☐)

Golf (weather permitting) - More info later (if interested check here ☐)

Casino, Antique Mall/Shopping - More info later (if interested check here ☐)

Ladies program TBA – More info later (if interested check here ☐)

Saturday Night Dinner: County Western Theme - All American Barbeque Buffet – Cash Bar

Total payment due with Registration (US funds)..... Enclosed: \$ _____

Register Online or Make check or money order payable to **NYOSA** & forward to:

John Murdoch, 4726 Eckhardt Rd, Eden, NY 14057

Hotel Reservations:

Please make your own reservations with Holiday Valley Resort and Conference Center

(716) 699-2345

Rooms rates are \$125/night (includes continental breakfast)

When making reservations be sure and mention you are with NYOSA



Meat Raffle 6 a Success by Ill. Marty DeVault

Noble's and Ladies

We just completed our, I believe, 6th bi-annual Spring Meat Raffle on Saturday, April 6.

I was a bit apprehensive, with the change of venue, moving to the Knights of Columbus Hall on Park Ave, Binghamton, but I shouldn't have been.

It went off without a hitch and the men and ladies of this Knights of Columbus were wonderful. Reservations came in slowly at first, but as the day itself got closer, the reservations grew. Once the raffles got under way at 6:00 PM, there were over 130 in attendance. And they wanted to play. The raffles went on for just shy of three hours. Not to mention about a dozen donated gift baskets and a number of bottles of wine and liquor as well.

The looks of the food coming out of the kitchen was right on the spot as well. Donated sandwiches, chips, cookies and dessert kept the crowd energized for the entire night.

It truly takes a team effort to make this event a success. Attending the front doors, collecting CHOW donations, the banker making change, managing the sale of raffle tickets collecting the money for the meat raffles and gift baskets, runners selling tickets, organizing the kitchen and serving the food, MC duties, spinning the wheel and delivering the prizes, and of course – clean-up. And that's just the day of the event. A lot of thought and effort is invested in the days and weeks leading up to the night. I cannot adequately express my thanks and gratitude to all those people who made this a success for Kalurah. I'm not going to name names, because if I did, I would definitely miss someone. You know who you are, and I hope you know that my appreciation for your time and effort is more than I can say.



For those who could not make it, do not despair, there will be another attempt at more fun in the fall. The bar keeps getting raised with each Meat Raffle, so be sure to come out and push it even higher.



Meat Raffle Chair Ill. Marty DeVault



You Make a Difference!!!!

March 13, 2017

Kalurah Shriners
c/o Travel Assistance
625 Dickson St
Endicott, NY 13760

To whom it may concern;

I hope this letter finds you well. Last week Jonathan had to go to Shriners Hospital in Philadelphia. My friend was able to go with us for assistance. Jonathan is doing well but he had injured a knee and needed his braces adjusted. We went up and back in one day. In the past you have been generous in helping us out with the expenses. If you would be able to help us again that would be much appreciated. I included a picture of Jonathan so you can put a face to these requests. We so appreciate the great work the hospital of doctors has done for Jonathan. Jonathan started to walk in his braces last fall and over the winter he slowly is getting better. He gets tired quick and he does have some pain. This is a journey.

Again, thank you for your generosity. If you have any question please don't hesitate to call me, my number is below. You mean more than what you think.

Sincerely yours,

Rebecca [REDACTED]

Jonathan's mother

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



Somethin's Happening! By Noble Rob Schoonmaker

The June 2019 Shriner's Concert has been selected. This year we will be selling CDs for, and rocking out to, none other than Peter Frampton. So it's time to 'Come Alive' and put your name on the volunteer list. As usual, we will be making the trek to Bethel Woods, but 'Nowhere's Too Far' to help support our hospital. "You Can Be Sure" it's going to be a good time.

For those of you who may not be familiar with the Shriner's Concert Series, this will be our fourth year that we have participated. Every year, Shriner's Hospitals partners with several bands who agree to let us sell their CDs at select concerts throughout the year. All proceeds are then either sent directly to the hospital for the supporting region, or split between the hospital and the band's personal charity. Proceeds usually end up being about \$5 per CD. Last year, we sold about 900 CDs during the Lynyrd Skynyrd concert with half of the proceeds going to the Lynyrd Skynyrd. Even though we only received about \$2.50 per CD, we still ended up raising over \$2,000 for our hospital. That's a nice chunk of 'Money'!

Oh, did I mention that autographed guitar? Because there is an autographed guitar that we give away at the end of the concert as well. As an incentive to have people buy CDs from us, rather than the other vendors, we give out a raffle ticket for every CD sold to go towards winning a guitar that has been autographed by the bands. Yes, I did say bands...all of them. On top of that, a few of us get to go up on stage to promote the Hospitals and show off the guitar.

In the past we have all met at the Callicoon Brewing Company for a quick meal before the show, but we are going to change things up a bit and have a 'Day in the Sun' with a good old fashioned tailgating party instead. More details will be sent to the volunteers once I have the list set.

So, 'Do You Feel Like We Do'? If so, Here are the Details

What: Sell CD's

Where: Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, Bethel, NY

When: Sunday, June 30th

Time: Will be announced closer to the date

Number of volunteers needed: 20(Can be family/friends of Nobles, but Nobles get priority)

RSVP: robschoony@gmail.com

Social Media and Shriners



The presence of Shriners and Masonry in general on various social networking sites is growing exponentially and it is drawing attention to Shrinedom and the fraternity. By participating on sites such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn (and others), or our web sites, we should strive to make that attention as positive as possible.

When we represent ourselves as a Shriner, or a member of the masonic fraternity, we become someone's impression of Shriners and Freemasonry. As such, it is important that we act accordingly and subscribe to the lessons we are all taught as Masons in terms of how we communicate and interact with other Shriners, Masons and non-Masons.

Your individual postings directly affect Kalurah Shriners, the entire Fraternity, as well as you as an individual. Be mindful that your image online could be viewed by your colleagues and co-workers, as well as your brother nobles, lodge members and their families.

Best Practices for Social Media

Always remember that you are a mason in the lodge and a noble of Kalurah Shriners in public, at home, and in your communications – both public and private.

Conduct your Social Media activities in a way that reflects your membership in any and all masonic bodies. Always display courtesy towards others.

Your actions on the various Social Media outlets should reflect the highest standards of morality and integrity, as you would practice within the Lodge or Shrine.

Assume that every email you send will be seen by people other than the intended recipient.

Regardless of the privacy settings you use, assume information posted to social media sites will not stay private.

Answer this question before posting or sending... Does this message or post present a positive image of your membership in Freemasonry and Shriners to the world?

Credit to the Grand Lodges of New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Washington for parts of this article.

Calling All Knights of Mecca!!

The next Knights of Mecca meeting will be held on Tuesday April 30th 2019 at 6:30 PM.

We will be meeting at the Belmar Pub located at 95 Main Street Binghamton, New York.

Anyone who is interested in attending and learning more about who we are and what we do is invited to attend. I have been informed that , that the special for the day is \$.50 cent tacos, so you know you don't want to miss that!

Please RSVP to mcmahons01@yahoo.com

St. Patrick's Party 2019 Fun and Fellowship!!!!

The 14th annual St. Patrick's Party has come and gone, and as in previous years my goal was to keep the party new and exciting and keep making changes to try to achieve that goal.

The first change for this year's party was made the night of last years party and that was to change the night to a Saturday from a Friday. This was to make it easier on the caterer, having the party on a Friday during Lent meant we had to offer fish besides the traditional Irish fare. Although the caterer made this seem like "no problem" every year, it created a lot of extra work and cost for the caterer, as well as all the volunteers who helped with reservations and payment at the door._ Saturday worked just fine.

The major change that I did not anticipate was the location change. The party was held at our new facility located at 549 Chenango St. in Binghamton and in fact the St. Pats Party was the first event to take place at that facility. And although we did not advertise the event to the public, we had 42 Shriners and guests attend this year's party.

We also had a different caterer this year. Noble Ed Hickey and the Staff of The Belmar provided the fare and they did a fabulous job. Quite frankly without Ed and his Staff I do not believe the event would have been as successful as it was, it was really a seamless transition from the old facility to the new one. Thank you, Ed you saved the day.

One of the constants of the Party has been the Carle Irish Dancers and that is an element I just have never contemplated changing; they are so enjoyable to watch. And you can see how much they enjoy dancing for us. Even though our number of attendees was lower this year we dug deep into our pockets and raised \$200.00 for the dancers that evening. Thank you, Shriners and guests.

Our musical entertainment was the acoustic duo of Bud Ash and Vern Clair. I have a feeling they might be returning next year also.

So even though we faced some challenges and changes the 14th annual party was a success and I believe all who attended had a great time.

There will be some changes next year, I assure you there will be, but holding the event on a different day will not be one of them.

See you next year on Saturday the 14th of March 2020!



In Memorium



On March 12, 2019 Illustrious Sir Alan Zdimal, our Brother and our Friend entered the Celestial Lodge above. Alan served as the Kalurah Potentate in 2008 and again as Potentate in 2015. He was the Recorder from 2008 to 2013. He was an Associate Hospital Representative to Shriners Hospital for Children - Springfield, MA for three years. Alan was awarded Shriner of the Year in 2014. He was a regular attendee at our events along with Lady Barbara. He will truly be missed.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Lady Barbara and his entire family. May He Rest in Peace.