



Emirat Shriners

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The summer 2019 is coming to and end. The weather is cooler, the fall Ceremonial is at hand. The summer was filled with many activities. Over 60 new Nobles, in three Ceremonials. The founding of a new Club, Cedars Shrine Club in Lebanon. Two new Units a Golf and a Motorcycle Unit. The Shrine together with the Scottish Rite and Lodges took part in the Celebration of the 70th Anniversary Berlin Luftbrücke (Berlin Airlift). The DeMolay Chapter Emirat sponsors sent two young men to the Centennial Celebration of The International Order of DeMolay.



Cedar Shrine Club, Lebanon, who just a few months ago, received there charter, held their first Ceremonial in July 2019. The weekend was filled with everything that you would want from the Shrine. During the weekend information was presented on the new hospital clinic which is being built by one of our Nobles. He is hoping that once it is completed they will be able to work with Shriners Children Hospital. All this was followed by a great Ceremonial with great costumes. The evening was filled with dinner and dancing.



Number one Kamel driver at the Ceremonial in the Cedar Shrine Club



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Calendar

- 09 Nov. 1919 ACGL Semi-Annual Meeting, Wiesbaden
11 Jan. 2020 Annual Stated Meeting & Election
Emirat Shriners Schwarzwald Strasse 29-31 Heidelberg
29 Feb. 2020 George Washington Charity Ball
Solomon Lodge Stuttgart
29-31 May 2020 Spring Ceremonial
Emirat Shriners St Leon-Rot Harres Sport Center
29 May 2020 Daughters of the Nile Meeting
17-21 June International DeMolay Congress
Phoenix, AZ.
5-9 2020 July Imperial Session Kansas City, MO.
12 July 2020 Brezelfast Parade Speyer
15 Aug. 2020 Wättolumpiade Brunsbüttel
12 Sept. 2020 Stated Meeting
Emirat Shriners Schwarzwald Strasse 29-31 Heidelberg
13-15 Nov. 2020 Fall Ceremonial
Emirat Shriners St Leon-Rot Harres Sport Center
4-8 July 2021 Imperial Session
3-7 July 2022 Imperial Session

Brezelfast Parade

Emirat Shriners once again participated in the 2019 Brezelfast Parade.



A great team of Shriners marched through the streets of Speyer with the Emirat banner in front, the Color Guard carried the flags, Motorcycles, and as always our walking Camel was present. The Camel of course was a big hit with the kids and adults. As with every year candy and stuffed toys for the kids were handed out to the children, young and old.



This year we also had a Sports-car join us during the parade and of course, as always, our Emirat truck covered with Shrine logos was the center piece of display. The teens attending the parade thought the motorbike was the greatest. Emirat's famed Red Noses were spread around the crowd so everyone could get into the spirit of having fun.

One of our past patients visited us during the parade. Special thanks to the Parade Marshall for all the work behind the scenes making this another great event for Emirat.

A great time was had by all.

Imperial Potentate Imperial Sir Jeffrey L. Sowder

At the Shriners 2019 Imperial Session, held June 30 - July 4 in Nashville, Tennessee, Jeffrey L. Sowder of Toronto, Kansas, was elected Imperial Potentate. Imperial Sir Sowder became a member of Midian Shriners in Wichita, Kansas, in 1988 and served as the temple's Potentate in 2004.

Jeffrey L. Sowder of Toronto, Kansas, is currently serving his 11th year as a member of the Boards of Directors for Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

The new Imperial Potentate is accompanied in his leadership duties by First Lady Cheryl Sowder.



Throughout my life, I have always believed that EVERYONE should belong to something bigger than they are so they can join with others to MAKE A DIFFERENCE. EVERY person can be that JUST ONE person who makes a positive difference in the lives of other people. I am honored to be working with each of you this year as we strive to MAKE A DIFFERENCE each and every day.



As we start this Imperial year, we need to make membership our #1 PRIORITY. We MUST rebuild our fraternity and our temple membership and we MUST take responsibility to get this important task done. I have only one simple request – that we ALL – every one of us – get JUST ONE new member during this next 12 months. If ALL of us – working together – focus on getting JUST ONE new member, either by creation or by restoration, we will see an IMMEDIATE impact on our declining membership.

Lederhosen goes Country Emirat Shriners at the Imperial Session in Nashville

Nashville Tennessee is the home of country music, but for one week it was the home of Shriners International for the 145th Annual Imperial Session

Our representatives and a group of Nobles and ladies attended the Imperial Session. This marked the second time that Emirat Shrine Center has marched in the Imperial Parade.

Many friends were made and information exchanged from other Shrine Centers.

The report of our representatives was presented at the stated meeting in September.

The election of the Imperial Divan is one of the high points of the week. Imperial Outer Guard, David Worel was elected to the Imperial Divan for the first time. Imperial Sir Jeffrey L. Sowder was elected Imperial Potentate see article above.



Make note of the dates, than we can meet in Kansas City 2020





70th Anniversary Berlin Luftbrücke (Berlin Airlift)

For Two days in June: Luftbrücke Lodge, Emirat Shrine Center, Emirat Legions of Honor, the AMSRB Scottish Rite and other Lodges within the ACGL had a great time supporting the 70th Anniversary of the Berlin Airlift, help at Clay Casern in Wiesbaden.

The children had fun at our booth by getting free cotton candy and spinning the wheel of fortune to win prizes; this and other events were hosted by the aforementioned organizations.

Planes and trucks of the period were scattered over the airfield for observers to see. At the close of the two day event we sponsored a BBQ for the pilots, crews and other workers that worked the two day event.

Here a quote of one of the Brothers working our stand:
"I really had a great time. It was fun and great to see the excellent teamwork. It was awesome to see, Luftbrücke Lodge, the Shrine, the Scottish Rite, come under one roof – perform and execute the task at hand.

Special Thanks to MWB Paul's company for their support, also RW Cliff , and the Dining Facility (Garrison) for their Support.

Special – very Special kudos - to MWB Paul Curran for his excellent logistical coordination – 3x3 from me Brother Paul.



Alasia Shrine Club hosts Shrine Ceremonial with 32 new Nobles

The weekend of 1-2 June a Special Ceremonial was hosted by the Alasia Shrine Club of Cyprus. Friday night was a meet and greet.

Saturday started with a tour of the old city of Nikosia and a museum tour showing art and the history through the eyes of many artists. The museum had a very large collection of clothing and uniforms that depicted the influences of the many cultures that lived in Cyprus.

The afternoon was filled with the Initiation Ceremonial of 32 Novices.

The evening followed with the Potentates Ball. An enjoyable weekend was had by all.



The Ceremonial was attended by our Potentate III Zeljko Gschwend along with Noble Andreas Charalambous Grand Master The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Cyprus, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. MW Andreas Charalambous was created a Noble during the Ceremonial. During the Potentates Ball he also gave a few words.



To the right to the right dancing at the ball



Master of Ceremonies III Paul Curran lead the guest through the evenings program. We had a great dinner, a lot of small talk and dancing. There were so many Nobles that were created the Fezing of the new Nobles by their Ladies had to be done in groups.



Many thanks to the Nobles and Ladies of Alasia Shrine Club for all the work that went into this weekend.

International DeMolay Congress and Centennial event 24 June- 1 July 2019 Kansas City-Missouri



We, Niels and Marvin, were the German delegates for this year's annual DeMolay Congress, where all Jurisdictions meet and decide on the future of DeMolay. In this short summary we would like to share our experiences and insights with you.

June 24th:

At 2 o'clock we took the ICE from Hanover to Frankfurt Airport, where we met with Dads Ward and Thomas at 9 o'clock. After check-in we went through the security checkpoints and then to the gate, where our plane left for Washington at 12 noon. There we had a stay of one hour until our next plane took off for Kansas City. A shuttle brought us from the airport to our hotel. After unpacking our luggage, we finally went to bed after a very long journey.

June 25th:

After the registration for the congress we went to the ritual competition, which was very exciting. Then the 52nd DeMolay Congress began, where the candidates for the election of the new International Master Councilor and the International Congress Secretary were presented. At the end of the day we were able to attend the York Rite Leaders Dinner,

June 26th:

On July 26th the congress started at 8 am. The International Master Councilor and the International Secretary were elected. Afterwards we had lunch and a city tour through Kansas City, where we visited the Shriner House in Kansas City and the cemetery with the grave of Frank S. Land. Afterwards we drove to DeMolay Headquarter in Kansas City, where the Centennial Party took place. With a delicious BBQ and music we could let the evening fade away.

June 27th:

On July 27th our day started with a self organized breakfast and some free time in which we visited the hospitality room provided by DeMolay. Our next point was an informal lunch, which we enjoyed together with a representative of Paraguay. In the evening we enjoyed ourselves at the Hall of Fame Banquet, where we could watch which men with DeMolay past made it socially to the top. At the end of the day, we had a meeting with representatives from our neighboring countries. There, a new representative for the region ten was elected.

28 June:

On the morning of 28 June, we took part in a meeting to find interested young people for DeMolay. In the evening we visited the restaurant "Cheesecake Factory" where we had delicious cheesecake.

June 29th:

On this day we had a lot of free time, which we used for a visit in a shopping center. The highlight of the day was the Grand Master's Banquet, where photos of the week were shown and the new DeMolay Grand Master was installed.

30 June- 1 July

The days were for the return journey. With two flights back like our Arrival.



DeMolay Congress in working Session

Membership Report

Total Membership as of January 1 2019: 473
Total Gains January 1 to September 30 2019
Nobles Created: 63
Nobles Affiliated: 01
Nobles Restored: 04

Total: 68

Total Loss January 1 to September 30 2019
Nobles Suspended: 10
Nobles Deceased: 01
Nobles Demits: 04

Total: 15

**Total Regular Membership
as of September 30 2019
+53 members or 11.2%
Total Membership 526 plus 11 Associated Members**

Black Camel



**George David Williamson
12 January 1938 28 June 2019**

It is with a heavy heart that we report the passing of Noble Dave Williamson, who laid down his working tools on 28 June 2019. He was a long time member of Solomon Lodge 822.

Noble Dave was a strong supporter of European Shrine Club and Emirat Shrine Center for many, many years and a great supporter of the Stuttgart Shrine Club. He was one of the very first Nobles to sign the membership list to join Emirat Shriners.

He will be sorely missed by all Nobles, Brothers and his family.

Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.