

# EL KAHIR KARAVAN

**JAY OWENS - POTENTATE**  
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## El Kahir 0.5 Fun Run



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## El Kahir Shrine Informational Meeting

Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 — 7:30 PM

WAVERLY AREA VETERANS POST  
1300 4TH ST NW  
WAVERLY, IA 50677



**ATTEST:**

*Jay W Owens, Potentate*  
*Richard L. Bowersox, Recorder*

**WEAR YOUR FEZ!**

YOUR 2019 SHRINE AND BLUE LODGE DUES CARDS ARE NECESSARY FOR ADMITTANCE  
There will be a meal available beginning at 5:30 pm prior to the meeting at the  
Veterans Post (order off the menu).



Hello Nobles & Ladies:

***“Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take..... but by the moments that take our breath away!”*** Can you remember a moment that took your breath away? One of mine is my first trip to Shriners Hospital.

Please remember to give our secretary Nancy a call and volunteer for a trip to the clinic or hospitals. It's all about the kids. Be safe and enjoy being a Shriner.

El Kahir has been short on Noble participation this year. Onion sales, Circus ads, Show and Shine, monthly meetings, bingo nights, Hiawatha Fun Day, Shrine Parades, El Kahir picnic, the Caravan, pretty much any Shrine event. I feel attitude is the problem. Nobles have said ***“this is a volunteer organization,”*** True but tell that to the child when their checkup trip is canceled

because of poor planning by a Noble. When this attitude spreads it's not just one or two Nobles it is a whole unit or club infestation. If you don't want to help El Kahir that is your choice, don't make it your unit's choice. You need to step up, instead of stepping out. Myself and the Chief Rabban committed to two years without the \$5 increase in dues, hoping that members would step up and help without a dues increase. Don't prove us wrong.

***“Never underestimate the power of your actions. With one small gesture you can change a person's life, for better.....or for worse.”***

El Kahir has about 15 active Past Potentates. They put in 5 years to El Kahir and then some just disappear. Some get the respect they deserve, some don't. Think of their experiences, the knowledge they have gained and the people they have met on that journey. Is El Kahir using them to our advantage? A few are leaders, a few are workers and a few just make trouble. El Kahir needs their knowledge, we need them active and the few that cause trouble just need to stay away. Past Potentates were Nobles just like you at one time. Talk to the Past Potentates and help get them involved.

We will have a Mystery Ride on September 7<sup>th</sup>. We will have a booth at the Cattle Congress in Waterloo September 11<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup> promoting membership, can you help? The comedian returns on Saturday night the 14<sup>th</sup>, Annual Kruzer Car Show in Cedar Falls on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup>, Annual Redmon Memorial Ride is on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup>, the .5k walk is on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> and One Day Ride to Wisconsin on Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup>.

October brings the Shriner Auction October 12<sup>th</sup>. Do you have something to give to this auction on the 12<sup>th</sup>? Steel Guitar money goes to Shriners Hospital 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> at Electric Park in Waterloo. Our Sportsman Raffle is the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Imperial Potentate Jeff Sodder has a program called “Just One.” If each one of us replaced ourselves with just one new member El Kahir could have over 1,000 members by year end. Do your best to promote the Shrine every day.

Thank You for Your Support,

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

## Message from First Lady - Connie Owens



Hi Ladies of El Kahir:

Enjoy what makes you happy this summer!

Thank you, ladies, for attending the August meeting at El Kahir. The ladies that participated had a lot of fun with the games we played. Thank you, Sheri Murray, for "the Game, Left Right Center." Our next gathering will be in Waverly on September 11<sup>th</sup> at the All Veterans come early and eat and then enjoy the fun.

August was a busy busy month. Illustrious Sir Jay, Chief Rabban Dale with Lady Julie and myself and with help from the Zacharias', the Murray's, Rob Zimmerly, Assistant Rabban Rusty Meister, Brian Barnes, Rick Seger, Aaron and Amy Puls, Wilda Solberg with Tara and her two boys, represented El Kahir at the Hiawatha Fun Days food tent August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Spreading the word of the Shrine thru activities. August 10<sup>th</sup> brought the El Kahir picnic and Caravan to Traer. Very good turn out and everyone there had a great time. August 17<sup>th</sup> brought the Ladies Without Partners luncheon hosted by our Assistant Rabban and his Lady Jennifer. The weekend of the 24<sup>th</sup> we were in Sioux City for the Central States Shrine Association convention and competition.

Days to remember in September: Mystery Ride the 7<sup>th</sup>, Comedian Tim Bedore the 14<sup>th</sup>, the Redmon Memorial Ride the 21<sup>st</sup> and end the month with the .5k Run on the 28<sup>th</sup> and an all day drive to Wisconsin on the 29<sup>th</sup> which all will be Fun.

October brings the El Kahir Auction on the 12<sup>th</sup> and the Sportsman Raffle all day event on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

I want to thank every Shriner and his Lady for all you do for El Kahir. We share the love for these children. Your time spent, your talents used and your participation in supporting El Kahir. We all care. Thank You All.

Children are back in school or will be starting soon. Watch out for more activities around the school and in family neighborhoods. Drive defensively we want you back!

Ladies we have fun. Attend an activity and bring your Noble along.

First Lady Connie S. Owens conniesueowens57@gmail.com Cell 319-269-2168

## D.A.D. PROGRAM - DIME A DAY

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.

H. Winfred Condon	8/18	Larry Potter	8/18
Del Shaw	7/18	Wayne Kinney	8/18
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		





Nobles and Ladies,

Thank you so much for all those who attended the events this summer that took El Kahir into the communities of eastern Iowa. El Kahir was present at the Hiawatha Fun Fest that was a great fundraiser and also got some information about Shriners and the hospitals out to the public. Part of the day was spent running a bags tournament and out of that six men asked about El Kahir and if we had any other bags tournaments planned. They were told that most Tuesday nights there is someone playing bags and were invited out to visit and check out El Kahir.

The Shrine picnic was a blast it was great fellowship and then the caravan was awesome. Many of the people stood up and clapped when the Shriners came by in the parade. I would like to thank all of the Shriners and their ladies who came out to the picnic and caravan I know from the comments that everyone had a great time.

I would like to thank all the Nobles and Ladies of El Kahir that have supported Lady Julie and myself during our journey on the Divan. We have kept the best for El Kahir as our goal and will continue to do so with the support of the Nobility. Thank you so much to the all the Clubs and Units for their hospitality and support. We have a lot on our calendar and are not always able to be to the meetings as much as we would like, but we are here for you. I am honored to represent you.

What we do today ...Good, Bad, or Indifferent will be the future we will see tomorrow. I hope that we will all be wearing sunglasses because it will be so bright!

If you have any comments or questions please feel free to contact me, [droberge2020@gmail.com](mailto:droberge2020@gmail.com) or 612-386-2010.

Yours in the Faith,

Dale G Roberge II Chief Rabban

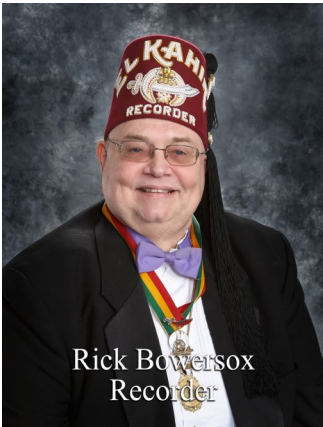
## July/August Hospital Trips

Date	Dest	Driver	Co-Driver
7/17	MPLS	Bart Waddell	Casey Waddell
8/13	MPLS	Keith Zeigler	

In addition to the trips listed above, during this period of time 9 patient families provided their own transportation to medical appointments (with assistance from El Kahir).

## July 2019 Membership Report

	Total as of 1/1/2019= 547	
	July 2019	2019 (YTD)
Creations	0	10
Affiliations	0	1
Restorations	0	1
Associates	0	0
Associate Dropped	0	1
Deceased	0	17
Demitted	0	0
Suspended	0	0
Resigned	0	0
	<b>0</b>	<b>-6</b>
<b>Total as of 7/31/2019=</b>	<b>541</b>	



Rick Bowersox  
Recorder

## Ramblings from the Recorder

Nobles – 2019 is well over halfway complete. We need to be looking towards 2020, it will be upon us before we know it. Election of officers is only a little more than 3 months ahead of us and if past history is a guide, then all sitting Divan members will advance, leaving open a position for a new Oriental Guide. If you or someone you know is interested, please reach out to a Divan member so we can do our best to explain to you what is involved in being an officer in the advancing line.

The 2020 dues have been processed and assessed by Imperial. By now you should have received an email and/or written dues notice directly from Imperial. If you have not paid your 2019 dues, Shriners International and the El Kahir Shrine Office have already reached out to you via email and mail. Please pay your 2019 dues as soon as you can so that you can remain a Noble in good standing. As of this writing, there are 32 Nobles who are at risk of being suspended at the December meeting. Without YOUR dues, we cannot function as a Temple!

This month, in addition to thanking all the unnamed Nobles and Ladies who help out around the Shrine, I would like to give special thanks to Noble Craig Heaverlo who converted the mailroom door into a dutch door for use on bingo nights. Also to Noble Gregg Wilson who helped me take our old ice machine out to Camp Courageous, coordinated the spreading of our dirt piles onto low areas of the property, and fixed one of our long tables that has been unusable for quite a while. Without the help of all of our volunteers we would have a hard time keeping the doors open and providing for our Shrine patients.

Sincerely, yours in the faith;

Recorder  
El Kahir Shrine

### **Deb Farwell's Day Care Eagle Grove, Iowa.**




The Wright County Shrine Club had a unique donation made to them this summer. Deb Farwell of Eagle Grove, Ia. has a daycare business called Deb's Daycare. She has her kids do projects that helps them understand and learn that it is important to help others who are in need. One of their projects was to bus tables for 3 different nights at the Pizza Ranch in Clarion, Ia. They earned money from tips and a percent of sales for 2 and 1/2 hours each night and they selected the Wright County Shrine Club to receive what they earned from these 3 nights. The Wright County Shrine Club was very pleasantly surprised to receive a gift of \$850.00 from the kids. 100% of the \$850.00 will be include in our Walk of Smiles donation at the Fall Ceremonial.

Del Kramersmeier Wright County Shrine Club 515-851-8633

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Treasurer@elkahir.org	Treasurer
Recorder@elkahir.org	Recorder
Chaplain@elkahir.org	Chaplain
Divan@elkahir.org	El Kahir Divan
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Circus@elkahir.org	Circus Comittee
Editor@elkahir.org	Karavan Editor
GunRaffle@elkahir.org	Gun Raffle Committee
Membership@elkahir.org	Membership Committee
Newsletter@elkahir.org	Weekly eMail Newsletter Submissions
Parades@elkahir.org	Parade Marshal
PublicRelations@elkahir.org	Public Relations Committee
WebMaster@elkahir.org	WebMaster





**PUT SEPTEMBER 5TH AT 6:30PM ON YOUR CALANDER OF EVENTS.  
COME OUT AND ENJOY AN EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP AND ENJOY.**



# El Kahir Shrine Sportsman Raffle



75 Guns = 75 Winners

Lunch, Door Prizes, Fun Auctions,  
50/50 drawings, & Bucket Raffles!!

Saturday Oct. 26th      Doors open at 10am.      Raffle starts at noon.  
905 Tower Terrace Rd. Hiawatha

All local and federal laws will be followed. NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN (excluding mystery gun.) Must be 21 years old to purchase a ticket. Gun raffle tickets sales stop promptly at 11:45am 10/26/19. Lunch provided with each ticket stub (burger, chips, baked beans) without stub \$8.00. All prizes will be available at SCHEELS, Cedar Falls after 12noon Mon Oct. 29th. All prizes must be claimed by Dec. 31st 2019. All unclaimed prizes will be forfeited.

\$20 a ticket.

**Keith & Judy Zeigler with Shrine Hospital poster child Alec Canacungan at the 2019 Iowa Shrine Bowl.**



## **BIRTHDAYS**

Richard W Booth (1)  
 Daniel J Burke (1)  
 Glen Moore (1)  
 Larry D Ritze P.P. (1)  
 Harvey E Peet (3)  
 Lindy S Graves (4)  
 Donald J Levsen (5)  
 Robert A Brasch Jr (6)  
 Adam Clemons (6)  
 Daryl E Hansen (6)  
 Larry Bearce Sr (7)  
 Luke A Reicks (7)  
 Jon Michaelson (8)  
 Karl D Zimmerman (8)  
 Brian J Barnes (9)  
 Dale G Roberge II (11)  
 Robert J Spurgin (12)  
 Linc A Aldershof P.P. (13)  
 Shane O Cline (14)  
 Randal G Danover (14)  
 Lloyd E Hultman (14)  
 Todd W Morgan (14)  
 Donald E Harris (15)  
 Steven C Lames (16)  
 Patrick W Reed (16)  
 Charles E Grassley (17)  
 Howard M Rick (17)  
 Vilas L Morris P.P. (18)  
 Frank L Wyatt (18)  
 Scott P DeWitt (19)  
 Richard L McBride (19)  
 Wayne L Billings (20)  
 James M Fry P.P. (20)  
 Wilmer J Robison II (20)  
 James Bearce (21)  
 William L Christofferson (22)  
 Judson C Conner (22)  
 Jeffrey A Storjohann (22)  
 Robert E Brown (23)  
 Darrell G Fremont (25)  
 Dennis H Bohn (26)  
 Dave P Anton (27)  
 Steven C King (28)



## **DONATIONS**

### **El Kahir Shrine Transportation Fund**

**In Memory of Noble Ms Lois Newberg**

Noble Bob Hansen and Lady Carole

**In Memory of Lady Karen Nielsen**

Noble Francis Possehl and Lady Helen

Mr. and Mrs. Trent Pearson

Ms Patricia Ask



### **El Kahir Shrine Blood Drive**

*Donate to earn a special Halloween T-Shirt!*

**Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**

**3:00 pm – 6:00 am**

**MVRBC Donor Bus**

Sign up online at [www.bloodcenterimpact.org](http://www.bloodcenterimpact.org) or with Rick Bowersox at [recorder@elkahir.org](mailto:recorder@elkahir.org)

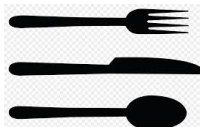
*Did you know that the weeks around Labor Day are a CRITICAL period for the blood supply? All donors who give during the week of 9/9-9/14 will be entered to win a \$500 gift card!*

*Will you Give?*



## **OMELET BREAKFAST**

**8:30 - NOON SEPT. 1**



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





## **Greetings from the Director's Staff**

You haven't seen an article from the Director's Staff for a while. Dock my pay! I'll try to get back on the wagon so you at least have a monthly joke. We have had a busy summer so far and it isn't over yet. They're loads of fun activities coming up at El Kahir – pay attention to the e-mail reminders from our Recorder.

Shrine Directors Association (SDA) was hosted by Abou Ben Adhem Shrine in Springfield, Missouri and Director's Staff members attended. Our Director, Michael Zinser, is sure to take a fun stunt to demonstrate at the fall Ceremonial in November. Stay tuned!

Enjoy some memories of fun from a Basket Night and two members working hard to clean up. Mark and Mike always have smiles.



Here you see views from Lopin' Lola – first of her sister Lena getting ready for a parade and then a view of the throngs of people lined up to see Shriners in a parade. What a BLAST!

Look for us having fun at El Kahir:

September 13 – Basket Night and blood drive at El Kahir - in a six state area on Basket Night. (Yes, the area has xpanded)

As usual, food for thought (or my jokes of the month) - Why can " you play games in the jungle? (Answer next month)

- How do you catch a squirrel? (Answer next month)

Yours in the faith,

Jim Arnold

# BLOOD DRIVE

## El Kahir Shrine

**Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>                      3:15 pm – 6:00 pm**

**Mobile Donor Bus – 905 Tower Terrace Rd.**

**Free Basket Dinner for all Donors courtesy of the Director's Staff**

**To schedule an appointment, contact Rick Bowersox at**

**[recorder@elkahir.org](mailto:recorder@elkahir.org) or visit [www.bloodcenterimpact.org](http://www.bloodcenterimpact.org).**

*Please eat and drink before donating and bring a photo ID.*



# GIVE BLOOD, SAVE LIVES!

[www.bloodcenter.org](http://www.bloodcenter.org)

## **El Kahir Shrine Center 0.5k Fun Run Fundraising Event**

**SATURDAY, SEPT 28 2019      START LOCATION EL KAHIR SHRINE CENTER**

**905 TOWER TERRACE RD, HIAWATHA, IA.**

Advance Registration at EventBrite or by email atdroberge2020@gmail.com (put 0.5 in subject line)

Runners get a free "Beer Toast" just before the run.

There will be water, coffee & donut and beer stations will be located throughout the course.

Food will be available for purchase: Hamburgers, cheeseburgers and hot dogs.

Adult beverages and College Sports will be available.

Doors open; 1 pm      Registration: 4-5 pm

Run Start: 5 pm      Band plays: 7 pm

Registration Fee \$25.00      Virtual Runner \$25.00

Special VIP Entries get to be chauffeured through the course. \$40.00

Everyone gets: T- Shirt/bumper sticker/ "Finisher" medal



### **El Kahir Shrine 0.5 K Run Registration Form**

Saturday, September 28, 2019

905 Tower Terrace Rd      Hiawatha Iowa

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Must be 21 or older to participate

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size (circle one) S M L XL 2XL 3XL

Registration for event:      \$25.00

VIP Registration for event:      \$40.00

Virtual Runner for event:      \$25.00

Make Checks Payable to El Kahir Shrine and mail to :

El Kahir Shrine    Attn: 0.5K Run PO Box 38    Hiawatha Iowa 52233

\*\*\* Registrations received after 09-05-2019 may receive their t-shirt after the race.

# September 2019

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
<b>1</b> 8:30 AM Omelet Breakfast	<b>2</b> Labor Day - Office Closed 6:00 PM Trojan Ritual Practice 6:30 PM Foot Patrol 6:30 PM Wright County	<b>3</b> 5:00 PM Embassy Club open and serving food 6:00 PM Mobile Nobles 7:00 PM Color Guard 7:00 PM Revvin' Fezzes	<b>4</b> 6:00 PM Flying Fez 6:00 PM Vintage Auto	<b>5</b> 6:00 PM BINGO In the Activities Center	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:00 AM Mystery Drive							
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 6:00 PM Trojan Ritual Practice 6:30 PM Divan Meeting	<b>10</b> 5:00 PM Embassy Club open and serving food 7:30 PM Director's Staff	<b>11</b> 6:00 PM Greeters 6:00 PM Pre Stated Meeting Meal; Waverly Area Veterans Post. 7:00 PM Cold Sands - Waverly 7:30 PM Stated Meeting - Waverly	<b>12</b> 6:00 PM BINGO In the Activities Center 7:00 PM North Iowa Shrine Club	<b>13</b> 3:00 PM Blood Drive 5:30 PM Basket Night 7:00 PM OWLS Meeting in Board Room	<b>14</b> 12:00 PM Tim Bedore Comedy Show							
<b>15</b> 3:00 PM Kruzers	<b>16</b> 6:30 PM Trustees 7:30 PM Trojan Lodge	<b>17</b> 5:00 PM Embassy Club open and serving food 7:30 PM Shrine Band	<b>18</b> 6:00 PM Northeast Iowa	<b>19</b> Grand Lodge of Iowa 2019 Communication; Cedar Rapids, IA, USA 12:00 PM Women's Auxiliary Meeting 6:00 PM BINGO In the Activities Center 6:00 PM Delaware County	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>							
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:00 PM Trojan Ritual Practice	<b>24</b> 5:00 PM Embassy Club open and serving food 6:30 PM Divan Open Meeting 7:00 PM Hospital Dads	<b>25</b> 6:00 PM Pasta Night	<b>26</b> 6:00 PM BINGO In the Activities Center	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 8:00 AM 5K Walk/Run; El Kahir Shrine							
<b>29</b> 8:00 AM Camp Courageous Pancake Breakfast	<b>30</b> 6:00 PM Trojan Ritual Practice												

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