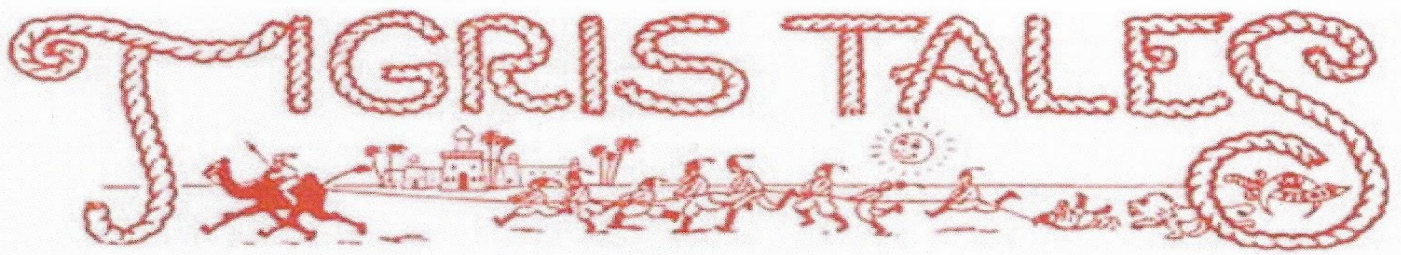


TIGRIS TALES



2020 Elected Divan

Illustrious Potentate	Duane E Crapser
Chief Rabban	Jimmy Santy
Assistant Rabban	Brian Courtney
High Priest & Prophet	Mike Bell
Oriental Guide	Rob Wolfe
Recorder	Ralph I. Haney Jr, PP
Treasurer	J. Michael Gates, PP

Appointed

First Ceremonial Master	James Colditz
Second Ceremonial Master	Shane Shahmir
Director	Dennis Hughes Sr.
Marshal	Carl Hoyt
Captain of the Guard	Robert W. Tyrrell
Outer Guard	Joseph Stevens
Chaplain	John Snyder

Tigris Shriner Finance Committee

President William Ferguson, Craig Cobb PP, Dennis Hughes Sr., Vern Stevens, Mike Bell

Representative to Imperial Session

Ill. Duane E Crapser

Potentates Advisors and Chief Aides

Jordan Crapser and Garry Visconti

Potentate's Personal Aides

Rob Myers and Thomas Warnock

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POTENTATE'S WORD

It's December 7th and I am sitting at my dining room table with Suzy. So many plans to make and yet I can't help but think "what if it's for nothing?". This past year has been a huge time of learning and finding a new exciting love for being a Shriner and Tigris



Shriners. Answering emails at all hours of the day and night trying to make sure all communications with my fellow Shriners is given the attention and respect each of you deserves. I do not have a big enough ego to think that the election that will take place in 11 days is a slam dunk. Every Noble is entitled to have the honor to stand on that stage for an election but only some will. Let me start this again at the place I became a Shriner.

It was a Brother that I respect very much that hounded me to turn in a petition. When he found out I was bringing my family to the Tigris Shrine Circus he made sure he met me at the door. As we stood there talking another Shriner walked over to us and I was introduced to the Potentate. Now mind you I was new to the Shrinedom so I couldn't help but think about the Ray Steven's song Shriner's convention. We were invited to come in before the gates opened and Illustrious Sir Gary Damon walked us to the VIP section. He said, "today you are my guest please enjoy the show". A few minutes later Garry Visconti (the Noble that met us at the door) came over to me and handed me the petition. I happily took it. After the show we went home. The petition stayed in my vest pocket for about a week.

The day I decided to take the petition out to fill it out was bittersweet. First off, I was excited to be a Shriner. Second, I was thinking about all I could do

with almost \$300 with having 6 kids living at home. Well, like everyone else that has a very supportive spouse I turned to her and she never missed a beat "if this is what you want to do than do it". That afternoon Garry and his wonderful wife Lynn met us in the parking lot of a grocery store so I could give him my petition. We talked for a few minutes and I told him my concern about spending the money to join. He told me that he did understand and informed me that the Fez can be purchased later. My Bride was not having that. Suzy wrote a check for the total amount. So, the journey began.



It didn't take long for me to understand that what I joined was bigger than anything I had joined before. The Units, parades, Balls, meetings, Hospitals and the most important part, the Kids. It was exciting to be involved and even more exciting to be in my first parade. Lady Suzanne made sure I had a great ride for the parade. As a child I wanted to be one of those guys with the funny hat making people smile. On that day I was just that in front of my hometown I helped make people smile.

On January 11th, 2020 I along with the rest of the Divan were sworn into our respective offices. It was an honor to have so many in attendance. Each



(installing Marshal) presented them with a Rose.

of us were able to escort our Ladies in while Bill Nurk PP The Ladies were followed in by our very own Color Guard. That presented the Stars and Stripes along with the Shrine Flag. Thank you to our Color

Guard for your dedication to presenting our flag and your dedication to Tigris Shrine.

The installing Officer for the day was chosen over a year ago after a conversation about leadership. I



told him if I make it to be Potentate, I will do my best to unite and promote Tigris in the most positive way. That day I knew I wanted Illustrious Sir Bob Bennet to be front and center if I had the honor of leading. He has been a Mentor and an Inspiration to



me since I became a Shiner. Always humble and always direct he is the type of leader I hope to be.

I cannot leave out the others that took a part in the Installation Ceremony including

George Holtaling PP who was our acting Chaplain. Thank you all for stepping up once again when Tigris needed you. Thank you all for Serving.

As I stood in front of friends, family, Ladies and my fellow Nobles I was humbled. The men that I stood in the middle of were all dedicated and passionate about the same thing I am. Being a Shiner. As I stood there getting ready to be sworn in, I took a step back from the line. These men that stood with me have

taught, led and now have been asked to follow me. They all deserved the respect I felt I was giving then by stepping behind the line.



For those that missed the ceremony I hope you were able to watch online. Tigris did their first ever live broadcast of their Installation.

As Illustrious Sir Ken Ayhens last actions as Potentate of Tigris Shrine he presented Lanny Schantz with Shriner of the Year for 2019 and presented Bob McManus with an award for his time on the Board of Directors. Both Nobles were well deserving of these recognitions.

The Divan for 2018 and 2019 were happy to present Illustrious Sir Ken with his very own Championship



after what I described at his time as Potentate. His Lady Rose was also presented with roses and given our thanks for their time and service to Tigris Shrine.

Following the Installation, we all had a great dinner (thank you all for helping) and had the entertainment of the night the King of Rock and Roll Elvis Presley (Tom Gilbo).



Lady Suzanne and I hope all had an amazing time way back on 1/11/2020 because we sure did.

Now back to where we are today. Our Shrine Center needs an injection of FUN and that is the plan. With our lives being busy and full of turmoil we all need time to unwind and enjoy ourselves with likeminded people. Lady Suzanne and I have put a lot of time into ideas that will promote the excitement and love we share for Tigris.

Thank you all for your support and confidence in the 2020 Elected Divan. We look forward to Serving and enjoying our time as your elected Divan.

Illustrious Sir Duane E Crapser





This year we need to focus on retaining and increasing membership.



**Tigris Shriners
Syracuse, NY**

This year Tigris will purchase a Fez for each new member.

This is a 50% savings to those joining us in Shrinedom. As our Imperial Potentate has said “Just One”. Now is the time to become a Shriner!



Since the **JUST ONE** membership growth campaign was instituted by Imperial Potentate Jeffrey Sowder in July, more than two thousand nobles have been recognized for bringing in new Shriners or restoring suspended members. And because there are five different levels of recognition, Shriners can always resolve to accomplish something more!

Level 1 – Upon creation or restoration of one member, the top-line signer will receive a postcard and **JUST ONE** pin from Imperial Sir Sowder.

Level 2 – Upon bringing in two members, the top-line signer will be listed in the Shriner Magazine.

Level 3 – With three new creations or restorations, the top-line signer will receive a certificate of appreciation and a letter of commendation from Imperial Sir Sowder.

Level 4 – After five creations or restorations, the top-line signer will receive a personal phone call from the Imperial Potentate.

Level 5 – Top-line signers responsible for 10 additional Shriner brothers receive a special invitation to a **JUST ONE** VIP reception with the Imperial Divan at the 2020 Imperial Session.



Illustrious Sir Ken wants to thank the Tigris Clown Unit and the 2018 and 2019 Divan for his much-deserved gifts.



Potentate Report 2019

Nobles,
What a year we’ve had!

We started off with great visions of what and where we wanted our great Tigris Center to be. We have met most of our marks and we have also had new adventures to take care of along the way. We’ve learned a lot about Tigris, the men that make up the center and about the by-laws of Imperial and how to apply them in the correct manner within the spirit they were written.

Most of the time we meet and sit around the table on the level, with an open mind to discuss our differences. Like Men, Mason’s and Shriners, we’ve been obligated to do. This year we’ve had

three guys try to use the Imperial by-laws for their own self-serving malicious purpose. One is no longer a Mason. The other two have still refused to sit at the table as our by-laws require. They have hid behind emails with tons of self-righteous demeaning language. All three have brought an immoral light on us within Tigris and Internationally. We have defended Tigris and ourselves, we'll continue fighting the good fight as long as it takes.

We had a nice installation this year. A great circus kick off. We had the best circus we could have, attended 12 parades (Thank you Lanny for driving the firetruck to each and every one of the parades the last two years) and all who participated, we had fun while doing it all. Our Board was able to represent Tigris at all the other Potentate receptions. They have seen the best of Shrinedom.

Our Center has been able to help a number of children and their parents to get to and from our hospitals in a timely and safe manner. I can honestly say we do not let the rain, snow or cold stop us from getting our children to the hospitals. We have very courageous drivers, Thank You All. Our Hospital Reps. are the best around. Their also spend hours of their time on the road and in the board room for the kids and our Center. Thank you, Ill. Sirs Bob Bennett and Bob McManus!!

I want to thank our Board of Directors, Divan and all of our committees that we've had throughout the year and for all the help from the units. You see Nobles it takes more than just one or two people to make a Shrine, it takes all of us.

Nobles, I am Humbled and Honored that you elected and stood with me and by me for the last two years. Thank you, Duane, for the miles we've drove and rode together you made them fun and safe!

Brothers Tigris has a great upcoming Board of Directors! I pledge my support to them, and I pray you will too!!

As Lady Rose and I move into our next journey. I want to leave you with these last words.

“Stay positive, work hard and make things happen. It's better to look ahead and prepare than to look

back and regret.” I can assure you Nobles I have No Regrets!!

Respectfully Submitted.

Yours in the Faith,

Ill. Sir Kenneth Ayhens
Potentate 2018 and 2019



Our Website is becoming your portal to Tigris News and Events. You can make reservations to up and coming events they are getting added through out the year. Please keep checking in www.tigrisshriners.com

Also follow us on Facebook.
<https://www.facebook.com/tigrisshriners/>

Calendar of up and coming events

- 3/14 St Patrick's Day Parade
- 3/21 Special Bingo to benefit Transportation Fund
- 4/18 Rameses Ball
- 4/24-4/26 Spring NYOSA and Kalurah Ball
- 5/2 Tigris Glow Prom 6 to 9PM
- 5/16 Ismailia Ball Roaring 20's theme
- 5/30 Cyprus Ball
- 6/6 International Shriners Day (Activity to be announced)
- 6/27 special Bingo to benefit Transportation Fund
- 7/5 - 7/9 Imperial Session
- 8/15 Tigris Ball
- 8/22 Tigris Family Picnic
- 9/19 Special Bingo to benefit Transportation Fund
- 9/18-9/20 Fall NYOSA
- 10/10 Media Ball Masquerade theme
- 10/17 Ziyara Ball
- 10/17 Mecca Ball
- 10/24 Damascus Ball
- 11/21 Special Bingo to benefit Transportation Fund
- 12/5 Breakfast with Santa
- 12/12 Tigris Christmas Party



MONDAY EVENINGS

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The bingo hours are from 4 pm to 10 pm every Monday. I know after a day at work another 6 hours volunteering is hard. Here is a breakdown that might help you squeeze in even a couple hours to benefit our Shrine Center.

From 4 to 7 pm we sell pull tabs. This task takes 2 to 4 people sitting on stage counting and selling pull tabs. At 5pm we start selling cards with two members. One running the cash register and computer while the other counts out cards for our customers. We stop selling cards at 7 pm when we start the Bingo games. During Bingo we need one person to walk around selling pull tabs.

We also need to have 2 or 3 workers that walk the floor to call back numbers when we have a winner. After the games start, we have one person that is dedicated to the money room. At the end of the night around 9 pm we start the clean up that includes picking up trash and putting tables and chairs away. We also need callers. Right now, I am the only Shriner trained to call.

These tasks do not include the help we receive from the Daughters of the Nile.

We would like to breakdown the hours into two 3-hour shifts. We need Tigris Shriners to sign up to work 4 to 7 and 7 to 10pm. Right now, we have a steady crew of 5 to 6 Shriners working the full 6 hours weekly. This will make it, so we have enough Nobles to cover the whole evening. If we can get a rotating crew of 50 Nobles we would only need to work once every 5 to 6 weeks.

What we are missing is you our fellow Nobles. Please feel free to contact myself or the Shrine Office to sign up to help. You would be

surprised how fast the night goes by sharing fellowship and providing a community activity that supports Tigris Shrine.

We need to stay committed to this weekly and profitable fundraiser. The annual budget calls for \$50,000 in fundraising. In the first 4 weeks of this year we have raised over **\$5000**.

Illustrious Sir Duane Crapser
Treasurer Ralph Haney PP



2020 IMPERIAL SESSION

July 5 - 9, 2020

Come and join in on the fun with your fellow Shrine Families from around the world. You can also enjoy the Tigris Hospitality Room.

FIRST LADY'S LEGO PROJECT

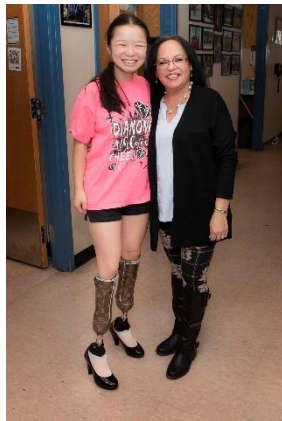


First Lady Suzanne is doing a Lego drive for our Hospitals this year. We will be collecting NEW LEGO/DUPLO Brand toy sets. She is contacting stores and the Lego company for donations and a possible grant from LEGO. Please support Lady Suzanne's Lego Project. We will have a donation bin in the office all this year. Gift cards and cash donations will be accepted and used to purchase LEGO/DUPLO toy sets. As a long time, Registered Nurse Lady Suzanne understands the therapeutic needs of patients and the benefits of staying occupied while healing. LEGOs play has many benefits such as promoting fine motor skills, builds creativity and develops problem solving skills. LEGO/DUPLO toys are used for many age groups.

***Please remember our hospitals cannot accept used toys.



One of the greatest gifts we can receive is getting to watch our patients grow up right in front of our eyes. Mahlia has been a patient here in Springfield, MA since she was three years old, seeing Brock McConkey in our orthotics and prosthetics department. We are so proud of the 17-year-old who stands in front of us now in the same spot 14 years prior – trying on her first pair of heels to



practice for her upcoming prom!



What makes this moment even more special is that the heels Mahlia is wearing belong to Luz Garcia in our care management department. Once Luz saw how much Mahlia loved the shoes and how well she was

walking in them, she gifted them to her!



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN. TIME FOR THE RV SHOW AT THE NEW YORK STATE FAIR GROUNDS. The times are listed below. Our Assistant Rabban Brian Courtney and High Priest and Prophet Mike Bell are working to get everything needed for the show together now we need you to sign up to be there to represent Tigris Shriners. This is an event that brings in MONEY for our hospitals. We need CLOWNS to come for picture with the kids young and old. Please call the office to sign up.

Thursday, March 5, 2020 10:00am - 9:00pm

Friday, March 6, 2020 at 10:00am - 9:00pm

Saturday, March 7, 2020 at 10:00am - 9:00pm

Sunday, March 8, 2020 at 10:00am - 5:00pm

Color Guard

We all hope that everybody enjoy the holidays. We close the Shrine year with our Holiday Party everyone had a great time the food was great including the entertainment. As we look through our rear view mirror we see the year 2019 behind us and before we leave, we wish to thank our now Past Potentate Kenneth R Ayhens and his Lady Rose who has worked so hard in making the last two years a success.

The Shrine meeting and election of Officers was held on December 11th. We had a good turnout of Nobles it is great to see that they were interested in which direction the Temple is going. We need to leave our differences behind us work together grow and be prosperous. Noble Pat Tobin and Robert Kline had the opportunity to present the flags at the installation.

We wish to congratulate our newly elected Illustrious Sir Duane E Crapser for 2020. We look forward to an exciting year.

Although we are few in numbers marching, we are still active in other events, we are trying to recruit

new Nobles but with little success. But never say never.

If Nobles who are looking for a unit to join maybe a little history of what and how the Color Guards are all about might interested you in joining us.

As Armies became trained and adopted set formation, each regimen's ability to keep its formation was potentially critical to it's, and therefore it army's success. In the chaos of battle, not least due to the amount of dust and amount of dust and smoke on the battlefield, soldier s needed to be able to determine where their regiment was. Flags and banners have been used by many armies in battle t oserve this purpose.

Regimental flags were generally awarded to regiment by a head of state during a ceremony and colors maybe inscribed with battle honors or other symbols representing former achievements. They were therefore treated with reverence as they represented the honor and traditions of the regiment. The loss of the uniT's flag was not only shameful, but losing this central point of reference could make the unit break up. So regiments trended to adopt color guards, a detachment of experienced or elite soldiers, to protect their colors, as a result, the capture of an enemy's standard was considered as a great feat of arms. Due to the advent of modern weapons and subsequent changes in tactics, colors are no longer used in battle, but continue to be carried by color guards at events of formal character.

Two of the best known color guard in the military are the US Armed Services Color Team and the Continental Color Guard Teams perform mainly in our national capital at the arrival and departure ceremonies for the president, funerals of national leaders or military heros, Welcome ceremonies for leaders from othercoun
Tries, parades on national holidays.

If any Nolbe is interested in joining us Please contact Robert Kline PP. at 315-744-2647

Thank you,

Robert Kline PP.



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GREETINGS FROM THE PATIENTS AND STAFF!!!!

In my last report I spoke about the new model of care, (hospital within a hospital), the Boston Hospital is changing to. The objective is to reach more kids in more places. We like to say "Proud of our Past – Focused on our Future".

Our Hospital Administrator, Eileen Skinner, says it this way, "As we plan for a bright future at Shriners Hospital for Childeren-Boston we are more committed than ever to our mission to provide expert burn care for children here in the United States and from around the world regardless of a family's ability to pay".

The following is a Boston Hospital Updates and will give you a brief picture of where we are in the transition and where we're going.

Nolbes and Ladies, thank you all for what you do for the HOSPITAL's and our KID's.

Robert J Bennett, PP, Secretary, Board of Governors
George E Hotaling, PP, & Patrick Tobin, Emeritus
Members, Board of Governors.

HOSPITAL UPDATE

- Shriners Hospitals for Children – Boston is the ONLY pediatric American Burn Association (ABA) verified program in New England and New York.
- SHC – Boston specializes in acute burn care, including providing surgeries, skin grafting and compression therapy to reduce scarring and improve function/appearance.
- The providers have advanced skill in plastic, reconstructive, and laser surgery for the repair of burns (as well as skin disorders, congenital anomalies and other conditions).
- Staff are also experts in cleft lip and palate repair, a common birth condition that can be diagnosed in utero.

- Care for patients at SHC – Boston is generally over many years in order to support the child's growth.
- Staff at SHC – Boston mentor up to 80 students per year who participate in our residency programs. Staff also train PhD candidates and research fellows. Specialties available include anesthesia, tissue regeneration, surgery and transplantation immunology.
- In addition to patient care, SHC – Boston operates one of the most robust research programs within the Shrine system. Our research staff is doing valuable work that will improve outcomes for our patients.
- The SHC – Boston research division produced 96 peer review publications last year on topics ranging from pain management to laser therapy. The hospital received grant funding from SHC Headquarters, the National Institutes of Health, Department of Defense and other sources- bringing in more than \$20 million this year along.
- In the past ten years, our researchers have authored nearly 10% of the papers presented at the ABA's annual meeting, sharing their expertise with the medical community.
- Our physician liaisons are visiting community health centers, medical practices, and hospitals throughout the New England region, educating staff about the expert care available at SHC-Boston. This supports care to patients in these locations and increases patient referrals to our programs.
- Staff oversees numerous patient programs to smooth the transition back to the classroom; these include pet therapy sessions, a school re-entry program, music and art therapy, and a makeup clinic that teaches patients how to improve the appearance of scars.
- The Team Brave initiative run with the Boston Firefighters Burn Foundation takes patients on field trips outside the hospital. Popular past events included the aquarium, a pasta making class, painting and trips to major sporting events.
- SHC – Boston has developed an international reputation, particularly in the area of acute burn care. Staff participates in regular outreach clinics in a number of locations, including Ukraine, Honduras, the Dominican Republic, and Puerto Rico

SHC – Boston Future Plans

- In collaboration with the SHC Board and leadership, SHC – Boston Board of Governors and hospital leadership are working to solidify and enhance the long-term future of the hospital and its programs.
- We remain committed to serving patients and meeting the needs of children regardless of their families' ability to pay.
- The plans we are implementing will strengthen our ability to continue to be a leader in pediatric burn and cleft lip and palate care.
- A comprehensive review of our building footprint is giving us the information we need to more efficiently manage our space.
- This is important because, over time, space needs have changed and we have to be good stewards of our resources.
- An evaluation of patient care and administrative needs resulted in a plan to consolidate services primarily to three floors within the current hospital building.
- Overall, once plans are approved by the State and renovation completed, the building will house approximately 60,000 square feet of hospital functions.
- While plans for the two current research floors are not settled, as a system leader in research activity, we remain committed to supporting and strengthening our program.
- This transition is an opportunity, allowing us to upgrade our facilities and maximize resources to best support the SHC mission.
- In 2018 we celebrated 50 years of caring for children and we look forward to many more milestone anniversaries



TIGRIS BIG BIKES

As the riding season is right around the corner we can't forget that it is that time of year again, time to pay dues. Reach out to Noble John Snyder to pay your 2020 dues

On Febraury 8th Tigris had the opportunity to salute the Ladies that stand by us and support Tigris Shrine. If you missed this event you missed great fellowship and a walk down memory lane. The day started



out as our way to thank our Ladies but it turned into so much more. As each Noble told stories about the support they have received they also spoke about their personal journey as a Shriner.

Thank you to the Ladies in attendence and thank you to the Nobles for haring your stories.



Lady Suzanne and I thank you all for your support. We believe that our current Divan has the vison to lead Tigris into a changing future while holding onto the strong postive history of our past.

Like the design of our pin we will focus on the Shriner Kids just like the 6 stars that represent our 6 children. We will maintain the Masonic teachings that are taught in our Lodges that are a foundation and guide. The All Seeing eye represents the vison to move forward while remembering what we have seen in the past. The world famous TCB is what we were elected to do "Taking Care of Business".

Illustrious Sir Duane E Crapser

The Shriners Creed

Shriners believe in God and that He created man to serve His purposes, among which is service to others in His name.

We believe that care for the less fortunate, especially children who suffer from burns and crippling diseases, is our institutional calling.

We are patriots, each willing to serve his country with fidelity and courage. We cherish independence under law and freedom with responsibility.

We honor family. We respect our parents, wives and children. We should instill in our children the tenets of this creed, and the heritage from which it emanates.

As individuals we pledge ourselves to integrity, virtue and nobility of character. Our intentions will be honorable, our relations will be trustworthy and our spirits forgiving of each other.

As brothers we offer each other fraternal affection and respect. Together we will support each other in adherence to this creed, so that we and our communities will be the better because of our fraternity and its principles.

As Shriners we look beyond ourselves to serve the needs of others, especially children who cannot help themselves. We believe Shriners Hospitals to be the world's greatest philanthropy, and we covenant with each other to support its "Temples of Mercy" with spirit, time, talent and means.