Emirat Shriners Heidelberg- Germany Spring Issue 2017

### **New Kamel Tales**

This is the New Kamel Tales. The news letter of Emirat Shriners, it has been serving Shrine in Europe for many many years.

The Kamels Tales is planned to come out several times a year. For that we are looking for an Editor, to collect articles and help to put it together. The Kamel Tales comes out in English as that is the way to get to the majority of the Nobles. But we could also see a special page from time to time in one of our others languages. Any Noble or Lady that would like to take part in this endeavor contact Noble Ward Williamson from Public Relations Committee.

### 2017 Divan

Divan or Board of Directors are the Nobles that you elected to to lead the Shrine Center for this year.

First on the List Potentate III Sir Marco Sodenkamp German has worked his way up the elected line to the top.

Noble Arda Cilingir the Chief Rabban, his family came from Turkey fourty years ago they are active Masons several are Past Master of their Lodges and his father is Grand Master of the ACGL and Arda "made" him a Noble.

He is followed by Noble Zeljko Gschwend he comes from Switzerland and the Assistant Rabban He is a founder Member of the Swiss Shrine Club" and very active in promoting the Shrine in Switzerland.

As High Priest and Prophet is Noble Ward Williamson an American that has spent 2/3 of his life in Germany. He is a long time member going back to the European Shrine Club (ESC)

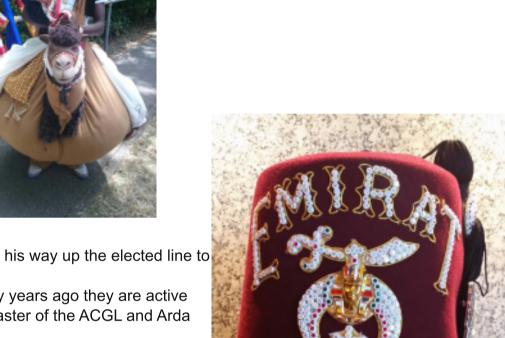
Our Oriental Guide Allan Morecroft a English Noble living in Holland.

The next two are Past Potentates that can just not stop working for our Shriners Center:

Ill Noble Paul Curran Recorder and a very active Mason and PGM of the ACGL Past Potentate.

Ill Noble Clifford Leach Treasure could not forget us and after the US Military sent him back to the USA, looked for and took the first chance to come back to Europe, he is also a past Potentate.

These leaders of Emirat Shriners can always use your help. We need new Nobles that can step up and take a position. That way when the election comes around you can advance to help lead our Shrine Center. Also see the Training the is offered by Shriners International.



## **Black Camel**

Imperial Sir Jack Jones, P.I.P. 27 April 2017

It is my extraordinarily sad duty to inform you of the passing of Imperial Sir Jack Jones, P.I.P., and current Imperial Recorder of Shriners International. Imperial Sir Jack passed away yesterday, April 27. He was an outstanding man and an exceptional leader. He has been known and loved by our Shrine family for decades, having served as Imperial Recorder for more than 36 years.

As Imperial Recorder, he served on the Board of Directors for Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children. Jack also served as Imperial Potentate of Shriners International for the 2009-10 term. In addition, he served as the Executive Vice President of Shriners International from 2010 to 2015.



### **Kamel Tales**

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The Kamel Tales is published on a flexible basis. The purpose of this publication is to report the program and activities of Emirat Shriners, Shrinner's Hospitals for Children, Shrine Clubs, Masonic Bodies, and other items of particular interest to Shriners.

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http://www.emiratshriners.com

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## **DeMolay**



Chapter DeMolay Deutschland, held a weekend meeting in Cologne. This Chapter of DeMolay International is sponsored by Emirat Shrine. DeMolay is a fraternity for young men age 12 to 21. With the sponsorship from Emirat several years ago the Chapter has grown, this weekend also saw their numbers grow by three. The next gathering of the DeMolay Chapter will be in Hildesheim 10 June followed by the weekend 7 Oct in Dresden. All Nobles are invited to come out and see what the youth can do. Contact Noble Olaf Bettinger for more information to the weekend in Hildesheim.



DeMolay is the premier youth leadership organization building young men of character and dedicated to making young men better people and leaders. Providing a program based on timeless principles and practical experience, DeMolay strives to not only create the extraordinary leader, but a leader of character. DeMolays hold themselves to a higher moral standard, striving to constantly improve and be better each and every day.

DeMolay is a youth-led, adult-advised organization in which young men learn to plan, organize, and facilitate their own programs. DeMolays take part in a wide-range of activities, from athletic competitions, to public speaking tournaments, to community service events. All activities are guided by the interests of the local chapter. If you can dream it, you can do it in DeMolay.

DeMolay provides endless fun and friendships that last a lifetime, even with such a serious mission. When a young man joins DeMolay, he instantly gains over four million brothers across the globe. No youth organization provides such life-changing experiences like DeMolay.

But words are insufficient to describe DeMolay; it must be experienced. Give it a chance and we know you will discover what we already know; DeMolay is the greatest youth organization in the world.



More information to DeMolay just contact Noble Ward Williamson Executive Officer Jurisdiction DeMolay Germany: ExecutiveOfficer@DeMolay.de



## **McGillicuddy Clan**

Jimmies all remember the Nobles that helped HA HA them to become Nobles. They taught you the Camel Walk, had you running from one place to the next. They also explained many things about the Shrine International and Emirat Shrine Center. This unit has been working for many years, but it has come to our attention that many to not know that this is a Unit or Clan that any Noble can join. As we have lost several that have past away or returned to the USA we are looking for Nobles. If you would like to join the McGillicuddy Clan and rebuild the interesting Clan contact: Our Swiss Nobles, they have been holding the Clan together for the last years. The Jimmies always need help to learn the Camel Walk, and to learn to walk the Hot Sands of the Desert.

## Clubs and Units the main stay of any Temple.



As you have read we have a McGillicuddy Clan, but that is just the start. There can be so many Clubs and Units as there are Nobles.

Emirat has a Clown Unit, Pipes, Cigars and Wiskey Unit, Oktoberfest Enthusiasts, and Legion of Honor to name a few.

We also have the Wiesbaden Club, European Shrine Club Heidelberg, NISO "Northern Italy Shrine Oasis", Rheinland Shrine Club, Berlin, Leipzig, Bucharest Club, Stuttgart Club, Alasia Shrine Club of Cyprus, Hanse Shrine Club, Swiss Club, Hellenic Shrine Club Greece with two that are just starting in Turkey and Bavaria.

With so many to choose from, I hope we have something for you.

But if there is not get together with several other Nobles and start a Club in your area or a Unit build around your hobby.

There are still many things out there Beer Brewing, Golf, tennis, cooking, or the other side of the table dinning, if you have an intrest find some other Nobles and start a Unit.

The Clubs and Units should be the place to have fun, one of the reason for the Shrine.

They are the place where all Nobles with their Ladies and family can get together and enjoy the Fraternal contact and just have fun. These are the places where the ideas are born that help us support the other side of

Shrine our Kids and the Hospitals that help them. Join your local Club and maybe a Unit that covers you interest or just something you always wanted to try.

The editor has a place saved for reports from the Clubs and Units. Tell us what you are doing we will put it in the next Kamel Tales.

## **Our Kids**

Since the founding of our Emirate Shrine Temple in 2011, we were able to provide access to a Shriner Hospital for 10 Children through our Transportation Fund. What sounds like a small number is a very big thing for us. The Shriners, an organization of Masons, which is little know to many European Freemasons, was able to establish itself in Europe with its own temple and to gain a foothold. The fact that we do not have our own Shriner Hospital here in Europe did not represent a hurdle that we could not overcome through our Passion and to help children.

It is very important for us to make the Shriners Hospitals for Children known in Europe and to signalize who we are, what we do and, most importantly, that we are in Europe.

Potential children for our transport fund are currently still coming predominantly through Nobles of the Shrine or

Freemason Brothers, who know of children in their circle of acquaintances with appropriate afflictions. At the moment, however, we have also been contacted by parents who have come to us on the Internet, and have given us their full confidence. This is a very positive development. This is not a matter of course, as we are still widely unknown in Europe.

Helping children is our passion. However, it is not enough to just talk about it. First of all, it takes Nobles, who take the enormous task of organizing such a transport into a Shriners Hospital for Children. From the first contact with the parents of the child, Medical screening, to the contact with our hospitals as well as the organization of accommodation and flight tickets. This means the investment a lot of time, dedication and private deprivation of all involved. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all those involved, on behalf of the entire Divan, for their tireless work.

We currently have two children who are in a Shriners Hospital for Children in the US for treatment. Two children have just returned home after a successful treatment. In the foreseeable future, two other children will have to travel to the United States again for further treatments. In the case of approximately 6 children, we are currently in the process of clarifying whether we can help through our Shriners Hospital for Children and the Transportation Fund.

I am convinced that so far we have been able to make an important contribution to the Shriners' goals in Europe and will achieve more in the future.

Remember: It's all about Children!

Zeljko R. Gschwend Assistant Rabban, Director Hospitals & Transportation Affairs President Emirat Shrine Club Switzerland

\*\*PS Shown are several of our Kids

## **Boost**

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Login is worth it:

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Then select Emirat Shrine from the list of charities. If you do not want to register then just download the add on and order that way. If you are on a page that uses Boost a bar will appear at the top of the page to remind you to boost. Select Boost first - then load your shopping cart.

What is a "successful invitation"?

Invite friends and get more donations. Your invitation is successful if the person you invite to boost is registered as a user at boost and makes a purchase over boost.

If you invite your friends to boost, it is important that you use the intended features on the Weitersagen page. This is the only way to know which new registrations are made because of you and can guarantee that you receive your donation credit.

I know the web page is in German, this is only for people that order from German web sites, if you need help just contact me: Ward Williamson. I will do all I can to help you.

As of the end of April we have received **496,87** € just by people buying online and selecting Emirat.

Check it out and support Emirat.

## Are your Documents up to date.

The main part of all contact with the Nobles is now through an E-Mail address.

If you do not get anything from Emirat Shrine or Shriners International, than I would get in touch with our recorder. Ill Noble Paul Curran will take any information you have: Correct E-Mail address, Correct postal mailing address. Chance in status ie. married Ladies name.

If you have a correct E-Mail address listed with us you will also receive a Birthday greetings.

### Mach aus jedem Online-Einkauf eine gute Tat

### **Boost**

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Bis Ende April erhielten wir **496,87** € nur von Leuten, die online kaufen und Emirat auswählen.

Schau es dir an und unterstütze Emirat.



### **Membership Report**

Total membership as of January 1, 2016 402 Total Gain January 1 - December 31, 2016 Nobles Created 124 Nobles Affiliated 1 Nobles Restored 15

### Total 140

Total Loss January1, - December 31,2016 Nobles Suspended 25 Nobles Deceased 1 Demits 6

Total 32

Total Regular Membership as of 31 December 2016 510 +108 members or 21.18%

## BINGO a Giant success



Three winners of the top prizes each with one motor-scooter. Nobles and Henry Schies from the Schiesstiftung sponsor of the motor-scooters.

III Noble Charsten Wienbreyer after the BINGO afternoon:

I am totally exhausted. But I am humbly grateful for the amount of people and the result. This was a very great improvement against the last BINGO which was already a step change. Money will cover the cost to send three kids, how great is that!



This was the latest in a series of BINGO afternoons held by the ESC. Each has been better than the last, both in the Prizes as well as the Nobles, friends and family that have come out to the BINGO.



With the help of a number of sponsors there are always nice prizes for the winners to take home or at the last several have delivered to the home. They we to big or heavy to carry home: Wide screen TV and Motor-Scooters.



The proceeds all go to the Emirat Shriner Center e.V (Travel Fund) used to transport children and a family member to a Shriners Hospital for their treatment.



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### **Twitter**

To all our Nobles that use Twitter we have an account and are working with it to put out information from Emirat Shriners. Shrine International and the Shriners Hospitals.

Look for: Emirat Divan @EmiratShriner

## It's all about the kids

to come from MarcoDear Nobles, Ladies and friends of the Emirat Shriners,

As a potentate you has many obligations and tasks but also a lot of fun and a nice time with the Nobles.

Our commitment is the help and care of our patients and future patients.

I am proud to be able to serve as a potentate for such a wonderful temple as the Emirat for 2017. I am also proud of the Divan, they are all highly motivated and committed. Also the members and the board of the transport funds make a super job. Just like every single Noble. True to this year's motto "it's all about the kids"!

Some big and small steps we have already taken this year. Since February 2017 we are a registered association. The Leipzig Shrine Club has hosted a wonderful Shriner's Night on the eve of the Buchloge. The Italian Nobles have had a wonderful ceremonial and Ball. The Bavarian Shrine Club had its founding meeting. Not to forget the great bingo afternoon of the ESC Heidelberg. And much more.

Our patients Laurentiu and Bianca were treated to Shriners Hospital for Children in Boston. Still in the Hospital are Khalid in Boston and Tobiasz in Tampa.

And in an uncomplicated manner, the Hanse Shrine Club and NISO (Italy) support the treatment of an Italian boy in his home country.

I look into the future at our Spring ceremonial, with over 20 Jimmies and look forward to the Imperial Session in Daytona FI.

There is an Emirate Shriners Golf Open in planning.

In the fall, we are awaiting the Imperial Potentate as a guest at a Ceremonial and Ball in Cyprus, which is a special honor for me and all of us. There will be a special Ceremonial in German language in the area Osnabrück. Also, I look forward to our Fall Ceremonial in November.

This year there will be a First Lady charity project. The goal is to support the Transportation Fund through donations so that at least one patient's stay Shriners Hospital for Children is financially covered. For this reason, in addition to the usual Potentate Pin this year, there is also a Ladies Pin, silicone wristbands with this year's slogan and a limited edition of emirate stickers. More products will follow.

I am looking forward to the rest of this year with all of you and wish you and all Shriner patients health and happiness.

And do not forget!
It's all about the Kids!

Illustrious Marco Sodenkamp Potentate 2017







## **Notes from the Assistant Rabban Session**

First Shriners International offers many Training Sessions. Oriental Guide, Assistant Rabban, Public Relations, Membership. These sessions are paid for by Shriners International Emirat also as a budget to cove the cost of the Travel and Hotel.

To those that want to assist in the running of Emirat, we can see if you can attend one of the informative sessions.

A note the new Oriental Guide should try and plan to attend that training session. It comes up not so long after our election in January. The Session is in March each year.

Due to the short notice and my job I was not able to attend the Oriental Guide Session last year.

As I had a little space in my schedule this year I attended the Assistant Rabban Session this year.

First it was so good I will find time next year to attend again. The session includes almost all Assistant Rabban from the year. So you get together with the Nobles you met two years before as Oriental Guides.

Can exchange ideas and renew friendships. On top of that there are three days of training.

Here some of the subjects
Teamwork
Leadership
Fundraising
Budget & Planning
Shrine Law
Temple Risk Management
Shriners International Protocol
Event Planning

These and more all presented by Imperial Officers or professionals on the subjects. It is not just a read the Power Point, but lots of group sessions, brain storming.



III Potentate Chris and his Lady

I am glad that I was able attended this session. I have been a Shriner for a very long time, was president of my Oasis, but the things I learned at this session will help me to be a better Officer in any organization. They will be invaluable to the work I do for our Shrine Center.

I was also able to make a visit to the International Headquarters. If you go to one of these Sessions or are just in Tampa, go by the Headquarters. They will greet you and it is a special place for Shriners



### A short visit that is worth it

## **Shriners International Headquarters**

I was also able to make a visit to the International Headquarters. If you go to one of these Sessions or are just in Tampa, go by the Headquarters. They will greet you and it is a special place for Shriners.

It only a \$6 Uber trip from the Airport. It is just an office building. But in front is the Shriner with child. Inside is a display of all Imperial Session pin. A Fez from each Temple. It is maybe only half and hour to look through it but worth it.



The Emirat Stone in front of Shriners International Headquarters

## Open positions

Emirat Shrine Center has several positions that need to be filled:

### Kamel Tales Editor in Chief:

skills: manage the production of Newsletter, layout skills, "Scribus" Open source page layout program

### **Chairman Public Relations committee:**

Manage Committee, Organize the PR of Emirat Shrine, work with team to produce PR Fliers, presentations for Lodges, and other interested groups.

### Writer:

Skills; ideas for interesting articles to "Kamel Tales", Journalistic skills.

### Graphic designer:

production of Graphics for PR Fliers, Web page, "Kamel Tales". Bit-point as well as Vector Graphics touch-up of Photos

### **Translator:**

skills; assist the team in translating to and from English for one or more of the languages in Emirat Shrine.

### McGillicuddy Clan members:

Skills; have fun working with our Jimmies

### **Working Hours:**

as many as you wish to apply to the position, hopefully as many as the job requires.

### **Hourly Wage:**

joy in supporting our Emirat Shrine

## "Mia san Mia!"...

... if you have never heard this phrase, it is the Bavarian expression for making your own thing. Whereas under usual circumstances this would probably not being seen as polite and eventually even as arrogant, it was not so when the EMIRAT SHRINERS from Bavaria held there founding session for the Bavarian Shrine Club in Ingolstadt the centre of the Bavarian Free State on April 28th 2017.

After the meeting the present Illustrious Potentate Marco Sodenkamp said, this is "one more step into a bright future of EMIRAT SHRINERS". Growing our membership is of utmost importance. But that alone does not make an individual Noble happy. There has to be this local 'home' where we meet, plan actions to support our kids and enjoy the unique fellowship of Shriners!".

Since receiving its charter as a temple EMIRAT SHRINERS has created numerous clubs in order to cover Europe and in particular Germany. Currently our clubs are the 'home' for Shriners in Cyprus, Germany, Greece, Italy, Romania, Switzerland and Turkey. Shriners in Denmark, Latvia, Lebanon, The Netherlands, Scotland and Spain are just waiting for more Nobles joining the caravan in order to create clubs there.

When in fall 2016 more Nobles out of Bavarian Lodges joint EMIRAT it became obvious, that there is a club missing. But before the Bavarian Club could start in April there was a lot of energy, vision and action needed. PP Charsten Wienbreyer, who gave presentations to blue lodges in Nuremberg, Regensburg and had numerous talks with Brothers in Munich, Anspach, Lindau and other masonic centres he could really feel that the time has arrived to make a serious attempt to create the Bavarian Shrine Club.



BAVARIA SHRINE CLUB



Entrance to the Lodge building in Ingolstadt where the founding meeting was held

Noble Christoph Hiendl right after his initiation as Noble confirmed his willingness to act as a focal point for preparing the founding meeting. Time and location were discussed and defined, documents were prepared, other clubs were requested to share experiences, potential officers were approached and potential initiatives were collected through brainstorming.

Very certainly now EMRIAT's "Octoberfest-Enthusiasts Unit" will become more active members and help creating one fix point in the Club calendar: an annual Club Meeting during the Octoberfest.

One important step was successfully done the Club with support from Noble Jens Rusch created an emblem, which give the Club the necessary identification.

When all preparations were done, Noble Christoph confirmed the meeting date asked for firm commitments for participation, prepared the meeting room in the excellent lodge building of Ingolstadt and welcomed the arriving Nobles (even to standing on the street like a police officer, when some non-locals couldn't find

the entry to the parking lot). The meeting was held and the attendees all voted unanimously for starting the "BAVARIAN SHRINE CLUB" located in Ingolstadt. This event was so important, that even demitted Nobles showed up and consider seriously coming back!

The election of the provisional divan led to a clear structured leadership and first initiatives were discussed. PP Charsten Wienbreyer, now also member of the club, stated that after having installed the club divans in Cyprus and Turkey: "this Bavarian 'thing' is overall something very special. Even being in Germany and starting a German Club, I sometimes needed a translator as I couldn't understand this d... Bavarian language. But we had great laught over all this. So FUN has already arrived here!"



The provisional Divan with Noble Christoph as President after installation - all Nobles with a camel in the middle

Also for the current Illustrious Potentate, Marco Sodenkamp, the creation of the BSC is "another pinnacle in EMRIAT's journey to help the temple grow. It is all about the kids we can give pediatric care or any other help they need to live an independent life. For this I wish the Club and its Divan a bright future. I am proud to be a member of this esteemed body."

After wishing the club always a "parking lot full of camels", presenting some gifts to the Illustrious Potentate and Past Potentate and after wishing all Nobles a safe journey home, Noble Christoph promised to bring the charter from the next EMRIAT ceremonial meeting upcoming and invited all Nobles to the first regular meeting as the chartered "BAVARIAN SHRINE CLUB" in Sankt Leon Rot on May 13, 2017.



Notes and addresses from the Ceremonial.
Take this space to write down you thoughts.
13 May 2017 St Leon-Rot