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Potentate John M. A. Bergman was born on July 22, 1980 in Escanaba, MI to John M. Bergman, PP, and Barbara A. (Oberg) Bergman. He graduated from Rapid River High School in 1998, and Michigan State University in 2003 with a bachelor's degree in International



Relations and German. He then attended Michigan State College of Law, where he graduated with a Juris Doctorate in 2006, and was admitted to the practice of law in November of 2006. John practiced law with his father, John M. Bergman, in Escanaba as Bergman Law Office, P.C. After his father's passing in 2015, John continued Bergman Law Office, P.C. as a solo practitioner, until 2019 when John became a partner in Nastoff, Bergman, & Moore, P.C. His firm serves as general legal counsel for the City of Escanaba in addition to private practice. As an attorney, John has had numerous high profile cases, including a murder case and several child protective matters.

John's Masonic journey began

when he became a DeMolay in 1996 at age 15. Prior to going to law school, John was raised as a Master Mason by his father in August of 2003. That same summer, he became a Noble of Ahmed Shrine. He became a Scottish Rite Mason in 2005, joining the Valley of Marquette.

In 2010, John joined Upper Peninsula Court 180, Royal Order of Jesters. In 2018, he joined Manistique Chapter 127 of Royal Arch Masons, Hiawatha Council No. 65 of Royal and Select Masters, and Escanaba Commandery No. 47. John is currently Worshipful Master of Gladstone Lodge No. 396, and Generalissimo of Escanaba Commandery No. 47. In addition to being active in Freemasonry, John is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Escanaba Lodge No. 354, and Upper Edge in Escanaba. In his spare time, John enjoys golfing and hunting. John also appreciates fine cuisine, cigars, single malt scotch, collecting vinyl records, and has a keen interest in trivia and literature.

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The Potentate's Message

John Bergman

Hello Ladies and Nobles all,

I am deeply moved and honored to have been elected to be Potentate of Ahmed Shrine for the year 2020. It has been my honor to serve on the Divan for several years now, and I am very pleased with how things are going in Ahmed Shrine, and am looking forward to this coming year.

Our installation will be January 3, 2020 in Marquette, so I encourage everyone to come out for the installation. Undoubtedly, it will be a good time. In our December meeting, we had the pleasure of raising new Nobles Jeff and Brandon Nielsen from Ironwood into the Shrine, so I extend a hearty welcome to these new Nobles.

I also have to take this opportunity to congratulate our newest, soon to be Past Potentate Corey Cain on a good year. Corey did a great job for our Shrine, and I know he'll be there for us going forward in the future. I'm also very proud of our



Divan and Nobility. We have a very active group that always seems to have a great time doing our work in the Shrine.

I'm very upbeat for this year, and look forward to seeing all of you in not only our regular meetings, but also our fun events.

~ John M.A. Bergman, Potentate

From The Recorder
By Ryan Engle. P.P.



I hope that this finds you all well and that your holiday was good to you.

I have been working on many things over the last several months to understand and manage the changes that we see every day with the Shrine, Fundraising, Nobles, the building etc.... It seems like a never ending wheel of change.

It is an interesting place to be in my life were the change that is happening I have seen before and its not a surprise but expected. A mentor of mine used to say that a plane flying from New York to Los

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Angeles is off course 90% of the time but in the end they land in LA safely. For a pilot this is second nature but when they first start to fly it is a constant stressful situation as they practice from flight to flight it is just part of the plan. Analyze and adjust, analyze and adjust. This is where I find myself most days. I look at the situation of today and what I think happened yesterday and what I expect to happen tomorrow and adjust to the day for all of the entities involved.

I tell you this because; change is coming for the fraternity for the building and for me as a man, Mason and Shriner. Change that I believe can make us stronger if we stand together as our fraternal vows teach, change that can help

good men be better if we choose and change, that you as a member of the Shrine and this great philanthropy can be a part of creating a better future for all involved.

How do you do this you ask? Continue your work in your local communities, and support the plan that your Divan set out for this year. Be a part of the solution! March in parades, wear your fez, sell raffle tickets, support a brother in their undertakings and remember that we are never as strong alone as we are together.

There is lots going on this year. See the included schedule of events and I look forward to seeing you all somewhere along the road this year. My job is to support all of the Ahmed Shrine and I will do that with the best of my abilities. I need your help to support Ahmed Shrine as well.

Have a great New Year and remember have fun while helping Kids.

Fraternally,
Ryan Engle, PP

Recorder Ahmed Shriners

Official Call Of The Potentate

**Notice is hereby given that the
next scheduled Stated Sessions
of Ahmed Temple A.A.O.N.M.S.**

**Stated Meetings
Marquette Masonic Center**

**Friday, January 3rd - 7:30 pm
Annual Meeting and Installation**

**Friday, February 7th
7:30 pm Meeting**

**For the transaction of such business
as may come before the Temple
By Order of John M.A. Bergman,
Ill. Potentate Ahmed Temple**

**Black Camel Call
In Memoriam**



- Our Dearly Departed

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Oriental Guide

By Lance Malburg



Nobles,
Greeting from the
south-side of
Ahmed territory.

First, i must thank my fellow nobles for putting their confidence in me and electing me as the next Oriental Guide. This is truly an honor to be looked upon as part of the leadership team of this great organization. I hope to execute the duties of Oriental Guide supremely. I look forward to helping make 2020 a great year for Ahmed.

This is honestly some thing i had hoped for, but not expecting as i a really am nothing special. I just have a love for the Shrine and the great cause it stands for. Being a noble of the shrine means alot to me. To me, It is more than just a way for Masons to get together socially and have fun together. There is nothing wrong with getting together for fun, as that was the purpose back in 1870 when the Shrine was born. Being a Shiner to me means i a ma a part of something much bigger than me. It also helps me to live my masonic values. I am not just talking helping those in need

through the Shiner Hospital system, which is a great philanthropy and it makes me proud to be a part of that. But the hospitals are hours away. Part of our masonic duty is to help the distressed. Not everyone is distressed with physical need which the hospital can help. Some just need a short escape from the daily grind and to have a light-hearted moment to enjoy life and forget their problems for a few minutes. That is why i love being as clown. Whether its showing up with sugar free cotton candy (empty paper cones), or riding my "Hardly" Davidson (tiny bike), or the latest and the greatest idea- New for 2020 - free shakes (got to see it to believe it). For those few moments of interaction, i am full filling a Masonic obligation to help the distressed. By doing something silly or stupid, people are by forgetting their distresses of the day. (Or maybe they may become more distressed having clown take their picture and a monkey picture pops out!!)

Yes. I am partial to the clowns as I am the chief joey. But there are other ways to help be a good mason and a good Shiner by having fun and help people forget their distresses. The little indys / little hogs / little trucks are all

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parade units which currently are hurting for members. I might be wrong, but I think the last time that we actually had little trucks was 2016 when we had MSA here? Seeing the young kids, and old "kids" lining the street for high 5's as the vehicles go by is a definite way in which we can help the distressed forget those stresses for a few minutes. Maybe your not the outgoing parade or circus type. That fine too. Just find someone to talk to, let them know you care. Just being a listening ear may be all that someone needs. And you might learn something in the process too. I encourage you to make 2020 your year. Help someone, and have fun doing it. After all, that is the founding philosophy of the original Shrine, care for each other and having fun together. Before I forget, have you ever wanted to be a clown but are not sure how to? Not sure if clowning is for you but you are curious and just want to just see what it is all about to be a clown? You are not alone. Mark your calendars. on May 1 & 2, 2020, we will the have the president of ISCA (International Shrine Clown Association) John Joseph visiting us and putting on a clown college. Well maybe not a college as I

don't think degrees will be presented. More like a seminar. A very helpful & fun seminar. At the time of writing I don't have all the details yet.

Tentative topics (subject to change) to be covered may include an introduction to clowning, make up, parade ability, "You are a clown, do something", and possibly hospital clowning. There will be some cost to help cover room and travel of our guest speaker. But we will try to keep it as minimal as possible. More to come on this as we finalize all the details.

Looking forward to moving forward in 2020 together.

A bank is a place that will lend you money, if you can prove that you don't need it.- Bob Hope

I don't suffer from insanity, I enjoy every minute of it.- Edgar Allen Poe

An opportunist is the guy who drinks the water while the pessimist, the optimist and the realist are arguing about how full the glass is.- Bill Murray

Lance Malburg
Oriental Guide / Chief Joey

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Assistant Rabban

By Travis Freeman



Nobles,
First and foremost, thank you. Thanks to my wife Sarah, my children, members of the Newberry Shrine Club and the Nobles of Ahmed Shrine for naming me Shriner of the Year.

It's all because of the YOU and the good works we're doing at Ahmed Shrine. The ball is rolling, we're having fun and helping kids. Does it get any better? I think so. Our Divan has a solid core and we're moving in the right direction. It's a great time to be a Shriner in the Upper Peninsula! Do you have a blue lodge member that comes to mind? Now is a great time join Ahmed Shrine. And again thank you for the great honor.

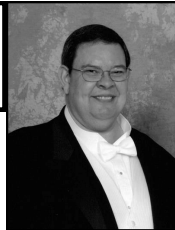
Look forward to seeing you January 4th for our officer installation and stated meeting. Save the date and plan to attend today.

Warm Regards in the Sunshine of Ahmed Shrine,

Travis Freeman

Editor's Notes

By Bill LeVeque



Nobles,
A time of resolution, a time of renewal, a time or recommitting to the high ideals of Masonry and the Shrine.

It's the time of year we look with gratitude to those who served in leadership positions for the past year, and we elect and install the up and coming ideas of what we think will be men that can guide us, see a new vision for us, and make the organization better than it has been. We hold high aspirations for these men, and know they hit the ground running. After all, they have spent several years watching the men before them, and a lot of those lessons should have been understood over time. These coupled with young fresh ideas of their own, will give us a new take on the organization. Of course, there will be the old guard sitting on the sideline saying its not the way "we" did it. And they are spot on. How do "they" think we have got the organization to the decline we are now experiencing ? Let new leaders lead, support them in whatever direction they take the Organization. Happy New Year !

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Shrine Hospital Chairman

By James Loman



The department of Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic Services (POPS) was recently surveyed by the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics and received full three-year accreditation. The clinic radiology service was surveyed by the Minnesota Department of Health and similarly received approval. On December 7 'Cookies with Santa' was held at the clinic. About three hundred children attended.

Outreach

-TCC is setting up initial outreach and telehealth clinics in Des Moines, Iowa to provide interim service beginning in February 2020. Approval has been given to recruit two full-time surgeons. The recruitment process kicked off at the International Pediatric and Orthopaedic Symposium in Orlando in early December. A request to the Tampa home office has been made to jointly fundraise for the development of a renovated clinic space at Blank Children's Hospital. A kids camp site has been secured near Sioux City for next summer.

-A schedule has been set for clinics at Rapid City, South Dakota through March 2020. The current priority is for telehealth services. POPS equipment is already permanently placed in Rapid City. A proposal was sent to Sanford Health to establish a site in Sioux Falls, South Dakota - waiting for response.

-Final contract agreements are still pending for Bismarck, North Dakota. Schedules are set through January 2020. Telehealth is on hold pending agreements for space and radiology. POPS equipment is also stored in Bismarck for easy access. The future new clinic site in Woodbury, Minnesota is now under construction with an estimated completion date at the end of May 2020 with move-in scheduled for the end of June. The building is entirely enclosed. The ribbon cutting/open house is tentatively planned for Saturday, May 30, 2020.



AHMED TEMPLE

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Noble of the Year



Marquette Christmas Party



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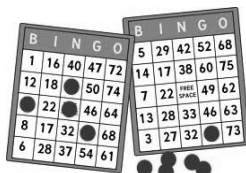
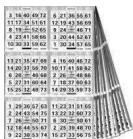


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He makes it all look so easy, but of course, none of it really is. "There's a lot of tough days where I just, I wanna sometimes just give up and I wanna just stop and ... it's hard to live with, but there's a lotta kids who have more

challenges in life, and I'm pretty fortunate."

He's like any other kid – into video games, and more recently cars. In fact, he's going for his driver's license. There are pedal extensions so he can reach the accelerator and the brake, but that's about it. "My first right turn, I drove into a ditch," he laughed. "Today's going to be better, I promise you!" Alma said, "He doesn't want to have any special treatment; he wants to be treated like everyone else, and I think that's probably one of the things he has to fight for the most."

Everything he does he does with gusto, including wheelchair basketball. "It's the contact, it's the fast pace, it's everything you have in sports except just in a wheelchair," he said. "No limits."



"I don't know too much about what will happen to me in the future," he said. "But if something bad does happen, I know that we'll get through it. I know tomorrow is gonna be a better day. And if it's not, then I can make it a better day."



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- 1 - Wednesday Queen of the North OES
- 2 - Thursday Sault Shrine Club
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- 2 - Thursday Gladstone Lodge 396
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- 3 - Friday Ahmed Installation
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- 3 - Monday Lake Superior Lodge 67
- 3 - Monday Menominee Bethel 18
- 4 - Tuesday Teal Lake Lodge 202
- 4 - Tuesday Negaunee Chapter RAM
- 5 - Wednesday Iron Mountain Lodge 388
- 5 - Wednesday Queen of the North OES
- 6 - Thursday Sault Shrine Club
- 6 - Thursday . Crystal Falls-Iron River Lodge 385
- 6 - Thursday Gladstone Lodge 396
- 6 - Thursday Munising OES 424
- 6 - Thursday Negaunee OES
- 6 - Thursday Marquette Bethel 16
- 7 - Friday Ahmed Regular Mtg
- 8 - Saturday St. Ignace Shrine Club
- 10 - Monday Marquette York Rite
- 11 - Tuesday Manistique York Rite
- 11 - Tuesday L'Anse Lodge 547
- 11 - Tuesday Bethel Lodge 358
- 12 - Wednesday Copper Country Lodge 135
- 12 - Wednesday Norway Lodge 362
- 12 - Wednesday Grand Island Lodge 422
- 12 - Wednesday Crystal Falls Bethel 39
- 12 - Wednesday McMillan Lodge 400
- 13 - Thursday Ironwood Lodge 389
- 13 - Thursday Les Cheneaux Lodge 590
- 13 - Thursday Marquette OES
- 13 - Thursday Delta Lodge 195
- 17 - Monday Scottish Rite Meeting
- 17 - Monday Lakeside Lodge 371
- 17 - Monday Menominee Bethel 18
- 18 - Tuesday Marquette Lodge 101
- 18 - Tuesday Menominee 269
- 19 - Wednesday St. Ignace Lodge 369
- 19 - Wednesday Delta Shrine Club
- 20 - Thursday Interstate Shrine Club
- 20 - Thursday Munising Shrine Club
- 20 - Thursday Marquette Bethel 16
- 24 - Monday Hiawatha Shrine Club
- 26 - Wednesday Crystal Falls Bethel 39
- 27 - Thursday Keweenaw-Bay Shrine Club
- 27 - Thursday Escanaba Commandery 47
- 27 - Thursday Tri-City Shrine Club

Do you know a Mason who would Enjoy the Sunshine of the Shrine?
 Why not ask him to Join today.
 Ask a Friend to dinner at your Local Lodge this Month.



**PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP
 AHMED TEMPLE**



TO THE POTENTATE, OFFICERS AND NOBLES OF AHMED TEMPLE, SITUATED IN THE OASIS OF
 MARQUETTE, DESERT OF MICHIGAN

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Master Mason in good standing in _____

Lodge # _____ located at _____
 City State

which is a Lodge recognized by or in amity with the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. Furthermore, I have resided at my current address for not less than 6 months, as required by the Bylaws of The Imperial Council. I respectfully pray that I may be made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and become a member of your temple.

If I be found worthy, and my request granted, I promise to conform to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of The Imperial Council and the Bylaws and Ceremonies of your temple.

Birthplace _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Were you ever a DeMolay? _____ If so, what was the Chapter name and location? _____

Profession or occupation _____

Have you previously applied for admission to any temple of the Order? _____

If so, what temple? _____ When? _____

Residence Address _____
 Street City

County State Zip

Home Phone: (____) _____

Business Address _____
 Street City

County State Zip

**THIS SPACE FOR RECORDER
 Initiation Charges and Fees**

Fee \$150.00

Fez \$135.00

Dues and Hospital
 Assessment \$

Total Charges \$285.00

Amount Paid \$

Balance Due \$

Elected _____

Created _____

Business Phone: (____) _____

E-mail Address: _____

Hat size _____ Wife's name: _____

Date _____ 20____ Signature _____

Print Full Name Here _____
 Name in full, initials not sufficient

Recommended and Vouched for on the Honor of Noble _____

Noble _____