



EL KAHIR



KARAVAN

DALE ROBERGE - POTENTATE

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HIAWATHA, IOWA

El Kahir wishes the very best to all during these unprecedented times. The future will be bright and once again we will be able to join in and return to our fun times soon.

The El Kahir Shrine April Stated Meeting



IS CANCELLED



Message From Your Potentate



Dear Nobles and Ladies,

We had a great turn out on Tuesday February 24th at the El Kahir Shrine Circus in Dubuque. Chaplain Noble Tom Kurtz, Ill Sir Jay Owens, First Lady Julie, and a couple of Nobles from Kaaba along with myself had a great time greeting people and collecting donations for the Coloring Book before the Circus.

The Circuses in Waterloo and Cedar Rapids have been canceled due to COVID-19 flu. If you paid for your circus tickets and did not use them at the Dubuque circus and want a refund please contact the office to make arrangements.

We have been trying to keep everyone informed of the cancellations but before you come out to an event in April and May please check the calendar on the website or contact the office to make sure the event is still happening. I am urging all Nobles and Ladies to be proactive and make the decisions on whether or not to attend any activity in the upcoming months that is best for you and your families' health and safety.

The coronavirus has changed our lifestyle but not our lives. The guidelines set for us to prevent additional risk of exposure is difficult but well worth it. We are not meeting in our regular meetings although that does not mean that we cannot stay connect with one another. A phone call or text just to say hello. I know that the restrictions may seem inconvenient but we will always be connected as Masons and Shriners.

There is a positive side to this...

You are able to catch up on projects at home (that is what Lady Julie says)

Spring cleaning comes early

Catch up on some reading

Or binge watch movies

Remember...

Even though things are a little bumpy right now, The Future's so bright for El Kahir you will have to wear shades.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at droberge2020@gmail.com

Yours in the Faith,

Dale Roberge Potentate 2020

Due to the COVID-19 Virus, El Kahir is cancelling the following events:

- 1) All Club and Unit meetings for the remainder of March.
- 2) Bar is closed for the remainder of March.
- 3) Bingo on 3/29 and 3/24.
- 4) Fish Frys for the remainder of March.
- 5) Fish Fry on 4/3
- 6) The Easter Egg Hunt on 4/3.
- 7) All Shrine Circuses in April.
- 8) Omelet Breakfast on 4/5.

I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding. I will continue to communicate with updates as decisions are made. I would urge you to pray for our country and one another as we chart a path forward.

Past, Present and into the Future...

This is the theme I chose for this year. To celebrate and encourage the Ladies that are involved with El Kahir Shrine. We support the Nobles and work with them to help the children that are helped through the Shrine Healthcare System. We help to create fun events for the Nobles, Ladies and their families to enjoy at El Kahir Shrine. We work together and have fun together. We are the Shrine Family.

Part of that family is the youth that will be the future of Masonry and Shriners. You hear a lot of the youth of today. They are not responsible and inconsiderate. They do this ...they do that. I would like to offer to you a couple of my experiences recently.

Shrine Bowl Media Day on March 7. There were about 150 players, cheerleaders, managers, coaches, parents, Nobles and Ladies in attendance. It was a very organized and fun event. (Thank you, Noble Keith and Lady Judy Ziegler along with all of the Shrine Bowl Club.) I was impressed with the young men and ladies that will be participating in the Shrine Bowl. Each of them being polite and respectful. As the coaches were speaking of their personal time and involvement with the Shrine Bowl, I overheard one of the young men tell his father, "I hope I have these memories" His father responded, "You will, these are the Shriners."

The other event I would like to share was at the Fish Fry held on March 13 at the Shrine Center. After working a fish fry for about 4 hours and as they were cleaning up, the young men of DeMolay were asked to help set up for the Wild Game Feed to follow the next day. Without hesitation the young men were in action. They carried in tables, moved chairs, rearranged the entire room with no grumbling. Thank you to the young men of DeMolay. You are great young men and set a wonderful example to those around you. Thank you to all of the DeMolay Advisors for your time and energy in mentoring these young men. You have done a fine job.

I have been inspired and encouraged by watching and listening to the youth that are involved with El Kahir Shrine.

So yes, the Future is Bright at El Kahir!

Take Care,

Julie Roberge, First Lady

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.

Anonymous	3/19
Gregg Wilson	3/19
George (Phil) Morris	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
Rick Bowersox	3/20
Darrell Zacharias	3/20

Gary Berger	3/20
Wayne & Margaret Billings	3/20



The View from the Recorder's Office



Ahhh- March. Just yesterday I was commenting to our Treasurer that the buds were starting to appear on the trees and the grass was beginning to green up. Today, we awake to gray skies and snow on the ground again. Always a different dawn when you live in Iowa!

Now, just to get this out of the way, I would not be fulfilling my duties as Recorder if I did not, once again, bring up dues. As I write this article, we still have 75 members (or 14%) of El Kahir who have yet to pay their 2020 dues (which were due on January 1st.) This represents over \$11,000 out of our budget. If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so at your earliest convenience. If paying them might be a hardship, please contact me and I know that something can be worked out. Speaking of dues, by the time you read this, if you pay by credit card, you will be assessed a 3% convenience fee to help defray the cost of the credit card processing.

Who would have thought when I originally put this together that Covid-19 would be affecting here in Northeast Iowa (and Iowa as a whole) so much. As of yesterday, the Governor has ordered that all restaurants and bars be closed at least through the end of March – there goes Bingo and the fish frys for (at least) the rest of March and we do not know what April will bring. The circuses have been cancelled and who knows what is to follow. There is one event on the schedule which is still expected to go on as planned. There is a Blood Drive Scheduled for Friday, May 8th. Once again, the blood drive will be on a Basket Night (which should be going again by then), and once again, the Director's Staff has generously offered to provide a complimentary basket meal to all donors.

Until next month, yours in Shrine faith.

Recorder
El Kahir Shrine

Black Camel Report



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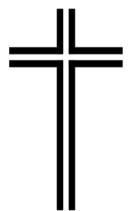
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11/10/2018





Around the El Kahir World in 90 Days



This is a new section of the Karavan. This is a look at what is happening in the El Kahir World for the next 90 day and beyond. This will not include the reoccurring events that happen each month. This gives everyone an opportunity to have an overview of the events that are coming up to be a part of in the El Kahir world. If your club or unit would like to have your event added to this section please forward the name and description of the event with a contact person to Lady Julie at RobergeHome@gmail.com

Due to the COVID-19 -Please contact the Shrine Office to assure the event is still happening. The office may be reached at 319-395-0109.

April 4, 2020 - Cancelled

The annual Patient Easter Egg hunt has been cancelled.

April 7, 2020 Circus Cancelled

The North Iowa Shrine Circus in Mason City has been cancelled.

April 16-19, 2020 Circuses Cancelled

The El Kahir Shrine Circuses in Waterloo and the Circuses in Cedar Rapids have all been cancelled.

May 2, 2020

The 2020 Potentate's Ball will be held at the Marriott Hotel in Cedar Rapids on May 2, 2020. The event will be 007 Bond, James Bond theme with Diamonds are Forever. Registration may be found in the Karavan and on line. Questions may be directed to Chris Witt.

June 6, 2020

Shriner Awareness Event! This event will be open to the public and will be a day of fun with your friends at the Shrine. Save the datemore details to follow.

June 13, 2020

It is Caravan time. Come and spend the day or the weekend for fun and fellowship. The Caravan will be in Strawberry Point on Saturday June 13. The picnic will be at Backbone State Park at the Lodge. More details of time of line up to follow.

From Waverly



To West Union



The Future Is So Bright For El Kahir.....

El Kahir Shrine Endowment Fund

In Memory of Noble Bernie Cooper

El Kahir Shrine Transportation Fund

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Zenor

In Memory of Noble Charles Hoover

Mr. Ronald Hoover

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Goodrich

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hupp

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hoover and Family

El Kahir Shrine General Fund

Shriners Hospitals for Children

In Memory of Lance Hook

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hook

February 2020 Membership Report

Total as of 1/1/2020 = 524

	Feb 2020	2020 (YTD)
Creations	0	0
Affiliations	0	0
Restorations	1	1
Associates	0	0
Associate Dropped	0	0
Deceased	1	3
Demitted	0	0
Suspended	0	0
Resigned	0	0
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Total as of 2/29/2020 = 522



CSSA

Central States Shrine Association
Ceremonial Session
2020

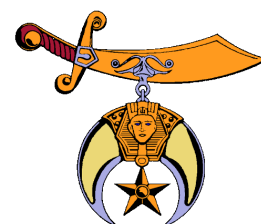
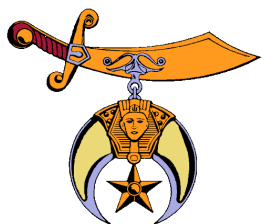
September 2-5, 2020

Springfield, MO

Save the Date

*Fun*Fellowship*Competitions*Hospitality* *Clowns*Shows*Oriental
Band*Parades*

See you in Missouri!



BLOOD DRIVE

El Kahir Shrine Blood Drive

Donate to earn a \$5 e-gift card to Amazon, Target, Starbucks and many more!

Friday, May 8th

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

MVRBC Donor Bus

Sign up online at www.bloodcenter.org or with Rick Bowersox at recorder@elkahir.org

Please eat and hydrate before donating and bring Photo ID.

Did you know that every ONE donation helps up to FOUR local patients? Your donation will support our community blood supply!

**CHANGE
THE WORLD
BE THE KIND TYPE**



You will earn a \$5 electronic gift card with your donation at a Mobile Blood Drive Location!

GIVE BLOOD, SAVE LIVES!

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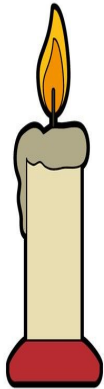
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*Fun*Fellowship*Competitions*Hospitality* *Clowns*Shows
*Oriental Band*Parades*

See you in Missouri!

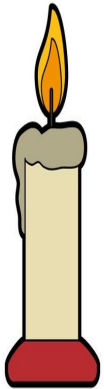
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Tom E Boeckmann 6
Richard E Campney 7
David P Kroeger 8
Dennis Hrabak 8
John M Waychoff 8
Ross D Anthony 9
Douglas C White 10
Jay D Cassill 10

Donald R Katterhenry 11
Dave Hartley 12
James C Kepple 12
Shad K Roys 12
James L Albright 13
Jeffery D Hatch 13
John C Betterton 14
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Marvin L Berg 19
Timothy E Allen 19
Chris A Witt 20

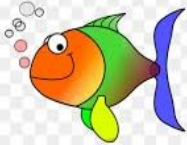
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FISH FRY FRIDAYS



APRIL 10 2020



\$10.00 PER PERSON
INCLUDES FISH, FRIES, BEANS, COLE-
SLAW, ROLLS AND ASSORTED
DESSERTS

5:30 PM TO 8:00 PM



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Greetings From The Directors Staff

I took a month off because of the cold weather. My fingers wouldn't work right.

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

- What's the best thing about Switzerland? (I don't know, but their flag is a huge plus.)
- It was so cold in D.C. today... (The politicians had their hands in their own pockets.)



The Director's Staff hopes that everyone is enjoying the spring weather. Before we know it, folks will be complaining about the hot summer temperatures. (Not me though) Parade season is coming up as well... is everyone ready for the fun? We are working hard to spread the cheer of our great fraternity in 2020. In fact, as you read this, our Director Michael Zinser is getting new ideas for fun at Shrine Director's Association (SDA) in Ohio. Come back with something fun, Michael!

Here you see a new addition to El Kahir. No, not Ill. Sir George Zinser, he's been around a while. I'm talking about the ice cream machine. You will notice that Ill. Sir George is enjoying the ice cream. Come on out and try it. I hear that our Potentate has some wild flavor ideas.

Come out and enjoy the best burgers and tenderloin sandwiches from here to Indiana.

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

- How many politicians does it take to screw in a light bulb?
- Why are photographers always so depressed?

Yours in the faith,
Jim Arnold



Caravan and Picnic

Saturday June 13, 2020
Strawberry Point
Strawberry Days Parade
11:00AM Line Up at 10:00 AM

All Shrine Picnic to follow

Backbone State Park (3 miles south)

Beach Lodge

Lodge available 8:30am to 10:30 pm

Hospitality = Fun = Fellowship

April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00pm Flying Fez 6:00pm Vintage Auto	2	3	4
5	6 6:00pm Trojan Ritual Practice 6:30pm Foot Patrol 6:30pm Wright County	7 5:00pm Grill Master: Embassy Club open and serving food 7:00pm Revvin' Fezzes	8 6:00pm Greeters	9 6:00pm BINGO In the Activities Center 7:00pm North Iowa Shrine Club	10 5:30pm Fish Fry - Basket Night 7:00pm OWLS Meeting in Board Room	11
12	13 6:00pm Trojan Ritual Practice	14 5:00pm Grill Master: Embassy Club open and serving food 7:30pm Director's Staff	15 6:00pm Northeast Iowa	16 12:00am Women's Auxiliary Meeting 6:00pm BINGO In the Activities Center 6:00pm Delaware County	17	18 Abu Ben Adem Potentate's Ball, Springfield, MO Arab Potentate's Ball, Topeka, KS
19 3:00pm Kruzers	20 5:30pm Grundy County Shrine Club 6:30pm Trustees 7:30pm Trojan Lodge	21 5:00pm Grill Master: Embassy Club open and serving food 7:30pm Shrine Band	22	23 6:00pm BINGO In the Activities Center	24 6:00pm Crafting night	25 India Potentate's Ball, Oklahoma City, OK Sesostris Potentate's Ball, Lincoln, NE
26	27 6:00pm Trojan Ritual Practice	28 5:00pm Grill Master: Embassy Club open and serving food 7:00pm Hospital Dads	29	30 6:00pm BINGO In the Activities Center		

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