



EL KAHIR



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DALE ROBERGE - POTENTATE

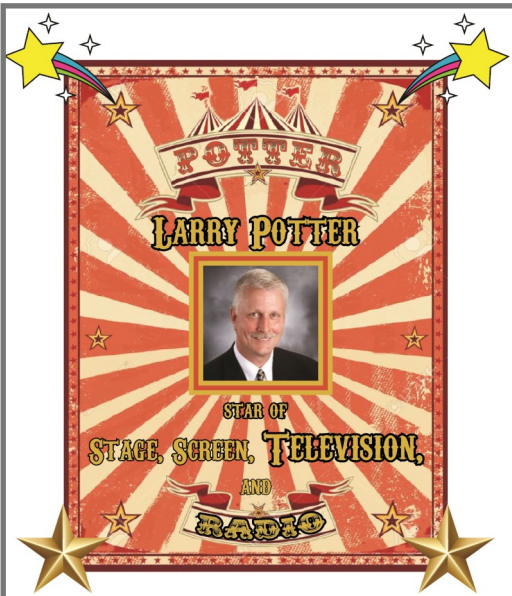
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Nobles and Ladies:

Due to the closure of the El Kahir office , we will be publishing a very limited Karavan this month. Additional, by order of Illustrious Sir Dale Roberge, II all El Kahir Fraternal activities (including the May Stated meeting) are cancelled and the Office and Embassy Club remain closed through May 15th. (The Blood Drive scheduled for May 8th is still on.) Please watch the website or eMail for any schedule changes or cancellations after the 15th.

Additionally, as of this writing, it is unclear as to the status of CSSA 2020. The CSSA line officers are planning on meeting to discuss it on May 7th and once we have additional information it will be posted on the El Kahir web site and sent out with the weekly eMail update.



Welcome back, Noble Treasurer, first Covid-19 intensive care patient released from Mercy Hospital.

As you are aware, the 2019 El Kahir Shrine Circus has been cancelled. If you purchased Noble tickets and would like to have your donation refunded please send an email to Recorder@ElKahir.org.

CSSA 2020

Central States Shrine Association

Ceremonial Session

September 2-5, 2020

Springfield, MO

Get your Room Now!

The Hampton Inn and Suites

2750 N Glenstone Ave.

Springfield, MO

417-869-5548

\$99.00 per night between 9/2 and 9/5.

Room Block under Sesostris Shrine

Pote's Notes

Dear Nobles and Ladies,

In case some of you had not heard, the Governor shut down all fraternal events early in April until April 30th. At that time, I closed the Shrine Center and cancelled all unit/club meetings and events for El Kahir. Since I am writing this around mid-April and trying to look forward and decide what to do for the month of May, I have been watching the reports and data on COVID-19 along with the White House criteria for starting. I believe that going with a slower approach to reopening will be safer and better.

I am cancelling the following fraternal activities through May 15th:

- Omelet Breakfast
- Basket night
- All unit and club meetings
- Stated Meeting for May

Also, the building will remain locked, employees will remain laid off and the Embassy Club will remain closed.

We have been trying to keep everyone informed of the cancellations but before you come out to an event in May, please check the calendar on the website to make sure the event is still happening.

Onion sales are still on schedule. I have spoken to the grower and you will be notified when the onions will arrive.

The Potentate's Ball has been rescheduled from May 2nd to August 29th. At this time, we are still planning

on having the Gun Raffle and I would like to thank Ill. Sir Floyd Sauter for working with Scheels to get options for moving forward with this fundraiser. We are still looking for ways to have the Shiner's Awareness Day on June 6th so stay tuned to the website for more information.

I am sure that your plans for the year may have looked differently than how they are turning out, as were mine. Let's stay focused on being safe and keeping those around us safe as well by following the social distancing guidelines and wearing protective masks and gloves. We are at a distance from one another but together we will remain.

The most exciting and most important news I have is that Noble Larry Potter is out of the hospital and home recovering from the Covid-19. All of the updates from Diane have been so important to keep everyone updated on Larry and the families progress. Noble Larry, I look forward to seeing you again soon!

I know it seems tough right now but looking forward I know we will see the sun shine and the future will be bright for El Kahir Shrine!

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

- And from the Potentate's Lady

I would like to begin by saying a heartfelt thank you to all those sending well wishes and checking in with Dale and I. We appreciate each of you and your kindness! To say that the year has not gone as Dale planned is to say the least. But plans seem so insignificant compared to all the things happening in the world. We are so blessed that Treasurer Noble Larry Potter is on the mend from his hospitalization for the Covid-19 virus. Look forward to seeing both Noble Larry and Lady Diane soon!

There are still events that are being planned for a time when we will be able to congregate together. Fun events with our friends. More details will be available as restrictions are lifted.

A deep cleaning of the kitchen was hired out and completed while the Shrine was closed. There is still a lot of cleaning to prepare for the Shrine to reopen. Tasks that go unseen but are necessary to assure the health and safety of the Nobility and their Ladies.

I would like to thank Noble Rick Bowersox and Lady Kathy for their hard work in washing and sanitizing the dishes and silverware in the kitchen after the deep clean was completed.

I would again encourage each of you to remember your blessings during these times ... here are some of mine:

- I am able to spend more time with my wonderful husband.
- The health of all of my family ...especially the health of two nieces that were studying abroad - one in China and one in Spain.
- The love and support of friends and family.
- A home and food to which I am safe, secure and nurtured.

I wish each of you the very best. We miss seeing all of you and spending time with you. We hope that we will be seeing you again soon. Stay safe and healthy!

Julie

The View from the Recorder's Office

As I write this, I do not know what our near future holds. As of now, the Governor has ordered that even Fraternal organizations be closed down through the end of April and out of additional caution, the Potentate has ordered the office closed and all events cancelled through at least the middle of May. By the time you receive this, the closure may well have been extended.

Unfortunately, while the Covid-19 outbreak has shut down El Kahir and our fundraising activities (Bingo, the Circus, Basket Night, Omelet Breakfast, etc), our ongoing operational costs continue on. So, if you are one of our 58 Nobles who have not paid their 2020, please consider doing so now – that additional \$ 9,000 will help pay those bills.

I once saw a quote that might apply to our current situation. "If you're reading this ... Congratulations, you're alive! If that's not something to smile about, then I don't know what is."



Until next month, yours in Shrine faith.

Recorder
El Kahir Shrine

El Kahir Shrine Blood Drive

Friday, May 8th

2:30 pm – 6:30 pm

MVRBC Donor Bus

We are working to prevent a local shortage of blood due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and the need for healthy donors is VERY high. If you are healthy and able, your donation is needed!

Please make an appointment with Rick Bowersox at Recorder@ElKahir.org to avoid large walk-in groups. You may also sign up online at www.bloodcenter.org

Director's Staff

Greetings from the Director's Staff. Holy moly... what a difference a month makes! First things first – we hope this finds you and your families healthy and staying sane. Can you imagine having to stay inside with Joe Kwapil or Rich Novak for days on end?? Take a few minutes during your week to call Nobles and check on them. We may not be able to have meetings just yet but we can still extend a hand of brotherly love and friendship to help. Heck, even our Potentate is bouncing off the walls –

The 2nd most important thing; I know you're waiting for the answers so here they are –

How many politicians does it take to screw in a light bulb?

(None, they only screw their constituents.)

Why are photographers always so depressed?

(Because all day long they focus on negatives.)

The Director's Staff hopes that everyone is ready to enjoy some spring weather. Maybe nicer weather will get us outside and help relieve some of the stress we feel right now. Before we know it parade season will be here. Just to remind everyone of the fun here are a couple of pictures –



If you don't have a 2020 dues card that means you haven't paid dues. Please take a minute, send your \$20 for 2020 dues to Noble Michael Zinser, 3400 Lewis Bottoms Road, Palo, IA 52324 Noble Michael will send your dues card back promptly.

Look for us at these events

Keep an eye out... we don't know yet when we can hold events. I imagine the first one will be a BLAST though. Maybe even a Basket Night to remember like this –

Keep in mind, we will still serve the best burgers and tenderloin sandwiches from here to The Royal Gorge.

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

How can you tell the ocean is friendly?

What do you get when you cross a computer and a life guard?

Yours in the faith,
Jim Arnold

