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We got it!

L to R: William Fairley, Robert Cuestas, Gerhard W. Severin, Imperial George A. Mitchell, Charsten Wienbreyer, John C. Harris, Keinz Kolb, Frank Garbelmann

A final winding road to success in obtaining our Emirat charter ended in Denver Colorado on Independence Day during the 137th Imperial Session. It was a great day for Emirat and all of us who worked so hard to get the chartered status for the last three years.

Now we are officially the 194th Shrine Temple on the roll of Shriners International. When Imperial Sir George Mitchell announced the award of the charter and presented it to our Potentate Illustrious Sir Charsten Wienbreyer the presentation was followed by thunderous applause by 1000+ Shriners in attendance. All these years Noble Gerhard W. Severin

maintained that the road to success is always under construction. Well we did it and now we have the tool to further Shrinedom in Germany and Europe which will ultimately benefit the children to which we are committed to care as Shriners.

Shriners International is experiencing growth and interest worldwide. The International development Committee has been very busy and with the help of the Dispensation and Charter Committee two new Shrine Clubs were added in Puerto Rico and six in the Philippines. There are also Shrine Clubs in Brazil, Bolivia, England and Austria. There are now 53 Shrine Clubs and 1,193 new Shriners overseas.

In order for these clubs to be chartered as a temple they must basically follow the procedures Emirat did to gain full temple status. We can only hope they don't have to wait three years like we did.

"I'm very excited about the international growth we've had this past year and I do look forward to seeing more membership to continue to thrive." said Past Imperial Potentate Nick Thomas, chairman of the international development committee, "The relationships developed overseas are an integral part of the fraternity's future and we look forward to adding another new temple at the 2012 Imperial Session in Charlotte, NC."

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Pote's Message -

*“Dear All Nobles,
First of all, European Shriners are enthusiastic about being the 194th Temple in Shrine history; Second, the European Masonic family is supporting Shrinedom in Europe; but third and above all most important for us: We help children, which need our passion, our financial support and our love. We can and we will give it to them!”*



Charsten Wienbreyer
Potentate

With these three points I finished my address to the over twelve hundred representatives of the Imperial Session in Denver early July, when Emirat became the 194th fully chartered temple within Shriners International.

You might be able to imagine, how proud the delegation from Emirat was to receive the charter after all the hard work being done during the past three years. Again my sincere thanks to our divan, the active members in the various clubs and units and the many supporters for Emirat in Europe and beyond.

We had too many memorable moments in Denver to mention all of them. If I would have to give you the top 3, here would be my list: a) the overwhelming sympathy shown from so many Nobles and various Temples for Emirat during the days in Denver, b) the unforgettable moment of the great “Yeah!” voted from the assembly for our charter and c) the first ever participation of Emirat in an Imperial Shriners parade.

But the time to remember Denver and to enjoy the memories has gone by. What now comes is hard work. Emirat is a reality and so has to become our work as a temple: consistent, professional and with passion to help children.

We need to establish a routine and regular work in the Clubs to become attractive for Master Masons. We have to become creative in recruiting new members and support the Clubs in the local membership development. There has to be a strong core team for developing our donor relationships in order to create a stable source of financial income for our charitable programs. Above all we have to build a vision on how to support our “Shriners Hospitals for Children” in combination with local support for other charities, which best help kids in need.

For this I would like to invite you to the “Take a cup – win a ride” donorship program, which starts now. For a minimum donation of 15 Euro (20 USD) you will get a unique, limited first edition “Emirat Shriners” Mug and participate on a raffle for a 200 Euro or 300 USD award. Details can be found in this edition of our Kamel Tales. Most important for us will be the Imperial Potentate's Official Visit Friday 18 November in Heidelberg. Imperial Sir Mike Severe will officially install our Divan. Should we have candidates he will create them and discuss ways to support our mission in helping children.

Let's get Emirat kick-started now, Nobles!

Proud to be a Shriner, I remain
Charsten Wienbreyer
Potentate

Most Worshipful Grand Master Paul D. Litteral. Jr. Banquet Address:



Most Worshipful Grand Master
Paul D. Litteral, Jr

Dear Nobles, Ladies and Guests:

Good evening and thank you for this opportunity to speak to you this evening. Firstly, I would like to congratulate the newly initiated Nobles. I would also like to congratulate the Divan and the rest of the ritualistic team for an interesting and enjoyable ceremony. My theme this year as Grand Master of the American Canadian Grand Lodge is :

“ Our cause is noble”.

In my installation address I spoke of Freemasons as upright men with sound morals who give back to their communities and act as role models. This is what I believe in. My dear friends, I am proud to see you are living up to this here today. You are Nobles of the Mystic shrine, you selflessly help children in need, you help their families. You do this because it needs to be done, not because of what you may gain from it. That my brethren is truly a noble act.

In July the Emirat Shrine should receive its charter as the first European Shrine Temple. This is of course a historic event for the Mystic Shrine, but is also an opportunity. An opportunity to extend shrinedom all across Europe. Presently you have a transportation fund to transport children and a parent to the United States for treatment in one of the Shrine Hospitals. But with hard work and dedication more could be accomplished. As we expand further into Eastern Europe it is plausible that the Emirat Shrine some day sponsors a treatment center here in Europe. There are many possibilities, but if they are accomplished or not will depend on you. Helping children is indeed a noble cause that you should all be proud of, remember my dear Nobles: “ No man stands so tall as when he stoops to help a child”.

Thank you

Spring Ceremonial

Emirat's Spring Ceremonial on 28 May 2011 in St. Leon -Rot was a great success. You may have missed some fun and great times which was enjoyed by all attendees . Our business meeting in the morning covered several items of interest which included the award of Stuttgart's and NISO's Club charters and our Legion of Honor welcomed some new members. NISO's 1st Vice President Noble Dreon de Bus presented a proposal to engage in a joint venture with a local Hospital in Milano and the Lombardi Government in establishing a pediatric ward for burns. This will be supported by NISO Shrine Club and Emirat Shriners. A business plan is being drawn-up for presentation to the Chairman and the Board of Directors for the Shriners Hospitals since their guidance and approval would be required. More to follow.



The Ladies Tour downtown Heidelberg was enjoyed by all . A shopping pit stop at Betty Barclay's clothing store in Nussloch was the highlight of the trip. Some ladies even found their evening gown for the Potentate's Ball and a new summer collection.

The First Section was superbly performed by Chief Rabban Paul M. Curran and his enthusiastic cast. It was the best conferral ever for many years past. The Second Section did an outstanding job. Our newly formed Drum Corps under the direction of Noble Hall Place and Bill Fairley got the novices in step for the camels walk under the direction of the Guide Noble Allan Morecroft. The Legion of Honor commanded by Noble Shane Stewart presented the Flags for the Potentate's Ball. Noble Paul McKenzie the Master of Ceremony guided us through the evenings program. Grand Master Noble Paul D. Litteral, Lady Christine and daughter Emily and several of his Grand Lodge Officers were in attendance and recognized. The evening was rounded out well after midnight with excellent food, drinks and entertainment. Rocker Noble Allan Morecroft got every one out of the chair and the house rocking with oldies and contemporary hit songs.

News Flash: Emirat Shriners received an “Honorable Mention” in the category Newspapers/ Newsletters in the 2011 Dromedary Award Competition. More to follow in the next edition of *Kamel Tales*.

Emirat Shriners in Denver



Representing Emirat Shriners

Front: William Fairly, Cdr
Tony Murray Int.Legion of
Honor , Imperial Sir George
A. Mitchell, Charsten
Wienbreyer, Gerhard W.
Severin
Standing: Robert Cuestas,
John C. Harris, Heinz Kolb ,
Frank Garbelmann.



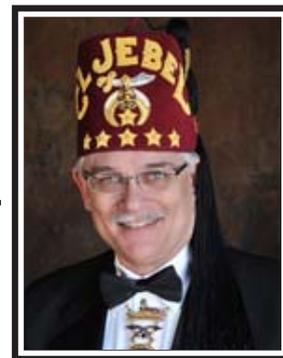
A New
Shrine
Center is
established:
Emirat
Shriners



See No..
Hear No..
Speak No..



Nobel Michael G. Severe Elected Imperial Potentate



Acceptance Speech

I was honored to be elected as your 123rd Imperial Potentate during the Imperial Session in my home city of Denver, and to welcome thousands of nobles, ladies and friends from around the world in the name of El Jebel Shriners. The moment fulfilled a life-long aspiration of mine. And now I begin, together with each of you, a new journey as the leader of Shriners International.

I would like to thank everyone who journeyed across the continent and overseas to take part in both the celebrations and the important work of the Imperial Session. I would also like to express my appreciation to Greg Rindone, director general of the Session, the El Jebel Shriners and the staff at Shriners International Headquarters for their countless hours of hard work and effort, which made the 2011 Imperial Session so successful.

Each of the 325,000 Shriners probably has his own individual and personal reasons for becoming a member of our fraternity. On examining these reasons, we will probably find to our surprise that we have many more good reasons for belonging to the Shriners organization today than we could have named five, 10, or even 30 years ago.

It is not merely that the organization has improved, but we ourselves have a greater capacity to enjoy and appreciate the ideals and efforts of the fraternity. Life and experience have opened our eyes to many things we previously did not realize.

We may have joined Shriners International because of opportunities for pleasure and fellowship. And then we found ourselves taking part in activities with serious aims, and discovered a greater pleasure – the joy of serving others.

For example, we found the richly rewarding experience of taking part in what has been called the “World’s Greatest Philanthropy” – Shriners Hospitals for Children®. I cannot express enough admiration for our unique health care system. Through Shriners Hospitals for Children, we have helped nearly 1 million children defy seemingly insurmountable difficulties, and discover they can do more than they ever believed possible. Shriners Hospitals for Children is respected worldwide as a leader in pediatric specialty care, innovative research and education programs for medical professionals.

Speaking for myself, I am a Shriner because I believe in the ideals upon which the organization was founded. I believe being a member of Shriners International provides an unexcelled means for an individual to express those ideals in a tangible, productive and satisfying way.

Shriners represent so many faiths and creeds, but we all acknowledge faith in a Supreme Being. We believe in the brotherhood of man, and in the dignity of the individual. We believe it is the function of government to preserve the rights and freedom of the individual. Being a Shriner has given me a keener appreciation of what it means to be an American. Here, I have found myself surrounded by men who not only appreciate the joy of living, but are also men of hope and optimism. They are men who are loyal to the principles of Masonry, Shriners and brotherhood.

As we begin this new Imperial year, which is also our 140th fraternal anniversary, I ask that every noble embrace my theme and “Remember Why You Became a Shriner!”

We all need to recognize this great fraternity was created to bringing fun and camaraderie into Masonry; along the way we created an amazing philanthropy, which allows us to improve the lives of children and make the world a better place. I strongly believe that if every single noble commits themselves to remembering their own “history,” honoring and preserving our collective history and strengthening brotherhood, our amazing organization will only grow stronger.

Patty and I look forward to meeting each and every one of you as we attend Shrine events throughout the country.

”Remember Why You Became a Shriner!”

Yours in the Faith,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael G. Severe". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Michael G. Severe

Imperial Potentate

Chairman of the Board of Directors

Emirat Recorder



“ES SELAMU ALAEIKUM “

Dear Nobles:

What a great successful trip to Denver, Colorado in obtaining our long awaited charter for Emirat Shriners on Monday 4 July 2011. NO longer U.D. !

Call # 32 on the Imperial Agenda requesting the charter for Emirat was presented on Monday without any great debate and quickly approved without any objections from the floor. The Committee hearings on Saturday morning lasted about 30 minutes and we were informed that the Committees had no further questions and a recommendation for approval of the charter would be forthcoming the next day.

The Imperial Session had some very interesting presentations particularly on the situation of our Hospitals. Chairman Imperial Sir Doug Maxwell who painted a positive picture. The Hospitals which were listed in San Antonio for closure were reported as covering from their deficits and some even were reporting financial gains and solvency. Legislation were children with health insurance are taken in for medical care seems to be working reasonably well. This income will offset our hospital operating cost by several millions. There are still some billing problems. Shriners Hospital will continue to treat children at **no cost** and this was made very clear by Noble Maxwell and the Hospital Board of Directors. Every admitted child will get the best possible treatment.

Also, I would like to thank the Nobles who travelled to Denver supporting Emirat's application and participation in the Shriners parade on Independence Day. Great Job!

Yours in the Faith

Gerhard W. Severin

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Meet your Recorder



Noble Gerhard W. Severin was born on 22. February 1938 in Germany. He entered the US Military Service on 18 September 1958 in Fort Dix, New Jersey.

On 1 October 1982 he retired from the US Military (NATO) at Heidelberg, Germany. He served 24 years in the Military Intelligence field with overseas tours in Korea and Vietnam. He holds an Associate degree from the University of New York.

After his military retirement he took up employment with 3M Company Germany as an Account Executive for Graphic products and later the District Manager for Occupational Health and Safety products. In 1997 he went into his final retirement. He is married to Lady Brigitte for almost 50 years and his son Thomas resides in Tempe, AZ with their grandson Tyler.

He was raised to the Sublime Degree of MM in Galilei Lodge 810-A, Kaiserslautern on 23 November 1970. Served as Master of Alt Heidelberg Lodge No. 821, District Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Master of the ACGL (1986-87). His theme for the year was "Back to the Basics". He served on all major Grand Lodge Committees which included most recently the Chairman of the Awards Committee and as Grand Proctor.

Noble Gerhard served as High Priest for Heidelberg Chapter No. 4, Illustrious Master - Council No. 2, and Commander of Heidelberg Commandery No.2, Knights Templar USA in 1985. He is a Past Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons (RAM) of Germany and Past Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council Royal & Select Masters of Germany and served in this office for six consecutive years from 1990 until 1996. He is a Life sponsor of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Noble Gerhard served in 1982 as an Advisor Order of DeMolay, International Supreme Council in Heidelberg and became a chartered member of the International DeMolay Alumni Association in 1986. He was awarded the Legion of Honor for his unusual and meritorious service and in 1987 he received the Grand Cross of Honor from the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

Noble Gerhard is a member in Perpetuity in Heidelberg's Peter M. Rasmussen Chapter No. 304 National Sojourners. He is also member of the American Military Scottish Rite - NATO Bodies - in Frankfurt and invested a "KCCH" Knight Court of Honor. In 1970 he became a Noble and Ambassador of the Mystic Shrine of Moslah Temple, Fort Worth, TX and in 1981 he became an Honorary member of Aahmes Shriners, Livermore, CA. He is a Life member of the Legion of Honor and served as Treasurer of the European Shrine Club for 15 years. In 2002 he became the Recorder when Noble Elmer George retired due to health reasons. He held this office until 2008 and became on 5 July 2010 the Provisional Recorder of Emirat Shriners. He was instrumental in obtaining the charter for Emirat Shriners on Independence Day 2011 in Denver, CO and is currently serving as your Recorder.

Welcome New Nobles since 1 January 2011

By Creation

Francesco Ponti	Dario Pulli
Dr. Giorgio Dulbecco	Massimo Sblendorio
Shahrokh Farhanghi	Michael Seguin
Stefano Cataneo	Armando Serri
Andrea Ghiaroni	Simone Sinatra
Ricardo Isnenghi	Dr Antonio Trudi
Flavio Franco	Dr. Francesco Accaria
Donald J. Ellis	Walter Bertani
Armour Gault	Ferdinando Castellano
Sergio Guili	Francesco Barbanente
Ghassan Khatib	Dr. Pierluigi Bracco
Steffen Knieriemen	Giuseppe Calabro
Dr. Reimar Laabing	Gionanni Esposito
William Lopez	Rocco Romeo
Dr. Andrea Macchi	Mark Androsk
Goffredo Mameli	William Lockwood
Celestino Moro	Clement Ardle
Tayfun Mut	Robert Patrick
Thierry Happi Ngoufan	Scott Richards
Gabriele Pedretti	
Rudolf Placht	
Christian Schulmers von Pernioerth	

By Restoration

Eddie Guevara	Edgar Rotter
Liviu Popenescu	

By Affiliation

Frank M. Garbelmann	Stewart M. Bestwick
Claudiu Ionescu	Serge Verquin-Lamy
James Hall Place	Jonah Thomas
Patrick Irwin Quinn	Gustav Lauser
Charles Walther	

By Association

Allan Morecroft	Gregory Stephens
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Membership Report

Total membership as of January 1, 2011 324

Total Gain January 1 - August 31, 2011

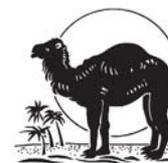
Nobles Created	40
Nobles Affiliated	9
Nobles Restored	3
Nobles Associated	<u>2</u>
Total	54

Total Loss	January 1, - August 31, 2011
Nobles Suspended	0
Nobles Deceased	<u>1</u>
Total	1

Total Regular Membership
as of 31 August 2011 **377**

Black Camel

Victor Reinhard
14 May 2011



100 Million \$ Club Certificates

Six new One hundred Million Dollar Club Members !

Noble Apti Metin (Bucarest)
Noble Jerry Shoemaker (Main Valley)
Charthen Wienbreyer (Heidelberg)
Claudiu Ionescu (Bucarest)
Richard Wycoff (MM Fidelitas Lodge)
John C. Harris (Heidleberg)

But we can't stop now, the Hospitals are counting on you. Have you purchased your membership for yourself or loved one yet ? If not, now is the time. Read on for further information.

Nobles help Emirath in it's effort to double the contributions to the Hospitals. The Board of Directors approved matching funds to the first 50 Nobles who desire purchasing membership in the Hundred Million Dollar Club. Requirements. The Noble must have paid his current Temple dues. Send your check in the amount of **50 Euro** and Emirath will match this amount. You will receive a beautiful 100 Million \$ Club Certificate. Mail in your donation today and feel good!

A Child's Smile makes it all worthwhile.
Only 44 Matching Funds Left
Act Now!

Emirat Shrine January Stated Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the next regularly scheduled Stated Meeting of Emirath Shrine will be held on Saturday, 14 January 2012 at the Harres Sport & Kulturzentrum in St. Leon Rot commencing at 10:00 hrs . Business to be conducted will be the Election of Officers and any such other business as may come before the Nobility.

Wear your fez -

2012 Dues card required

Attest: Gerhard W. Severin, Recorder
Charthen Wienbreyer, Potentate



The article shall be seen on the background of the Year 2011 - "European year of voluntary service".



Further, that voluntary work is getting more and more of importance in nowadays society. The European Union is marking the importance with having 2011 marked as Year of voluntary service. As our societies face difficulties in demography. Without voluntary engagement, a number of activities would not been possible, in voluntary fire stations, youth sport and social activities, supporting handicapped and senior citizen etc.

The Governor of the State Kentucky (USA), Steven L. Beshear, commissioned Frank Garbelmann, with for a European, seldom recognition :

"Colonel Honorary of the Commonwealth of Kentucky"

In the recognition it was mentioned:

Based on Mr. Garbelmann's engagement over two centuries, in various positions and activities, from youth exchange, fund-raising, neighbor crime protection, amateur radio emergency communication service etc. Mr. Garbelmann builds bridges between cultures and people, and understands to motivate people for a common project, he lived in Germany, the USA and currently in Denmark and served in the communities, where he lived.

Mr. Garblemann responded with the following quote for this article:

I appreciate the recognition. At the same time, I strongly believe that the major pieces in our life, we only reach in connection with other people.

Therefore, this recognition, is also for all those that supported me and have worked with me to achieve "a better world" for others. Shriners International, is about "serving others and bring light into children's life".

Our societies do not value enough the voluntary work that is done by a great number of people in various European countries – this needs to change.

I will further involve myself into projects, the recognition is not a reason to rest.



Mr. Frank Garbelmann receives certificate from Consul General Dr. Patterson General Consulate in Hamburg, Germany.

Heidelberg Shriners Mug Sale

to sponsor Emirat's transportation fund...

"Buy a cup – win a ride"



To support this undertaking you can help by purchasing limited edition EMIRAT coffee-tea mug for a minimum of a 15 Euro or \$20.00 donation. In return you will receive a beautiful designed limited edition "Emirat Shriners" Mug! and a certification **and number** for your donation. Your 10 Euro of \$15 donation will go directly to Emirat's Transportation Fund. This will help to support in the transportation of a child and family member to our Shriners



Noble Rolf Jülly and his Lady Annette from our Heidelberg European Shrine Club started an initiative to win donors for our Emirat transportation fund.

Hospitals for Children. The number is for a raffle to be held at our Spring Ceremonial on 2 June 2012 for a 200 Euro or \$300 cash prize. The sale will be as long as we have mugs available. Shipment will be free of charge within Germany.

Please send your order and payment to:

Annette and Rolf Jülly "
Buy a cup – take a ride"
Hermersbachstraße 15,
76857 Ramberg, Germany

OR

Account Number: 135566750
Bank Code: 548 500 10
International : IBAN: DE34 5485 0010 0135 5667 50
BIC: LANSDE55XXX
Reference: "Buy a cup – take a ride"

Good luck and thanks to Noble Rolf and Lady Annette for their initiative!