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2025 POTENTATE, ILLUSTRIOS ANTHONY WARD

A Year of Service, Fellowship, and Stewardship

Dear Nobles, Ladies, and Friends of Emirat Shriners,

As my term as your Potentate comes to a close, I would like to sincerely thank each of you for your dedication, support, and friendship throughout the year. Together, we were able to make a real difference for our children and for our Temple.

This year, Emirat approved the sponsorship of four new patients and sponsored the travel of a young girl from Europe to the United States for treatment and fitting of two prosthetic legs. Moments like these remind us why we are Shriners.

We hosted twelve ceremonials and welcomed 230 new Nobles into our ranks, along with 24 restorations. We also strengthened our international bonds with the UK Shrine Club from Almas Shrine Temple and the Alasia Shrine Club in Cyprus, relationships that continue to grow through cooperation and fellowship.

The year brought challenges, including the loss of Illustrious Sir Paul M. Curran, PP, our Recorder and a pillar of Emirat, as well as many other matters that required careful leadership and guidance. These experiences reinforced the importance of teamwork, counsel, and unity within our fraternity.

I led this year with a strong focus on the Shrine and with the sincere hope of leaving Emirat stronger than I found it. Thank you to the Divan and to every Noble for your commitment to our mission and to one another.

Lady Toshia and I wish you and your families a peaceful holiday season and a healthy and successful year ahead. I look forward to supporting Emirat into the future and to the leadership of my Dear Brother, Noble Luis Baez-Delgado.

YITF,

Anthony Ward
Potentate 2025



A Tribute to Illustrious Sir Paul M. Curran, PP

In the Eternal East, His Light Endures

From the radiant silence of the Eternal East, he watches,
A steadfast Brother whose journey has transcended the bounds of time.

His presence—now veiled from mortal sight—

Still walks beside us in every noble act,

In every vow upheld,

In every stone we set with purpose.

Illustrious Sir Paul M. Curran,

Whose life was a living testament

To the virtues we profess

And the ideals we strive to embody.

He was the measure of a true Man—

Firm in principle, gentle in spirit,

A devoted husband, a guiding father,

And a Brother whose handshake carried truth.

He taught us that leadership is service,

That honor is a daily labor,

That Brotherhood is a sacred bond

Forged not in words, but in deeds.

Though he has passed beyond the outer door

And entered the Eternal East,

His light has not dimmed.

It rests upon our hearts

Like the steady glow of a well-tended flame.

We remember him not with sorrow,

But with reverence.

For he shaped us, inspired us,

And left behind a legacy

As enduring as the pillars of our Craft.

So we lift our eyes to the East—

Not seeking his return,

But honoring his ascent.

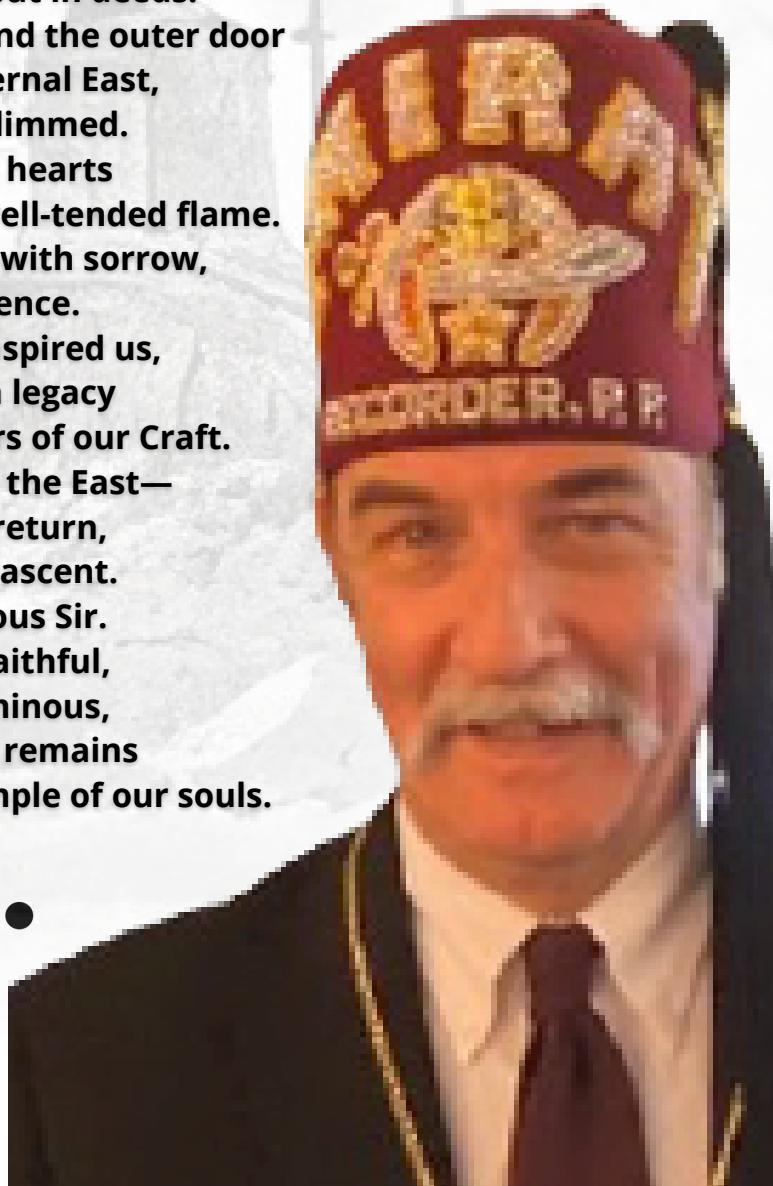
Farewell, Illustrious Sir.

Your work was faithful,

Your life was luminous,

And your memory remains

A perfect ashlar in the Temple of our souls.





During the year, the Loyal Order of Water Buffaloes Quarry 194 transitioned from a Club under the Clown Unit to its own Unit. Special events were held in Rome in May and October, during which 24 new Buffaloes were created. And in November, at the Fall Ceremonial, the degree returned and initiated 14 new Buffaloes, in addition to welcoming special guest Noble Wayne Kelly, Recorder from Khedive Temple, and making him an Honorary Emirat Water Buffalo.



(Recorders Meeting during the Imperial Session)

NOBLE IN THE SPOTLIGHT:

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Honorary Member Wayne Kelly:

Birthday ~ May 3, 1951

Birthplace ~ Naval Base, San Diego, California.

Occupation ~ Retired firefighter from Norfolk, Virginia, retired American Red Cross employee,

Freemason since ~ raised May 16, 1980.

Noble since November 26, 1994.

Beginning my 11th year as Recorder for Khedive Shrine Temple, Chesapeake, Virginia, USA.

Family ~ Lady Cheryl Valeriano, current High Princess of Zulekia Court #35, Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America. Daughter Tiffany (Munich, Germany). Two dogs.

Lodge ~ Norview #113, A.F. & A.M., Norfolk, VA.

Associate member of Bavaria #935, ACGL, Munich, Germany.

Noble Wayne provided our Recorder with countless online meetings with advice and assistance when he suddenly had to step in in January 2025 due to the death of Ill Paul Curran. This ensured the stable continuation of daily business operations.

Thank you, Noble Wayne Kelly. Welcome as an EMIRAT SHRINER.

Ill Frank Ullmann, PP
Recorder, Emirat Shriners

Membership Chairman Annual Report 2025

Illustrious Sir Potentate, Members of the Divan, and Nobles of Emirat Shriners,

I respectfully submit this report on the status of membership for Emirat Shriners covering the 2025 reporting year.

The Temple began the year with 714 Regular Members. Throughout the year, focused efforts were made to strengthen membership growth while stabilizing overall retention.

During 2025, Emirat Shriners recorded 230 Creations, reflecting a strong year for new member engagement and ceremonial activity. In addition, the Temple welcomed 24 Restorations and 2 Associations, demonstrating continued success in returning Nobles to active participation and maintaining affiliation strength.

Membership losses during the year consisted of 16 Demits, 84 Suspensions, 1 passing, and 1 Associate Drop. There were no expulsions or resignations recorded during the period.

As a result of these combined gains and losses, Emirat Shriners concluded the 2025 year with 867 Regular Members, representing a net gain of 153 members. This reflects an overall membership growth rate of 21.43% for the year.

At the time of reporting, there are no pending Non-Payment of Dues suspensions, and the current projected membership remains stable at 867 Regular Members entering 2026.

The Membership Committee extends its appreciation to the Divan, the Clubs and Units, and the Nobility at large for their continued support of membership initiatives, ceremonial efforts, and outreach activities. Continued focus on engagement, communication, and retention will remain priorities as we move forward.

Fraternally submitted,

Noble Razvan Bildea
Membership Chairman
Emirat Shriners



Dear Nobles, Ladies and Emirat Shriners Friends,

I would like to thank you for your dedication and support to the Temple and Shriners International. The New Year is shaping up to be another great year. The energy has been building over the years, thanks to the constant diligence and focus of our Nobility in strengthening Emirat Shriners Temple. The New Year brings fresh beginnings — a chance to start anew and set meaningful resolutions for the year ahead. It is a time to reflect on past years with gratitude and to move forward with the lessons learned and the blessings received. The New Year also provides an opportunity to pause and express gratitude — to life, to ourselves, and to our loved ones.

Character is what we do when no one is watching. Character is defined by our intentions. Character has no ego. Character does not strive for recognition. Character is selfless. And most importantly, character is a journey.

Here's to another year of supporting our children, laughing together, and continuing to grow the Temple as one.

I pray for happiness, peace, prosperity, good health, an abundance of wealth, and a long life for you and your loved ones.

Have a wonderful New Year,
Noble Luis and Lady Christine





Fezzes and Capes:

A Season of Heroism and Hope in Sicily

In the sun-drenched landscapes of Sicily, a modern legend has been unfolding for years. It is a story of collaboration, compassion, and the unwavering belief that no child should face a medical journey alone. This is the story of the Sicilian Shrine Club-part of the Emirat Shriners family-and their "secret allies," the Sicilian Superheroes.

For nearly a decade, the Sicilian Shrine Club has been a beacon of the Shriners' mission in the heart of the Mediterranean. But even Nobles know that sometimes, to reach the imagination of a child, you need a little bit of "super" help. This has led to a long-standing partnership with a dedicated group of cosplayers, formed by Nobles, their Ladies and Friends, known as the Sicilian Superheroes. Together, they have turned hospital corridors into Gotham City and waiting rooms into Avengers HQ, proving that while Shriners wear fezzes, their partners wear capes.

A Mission of Joy at the CCPM

Their most recent mission took them to a place where miracles are performed daily: the Mediterranean Pediatric Cardiology Center "Centro Cardiologico Pediatrico del Mediterraneo (CCPM)" in Taormina.

The CCPM is a center of excellence for pediatric cardiology, recognized across Italy for its life-saving interventions. For children born with complex heart defects, this center is their best hope. During the visit - carried out with the support of the Italian Law Enforcement authorities - Spiderman scaled the hallways and Cat Woman shared stories of strength, replacing the heavy atmosphere of a clinical environment with the pure sound of children's laughter.

However, this visit carried a weight of urgency. Despite its status as a jewel of Italian healthcare, the CCPM is currently facing a precarious future. Due to administrative shifts, there are looming fears that this center may soon be forced to close. By bringing "Love to the Rescue" to Taormina, the Shriners and Superheroes joined the chorus of voices demanding that this vital institution remains open to serve the children of the Mediterranean.

A Morning of Recognition and Fellowship

Following the emotional visit to the hospital, the spirit of the day shifted from the clinical to the celebratory. The Sicilian Shrine Club gathered at one of Taormina's most exclusive hotels, the Excelsior Palace Hotel (second home for the Sicilian Shrine Club) for their annual cocktail's reception and the traditional exchange of season's greetings.

Against the stunning backdrop of the Ionian Sea, the evening served as a moment of reflection and gratitude. The highlight of the reception was a special ceremony led by Immediate Past President Andrea Carbone.

In a heartfelt address to the assembled Nobles, ladies, and guests, Noble Carbone officially recognized the Sicilian Superheroes for their tireless dedication. He spoke of the years of collaboration, noting that the superheroes have become an integral part of the Shrine's local identity in Sicily.

"True heroes don't just exist in comic books," Carbone remarked during the presentation. "They are found in those who give their time and their hearts to bring a smile to a suffering child. For years, these individuals have stood shoulder-to-shoulder with us, and today, we honor that bond."

The recognition served as a poignant bookend to the day's activities, bridging the gap between the hard work of hospital advocacy and the warm fellowship that defines the Shriners fraternity.

Looking Ahead

As the Sicilian Shrine Club continues its work within the Emirat Shriners jurisdiction, their eyes remain fixed on the horizon-and on the gates of the CCPM. The battle for the heart of Taormina's pediatric care is ongoing, but with the support of our "super" partners and the leadership of members like Andrea Carbone, we remain committed to our cause.

To our brothers across Europe: let this be a reminder that the Shriner spirit knows no bounds. Whether through a fez or a mask, we are all united by one goal: to ensure every child has the chance to live a healthy, happy, and "heroic" life.

Noble Maurizio Mancuso
Oriental Guide
Emirat Shriners



A Camel Tale of Quiet Miracles: 14 Journeys, One Heart

There are moments in our Shrine life that don't arrive with fanfare. They arrive as a message late at night. A call from a worried parent. A document that needs translation. A medical report that reads like a storm. And then, almost instantly, what feels far away becomes very near-because a child's hope has found its way to our door.

As Hospital Patient Transportation Fund Chairman and Vice President of Emirat e.V., I have the honor of standing close to the pathway that connects families to care. Not as a spotlight role-more like a bridge role. A place where compassion becomes logistics, and where love takes the shape of phone calls, timelines, coordination, and constant follow-through. And in the most recent cycle of our work, 14 children were processed-each one a story, each one a family holding their breath. Some were approved, some were denied, and some remain in motion, waiting for the next step.

It is important to say this clearly: a denial is not the end of caring. Sometimes it simply means the needed treatment is outside the scope of what can be offered, or the right documents could not be secured in time, or the path forward must be local rather than abroad. Those decisions can be heavy for families-and for us-because every file has a face behind it. Yet even in the "no," we respond with dignity, guidance, and continued human presence, because compassion does not depend on the outcome.

And then there are the approvals-those moments when a family moves from fear into possibility. When a "maybe" becomes a calendar date. When waiting becomes preparation. In our current patient reporting, we see both realities side by side: cases that were closed, cases that were declined, and cases that were accepted and moving forward.

The children who stay with us

What many people don't always see is that our story is not only about travel and appointments. It is also about continuity.

We have ongoing Emirati children-young patients who have already gone through Shriners Hospitals and are still under our care, still followed, still supported, still encouraged. Their journeys continue beyond the first big milestone. They grow. They adapt. They return to school. They discover sports, music, friendships, confidence. They become living proof that what begins as medical support can become something bigger: a restored childhood.

When you meet these success stories—even from a distance—you realize something powerful: the greatest gift is not only treatment. The greatest gift is momentum. A child who starts to believe in tomorrow again. A family that breathes a little easier. A young life that stops being defined by limitation and starts being defined by possibility.

New names, familiar courage

In every reporting period, new names appear—each one carrying a private battle and a public bravery.

Some files describe complex orthopedic needs, like cases involving spinal conditions where families are seeking specialized evaluation and potential surgical correction. Others begin at the very start of life—newborns facing rare syndromes and early challenges, while still showing strong signs of resilience and stable health.

We do not need to repeat the medical language to understand the human truth beneath it: these children are fighting for normal days—for comfort, movement, play, and a future that feels open rather than closed.

And in that fight, we are not spectators. We become part of the circle that holds them up.

A word for the Temple leadership

Behind every coordinated journey and every carefully guided step stands the steady structure of our Emirat Temple leadership—the Potentate, the Recorder, and the entire elected line. Their example is felt in the way details are anticipated before they become obstacles, in the way priorities stay clear, and in the way our mission remains protected even when the workload is heavy.

Our Potentate, Illustrious Sir Anthony, has set a tone that carries: calm direction, consistent presence, and a pace that keeps the Temple moving forward with purpose. And our Recorder, a Past Potentate, brings the kind of seasoned perspective that only years of service can provide—offering clarity, continuity, and well-timed counsel when decisions matter most. Together with the full elected line, this leadership has shaped an environment where people step up, responsibilities are shared naturally, and the work flows with unity rather than noise.

What inspires us

People sometimes ask what keeps us going—especially when outcomes are uncertain, when timelines shift, when paperwork multiplies, when answers take time.

The answer is simple: strength and love travel together.

- Strength is the mother who keeps showing up, even after hearing “no.”
- Strength is the father who learns a new process in a new language because his child deserves every chance.
- Strength is a child who smiles anyway—who finds joy even while carrying something difficult.

And love—love is what turns an organization into a family.

That is the real Camel Tale. Not a tale of perfection, but of persistence. Not a tale of easy victories, but of steady hope. Not a tale of one person, but of a united circle—people who step forward when they are needed, who respond quickly when a child’s situation changes, who remain calm when a family feels overwhelmed, and who keep the path clear so that the next step is always possible.

The measure of our work

We can count 14 processed children.
We can count approvals and denials.
We can track open and closed cases.

But what we are truly measuring is something harder to put into numbers:

The courage restored in a household,

The calm returned to a parent's voice,

The confidence growing in a child who once only knew fear,

The quiet relief of knowing, "We are not alone."

And that is why we continue. Because every journey-approved, denied, pending, ongoing-adds to something larger than a report. It adds to a legacy of care that crosses borders, languages, and distances, and still arrives exactly where it is needed: in the life of a child.

Respectfully,
Noble Alberto Gockov
Hospital Patient Transportation Fund (HPTF)
Vice President, Emirat e.V.

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Smoking for Charity event



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The TriVeneto Shrine Club, in conjunction with the Emirat Shrine Cigar, Pipe, and Whiskey Club, held its first annual Smoking for Charity event in Venice, Italy, on September 20th. The Club was proud to host the Potentate, III Sir Ward, and the Recorder, III Sir Ullmann, as well as special guests, at the club meeting and seafood dinner the night before. The event day started with a tour of Venice and concluded with an excellent dinner during the cigar event. In total, the event raised over 2000 euros for the Transportation fund! The clubs are excited to hold their next event in Venice, Italy, on May 2nd, 2026!





TriVeneto Shrine Club

The TriVeneto Shrine Club has, throughout the year, hosted events supporting the Emirat Shrine Transportation Fund. Recently, the TSC hosted a classical music concert, followed by a dinner at the Italian Navy NCO Club in Venice, Italy. The event was to raise funds for both the Transportation fund and the Oncology Research Center in Aviano, Italy.

The quartet was formed by two guitarists, one violinist, and one pianist. The violinist is a member of the prestigious La Fenice Orchestra, while the others serve as backups to the main orchestra. Over 55 people attended and raised 500 euros for the Transportation Fund and 500 euros for the Oncology Research Center. In addition, the TSC supported the AMSRB reunion in Vicenza, Italy, in October, providing shuttle services to and from Venice Airport. In December, the TSC will donate to the children at the Oncology center and wish them Happy Holidays.



Imperial Session of Shriners International – Exchange, Recognition, and Strategic Decisions for the Future

Imperial Session 2025 in Atlanta once again proved to be a significant event for our fraternity, combining tradition, international exchange, and important decisions shaping the future.

Representation of the Emirat

Our Emirat was proudly and distinguishedly represented by Potentate, Illustrious Sir Anthony Ward, Chief Rabban, Noble Luis A. Baez Delgado, and Recorder, Illustrious Sir Frank Ullmann.

Numerous discussions and encounters highlighted the importance of personal exchange at the imperial level for the continued development of our temple's work.

Repeated Recognition: Membership Platinum Award

A special highlight was the presentation of the Membership Platinum Award. For the second consecutive year, our Emirat received this outstanding honor—clear evidence of sustained commitment, successful membership development, and a strong sense of fraternity. This achievement is the result of the dedication of many Nobles and is a source of great pride for us.

Election of the New Imperial Potentate

During the Imperial Session, Imperial Sir Brad T. Koehn was elected Imperial Potentate. The election took place following the short-notice withdrawal of the previous candidate from his position as Imperial Chief Rabban.

Imperial Sir Brad previously served for many years as Imperial Treasurer and brings with him extensive experience, continuity, and a deep understanding of the structures of Shriners International. His election was widely viewed as a strong signal of stability and forward-looking leadership.



Discussions, Networking, and International Connections

In addition to the official program, numerous conversations with Imperial Officers and extensive contacts with other temples were a central focus. The open exchange on membership development, best practices, and future challenges once again demonstrated the great value of this international platform for our shared work.

Illustrious Sir Anthony Ward, like many of his predecessors, has now become a member of Cabiri International, the network of active Potentates and Past Potentates. This membership further strengthens international ties and the ongoing exchange among current and former leaders.

Illustrious Sir Frank Ullmann was admitted to the Recorders Association, thereby contributing to the continued cultivation and strengthening of this important professional network.

Noble Luis used the Imperial Session for in-depth discussions with many of his future counterparts for 2026 and, in particular, strengthened relations with the South American temples.

III Sir Frank Ullmann, PP
Recorder



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ULLMANN, PP



ALASIA SHRINE CLUB OF CYPRUS



Alasia Shrine Club: Growth, Service, and the Road Ahead

Emirat Shriners is proud to share an update on our continued and growing relationship with the Alasia Shrine Club of Cyprus, a group that has demonstrated exceptional dedication to the Shrine mission, strong organizational development, and an unwavering commitment to Shriners Children's.

As many of you may have heard, the Alasia Shrine Club has petitioned to become its own independent Shrine Temple. Emirat Shriners fully supports their efforts and views this as a natural next step that reflects the Club's sustained growth, maturity, and expanding charitable footprint in the region. We are proud of what they have built, and we are excited to stand beside them as they establish themselves in the years ahead.

A Remarkable Year of Growth and Fellowship

One of the most memorable highlights of 2025 were the ceremonials held in October and November in Nicosia, where we created 55 New Nobles bringing their total to 100 Nobles. These events were exceptionally well organized and reflected the momentum and enthusiasm of the Shrine in Cyprus. The October 25th ceremonial, hosted at the George & Thelma Paraskevaides Foundation, was a full day of fellowship and initiation, followed by the Club's annual meeting and elections.

The success of these ceremonials was a clear testament to the dedication of the Alasia leadership and membership, previously under the strong leadership of Noble Kypros Panaretos and after elections now led by Noble Eleftherios Kanellos, whose steady leadership will guide them forward for the years to come!

Supporting Shriners Children's in Cyprus

Beyond membership growth, the Alasia Shrine Club plays a visible and meaningful role in supporting one of Shriners Children's longest-running international outreach efforts. These efforts are hosted and arranged by the George & Thelma Paraskevaides Foundation!

ALASIA SHRINE CLUB OF CYPRUS



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For more than 40 years, Shriners Children's physicians and clinical teams have traveled to Cyprus to provide specialized orthopedic care to children with conditions affecting the limbs and spine. Each year the doctors travel with a support team toin order to help hundreds of patients at the Nicosia General Hospital, including families traveling from Cyprus and neighboring countries such as Egypt, Lebanon, Greece, and Turkey.

Over the decades, this outreach has:

- Provided care to more than 16,000 children locally
- Enabled over 4,000 children to travel to the United States for advanced treatment
- Built lifelong relationships between families and the Shrine mission

The Alasia Shrine Club's local involvement, alongside the George & Thelma Paraskevaides Foundation, has been instrumental in supporting clinic success, strengthening trust with families, and providing continuity year after year.

Charity, Community, and Public Engagement

Alasia's commitment to the mission extends well beyond the clinic. In December 2025, the Club hosted the "Love to the Rescue" Charity Dinner in Nicosia, an inspiring evening held under the auspices of the Ministry of Health. Events like this strengthen public awareness, support fundraising, and show the community what the Shrine stands for!

Looking Ahead Together

As Alasia continues forward on its path toward becoming an independent Shrine Temple, Emirat looks forward to continued partnership, collaboration, and mutual support in the coming years. Their growth is something to be proud of, and their progress strengthens the Shrine fraternity as a whole.

We thank the Nobles of Alasia for their hospitality, hard work, and friendship and we look forward to many more charitable efforts and moments of fellowship as they establish themselves and expand the reach of the Shrine in Cyprus.

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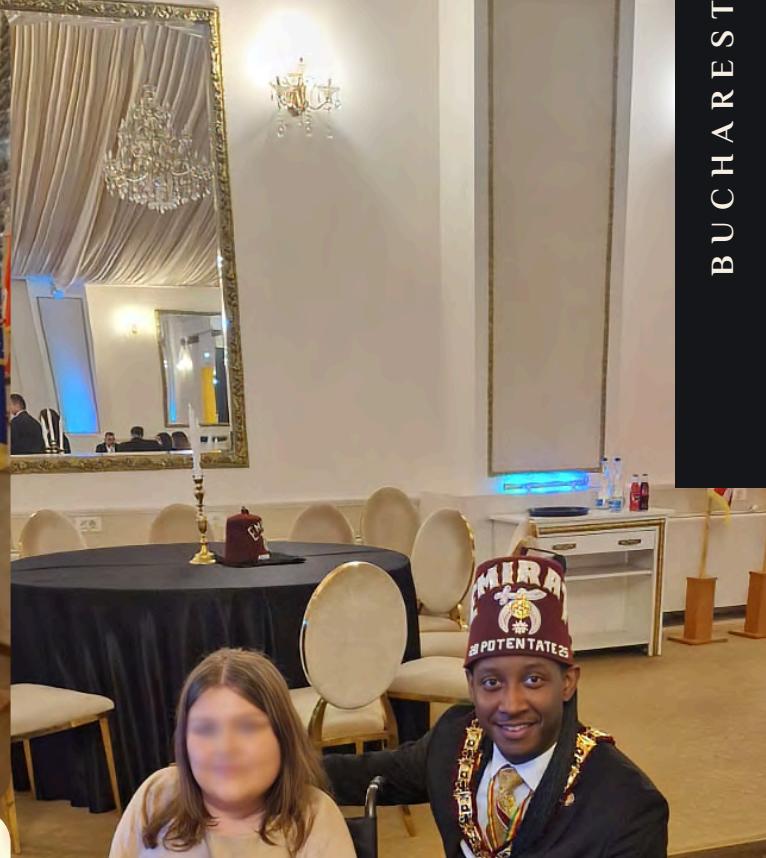
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ARAD, ROMANIA

2025 Fall Ceremonial Shrine Club Romania in Arad

During the weekend of October 17–19, 2025, the City of Arad hosted the 2025 Fall Ceremonial Shrine Club Romania, an event dedicated to the tradition of Shriners International, joy, and support for children with disabilities or special needs.

Distinguished Attendance

We were honored by the presence of Noble Brothers from Arad, Deva, Lugoj, Pitești, Bucharest, and Constanța, who thoroughly enjoyed one weekend filled with typical Shriner symbols and which was fantastically organized by our hosts.

Friday, October 17: Fraternal Opening Meet-and-Greet

The opening fraternal Meet-and-Greet took place on Friday, where Jimmies and Nobles along with their families socialized and enjoyed themselves while discussing local charitable projects and support for children included in Shriners Children's programs, as well as new projects planned by the Club for the following year in Pitești and Constanța.

Saturday, October 18: Initiation Ceremonial

At the Initiation Ceremonial on Saturday, 22 new Jimmies were initiated – becoming Noble Ambassadors of Emirat Shriners Europe Center / Shriners International. The ceremony is unique and specific to Shriners, especially once the caravan of Camels arrived on time in Arad to undergo the test of the hot sands, specific to the desert. Each new member received the red FEZ and took the specific oath, being marked for their devotion to our noble causes.

Saturday Evening: Potentate's Ball

In the evening, the atmosphere transformed into a refined one at the Potentate's Ball of III Sir Anthony Ward, where we also enjoyed the participation of Noble Luiz Baez-Delgado, PGM ACGL, and Recorder Illustrious Sir Frank Ullmann, PP. In an elegant setting with sophisticated accents, the 80 participants enjoyed a program of festivities: children's dances, a pan flute recital by the award-winning young musician Viorel Papuc 17 years old, talented young pan flute musician, student at the National College of Music, member of the Junii Sibiu orchestra, and winner of prestigious competition awards), a raffle, an art auction, good music, and last but not least, an Arabian Nights belly-dance program.

ARAD, ROMANIA

Charitable Donations

Donations were made for the brother of Iulian Papuc (15 years old), who is bedridden with severe scoliosis, and it was also decided to prepare his medical file for attempting to include him in the Shriners Children's program.

Special Moment: First Oasis Establishment

A special moment was the establishment of the first Oasis within the Shrine Club Romania - BANAT OASIS - with Noble Aymen Liouane as Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Noble Cosmin Lezeu

Closing Appreciation

Illustrious Potentate Sir Anthony Ward thanked everyone for the excellent organization and involvement of the Brothers from Romania and appreciated the spirit of unity in "Fun & fellowship" that defines Shrine Club Romania.



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The "Sicilia Shrine Club" shines a spotlight on nomophobia and digital addictions with the conference "IndipendenteMENTE" held at Villa Piccolo - Capo d'Orlando

Educating young people and their families about the conscious use of technology, promoting a model of coexistence without limits or barriers. This was the goal of the conference "IndipendenteMENTE" (Independently), organized by the "Sicilia Shrine Club" and held at Villa Piccolo di Calanovella, during which the risks associated with the excessive use of smartphones, the internet, and social media were discussed to raise public awareness on the issue of new digital addictions, also known as nomophobia.

The proceedings were opened by the President of the "Sicilia Shrine Club," Andrea Carbone, who, while thanking the numerous attendees—including Maurizio Mancuso, a member of the board of Emirat Shriners; Andrea Pruitti Ciarello, President of the Fondazione Famiglia Piccolo di Calanovella; and Giuseppe Trumbatore, Grand Treasurer of the Grande Oriente d'Italia—recalled the many activities of Shriners International in support of children in need. "For 150 years, the Shriners International Order has pursued its philanthropic action worldwide," stated Carbone, "which it also carries out by offering free medical care to children in need through its network of 22 specialized hospitals in North America. The international organization, headquartered in Florida, is the oldest and one of the most important secular philanthropic entities in the world, present in numerous countries. The Shriners Hospitals for Children are centers of excellence for various pediatric pathologies. Since 1922, more than 1.4 million children have received free care. Our mission is to make a difference by contributing to the well-being of children and adolescents."

The event, which saw the participation of psychologists and experts, was moderated by the neonatologist from the Policlinico Unict, Ninni Decembrino. Speakers included Unict professor Rita Barone, who focused on the unconscious use of smartphones and its consequences during developmental age, and Unime professor Clemente Cedro, who emphasized addiction without limits or freedom.

The closing remarks were entrusted to Andrea Pruitti Ciarello and Giuseppe Trumbatore. The evening was enlivened by the music of maestro Francesco Buzurro.

The "Sicilia Shrine Club" has branches in all Sicilian provinces. Among its activities, besides fundraising events for charitable work, are periodic visits to pediatric wards in Sicilian hospitals with "I Supereroi di Sicilia," all active members of the club, and legal education projects in collaboration with law enforcement.







Theatrical Performance in Palermo

On June 1, 2025, the Sicilia Shrine Club produced a theatrical performance in Palermo, which was attended by about 400 spectators. It was a fun activity that brought the club together.

During the evening, we involved many Sicilian Masonic brothers and their families to introduce them to the Club, our activities, and the mission of the Shriners.

We were joined by the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Orient of Italy, Bro. Giuseppe Trumbatore, and other Grand Officers, the Regional Grand Master, Bro. Massimo Antonio Fiore, and his Officers, and many other guests, including the presidents of other associations operating in the area who, like us, care deeply about children in need.



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