

Shriners take a shine to Detroit

By SUZIE MARKS

Some 50,000 Shriners arrived in Detroit over the weekend, and thousands of them rushed to Southfield hotels to enjoy their four-day convention.

The international Moslem Shriners, wearing the distinctive red fez, will participate in their annual imperial council session July 10-14. The meetings will be accompanied by parades and festivities.

At the Raleigh House, recently purchased by the Moslem Shrine Temple of Detroit, 127 Oldsmobiles were waiting to be driven by imperial officers and their staffs. A sign, "Southfield Welcomes Nobles" is outside the banquet hall.

"We're still cleaning up and taking inventory," said Leo Harrowood, Assistant Rabban who's managing the new facility on Telegraph and Ten Mile. "We expect to seat about 1,800 Shriners for dinners and breakfasts." While convention headquarters is the Detroit Plaza Hotel at the Renaissance Center, Shriners have spilled over into Southfield motels and hotels.

IN FACT, the entire Stouffers Northland Inn is filled with Shriners, the inn reports.

"We have booked 200 rooms for them," said Bob Seidler, sales manager. "The whole hotel is being used by Shriners. We've been turning other people away for two months."

The Shriners are expected to keep the barkeeps busy. "We should be doing good in the alcohol department," Seidler said. High food and beverage tabs are expected at the inn. All

employees will be on hand during the four days to keep beer mugs and bar glasses filled, said Seidler.

Two sections of the Holiday Inn on Telegraph near Eleven Mile are reserved for Shriners. The Egypt Temple and the Oriental Bands each have 50 rooms, said Andrea Miller, hotel reservations.

Hotel employees haven't overworked anticipating the conventioners, Ms. Miller said. But workers have accommodated Shriners with advance reservations and keeping track of them all, she added.

About 300 Shriners are resting in the Michigan Inn, occupying 170 rooms, according to Jim Mastrangelo, sales director. Conventions keep the staff running while arrangements must be made to coincide with the Shriners' busy schedules, he said.

"When you have 300 men in a hotel who march in parades, you have to make certain plans," Mastrangelo said. "They have to eat at specific times and get together for unwinding parties at designated times."

THE UNFORMED Organization of Crescent Temple from Trenton, N.J. is lodging at the Sheraton Southfield. Occupying 255 rooms, most of the Shriners brought their wives and a few children, said Mary Lou Tworowski, convention manager.

"We're all sold out," Ms. Tworowski claims. "In fact the whole City of Southfield is all sold out."

The Ramada Inn is hosting the Zem Zem Temple from Erie, Pa., said Judy Kravoc, sales director. No special arrangements were made for the 180 Shriners, she said, because they're not

having any major food and beverage functions.

Shriners' Drug Store in the Michigan Inn has stocked up on "Playboys" and other mens' magazines, a clerk reported. Extra business is expected. Customer flow always increases when conventions come to town, the clerk said.

Moslem Shriners will be treated to banquets and other festivities in the Raleigh House, Harrowood said. The International Shrine Horse Patrol Association competition, the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands competition and the national Shrine Meeting are among today's events.

Shrine Oriental Band members will be served a Raleigh House banquet Tuesday, catered by Branko Lucus.

14 students on dean's list

Fourteen area students earned spots on the spring quarter dean's list at Michigan Technological University in Houghton by earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Honor students from Farmington were: David T. Harger (4.0), a sophomore majoring in computer sciences, 30114 Stockton; Gretchen A. Kobel (4.0), a senior majoring in medical technology, daughter of Mrs. Norma Kobel, 33918 Macomb; Arthur J. Lechrie, a junior majoring in biological sciences, 34105 State; Stephen L. Niehaus (4.0), a junior majoring in forestry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Niehaus, 33760 Schulte; Rochelle M. Rizzo (4.0), a sophomore majoring in civil engineering, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

The Raleigh House will also be the scene of an after parade oasis tomorrow.

Shriners' Motor Corps, Shrine Patrol Association, Association of Shrine Drum and Bugle Corps, and Shrine Chanters Association.

Also planned are a clownrama, a banquet for the chanters and award breakfasts and luncheons.

The Nobles and their ladies are expected to swell Southfield coffers as they move about in business and pleasure. On the fun side, conventioners shout, "It's great to be a Shriner. It's fun to be a Shriner. We're proud to be Shriners."

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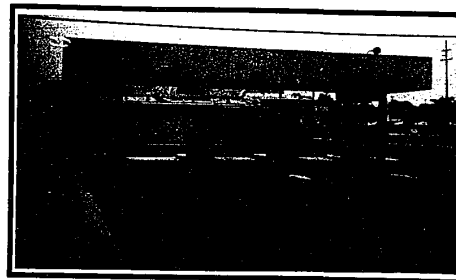
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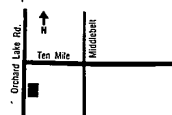
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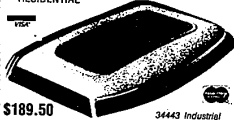
T.G.&Y. SUPPLEMENT

In the Thursday, July 6 edition of the Livonia Observer was incorrect. All items advertised in this tab will be honored at the Northville and Novi T.G.&Y. Stores July 17th through July 25th.

The correct tab is in today's, July 10th paper. The sale date will be extended through July 15th.

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