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We will have dates and events soon to make everyone busy with the Shrine get-togethers that will help us donate to the Shrine Hospitals. The Anahgram will survive this and come out stronger along with all of you.

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POTENTATES MESSAGE

Don Gordon, Potentate



February and the first of this month have been busy. On Saturday, March 6th I traveled with my Personal Aides to Presque Isle so we could attend the Aroostook Shrine Club's monthly meeting. We had 11 +/others join us. I must

say that the hospitality in the county is terrific! The Northeastland Hotel went out of their way to make sure we had a space to gather that met CDC guidelines. Saturday night proved to be a good night for fun and fellowship. We all attended the Sunday morning Shrine Club meeting. It certainly was great to see the guys up north.

Anah made some history on Saturday, March 13th, when we held a mini-ceremonial. The ceremonial consisted of a condensed first section that was held at Anah Shrine and simultaneously broadcast to Aroostook County Shrine Club and to a location in Machias. Between the three locations we were able to create 23 new Nobles for Anah. Most of the day went according to plan with only a few hiccups. To make sure we were covered should a technical issue develop, the Academicians and Dave Gulya and crew got together the weekend before and made a recording of the degree work to have as a backup for each location should it be needed. Much appreciated guys.

I and Lady Gail would like to give a heartfelt thank you to the Membership Co-Chairmen, Aarron Mower and Shawn Lahey, and their respective teams for a job well done. The mini-ceremonial was a success because of your hard work.

As you all may have heard, Governor Mills recently announced new guidelines for indoor and outdoor gatherings. If the situation remains stable it looks like we will be able to have our June Ceremonial. Plans are underway. It will be held in Bangor and I will keep you informed on our progress.

Until next time, please continue to stay safe. Don Changing Lives Together

"FROM THE RECORDER'S

DESK" Charlie Pray

Greetings from the Recorder's desk:

I would like to open my column with a heartfelt

thank you to all my friends and family of Anah Shriners. The outpouring of support this past month or so has been overwhelming. The cards and well wishes were a most welcome addition to my days, they gave me something to look forward to every afternoon with the receipt of my daily mail. I can only thank each and every one of you for your caring psychological support,13 days in ICU which was not something I was remotely prepared for nor is it anything I care to replicate. I truly love you all and wish there were a way I could repay the thoughtfulness. Thank you!

Now for some updates on Temple happenings... As you all know, we hosted a new class of candidates on the 13th of March at which time we welcomed in 26 new members of Anah Shrine along with 20 new "Anah Ladies". Much thanks go out to Dave Gulya, Todd Foster, Aarron Moore and Shawn Lahey for their efforts in organizing the "In Person" as well as "Virtual" events hosted in Presque Isle and Machias. The Academicians did their usual exemplary work with putting on the 1st Section to help educate the nobles of the inner workings of becoming a Noble of Anah Shriners and Shriners International. Much gratitude goes out to this unit for their commitment and assistance with creating our newest class of members. Overall, a job well done by everyone involved with welcoming in our newest class of Nobles and their families.

With much enthusiasm and excitement, the Governor's announcement of a gradual re-opening of our State is "mentally" a much welcomed light at the end of an extremely long and financially crippling tunnel. As a suggestion to all units and clubs of Anah Shrine: If your organization is contemplating any type of a fundraising event to be held at the Shrine Center, get your reservation and permission slips into the office as soon as possible as rental calls are coming in daily. With that said, we want to be able to accommodate the needs of our membership first, all the while realizing the fiscal responsibility we owe to the bottom line of the facility.

As many of you know, and some 20+ benefited from, we hosted a CoVid vaccination clinic back in early February as well as the 2nd clinic in early March. The CDC and Maine Public Nurses contacted me inquiring of the possibility of being a host site which incidentally included the ability to provide vaccinations to 20 or so of our members. We are still in hopes of the Temple being a CDC vaccination site as the numbers increase and the younger population is invited to participate. Allowing Anah Shriners to be a part of riding ourselves of this deadly pandemic is a civically responsible act and something that will bear benefits to our organization in the future.

Until we reach "Herd Immunity", please stay vigilant and practice safe CoVid practices. Reach out to those in need and help our brethren and their families whenever possible.

Remember: Stay Safe, Be Positive & Test Negative!

Fraternally,

Charlie P.S. "Go Red Sox"! WALDO COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

Greetings Nobles and Ladies. We would like to begin this long past due communication with a hearty congratulations to our new Potentate Illustrious Sir Don Gordon and First Lady Gail. We all pray that the light in the pandemic will provide you with a productive and normal, 2021. ANAH STRONG!

On that same note, we would like to thank our own Past Potentate Illustrious Sir Tim Dutch and First Lady Jean for guiding us through one of the most challenging years in history. Even with all that the pandemic has given us to work with, your steadfast and positive attitude were an inspiration. Thank-you!

While I'm still on this theme, I would like to extend a hearty thanks to Keith Pooler for his guidance and leadership as president of the WCSC for the past two years. Since April of 2020, he helped inspire the members to keep the club solvent by volunteering to take on the duties of maintaining the grounds, plowing, and all general maintenance of the WCSC.

Our president this year, ANAH Recorder Nobel Charles Pray, doesn't need introduction, but certainly deserves our appreciation for assuming this position. Charlie started the year in February with heart surgery and was leading the Board of Directors meeting on March first. His determination, along with Chad Otis (V.P.), Charles Plourde (Sec), Greg Dutch (Tres.), Keith Pooler (P. P.), and new and returning board members; Cory Chase, Paul Doody, Garrett Gatchel, Scott Hawthorne, Brent McLeod, Alfred Reynolds, Justin Reynolds, Bill Farris, Pete Sanderson, and with the extinguishing of this irritating virus, should make for an exciting year.

WCSC, because we can socially distance up to fifty, has and will continue to have minimal monthly meetings. All have been by RSVP so as to maintain the safety of our membership along with maintaining our fraternal involvement. Hopefully, with the increase in vaccinations and the downward flow of this pandemic, things will open even more as the year progresses. We were honored by Illustrious Sir Don Gordon and several members of the Divan in February for Beans, hotdogs, biscuits, and appetizers provided by Ryan Otis. This month Charlie Plourde is treating us to his annual" New England Boiled Dinner".

Looking forward, WCSC will be hosting a "HAPPY HOUR" on 4th Wednesday of every month from 5 to 7. This is open to all Shriners and Masons. Appetizers will be available and the bar will be open.

On the 12th of June we are planning on having a drive-thru chicken dinner, similar to the one we did this past summer. There may also be a chicken dinner on August 28th. Stay tuned for more information.

We have also secured a date for the "Dryden Dutch Golf Tournament" to be on August 12th for 16 teams. More details to follow as the summer approaches.

There is so much more, but I have probably gone on far enough for today. This is my first anointment at being Club Reporter, so I have room to grow. If you have any news or other information that would be helpful, please contact me at - ps.builder@hotmail.com.

In the meantime, think membership, stay safe, social distance, mask-up, and vaccinate. We'll all be together again soon.

Peter Sanderson reporting for the Waldo County Shrine Club.



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ANAH STATED MEETING AT ANAH SHRINE 1404 BROADWAY, BANGOR, ME. 04401 STATED MEETING NOTICE ANAH'S STATED MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MAY 18 TH, 2021

6 PM - Invocation & Dinner (by donation) 7 PM - For the purpose of conducting the business of Anah Shriners and disseminating information to the membership on matters relating to current shrine events and activities.

ALL NOBLES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. ALL UNIT LEADERS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND ALONG WITH ONE OTHER MEMBER OF YOUR UNIT. FEZ IS REQUIRED FOR THIS MEETING.

DON GORDON

POTENTATE ANAH SHRINE, 2021

CHARLES PRAY

ATTEST: CHARLES PRAY, RECORDER ANAH SHRINE

AGENDA 7 PM - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND WELCOME STATED MEETING DEATHS SINCE JANUARY 15TH, 2021 RESTORATIONS DEMITS ASSOCIATE MEMBERS DROPPED ASSOCIATE MEMBERS DROPPED ASSOCIATIONS WITHANAH TEMPLE UPDATES QUESTIONS/COMMENTS MEETING ADJOURNS

"Any Shriner, current with his dues payments" can attend these Stated Meetings. Non-Unit members are asked to call Anah Office at 207-942-2254 to let them know you will be attending for the dinner count.

















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CLUB NEWS

TRI-COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

Tri-County Shrine Club held their monthly meeting on February 17th, at the now famous Ralph's Barn. We had 25 Nobles in attendance. After a lively Social Hour, under the direction of Libation Master Corey Roberts, the meeting was called to order by President Ralph McNaughton. The Invocation was given by Noble Tom "Brody" Boone. Flag Salute was led by the President. The meal consisted of a 12" two topping pizza and chips. After the meal, the following were introduced. Corey Roberts, Krayton Allen, Jeff Reynolds, Sped, who is the Director of Housing and the officers of Tri-County Shrine Club. For the first time in months, all of Tri-County officers were present. Representing Bangor-Brewer Shrine Club was President and Personal Aide to the Potentate Greg Lawson. Aides in attendance were Bill Ferris and Rich Nadeau. Past Potentate "2013" Lee Kaufman was in attendance. Representing the Divan was Outer Guard Rich Johnson, Marshal Dan Costain and Oriental Guide Ryan Otis. The 50/50 Raffle was won by Noble Bill Macomber, who donated his share back to Tri-County. A tip of the old Fez to Bill. Noble Chad Otis, VP of Waldo County Shrine Club, graciously accepted the Silent Messenger from President McNaughton. Dan Costain spoke of the Gun Raffle by Tri-County Shrine Club, the Harley Davidson Raffle and the Spring Basket online raffle by Anah Shrine. Help is needed for the Spring Basket Raffle. The Virtual Feztival of Trees was brought up and help is needed for this big project. Recorder Charlie Pray had open heart surgery and is doing well. Phyllis Watson, the secretary of Anah Shrine had surgery and is recuperating. Rich Johnson spoke about Membership for the Shrine and Blue Lodges. Ryan Otis spoke about the upcoming Mini Ceremonial on March 13th. The Boston Hospital is having many renovations. There is a plan for when a member of Anah Shrine passes to that Celestial Lodge above, Anah will make a donation to make that Noble a member of the 100 Million Club. Greg Lawson spoke of BBSC's Baked Bean Supper on February 20th, which will be a drive-thru. The 18th of March, the BBSC will be back in business. First meeting for them at the Shrine Center in a long time. PP Lee Kaufman spoke of Waldo County's Annual Golf Tournament. A moment of Silence was held for PP "1994" Ernest Parks, who recently passed over the Hot Sands for the last time. Tri-County voted to spend up to \$250 for a Spring Basket. No further business, meeting was closed by the President. ALWAYS WORK ON MEMBERSHIP, FOR YOUR LOCAL BLUE LODGE AND SHRINE CENTER. BE STRONG, BE ANAH STRONG.

WIDOWS CLUB

Hello to all of you. We are finally into spring. It is so nice to have the sun higher in the sky and to enjoy the warmth of it.

I do want to wish a Happy Easter to all and hope you can enjoy the day with family.

I'm sure by now many of you have been vaccinated. I did receive mine last month. No problem at all . If some of you have not yet received it , don't hesitate. Let's hope by May or June we will get together again. I want to send out my deepest sympathy to a dear new widow, Elaine Goss. Don and Elaine have been good friends to me for many years.

Don, I will miss our waltz at the Shrine center. You were my partner at least one time at each dances. I will miss you my friend.

If you are a new widow and would like to join our group, please be in touch. 989-3664.

I wish also to send good recovery to the Shrine

center recorder Charlie. May you be back at the job soon.

Enjoy the good weather and be safe. Lorena

BANGOR BREWER SHRINE CLUB

Hello everyone,

It's nice to have something to finally write about for the club.

We are trying to get rolling again by starting to meet in person at the Shrine. The Board of Directors wants to thank all of our members for their patience and support the last year as we have tried to navigate our way through this pandemic. The board has been meeting in person or via zoom the last few months keeping the business of the club going and checking each month to see if we felt safe to put on a meeting in person. Thanks to those of you who zoomed in for the December online meeting we did. It was not the same as being in person but still nice to see and catch up with everyone.

We have made a plan to host a March meeting following the covid protocols and I'll let you know how that went in next month's article.

We are also planning to host a meeting in April with a homemade lasagna dinner following the protocols set up to keep everyone safe.

The meeting will be April 15th 6pm social hour 7pm dinner and meeting.

Capacity for the meeting will be set by the Shrine office via the current state guidelines so stay tuned to your email for updates.

The Officers also had a baked bean dinner drive thru for the club in February and it was a huge success. Thank you to any of you out there reading this that came and supported it.

That's all I have for now. If you have any questions email me at bangorbrewershrineclub@gmail.com Sincerely,

Aarron Mower, BBSC Secretary

ANAH CLOWNS Howdy y'all.

As March would have been our normal Casino Night one of the most fun nights of the year, we are forced to do it differently. Here is what we have come up with, we will be holding a casino raffle, there will only be 100 tickets sold each ticket is \$100. Prizes are as follows:

First prize. \$2,400 cash Second prize. \$1,200 cash Third prize. \$600 cash Fourth prize. \$300 cash Fifth prize. \$150 cash

Get your tickets from any Anah Shrine Clown. Drawing will be held April 16th, 2021. Thank you for your support and best of luck to all.

Stay safe until we can all be together again. Respectfully submitted, Tom (Brody) Boone, Anah Clowns Recorder.

SPRINGFIELD HOSPITAL REPORT

I hope this finds each of you and your families well. The Covid19 virus seems to be slowing down. Vaccinations are being distributed and as of yesterday our governor has relaxed interstate travels between 5 states and Maine. That is a huge step towards our catchment area for the Springfield Hospital. Hopefully getting more children to receive our exceptional care will be easier for them and us. Our numbers of kids seen is growing. I wouldn't call it normal but we're gaining. Our doctors are doing surgeries, prosthetics are being fitted, our urology department is picking up as well as the use of our OR by a Holyoke dental practice. To me compared to a year ago this is close to a miracle. I won't take any more of your time but I like to keep you posted on the happenings at Springfield. Maybe in the near future I will be able to report "Open for business as usual". Until next month stay well, stay safe and God Bless. Bob

ACADEMICIANS

Hello Fellow Academicians and Ladies

The next stated meeting will be the last Wed. of May and will probably be online. Please stay tuned for more information to come via email and the next Anahgram column.

DUES DUES DUES. If you have not already done so, please make your dues check for \$10 payable to Anah Academicians, and send them to Anah Academicians C/O Ron Bilancia 59 Allison Park, Brewer, ME 04412. All bills went out a while ago.

Our first Mega Meat Raffle went very well, and the next one is underway as of this writing and will probably be well over by the time you read this. Thanks so much for everyone's hard work and support on these raffles. An elderly woman from Island Falls who lives alone won the first raffle and was very thrilled. We look forward to having further such fundraisers as we work to raise funds for a new equipment trailer and to build up our checking account which has been way too thin over the last few years. This of course also allows us to increase our annual support of the Shrine Hospitals, Sunshine Club, Learning Center, and Building Fund.

As of this writing we have not yet had the March 13th Special Ceremonial, but we have worked hard to prepare for it. More on that next time.

The Latest From The Wonderful World of Donnie: Many thanks to our good director Donnie Copeland for all of his work for the unit including selling so many raffle tickets (including the winning ticket for the first raffle), arranging the raffle prizes with Jerry's Meats in Island Falls, and for making a new very nice rack for the ritual gong. (No more falling or rolling gongs during the performance!) Donnie has also attended several Shrine fundraiser drive-through suppers including recently at the Bangor-Brewer Shrine Club, and he looks forward to his annual lawn mowing BBQ event on May 10th at Hungry Hollow (aka his house in Island Falls). People are welcome to stop by for some nice BBQ.

We can really use some new members in all unit sections, so if you know of anyone who would be interested let's please get them an application. What could be more fun or worthwhile than this? I can send you an application if you need one.

Well that's all folks, for now. May the Force Be With You! And remember, never hesitate to contact me with any news, questions, concerns, gossip, nonsense, or just plain outright lies you would like to generously share with the rest of our Academicians family and Shrinedom in general. I can be contacted via email at rbilancia@roadrunner.com or by phone at 207-989-2617.

CONVERTIBLES

February 27 was a sad day for all members of the convertible unit and the Shrine and Masonic family. Noble Don Goss passed away after a courageous

battle with cancer. Anyone who had the privilege to have met or known Don was blessed. He was a wonderful guy and there just aren't any words to describe him. He was one of those guys one meets in life where you are sorry that you hadn't known him earlier, but feel very lucky to have known him at all. He will be missed by all!

He and Elaine would have celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary this month. Our thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathy are with his entire family.

Out last unit meeting was held via zoom on February 23rd. We've been working on plans for the postponed Super Supper. Due to the ongoing COVID situation, Leon proposed that we forego the supper this year and instead hold a 'Cash for Christmas' event instead. We are now working on the details and it sounds like a fun event. We will be posting updates as they develop.

Happy Birthday greetings to Marlee Spaulding this month. I wonder what type of cake Leon will be baking for you? Have a great day!

If you are reading this, you made it past April fools day. Stay safe and healthy and get ready to welcome home our southern contingent. It's almost topless time and we wouldn't want them to miss out!

Remember all of our Shrine family and friends in your thoughts and prayers! That means you too Charlie. Get well soon!

Reporting for the convertibles. Gaylord E. Sundt

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

We all can be thankful that the Covid-19 shots are being regularly given throughout the United States. Maine has set a vaccine schedule up by ages. This should bring our daily lives back to a more normal status, while we still practice social distancing and wear a mask.

Our get well wishes go out to Recorder Charlie Pray following his triple by-pass surgery and condolences goes out to Shrine families on the passing of their loved ones since last month.

Congratulations to Don Gordon of Skowhegan on being elected Potentate for Anah for 2021 and to Noble Richard Johnson of Dover-Foxcroft for being appointed Outer Guard for 2021.

We will be drawing off our Oil Raffle winner on April 2nd at the joint meeting of the Washington County Shrine Club and Schoodic Shrine Club, which will be held at the Pellon Center at 6 p.m. Dig out your tickets and get them mailed to Warren Orcutt by March 29th.

WCSC will be putting together a basket for the Easter Basket Feztival and Raffle that will be held from March 14 to 28th, with the drawing on March 30th. This is sponsored by Anah and the Aroostook Country Shrine Club. This is a virtual event so watch Anah's page to learn how you can participate.

Dave Gulya has been appointed as Director for the 2021 Feztival of Trees. This will be both a virtual and in-person event. Watch Anahgram for more details. Our remaining meeting locations for 2021 have not been set up yet and will be announced on Face Book. The scheduled meeting date is the 1st Thursday of the month. All Covid guidelines will be followed at any meetings held. It seems good to see things opening up a little more.

Birthday wishes go out Todd Alley, Paul Carlow, Mark Cote, Lendal Espling, Michelle Farnsworth, Richard Farnsworth Jr., Dick Gardner, Faye Geel, Barbara Gibson, Mike Grant, Lyle Guptill, Gloria Hinerman, Libby Hersom, Linda Howe, Lynn Huffman, Terri Huntley, Glenn Johnson, Donald Joy, Walter Kennedy, Teresa Nichols, Conrad Peabody, PP Edward Pellon, Bill Perkins, PP Brad Prout, Brenda Thomas, and PP Robert Turner.

Anniversary bells rang out for Billy & Betty Mathews, Adelbert & Cindy Pinkham, and Bill & Debra Sternbergh.

If someone is listed on the birthday/anniversary list that you know is wrong, please let me know.

Until next month.....stay safe and keep well, follow the CDC Guidelines: wear a mask, wash your hands, use hand sanitizer, and remember to social distance.

KAMPERS KORNER

Hope most of you have already had at least one virus shot. Stay healthy.

First news: Spring outing at Palmyra Campground, Palmyra - Friday, May 21 & Saturday, May 22 - please make your own reservation - phone #938-4947 - Tell them you are with Anah Kampers.

You must contact Ken Whitney at 991-8996 - he needs to know who is coming. Then he can tell you the weekend plans as well.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to those celebrating in March and April.

Congratulations to our new Potentate and Lady, Don and Gail Gordon.

Sending our best wishes to Anah's Recorder, Charlie Pray, for a speedy recovery.

WALDO COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

Greetings Nobles and Ladies. We would like to begin this long past due communication with a hearty congratulations to our new Potentate Illustrious Sir Don Gordon and First Lady Gail. We all pray that the light in the pandemic will provide you with a productive and normal, 2021. ANAH STRONG!

On that same note, we would like to thank our own Past Potentate Illustrious Sir Tim Dutch and First Lady Jean for guiding us through one of the most challenging years in history. Even with all that the pandemic has given us to work with, your steadfast and positive attitude were an inspiration. Thank-you!

While I'm still on this theme, I would like to extend a hearty thanks to Keith Pooler for his guidance and leadership as president of the WCSC for the past two years. Since April of 2020, he helped inspire the members to keep the club solvent by volunteering to take on the duties of maintaining the grounds, plowing, and all general maintenance of the WCSC.

Our president this year, ANAH Recorder Nobel Charles Pray, doesn't need introduction, but certainly deserves our appreciation for assuming this position. Charlie started the year in February with heart surgery and was leading the Board of Directors meeting on March first. His determination, along with Chad Otis (V.P.), Charles Plourde (Sec), Greg Dutch (Tres.), Keith Pooler (P. P.), and new and returning board members; Cory Chase, Paul Doody, Garrett Gatchel, Scott Hawthorne, Brent McLeod, Alfred Reynolds, Justin Reynolds, Bill Farris, Pete Sanderson, and with the extinguishing of this irritating virus, should make for an exciting year.

WCSC, because we can socially distance up to fifty, has and will continue to have minimal monthly meetings. All have been by RSVP so as to maintain the safety of our membership along with maintaining our fraternal involvement. Hopefully, with the increase in vaccinations and the downward flow of this pandemic, things will open even more as the year progresses. We were honored by Illustrious Sir Don Gordon and several members of the Divan in February for Beans, hotdogs, biscuits, and appetizers provided by Ryan Otis. This month Charlie Plourde is treating us to his annual" New England Boiled Dinner".

Looking forward, WCSC will be hosting a "HAPPY HOUR" on 4th Wednesday of every month from 5 to 7. This is open to all Shriners and Masons. Appetizers will be available and the bar will be open.

On the 12th of June we are planning on having a drive-thru chicken dinner, similar to the one we did this past summer. There may also be a chicken dinner on August 28th. Stay tuned for more information.

We have also secured a date for the "Dryden Dutch Golf Tournament" to be on August 12th for 16 teams. More details to follow as the summer approaches.

There is so much more, but I have probably gone on far enough for today. This is my first anointment at being Club Reporter, so I have room to grow. If you have any news or other information that would be helpful, please contact me at - ps.builder@ hotmail.com.

In the meantime, think membership, stay safe, social distance, mask-up, and vaccinate. We'll all be together again soon.

Peter Sanderson reporting for the Waldo County Shrine Club.

Dryden C. Dutch Memorial Golf Tournament

Thursday August 12, 2021

Northport Golf Club, Northport, Maine

\$320.00 entry fee includes Lunch, Golf & Steak Feed for 4

Scramble Format

Open to all Shriners, Masons and their Ladies

And the General Public

Lunch @ 11am at the Waldo County Shrine Club

Shotgun Start @ 1:00pm at Northport Golf Club

6:00pm Social hour @ Waldo County Shrine Club

6:30pm Steak Feed

Awards to be announced after dinner

Open to the First 16 teams

Mail Entry Form to: Chad Otis - 37 Main Street, Belfast, Maine 04915 Tel# 322-6474

Make Checks Payable to: Waldo County Shrine Club

\$320.00 for Lunch, Golf and Steak Feed

\$240.00 for Golf Only

Amount Enclosed: _____

Golfers

Phone number

Make your own Foursome or the committee will assign you.

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Lismar's story

When Lissette and Antonio prepared for the birth of their first child, they were filled with the excitement and anticipation of every expectant parent. Those feelings soon turned to fear and confusion when their daughter Lismar was welcomed into the world in September of 2019, and doctors told them their baby had been born with a cleft palate. Lissette described the wave of emotions when such a joyous and beautiful occasion suddenly became one of worry and frustration.

The pediatricians and nurse practitioners at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen, Massachusetts, quickly assured the young parents that there were many wonderful treatment options available for their daughter and provided two suggestions for referrals. Lissette immediately went into mama bear mode; she knew she had to be strong for her baby. As she learned about the comprehensive care for patients



at the Cleft and Craniofacial Center at Shriners Hospitals for Children – Boston, she knew this was the place to take her beautiful baby girl.

Lissette and Antonio brought Lismar to the Boston Shriners Hospital when she was only 18 days old. There they met with Eric C. Liao, M.D., Ph.D., and the cleft team who described a treatment plan for Lismar. The new parents were impressed to learn that all of Lismar's needs could be met by one multidisciplinary care team. All of the specialists a child needs are available to the patient and family when they come to the cleft clinic, including the oral surgeon, plastic surgeon, nurses, speech pathologist, dietitian and care managers.

As a Spanish speaker, Lissette was also gratified to learn that a Spanish interpreter would be present at every appointment. They knew immediately that they had made the right choice. "Shriners is the bright light and path we want for our daughter," Lissette said. "The team is excellent, capable and so supportive, caring and helpful from day one."

Lismar faced many difficult challenges. She was a very petite baby with an open palate. She would often spit up through her nose and palate, causing her to have frightening choking episodes and inhibiting her ability to



gain weight. But with the cleft team's guidance and a special bottle for feeding, Lismar started to gain weight. This past June, Dr. Liao performed surgery to repair her cleft palate. Lissette said Lismar is now a completely different child. At 16 months, she is thriving, and she can eat just like any other child to get the nourishment she needs. "She is a very happy, active and intelligent girl. She is beautiful like her mother," Lissette said with a laugh.

Lissette would advise other parents who are learning of a cleft diagnosis to stay strong. At first, it is very difficult, but she encourages families not to become disheartened. "Put all your love and faith into caring for your child. With the cleft team at Shriners you cannot go wrong. It is the best option for children with cleft lip and palate, and I recommend the hospital to any parent," she said. "There are not enough words to express our gratitude to Dr. Liao and his team. Your child will be in the best hands!"