

The Meccan

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Ill. Potentate Ted H. Jacobsen greeting newly elected Imperial Sir George Mitchell, at the Toronto Imperial Session.

Coming Events

Sept 30-Oct 3 NYOSA (Corning, NY)

October 4, Mecca Meeting (23rd Street)

October 11, Columbus Day Parade

Oct 12 Shrine Festive Board, (White Plains)

Oct 23, Day at the Races (White Plains)J7

November 13- Potentates Reception



Potentates Message



I write this article in the "Dog Days" of summer, but my thoughts drift back to that pleasant week in April, when I flew to visit our Bermuda Mecca Club, accompanied by Oriental Guide **Avery Toledo** and **Lady Eva**. Longtime and faithful Club President **Beldwin Smith** and **Lady Velda** made certain our stay was most enjoyable. **Noble Beldwin**, a man of dignity and one who enjoys great respect, gave us a personal, informative tour of all the historic and memorable Bermuda sites. Through his energy and initiatives, we were able to install ten new Nobles, and I authorized him to install three more who could not make the Ceremonial that wonderful Thursday night. By happenstance on our first day, we met up with a brother from the ancient Lodge St George who, later that evening, drove us to the installation of Worshipful Master **Martin Weekes**. It is practice in Bermuda for installations to occur from November to June, enabling all brothers to attend the installations in all Lodges. Every brother seemed to know everyone else. Worshipful Brother **Weekes** invited **Avery** and me to process with Brothers of Lodge St George, atop a small hill, down the steps into the town square, filled with the pomp and circumstance that is part of their British heritage, to pay their annual rent, negotiated centuries ago, of one peppercorn per year. After the beating of the drums, the blaring of trumpets, the marching bands, civil and military troops, the carriages and cars formally chauffeuring the officials, the speeches, the ceremonial presentation of the unique peppercorn to the Queen's representative and the traditional Governor's reception in the public park, we all adjourned to a nearby German restaurant for fun, fellowship and feasting. It was an awesome experience. (After we returned home, Lodge St George mailed me an unexpected check of \$1200 for Philadelphia Shriners Hospital for Children to commemorate our visit.) May the Great Architect of the Universe continue to Bless our Bermudan Brothers and Nobles, and their families.

May brought us Spring NYOSA, in Nanuet, with the pleasure of seeing our own **III. Mel Birnbaum, P.P.** as its President. **Lady Joan** hosted a warm and abundant hospitality room and **III. Mel** admirably conducted the business of the weekend. We then returned to NYC to attend the Grand Lodge Convention,

with the election of **Most Worshipful Vincent Libone** as Grand Master of the State of New York, another great honor for Mother Mecca because MW Libone has been a Meccan for years. Spring MASA gave us an opportunity to visit historic Gettysburg. As you read this, Fall MASA in Virginia Beach will have become history. But, I remind all Nobles that Fall NYOSA in Corning, NY, will be at the end of September. I again urge all Nobles to show support and respect for President **III. Mel Birnbaum, P.P.**, by your attendance. NYOSA and MASA afford all Nobles the opportunity to meet with the diversity of Shrinedom, our counterparts, old friends and to make new ones. It enables us to see the big picture, to exchange ideas and concerns not only to educate and improve ourselves, but our Temple and the Imperial, at large. Consult our Recorder for more details. Also in May I had the fun opportunity to attend two circuses held by LuLu and Kalurah. It has been a long time since Mecca has had such a family, fun-filled event; many problems caused us to suspend such an operation nearly two decades ago. Perhaps, through careful research and prudent implementation, we can return to such a fine family-oriented, community event.

Without question, however, the month of May brought us the most successful fundraiser for our Patients' Transportation Fund, ever: the Bike Run and Motor Show by our Motorheads and Shepherds. Kudos to **Noble Matt Frank**, President of the Motorheads, and **Noble Dominic Falcone**, President of the Shepherds, **Chief Rabban John McAloon**, **Noble Bob Martin**, head of the Patients' Transportation Fund, **Noble Bob Reynolds**, Chef Extraordinaire, and the multitude of Nobles and friends who assisted in one way or another. (I know I will be in trouble for not mentioning more names, but the list would go on and on and on.) And for those of you who were unable to attend our Temple fundraiser, "Mike [Quigley] and Friends," you truly missed-out on an artfully talented group of professional, musical performers. It was a pleasurable and dramatically moving evening of songs, skits and reminiscences from World War II.

To honor and show respect for our elders and those who came before, a large group of Meccans and their Ladies showed up on a warm June 27th morning for our annual *Inshallah* in Valhalla, NY, at that plot of land called *Mecca* in Kensico Cemetery, with its majestic columns and sculptures, where lies the father of all Meccans and Shrinedom, our first Potentate and first Imperial Sir, Dr. Walter Fleming. The Divan solemnly evoked the spirit of the Lord with prophetic words

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John "Cheech" Biondi

Born: August 1st, 1957
 Initiated: July 21, 1984
 Passed: November 25th, 1984
 Raised: June 8th, 1985
 At Rest: August 1st, 2010

It is with heavy heart we report the passing of our beloved Lodge Brother, R. W. John "Cheech" Biondi on Sunday morning, August 1st, 2010 at age 53.

Having experienced many medical problems over the past few years, Brother Cheech slipped away peacefully at Phelps Memorial Hospital in Tarrytown, NY around 1:30 AM today surrendered by family, friends and many of his Masonic Brethren.

He had suffered a heart attack during dialysis on Wednesday, July 28th, and had been resuscitated and placed on a ventilator, but he was completely unresponsive to further extensive medical measures. Born on August 1st, 1957 in Calabria, Italy, he immigrated to the United States with his parents, where he became a proud American citizen.

As an adult he became a professional Paramedic EMT working for LIJ-North Shore Hospital on Long island, as well as a member of the local Eastchester-Tuckahoe Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Brother Cheech was raised in Aurora Lodge # 25 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, he later affiliated with in NYC, Brazilian Lodge # 1182 in NYC, and Mount Masada-Galaxy Lodge #902 in Tuckahoe, NY.

He was an active member of various Masonic related organizations, including the



Mecca Temple of the Shriners International in NYC. He was an vigorous supporter and participant of the Mecca Transportation Unit Road Angels as well as a welcomed sous-chef at Mount Masada-Galaxy Lodge, where he kept all the brothers well feed. He served as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of the Dominican Republic near the Grand Lodge of NY in 1999 to 2001. As a hobbyist, he was an aficionado of motorcycles and classic "muscle" cars and enjoyed exhibiting his vehicles and casual motoring with friends.

He leaves behind many who loved him, which include family, friends, and his Masonic Brothers. He was an enthusiast in a life that ended far too soon. It isn't the minutes in life one has, but how much life in each minute one lives, and Brother Cheech did just that.

He will be missed, but we are all better people for knowing him. He was beloved by all and he loved everyone right back. n "Cheech" Biondi "**May his soul rest in eternal peace**".



Menu For the Evening of The Potentate's Gala

Butler Service (Hot)

Minature Beef Wellington • Saffron Sea Scallor Tempura
Shrimp Wrapped in Puff Pastry
Asian Spiced Chicken Satay •

Pepper Jack Quesadilla with Mexican Tomato and Pepper
Rumaki-Scallop wrapped in bacon • Vegetable Wonton with Plum
Sauce • Mini Crabcakes with Red Pepper.

Butler Service (Cold)

Crostini wth Spinach and Artichoke

Gourmet Cold Buffet

Cold Shrimp Bar • Cold Oysters on the 1/2 Shell • Cold Clams on the
1/2 Shell • Marinated Seafood Salad • Mussels, Calamar,i Scallops
and Shrimp. • Brochetta al Pomodoro • Internaional Cheeses •
Assorted Fresh Cut Fruit • Raw Vegetables w/ Dressings •
Mozzarella and Tomato and Red Roasted Peppers, Virgin Olive Oil
and Balsamic Vinegar • Marinated Mushrooms
Garlic Hummus w/Pita Triangles • Grilled Vegetables to include
Grilled Eggplant, Yellow Squash, Zucchini and Portabella
Mushrooms • Marinated Artichole Hearts • California Sushi Rolls •
Smoked Salmon w/Capers, Lemon, Onions

Chafing Dishes

Paella • Chicken Francais • Fried Calamari with Red Sauce
Tenderloin Tips w/peppercorns
Mussels Fra Diavolo • Sausage and Peppers • Eggplant Rolatini
Duck ala Orange
Cavetelle, Garlic Oil and Broccoli

Sit Down Dinner

Champagne Toast • House White Wine • House Red Wine
Fresh Melon and Proscuitto

Salad Course

Roasted Beet Goat Cheese, Balsamic Reduction, Mixed Greens,
Raspberry Vinaigrette

Intermezzo

Lemon Sherbert

Entree (Choice of One)

Glazed French Chicken Breast - Balsamic Honey Beurre Blanc
Chateaubriand - Burgundy Reducton
Red Snapper

Dessert Course

Viennese Table



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Potentate's Gala

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November 13, 2010

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The Imperial Session, Toronto Canada, 2010

by Noble Avery Toledo

This year's Imperial Session was held in Toronto, Canada. The Imperial is much more than just a Shriners' convention. The word convention conjures up intellectuals or professionals of a common field gathering for boring meetings and after hour drinks. A Shrine convention has so much more to it. First off the Imperial Session offers our fraternity an opportunity to take care of business on both the Fraternal side and the Charitable side, that is our Shriners Hospital for Children. The Imperial Session is usually held in the state of the incoming Imperial Potentate. This year's new Imperial Sir is George Mitchell of Rameses Temple.

At our Imperial Session there is a parade of Shrine Temples, their units and clubs through the host city. The Parade lineup is always lead by the outgoing Imperial Potentate's Temple, followed by the incoming Imperial Potentate's Temple, Mecca Temple, and then every Temple follows Mecca in the order founding from oldest to newest. Rameses Temple had the most impressive gathering of units and clubs on display, as we had to wait over an hour even before Mecca Temple could step off. They had so many units it was hard to count. From their Keystone Cops, Highlanders, Various motorized units, to even the Yacht Club having a boat float. But once Mecca was up, Fellow Nobles from the **Bermuda Club** took Mecca's colors and stepped off strong and proud leading the way for the rest of Mecca and the Nobility



of all Shrinedom to follow.

Our Illustrious Potentate **Theodore Jacobsen** was chauffeured by our Boss Clown **Tom Lorentz** (a.k.a. Uncle Dippy) dressed in this Blue Clown suit, in a Black dropdown convertible with Mecca banners on the side of the car. In the car with him was **M.:W.:Grand Master Vincent Libone**. How prestigious and royal we looked having a banner leading out front, followed by a vehicle carrying the Potentate of the **FIRST** Temple that started all of Shrinedom, along with the Grand Master from the only state in the Union that has a Charter from England. Then the Divan marched in unison behind the car followed by Past Potentates and the Nobility of Mecca. This year's parade was very impressive and even out did the Queen of England visit and event earlier in the day. Shriners International was definitely the talk of Toronto that day.

Each Imperial Session gives an opportunity for each Temple and Noble to catch up with its members in the various associations that they belong to (for Mecca it is NYOSA & MASA). It also allows everyone to meet new Shriners from around the world. I do mean around the world, as this year's Imperial session approved the chartering of two new Temples, one in the Philippines and the other in Puerto Rico. Germany is on the list for a charter next year.

Mecca Temple had the honor to host the **M.:W.:Grand Master Vincent Libone**, who has been a Meccan for many years. We were honored to have a big contingent from the **Bermuda Club**, several of which were newly made Nobles of our Temple this year from when the Potentate, **Theodore Jacobsen**, accompanied by the Oriental Guide **Avery Samuel Toledo**, went to Bermuda in April to perform a Ceremonial. Also in attendance was **Noble Albert Dressel** and Wife Hella, founder and first President of the Mecca Temple German Shrine Club founded in 1999. Another notable couple visiting was

from Trinidad, **Noble Errol Sooknanan** and his wife Pamela. Here lies the greatest part of the Imperial this year, our members turned out in big numbers with their families and gathered several nights in the Hospitality room provided by our Potentate. The first night the **M.:W.:Grandmaster Vincent Libone** joined us along with Mecca's Most Senior, Active Past Potentate **Ill. Joe Bombace** (Also Treasurer for the Past Potentates Association called the Cabriri). Also, Past Potentate **Illustrious Mel Birnbaum**, current President of NYOSA and his lovely Wife Joan were in attendance. What a spectacular gathering of dignitaries and Great Nobles who I am proud to call my Brothers. The end of Imperial Session for me was the "Traditional Dinner" that Mecca throws at each Imperial. This is a dinner where we all go out and eat at a restaurant together as a Temple. The restaurant was great, considering that they were not prepared for our large group. The Women of the Bermuda Shrine club gave a donation of \$500. Not to be out done, the men of the Bermuda Shrine Club gave a matching \$500. Thank you ladies because we all know, without our Ladies we would not be where we are. With that I must thank my wife **Eva** for accompanying me and dealing with my antics, running around, and crap in general, **Noble Errol Sooknanan** and Lady Pamela from Trinidad gave a personal donation. All donations was received by the **Illustrious Potentate Theodore Jacobsen** and after some brief inspiring words we continued the night away talking and mingling with one another. Thank you again to all those who attended and made Toronto's Imperial Session 2010 FEZTASTIC!

If you couldn't make it, we look forward to seeing you and everyone else for our Imperial Session in 2011 at Denver, Colorado

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(Potentates Message, Con't) and muffled trumpet tones provided by **Noble Ray Alvarez**. Special attention was paid recently interred **Ill. Jerome Horowitz, P.P.**, whose family was there with heavy hearts and tearful eyes.

On a happier note, Nobles gathered the next day, June 28th, shortly after the sun rose, for what has become our annual gathering at the *CBS Early Show* to exhibit Mecca's presence and, indeed, the presence of all of Shrinedom, and to highlight our "institutional calling" and our "temples of mercy," our Shriners Hospitals for Children. There were Nobles from Kismet, Salaam, and Egypt to name a few others; and the very special presence of Stephanie Spagnola, Public Relations/Philadelphia Shriners Hospital for Children who joined us for this special occasion. Speaking about special occasions, we cannot overlook the magnificent BBQ prepared for our Mecca Klown Klub, Nobles and friends, by **Noble Klown Ralph Edwards** (L'll Ralphie), with the help of our Shrine's Top Chef, **Bob Reynolds**. It was a great time, even though it took Avery, Eva and me a long time to drive down from Media's Potentate's Weekend in Watertown, NY. I must add that our Klown Klub, expertly and energetically led by **Boss Klown Tom Lorentz** (Uncle Dippy), and all our talented Klowns have been performing at street fairs, veterans' homes, police and firefighters children's events, at Philadelphia Shriners Hospital for Children, and just about any place they are invited. They are fantastic. If you were at the Bike Run and Car Show, you would know what an excellent job they do and how they are loved by the kids...and adults, too. In this same vein, allow me to acknowledge, once again, the outstanding job **Noble Bob Martin** does in coordinating the transport of our kids to Philadelphia, Boston and Springfield Shriners Hospitals for Children, and give due praise and honors to our Road Angels who shepherd them back and forth for treatment and therapy.

At this year's Imperial in Toronto, we were honored that fellow Meccan the **Most Worshipful Vincent Libone**, Grand Master of the State of New York, accepted our invitation to be our guest and to share the fun. Mecca's participation was larger than in recent years, thanks in large part to the excellent turnout of: our Mecca Bermuda Club Nobles and their Ladies, led by its intrepid President **Beldwin Smith** and **Lady Velda**; our former Mecca German Club President **Noble Albert Dressel** and **Lady Helle**; and our Mecca Trinidad Club **Noble, Errol Sooknanan** and **Lady Pamela**. (A very special thank you to our Bermudan Nobles, their

Ladies' Club and our Noble Trinidadian for their collective generosity of \$1200 to our Patients' Transportation Fund.) Our hospitality room was especially warm and well-stocked. We thank all those Nobles and their Ladies who kept things moving smoothly. A warm, fraternal embrace to **Lady Tina Stovell**, wife of **Nobel Ed**, for her ebullience and her suave and sophisticated ability to set up a Ladies' Luncheon, so quickly. We were privileged and pleased that the **MWGM Libone** joined me in the lead vehicle of our contingent. Plaudits to all our Nobles for their strength and stamina in enduring the oppressively hot and humid day and long delay, about 1 ½ hours, as we waited for hometown Rameses Shrine to pass before Mecca could step off.

Our 3rd Annual William Jermyn "Billy" Florence Day Commemoration, July 25, took place at his burial site in Brooklyn's Greenwood Cemetery. Each year we do not mourn his death, but we celebrate and honor Noble Billy Florence for having been one of those visionary Freemasons, men of wit and good humor, who met on the 2nd floor at the legendary Knickerbocker Cottage to dream of an Order of the Craft that would be less ritualistic and less formal and dry. (Forgive the pun.) It was he who brought back a romantically colorful and theatrical drama he had observed during his world travels. It was this spectacle, honed by the Knickerbocker 13, that developed into the ritual and ceremony of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. (Changed at this year's Imperial Session to *Shriners International*.) I would love to have seen this sophisticated, world-famous thespian as he travelled from state to state, initiating fellow Masons into a never-before-seen ritual...with exaggerated gesturing of exceedingly long dolman sleeves, exotically adorned in colorful attire and cloaks, replicating those of the middle East and dramatically emphasizing his rolling "r's," as was the wont of the actors of his day. It must have been quite a show to behold. We were so fortunate and honored to have **Imperial Sir Mike Severe** participate in the ceremonies at the grave site and to accompany us for the delights of our oasis at the Bushwick Country Club, whose proprietor, **Noble John Roberts**, phrenetically and single-handedly, prepared and distributed his famous BBQ and oysters. On a personal note, permit me humbly to extend my grateful appreciation to Noble **Avery Toledo** and **Lady Eva** for the outrageously caloric, but sumptuously delicious, birthday cake they brought to celebrate this Leo's anniversary.

The fun-events of the summer ended with our Family Day at the American Museum of Natural History. **Ill Mandy**

David, P.P., provided vouchers for our Nobles and their families that permitted entry to the special admission exhibits at the Museum: Space Show; IMAX; Snakes and Lizards. Of course the kids had to see the dinosaurs upstairs. What a wonderful contribution **Ill. Mandy**. Many thanks. I am certain all enjoyed and were most appreciative of your thoughtful and generous gesture.

But, in the words of the old vaudevillians: *It ain't over yet!* We still have the Columbus Day Parade up 5th Avenue on Monday, October 11; our Mecca Festive Board at White Plains Masonic Lodge on Tuesday, October 12; our Night-at-the-Races on Saturday, October 23, in White Plains Masonic Lodge; and, with humility, my Potentate's Gala Reception at The Manor in West Orange, NJ, Saturday, November 13, that I hope all of Mecca will be able to attend to gourmandize, dance and enjoy. I also hope to arrange a re-tour of our original Mecca Temple, today known as New York City Center, on West 55th Street between 6th and 7th Avenues. And, please, let's keep selling those Mega Moneyshare 50/50's. Our Temple needs the money to help cover our yearly expenses and to restore and strengthen our reserves.

I conclude in sadness. This summer we lost a dear **Noble and Brother, "Cheech" Biondi**, beloved by so many in the Craft, the Shrine, firefighters, policemen, bikers and his community. The funeral home appeared crowded beyond capacity. I will personally miss his many phone chats, whether from home or from the hospital, always speaking about ways to get greater Mecca participation in the Columbus Day parades in Manhattan and Eastchester, how to expand Mecca and the Motorheads, how to help the victims of 9/11 and, more frivolously, where I might purchase a mini-car. He was always upbeat, always eager to move on, always talking about tomorrow, even during his most trying times. I join the many who will miss his presence. In addition **Ill. Jerome Horowitz, P.P.** another **Noble, Jacob F. "Jack" Khederian**, was interred in Mecca's hallowed grounds in Valhalla, whose Masonic funeral service and Shrine burial was conducted by **Ill. Ronald Sablosky, P.P.** Impressively moving were the dozens of grandchildren and great grandchildren present at the funeral home and at the gravesite who appeared obviously desolate at the passing of their loved one.

May all our lost Brothers and Nobles dwell in The House of the Lord, forever and may the Grand Architect of the Universe safeguard our Military troops, wherever they may be.



Rockland Shrine Masons in the News....Worth Repeating Driven to Help Ailing Children

We have taken the liberty of reprinting an article that appeared in a Rockland County Newspaper, it highlights our Shriners Hospitals for Children and the great job that Noble **Bob Martin** does in coordinating the transportation of our needy kids and pays due praise to all out benevolent Shepherds who generously volunteer their spirit, time, talent and means in driving the children to and from Boston, Philadelphia and Springfield Shriners Hospitals for their appointments.

A little more than a decade ago, Noble Bob Martin of Congers Stared making car trips to Philadelphia, Boston and Springfield, Mass. The draw wasn't the Liberty Bell, Quincy Market or the Basketball Hal of Fame. He and a corps of about 20 members of the Shriners donate their time to transport children from Rockland, Westchester, Orange and others visiting from around the globe to three of 22 hospitals operated for more than 8 years by the Shriners.



At those hospitals, some specializing in orthopedics or burn care and one combining those specialities with treatment of spinal cord injuries, the children get world-class medical care regardless of their ability to pay.

That's because, Martin says, there are no bills. All the expenses are funded by the fundrasing work of about 400,000 members of the International fraternal organization, the Shriners Hospital Endowment Fund and donations from the public.

Shriners take part in parades, conventions and other special events, including sponsoring the annual East-West Shrine College All-Star football game. The also organize themselves into units —form bands, to clown units to motorcycle units to Hillbilly units and miniature clown units—that conduct special events.

In 2009, those fundraising efforts and public donations translated into 194,254 children being treated at the various Shriners Hospitals.

But, even with a long history of charity and a vast network of members. Martin feels a need to get out the word about the

hospital cars. *"We just want people to know we're here to help."* he says, and that, *"All anyone has to do is ask a Shriner"*

In this region, the Mecca Shrine Transportation Unit, which Noble Martin has coordinated for six years by cell phone from his home, is responsible for getting children to the Boston Shriners Hospital for Children, specializing in burn treatment, the one in Springfield, Mass, specializing in orthopedic care, and the Philadelphia hospital, which focuses on spinal cord injury rehabilitation. Noble Martin has also served on the board of governors for the Philadelphia hospital for three years.

Recently, the Boston Hospital has been treating a girl from Southfields, just across the Orange County border from Sloatsburg, who suffered serious burns from a camp stove accident. After initial treatment at the Westchester Medical Center burn unit, she was transferred to Boston for additional care.

For Martin and others in the transport unit like Ill Murry Cohen, a trip to Philadelphia often mean s picking up a child at 5:45 a.m. to arrive at the hospital by 8:30 a.m. If the child is getting in hospital treatment, perhaps for scoliosis, a spinal curvature, the make the return trip alone. But, if the treatment is completed that day, to do the return transport, as well.



It's a confidence that both men line in Congers and are retired from the New York City Police Department. The transport unit is made up of individuals from all walks of life and from the Bronx, Tuckahoe, New Rochelle, Edison, NJ and all around the metro area. Martin says "The common denomications are compas-

sion and a desire to help children.

The transportation unity gets some donations from Masonic groups in Rockland and Orange, but depends mostly on fundraising events to pay for the rented minivans they use. Even with a special rate, that amount to a \$100 a day, plus gas and tolls.



White many of the unit's trips involve local children, they also work with the Global Medical Relief Fund., based in Staten Island, which is helping children from Haiti and elsewhere. Martin will transport three children who suffered amputations in the Haitian earthquake to Philadelphia. And he just transported a 7 year old boy who lost limbs and an wye when he kicked what turned out to be n explosive device.

Murry Cohen, a past potentate of the Mecca Shrine Temple, has been part of the transport unit for about five years. *"Its an amazing, wonderful thing,"* he says, *"to see children walking who were told they'd never be able to do that."* He's always lived with the belief that you have to give back in this life, he says" *Whatever they believe I give them"* he says *of the children and parents he helps "I get back tenfold."*





The Bermuda Mecca Club Initiations

Thirteen new Mecca Bermuda Club candidates were initiated by our Ill. Potentate Ted H. Jacobsen, seated left, on his April 24 visit with Oriental Guide Avery Toledo (4th from left). Thanks to Mecca Bermuda Club President Beldwin Smith (seated right) the initiation was historic and the entire week memorable.



We had a large attendance at Inshallah at our Kensico Mecca Cemetery at Valhalla, NY



We waited patiently for a few minutes of air time on the CBS Early Show.



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