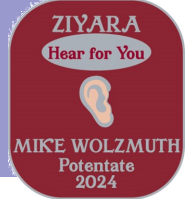


# Ziyara Bugle



## Notes

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### Upcoming Events

- 1/27: Public Installation  
Roselawn - NY Mills 4-8PM
- 2/10: Valentine Party  
Shrine Centre 12-3PM
- 2/16: Fish FRY-DAY 4-7PM
- 2/17: Nile Murder Mystery  
Utica Masonic Hall 5:30PM
- 2/18: Fun Day Fundraiser  
Shrine Centre 1-4PM
- 2/23: Fish FRY-DAY 4-7PM
- 3/1: Fish FRY-DAY 4-7PM
- 3/8: Fish FRY-DAY 4-7PM
- 3/15: Fish FRY-DAY 4-7PM
- 3/16: St. Patrick's Parade  
Utica 10AM
- 3/21: Stated Meeting 7PM
- 3/22: Fish FRY-DAY 4-7PM
- 3/24: Easter Bunny Break-fast 9am-12PM
- 3/29: Fish FRY-DAY 4-7PM



Ziyara's Divan  
would like to  
thank all of the  
sponsors and  
volunteers for  
another record  
year!

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*Did you know?*

Shriners Children's is a unique pediatric healthcare system with a reputation for finding answers and giving families hope. Since opening our first hospital in 1922, it has been our mission to provide innovative, high-quality comprehensive care, conduct research to advance medical care options, and provide educational opportunities for physicians and other healthcare professionals.

**ZIYARA**  
**SHRINERS**  
UTICA, NY

Greetings Nobles, Ladies, and friends of Ziyara Shrine. Robin and I would like to wish you all a happy and healthy 2024. I would like to start out by thanking the Nobles of Ziyara Shrine for putting their trust in electing me Potentate of Ziyara Shrine 2024. This is not something I take lightly; I am very honored to be YOUR Potentate. I will do my best to represent Ziyara well. Please keep in mind I will always have good intentions with this privilege. Thank you, Ill Sir James Nagy, for your leadership the last two years. Jim will be Ziyara's Transportation Coordinator for 2024. I would also like to thank my wife and loyal companion for without her this journey would not be possible; she has provided me with support and unconditional love through it all. She will represent Ziyara well as your first lady.

Ziyara will have a lot of planned events that are in the trifold for 2024. The events will be led by a Divan member; this is meant to provide some leadership/planning skills but most important team building for the event to make it successful. We will look forward to hopefully seeing you all at the events. If you have a skill or talent that you would like to share with our members, I would love to hear from you. We will also have some unplanned ideas with some pop-up events throughout the 2024 year. Some of the pop-up ideas will be pork (BBQ) with the Potentate, Tuesday night talks, food truck rodeo and First Responder Friday. Ziyara Shrine has purchased an AED with first aid supplies, a training class is scheduled. I would encourage all to take a class. Classes can always be scheduled throughout the year as needed. I hope that we will never need to use this equipment or skills, but what a great feeling that Ziyara is "Hear For You." Starting in January 2024 nobles are eligible to join Utica Gas and Electric Federal Credit Union, Once a member, your family members will be eligible to join also. They have been good to myself and family for years, I am happy to announce that the option is now available to our Ziyara Family. Ziyara is "Hear For You."

As some may already know the 2024 theme it is one of personal experience and gratitude to Ziyara Shriners and our medical facilities, particularly Shriners Children's Boston. I also incorporated our Imperial Potentate's theme from our Shrine Divan class of 2024 training in Tampa which is "Doing More in '24". We wanted Ziyara to do more in '24 by having fun and fellowship events through the year as well as being open to friends, family and children. After all, we are a children's organization.

If we want someone to join our great fraternity what a better way to introduce them by bringing them to a Ziyara event. So, if you have someone that you think would make a good Shriner and if needed a Mason get them ready for '24 and visit [BEASHRINERNOW.COM](http://BEASHRINERNOW.COM) you no longer need a paper petition, however they are still an option. [BEASHRINERNOW.COM](http://BEASHRINERNOW.COM) is an easy way to petition a person to any local shrine and if needed a local Blue Lodge as well. If you have an event idea or would like to have a Ziyara event, we will certainly welcome it. Remember "More in '24".

I also would ask all of our members to have a short 10-20 second elevator speech to spread the work of Ziyara Shriners and our Shriners Children's where children receive the best medical care in the world. Be proud of your fraternity and what it does. My elevator speech is "Do you know that Shriners

children's provides the best care in the world to children regardless of their ability to pay and Ziyara Shriners provides transportation to and from their appointments and if needed provide meals and lodging at no charge". Nobles, be proud of your fraternity and what it does. We provide life changing events to so many children locally and across the world.

The slogan that we have picked for 2024 is "Ziyara Hear For You". Ziyara was "Hear" for my family and provided transportation to my granddaughter to attend her appointments at Shriners Children's Boston where she was a Shriners patient. I wanted to spread that message of "HEAR FOR YOU" as way to promote our transportation unit and what we do locally for children. Ziyara will also be "Hear For You." Speak to your Divan let them know what you are thinking and ways to improve things at Ziyara. We are a young Divan, and we look forward to seeing EVERYBODY this year.

Speaking of our Transportation I would encourage any nobles who can to join our Transportation unit. Whether you are a driver or rider, the memories that you we'll experience in our medical facilities and patient stories will be priceless. If you are unable to drive or be a rider, I am sure that other things would be of great help such as taking the vans for maintenance appointments washing/cleaning the vans etc. In Short please consider becoming a transportation member as that is what we do locally. Thank you to all of our Transportation Team and what you do for ZIYARA and the children.

A focus of the year will be to build our Patient Transportation Fund. Noble Rebisz has spearheaded a raffle to start the year off as a fund raiser for our Patient Transportation Fund. Thank you, Rich. If you have ideas or would like to do a fundraiser for our PTF please do. We will have some 2024 Ziyara challenge coins available for \$20.00 as well. My thought is that we can challenge each other at events with the coin, if you are unable to match the challenge the person with the coin will gladly take a \$5.00 donation from you for the PTF or of course you can buy a challenge coin. I am hoping that this will provide some fun and comradery amongst us. The money for the coins will benefit the PTF.

In closing, Robin and I look forward to seeing everyone this year. We will do our best to represent Ziyara. Please try to attend and be an active member. ZIYARA needs everyone and Ziyara is "HEAR" for everyone. Don't be afraid to ask about "HEAR". God Bless and Love to all!

"Hear For You,"

Illustrious Mike Wolzmuth

Potentate 2024





It's been a year since Shriners Children's New England transitioned from a hospital to an outpatient clinic model of care to meet the needs of the patient families we serve more effectively.

As an outpatient clinic, patients continue to receive amazing clinical care at the Shriners Children's New England facility, including clinic appointments, rehabilitation services (physical, occupational and speech therapy), motion analysis, radiology, orthotic and prosthetic services and care management.

Any surgical and inpatient care needed is provided at a nearby affiliate, such as Baystate Medical Center, which is a mile away from the Shriners Children's New England facility or at Shriners Children's Boston. For patients who need surgery, the same Shriners Children's physician they see in the clinic performs the procedure, just at the surgical facility.



### All care continues to be provided regardless of a family's ability to pay.

In the first year as a clinic, Shriners Children's New England cared for 21,585 patients and surgeons performed 322 surgeries. Patients and families have noticed no change in the quality of care and services they receive as reflected in the patient satisfaction scores throughout the year.

Employee satisfaction also continues to be high. In 2023, 26 employees celebrated a 5-year milestone of service with Shriners Children's and 15 talented individuals joined the team.

To help spread the word about our services, advertising ran throughout the year on TV, streaming, social and web platforms in our target areas of Springfield, MA, Albany, NY and Hartford, CT. Bright and engaging patient ambassadors shared their Shriners Children's story in the community and the facility was featured in numerous local media stories. Hopefully you're all following Shriners Children's New England on their social media platforms.

The Office of Philanthropy organized a new signature fundraiser called Cheers for Children to benefit the clinic. It was a great time and huge success raising \$345,295. Mark your calendars; this year's event will be held on October 18 at MGM Springfield.

2023 marked the start of an exciting new chapter for Shriners Children's New England. Thank you for your continued presence and support to ensure it is a place of hope for children and families for many years to come.



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# 1st Annual Sweetheart Joilet Bowl

*(Non-Regulation Cornhole Contest)*

## Saturday, February 10, 2024

*(Registration deadline: Feb. 5th)*

1st prize  
\$100 Delmonico's  
Gift Card

### Noon - 3pm

50/50 Raffle

## Ziyara Shrine Centre

8209 Halsey Rd., Whitesboro

Open to Shriners  
&

Friends

Attire: Casual \$8/person (pizza, dessert, & drink)

*Children under 12 years are free!*

*Hosted by: Richard Sacco - Oriental Guide*

Checks payable to Ziyara Shriners and mail them to the office  
or register online and pay at the door.

Noble: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐

Check Contest Box if entering

Lady: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐

\$15/couple contest entrance fee

Child: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐

Lunch ONLY

**ZIYARA**  
SHRINERS  
UTICA, NY





VISITATIONS and PILGRIMAGES

February-	West/East Shrine Bowl Nile Ceremonial Membership and Marketing
March-	Shriners Children's College Classic OG Leadership Training Oriental Reception March 15 - 17 AR Leadership Training
April-	Rameses Reception April 13 Spring NYOSA April 19 - 20 (Saratoga)
May-	Grand Lodge Annual May 6-7 Cyprus Reception May 4 - 5
June-	To be determined
July-	Imperial Session June 30 - July 4 Ismailia Reception July 26 - 28
August-	Ziyara Reception Aug. 2 - 4 (Vernon Downs) Kalurah Reception TBD
September-	Tigris Reception Sept. 6 - 8 Mecca Sept. 13-15 Fall NYOSA Sept. 27 - 29
October -	"Cheers for Children 2024" Oct. 18 Damascus Oct. 18 - 20 Media Oct. 25 - 27



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.

# Ziyara Shriner's

## 2024

### Doing "More" in '24



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**ELECTED and APPOINTED DIVAN**

Potentate-	Mike Wolzmueth
Chief Rabban-	John Smith
Assistant Rabban-	Rob Verdon
High Priest & Prophet-	Dan Rena
Oriental Guide -	Richard Sacco
Treasurer -	Ken Williams, P.P.
Recorder -	Mark Alvarado
1 <sup>st</sup> Ceremonial Master -	Zac Zegarelli
2 <sup>nd</sup> Ceremonial Master -	Steve Mack
Director -	Harry Dapre
Marshal -	Greg Torres
Captain of the Guard -	Bernie Morosco
Outer Guard -	Jerry Gleasman

**RECEPTIONS and BANQUETS**

January 27-	Installation Dinner, Roselawn, 4-8pm
February 10-	Valentine Party, Host: OG
March 24-	Easter Bunny Breakfast, 9-12pm Host: HP&P
April 19-21-	Spring NYOSA
May 11-	Spring Fling, Host: 1CM
June-	Fire and Friends, Date TBD
June 30 -July 4-	Imperial Session
August 2-4-	Potentates Reception, <small>Vernon Downs</small>
October 12-	Halloween Party, Host: 2CM
December 21-	Christmas Party Host: First Lady & Potentate

**FUNDRAISERS**

Lenten Fish Fry, February 14 - March 29
Bass Pro Shop Sportsman's Raffle May - September
Raffle Drawing October 5
FEZtival of Trees, November 23 - December 1

**MEETINGS and CEREMONIAL**

Annual/Stated meeting and installation  
Monday, January 15, 6:30pm – Shrine Centre

Stated meeting dates:

Thursday, March 21, 7pm
Thursday, June 20, 7pm
Thursday, September 19, 7pm
Thursday, December 19, 7pm
Elections

Divan meetings 4th Thursday of the month.  
Food 6:30, meeting 7:00.

Ladies will meet at 6:30 on the 4th Thursday of the month. Location TBD.

**POTENTATE'S CABINET**

Chaplain - Ill. Michael T. Dunn, P.P.  
Chief Aide - Richard "Rudy" Beaman  
Personal Aide - Travis J. Slover

Potentate's Aides

David Grossman  
Richard T. McCarthy  
Richard T. Rebisz  
Wayne E. Towne, III

**PARADES**

March 16-	St. Patrick's Day, Utica
May 27-	Memorial Day, <small>Watkinsburg, NY 14140 &amp; New Hartford</small>
June 8-	Violet Festival, Dolgeville

June 9-	Boxing Hall of Fame, Canastota
July 4-	Fourth of July, Utica
July 13-	Pirates Weekend, Sylvan Beach

July 27-	Honor America Days, Rome
Aug. 17-	Woodsman, Boonville



**DINNER CLUBS and UNITS**

First Monday-	Legion of Honor
Third Monday-	Zanies
First Tuesday-	Director's Staff
Second Wednesday-	Arab Patrol
Third Wednesday-	Western Shrine
Fifth Wednesday-	Transportation
Annually 4 times-	Buck Savers, Dates TBD



# Fun Day Fundraiser

Join us for an afternoon of ceramics and fellowship. No prior experience needed, just your willingness to create a wonderful new holiday keepsake. Easter themed pieces will be available for pre-order.

Sunday, February 18, 2024

1PM-4PM

Cost: \$15/class adult \$10/child

PLUS the price of your chosen piece

Supplies provided

\*Bring a small plate of cookies for our bake sale and receive an extra entry for our door prize!



Ziyara Shrine Centre

8209 Halsey Rd, Whitesboro

Non-refundable pre-registration required:

Mary Jo Armstrong (315) 225-6972

Deadline: February 4, 2024

Proceeds to benefit the Ziyara Ladies Festival tree



# Official Notice of Stated Meeting

To All Members of Ziyara Shriners

Notice is hereby given that a Stated Meeting will be held:

**Thursday, March 21, 2024**

**Shrine Centre 7PM**

**Noble's Attire: Sport Coat or Suit**

The purpose of this meeting is to conduct any business which may come before the Temple and obligate any Master Masons as a Shriner. Your attention is called to the mandate of the Imperial Council Bylaws, that in order to gain admission to this or any other meeting of the Temple during the 2024 year you must show your 2024 dues card.

Attest:

*Mark Alvarado*  
Recorder



Fraternally,

*Ill. Mike Wolzmath*  
Potentate



# MEETING

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