

# **EL KAHIR KARAVAN**

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**JAY OWENS - POTENTATE**  
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# Happy New Year

## 2020



**El Kahir Shrine Annual Stated Business Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> — 7:30 PM**

905 TOWER TERRACE ROAD  
HIAWATHA, IA

**ATTEST:**

Jay W Owens, Potentate  
&

Richard L. Bowersox, Recorder

**WEAR YOUR FEZ!**

**YOUR 2020 SHRINE AND BLUE LODGE DUES CARDS ARE NECESSARY FOR ADMITTANCE**



## Message From Your Potentate



Nobles & Ladies:

Our 5 years on the El Kahir Divan will come to an end this month. From the time we said we would run for the El Kahir Divan the health and well being of El Kahir was our goal. It wasn't for any titles, advantages, certificates or trophies, it was just to make sure El Kahir is a better place when our term is done. First Lady Connie and I feel we have accomplished this with your help.

Here's a few things I feel worth mentioning. I bought the 21 bus from the North Iowa Shrine club for \$6,000. The bus has traveled over 3,500 miles with Shriners, Ladies, DeMolay members, and Masonic members. It's been to Sioux City, Waverly twice, St. Louis and West Branch just to name a few. Out of the building fund El Kahir purchased the electronic sign. Our Recorder, Noble Rick Bowersox, asked for a discount and we received a \$15,000 upgrade at no extra cost. A \$40,000 sign purchased for \$25,000. Bingo was added mid-year with the Hiawatha Legion post bringing the equipment, expertise and workers. El Kahir provided the building, workers and the concession stand. With payments split between the American Legion and El Kahir Shrine we expect to net around \$15,000 in 2019. This is ALL outside people spending money in the Shrine Center. A Public Relations Committee was established. Two nights of outside entertainers coming to El Kahir, a Comedian and a Hypnotist. Great support of the Golf Tournament, Wild Game Feed, North South Shrine Football game & Media day, events with Grand Lodge of Iowa, CSSA competition, paid off the land purchase next to El Kahir. Hosted Imperial Sir Jeff Sowder and hospital rep Alec, successful Sportsman Raffle, and All Shrine Christmas dinner.

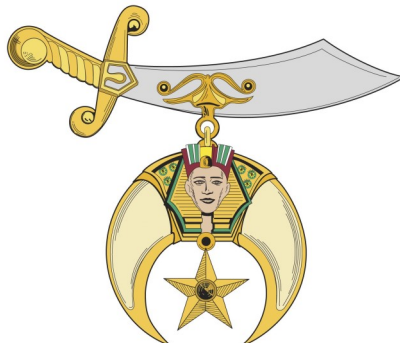
First Lady Connie and I would like to thank all the members of the Clubs, Units, Nobles, Ladies, and friends that have opened their meetings, events, fundraisers and activities to us and the Divan in 2019. Memories and friends for a lifetime. God Bless each one of you Nobles, your Ladies and your families. "There is Nothing Finer than being an El Kahir Shriner"

Some things to remember: "Always do the "Right Thing" even when no one is watching. When you commit to something, follow through. Do some kindness every day. If you are complaining, you are part of the problem. Do nothing and nothing will get done. We all need to contribute, no one rides for free.

First Lady Connie and I are proud to have served El Kahir in 2019. We also know as we turn over the leadership to Potentate Elect Dale Roberge and his Lady Julie that El Kahir will be in "Good Hands" in 2020.

Thank you for the memories,

Jay Owens, Potentate 2019 [jwovens2019@gmail.com](mailto:jwovens2019@gmail.com) Cell 319 - 269 - 1775





## **Message from the First Lady**

Happy New Year to the Ladies of El Kahir:

As we have "Cruised" into 2020 I wish everyone happy, healthy and fun adventures in 2020.

It was my pleasure to serve as El Kahir's First Lady in 2019. I was very fortunate to travel with Illustrious Sir Jay visiting the various units and clubs of El Kahir for five years. Thank you for your support, great hospitality, kindness shown and the appreciation we were given. It's been wonderful to make new friends through all our travels with the Shrine. It was a great honor to represent El Kahir while attending CSSA Business sessions in Denver, Colorado; Little Rock, Arkansas; Kearney, Nebraska; Branson, Missouri and Sioux City, Iowa. I enjoyed the Imperial Sessions we attended in

Daytona Beach and Nashville. I also enjoyed attending the many Potentate's Balls and comparing notes with our counterparts ladies.

Oh, what FUN the ladies had at this year's December Fun Night. We had a wonderful group of ladies. Once again, the Nobles in the meeting room heard OUR JOYFUL NOISE!

As Illustrious Sir Jay and I end our year serving El Kahir, we are thankful and appreciate all the support we have received from El Kahir Nobles and Ladies the past 5 years. Thank You again for your involvement in the events, working on committees and using your talents to make 2019 a success.

Ladies bring your Noble to the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. We will start off the new year with another FUN activity.

January 11<sup>th</sup> will be the installation of the new El Kahir Officers for 2020. It has been Illustrious Sir Jay's and my privilege to serve alongside of Elected Potentate Dale and his Lady Julie. Both of them have dedicated their past 4 years to do what is best for El Kahir. I know they will continue to have that same dedication in their year 2020.

Thank you for all the memories,

First Lady Connie S. Owens conniesueowens57@gmail.com Cell 319-2269-2168

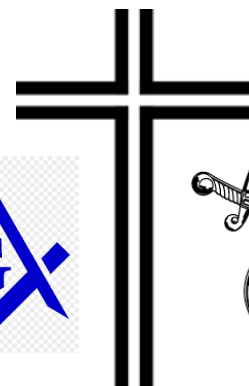


Tis The Season To  
**JINGLE & MINGLE**  
At the El Kahir Shrine



*The light of God surrounds us;  
The love of God enfolds us;  
The power of God protects us;  
The presence of God watches over us;*

**Wherever we are, God is.**





Dear Nobles and Ladies,

Welcome to 2020. The Future is so Bright for El Kahir!!

I would like to thank all of the Nobles for their support and voting for me to serve as your Potentate for the year of 2020. Lady Julie and I look forward to serving you as your Potentate and First Lady.

I would like to congratulate Chief Rabban-elect Noble Rusty Meister, Assistant Rabban-elect III Sir Larry Ritze, High Priest and Prophet-elect Noble Todd Morgan, Treasurer Noble Larry Potter, and Recorder Noble Rick Bowersox on their election to the 2020 divan. I look forward to working with each of these nobles as a team bringing each of our strengths together to ensure the future is so bright for El Kahir.

El Kahir still needs an Oriental Guide and I am hoping that a noble will step forward at the January stated meeting excited as I am for 2020 and would like to join the Divan team of El Kahir.

I hope that each of the Nobles and Ladies of El Kahir is ready for a year of fun and fellowship. I would like to ask you to participate and come to the events and happenings at El Kahir this year. Come be part of the fun.

I would like to congratulate III Sir Jay Owens and First Lady Connie on having a successful year for El Kahir in 2019. On a personal note, Lady Julie and I would like to thank III Sir Jay and Lady Connie for their friendship, mentorship and for driving for the past 4 years. The adventures have been awesome!

I look forward to seeing you at the Installation of the 2020 Divan and Unit/Club Officers on January 11, 2020 starting at 1:30pm. Following the installation there will be time for fun and fellowship food and music.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [droberge2020@gmail.com](mailto:droberge2020@gmail.com)

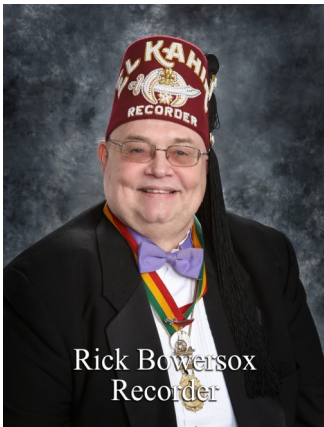
I do know that The Future Is So Bright for El Kahir you need to wear shades.

Yours in the Faith,

Dale Roberge, Potentate-Elect.



**Come out to the Activities Center - Enjoy Bingo - Fellowship**  
**Thursdays - Bingo starts at 6:30pm. YES Jan 2, 2020**



## Ramblings from the Recorder

Welcome to the second decade of the twenty-first century. We move into this new era with solid El Kahir Leadership. At the December Election Meeting of El Kahir, the following Nobles were elected to office for 2020:

Dale Roberge, Potentate  
Rusty Meister, Chief Rabban  
Ill. Sir Larry Ritze, Assistant Rabban  
Todd Morgan, High Priest and Prophet  
Larry Potter, Treasurer  
Rick Bowersox, Recorder  
Dustin Smart, Trustee (term expiring 2024)  
R. Gregg Wilson, Trustee (term expiring 2021)  
Tom Kurtz, Endowment Committee (term expiring 2023)  
R. Gregg Wilson, Endowment Committee (term expiring 2023)  
Dale Roberge, Imperial Representative  
Rusty Meister, Imperial Representative



(The office of 2020 Oriental Guide remains open at this time.)

The installation of 2020 Officers will be held at the Temple at 1:30 PM on Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.

At our December meeting I announced that I would not be seeking reelection as your Recorder for 2021. I am looking forward to working with Illustrious Sir Roberge and the Nobles of El Kahir in 2020 but think that after that it will be time to retire again and spend some more quality time with Kathleen.

Yours in the Faith

Recorder

El Kahir Shrine

### **TRIBUTE TO WAYNE BRYANT**

Thank you to everyone for all of the memorials, flowers, cards, phone calls and prayers in memory of Wayne. The memorials were sent to St Luke's Hospice, El-Kahir Shrine Endowment Fund, or the El-Kahir Ladies' Auxiliary as directed.

A big thank you to Tom Boeckmann for his kind words and thoughts both for Phil Morris and Wayne Bryant in the November Karavan.

And, last, but not least, thank you to Linc Aldershof for the awesome send off in the Masonic service. I am sure that Wayne was smiling down at his standing room only service.

You all meant so much to him.

Thanks again,

Love, Jeannette Bryant



# El Kahir Shrine Endowment Fund

In Memory of Noble Wayne Bryant

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Zenor

# El Kahir Shrine Transportation Fund

Mr. Donald Wojciechowski

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kirkland

2019 Teddy Bear Roundup

# El Kahir Shrine General Fund

North Iowa Shrine Club

# Shriners Hospitals for Children

In Memory of Mr. Dwayne Cassill

Ms Victoria Wardenburg

Ms Karen Wardenburg

Mr. James Taylor and Ms Jennifer Wardenburg-Taylor



*Save the Date*



**More than just a game**

**Saturday, January 18, 2020**

## **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Jeffery E Bennett	1
Thomas E Wilson	1
Lawrence J Magnall	2
John C Wagon	2
Michael D Hutton	3
Thomas D Holbert	4
Carl R Meusel	4
John R Cherry	5
Todd B Eiler P.P.	5
Jim D Morford	5
Marlin W Mullnix P.P.	6
Marshall G Mullnix	6
Bob G Rees, (USN Ret.)	6
Donald K Coonrod	7
R S Young	7
Ron Bartusek	9
Charles W Avis	10
Roger C Carson	10
Jason Knox	10
Bradley D Petersen	10
Donovan S McNaughton	12
Michael K Moseley	13
Raymond M Stockwell	13
Dennis L Hanna	14
Jeff A Parker	14
Paul Nielsen	17
Thomas J Patterson	17
Jeffrey R Witt	19
Thomas H Harvey	21
Charles F Hoover	24
David L Justice	24
John D Van Brocklin	24
Isaac E McGee	25
Richard S Salvesen	25
Ronald J Bowers	26
Todd J Butler	26
John A Leefers	26
Martin J Novak	27
Charles R Swarzentruer	28
Carl M Campbell	29
Denny K Edwards	30
Bernard J Erenberger	30
Samuel E Skare	30
Norman Z Wright	30
Jimmie E Arnold	31
Richard J Formanek	31

## **HOSPITAL TRIPS**

Mid-November Through Mid-December 2019

Date	To	Driver	Co-Driver
11/19-20	MPLS Cancelled	(Keith Zeigler)	
11/21-22	MPLS Cancelled	(Wayne and Janet Schmidt)	
12/4-5	MPLS	Bart Waddell	Casey Waddell
12/9	Chicago	Rick Hofmeyer	Rob Zimmerly
12/10-11	Chicago	Bart Waddell	Casey Waddell

In addition to these trips, four patients drove themselves and received assistance with mileage, meals and lodging. Another received assistance with flying to Cincinnati and meals and lodging while there. Two trips were cancelled because of illness.

## **Elkahir Email Addresses**

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 Oriental Guide  
 Treasurer  
 Recorder  
 Chaplain  
 El KahirDivan  
 Administrative Assistant  
  
 Building and Grounds Committee  
 Circus Committee  
 Karavan Editor  
 Gun Raffle Committee  
 Membership Committee  
 Weekly eMail Newsletter  
 Submissions  
 Parade Marshal  
 Public Relations Committee  
 WebMaster

## **Greetings From The Directors Staff**

*I know you're waiting for the answers so here they are –*

- What did the fishing pole say to the fish? (Catch you later!)
- What kind of car does a bull have? (A bulldozer)

The Director's Staff hopes everyone had a wonderful Christmas and is starting a FABULOUS New Year. Director's Staff members celebrated and worked hard to spread the cheer of our great fraternity in 2019.

Thank you to Cliff Weaver who served as Director's Staff President for 2019. Cliff does a lot of work behind the scenes and you typically see him at Basket Night or popping popcorn. We are looking forward to a fun and busy 2020 under the leadership of Justin Tisor. Let's start the New Year STRONG!

If you haven't noticed it, take a look in the entryway at El Kahir. The Director's Staff placed a beautiful oak bench in memory of Jean Zinser, First Lady of El Kahir in 1996. (This picture doesn't do it justice. You have to see it.)



Congratulations to our new Potentate, Dale Roberge and his lady Julie as well as the entire Divan. Come out, get involved, have a little fun. If you haven't been around in a while - come on back. If you're an active member, remember our purpose – Shriners Hospitals for Children. We're the world's greatest philanthropy!

Look for us at these events.  
Jan 10 Basket Night  
Jan 11 Installation of officers

Come out and enjoy the best burgers and tenderloin sandwiches anywhere.

As usual, food for thought (or my jokes of the month) - (Answers next month)

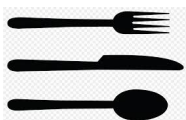
- What kind of breakfast cereal do snowmen eat?
- Who delivers Christmas presents to cats?

Yours in faith,  
Jim Arnold

## **OMELET BREAKFAST**

**8:30 - NOON JAN. 5th**

**Bring a friend, neighbor and enjoy the finest Omelets in the area.**



***Start 2020 off right.***

**ONLY \$9:00**



Please Join us  
for the  
2020 Installation of Officers

**Saturday, January 11, 2020**

**1:30pm**

**El Kahir Shrine Center**



**1:30 pm Installation of Officers**

**2:30 pm Fun Food, Fun Music, and Fun Fun!!**

**"No man stands so tall  
as when he stoops  
to help a child."**



## NOVEMBER 2019 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

**Total as of 1/1/2019 = 547**

	Nov 2019	2019 (YTD)
Creations	3	16
Affiliations	0	1
Restorations	0	1
Associates	0	1
Associate Dropped	0	1
Deceased	0	24
Demitted	2	5
Suspended	0	0
Resigned	0	0
	<b>1</b>	<b>-11</b>

**Total as of 11/30/2019 = 536**



## D.A.D. PROGRAM — DIME A DAY

The El Kahir Karavan Needs your Support

Every month the Temple sends out approximately 450 issues. Of these, we send out 125 copies to the widows of Nobles. At a monthly cost of approximately \$ 0.60 /issue, keeping our widows informed of what is going on at El Kahir costs \$ 900 per year. We are asking that you consider donating at least \$35 per year for our Dime-A-Day (DAD) program to help fund the Karavan for these fine ladies. If only 26 Nobles subscribe for a dime-a-day then the costs for keeping our widows informed is covered. Your name will appear in our monthly El Kahir Karavan and you will be assisting the Temple in continuing our publications.

Robert Stevens 10/18	Kim Zummak 12/18
Tillie Smith 12/18	Wayne Billings 1/19
Anonymous 3/19	Rick Bowersox 3/19
Margaret Billings 3/19	George (Phil) Morris 3/19
Gregg Wilson 3/19	John Carter, JR 3/19
Burnell Haven 6/19	Leland Thomson 8/19
Ronaldo "Jack" Hager 8/19	Del Shaw 9/19
Jim Albright 9/19	George Case 9/19
James Fackler 10/19	Larry Potter 10/19

## END OF DECEMBER & JANUARY EVENTS

**Dec 21 – All Shrine Christmas Party - Mingle & Jingle ( 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm )**

**Dec 24-27 – Office closes at noon on 24th for Christmas Holiday (Closed Wed/Thur/Fri)**

**Dec 24 – No Grill Masters, Embassy Club Closed**

**Dec 25 – Merry Christmas!**

**Dec 26 – BINGO ( 6:30 pm )**

**Dec 26 – Embassy Club Open ( 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm )**

**Dec 30 – Recorder's 42nd Wedding Anniversary**

**Dec 31 – No Grill Masters, Embassy Club Closed**

**Jan 2 – BINGO ( 6:30 pm )**

**Jan 2 – Embassy Club Open ( 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm )**

**Jan 5 – Omelet Breakfast ( 8:30 am - Noon ) - \$ 9.00 -**

**Jan 7 – Grill Master: Embassy Club open and serving food ( 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm )**

**Jan 9 – BINGO ( 6:30 pm )**

**Jan 8 – Stated Meeting (Annual Meeting) ( 7:30 pm )**

**Jan 9 – Embassy Club Open ( 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm )**

**Jan 10 – Basket Night ( 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm ) \* Burgers, Cheese Burgers, Tenderloins - \$ 8.00 \***

**Jan 11 – Installation of 2020 Officers ( 1:30 pm )**

**Jan 14 – Grill Master: Embassy Club open and serving food ( 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm )**

**Jan 16 – BINGO ( 6:30 pm )**

**Jan 16 – Embassy Club Open ( 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm )**

**Jan 21 – Grill Master: Embassy Club open and serving food ( 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm )**

**Jan 23 – BINGO ( 6:30 pm )**

**Jan 23 – Embassy Club Open ( 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm )**

**Jan 28 – Grill Master: Embassy Club open and serving food ( 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm )**

**Jan 30 – BINGO ( 6:30 pm )**

# January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Office Closed 6:00pm Flying Fez	<b>2</b> 6:00pm BINGO In the Activities Center	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 5:00pm Reving Fez Christmas Party
<b>5</b> 8:30am Omelet Breakfast  1:00pm meetings	<b>6</b> 6:00pm Trojan Ritual Practice 6:30pm Divan Meeting 6:30pm Foot Patrol 6:30pm Wright County	<b>7</b> 5:00pm Grill Master: Embassy Club open and serving food 6:00pm Mobile Nobles 7:00pm Color Guard 7:00pm Revvin' Fezzes	<b>8</b> 6:00pm Greeters 7:30pm Stated Meeting	<b>9</b> 6:00pm BINGO In the Activities Center 7:00pm North Iowa Shrine Club	<b>10</b> 5:30pm Basket Night  7:00pm OWLS Meeting in Board Room	<b>11</b> 12:30pm Installation Practice  1:30pm Installation of Officers
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6:00pm Trojan Ritual Practice	<b>14</b> 5:00pm Grill Master: Embassy Club open and serving food 7:30pm Director's Staff	<b>15</b> 6:00pm Northeast Iowa	<b>16</b> 12:00pm Women's Auxiliary Meeting 6:00pm BINGO In the Activities Center 6:00pm Delaware County	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 1:00pm East-West Shrine Game
<b>19</b> 5:00pm Kruzers Christmas Party (AMVETS Post 49, 1934 Irving St, Cedar Falls)	<b>20</b> 6:30pm Trustees  7:30pm Trojan Lodge	<b>21</b> 5:00pm Grill Master: Embassy Club open and serving food 7:30pm Shrine Band	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:00pm BINGO In the Activities Center	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:00pm Trojan Ritual Practice	<b>28</b> 5:00pm Grill Master: Embassy Club open and serving food 6:30pm Divan Open Meeting 7:00pm Hospital Dads	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 6:00pm BINGO In the Activities Center	<b>31</b> 5:30pm Reserved to Feb 1 ▲	

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