



EL KAHIR



KARAVAN

DALE ROBERGE - POTENTATE

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Nobles and Ladies:

Due to the closure of the El Kahir office, we are again publishing a very limited Karavan this month. The Shrine office will remain closed until June 22nd and the June Stated Meeting is cancelled. (There will be an informal Zoom Meeting that evening –see the Recorder's article for information.. Watch the website or eweekly Mail for any additional schedule changes or cancellations.

Pote's Notes

Dear Nobles and Ladies,

Each day I watch the Governor's press conference to see what the latest information on openings. The board of directors have been making decisions on how to reopen Shrine events and El Kahir Shrine Center. We remain committed to reducing the risk of exposure to the Nobility along with continuing to communicate as much as possible as changes and updates are available. Please check out the restart plan later in this Karavan.

I would like to take this time to tell you what has been happening at the Shrine Building while it has been closed.

- The kitchen has been deep cleaned.
- Carpets were cleaned.
- Various maintenance items completed.
- The Bar and Foyer has been cleaned and updated.

I would like to thank First Lady Julie, Noble Rick Bowersox and Lady Kathy, Ill Sir Jay Owens and Lady Connie, Lady Shirley Twiselton, and Lady Pat Core for helping clean the Shrine Building during the time it was closed. I would also like to thank Ill Sir George Zinser, Noble Michael Zinser, Noble Todd Morgan, Noble Gregg Wilson, Noble Keith Zeigler, Noble Craig Heaverlo, Noble Chris Lauderdale, Noble Bob Murray, Noble Rick Hofmeyer and Noble Pete Koppen along with many others for helping with maintenance projects.

CSSA 2020

Central States Shrine Association

Ceremonial Session

September 2-5, 2020

Springfield, MO

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Room Block under Sesostri's Shrine

I know that there are other projects and tasks that will need to be done around the building like reorganizing the garage, painting the meeting room, etc. If you have time and would like to help please contact me.

June Non-stated Zoom Meeting - We are planning on having a non-stated zoom meeting on June 10th instead of our stated meeting. This will be a non-tiled meeting and will allow any Noble and their Lady to attend this meeting to get information and ask questions. If you would like to attend this meeting please email the Recorder at recorder@elkahir.org to get the Zoom meeting credentials.

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Pote's Notes

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CSSA – We will not have a decision related to the Annual CSSA Ceremonial until after the CSSA President and Vice Presidents meets with the Health Department officials in Springfield Mo on June 3rd. We will update you with the details, Thursday June 4th email blast and at the non-stated zoom meeting on June 10th.

I know that it has been a disappointment that we have had to put our lives on hold because of COVID-19. Now that Governor Reynolds has begun to allow some businesses to reopen, part of me wants to begin opening everything. But in using caution and being responsible we will get things opening mid to late June at El Kahir. I want to assure that we have received the precautionary supplies needed to open safely.

Please remember that you are in charge of your health, even though it would be great to see everyone getting together for fun and fellowship we all know that some of us must avoid events for the short term. I know we may run into issues that will need to be worked out as we try to move forward but I know that working together we will get through this and be a stronger Shrine Center for it. It may seem 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

Our Spring has been unpredictable ...openings, closings and the guidelines continually changing. One thing that is predictable is the dedication of Shriners and their Ladies. I would like to thank so many that have helped with the updates and maintenance that has been happening at the Shrine. Ill Sir Jay Owens and Lady Connie, Lady Shirley Twiselton, Lady Pat Core, Noble Todd Morgan, Noble Rick Bowersox and Lady Kathy, Ill Sir George Zinser, Noble Gregg Wilson and so many more! They have painted, cleaned, mowed the property and pulled weeds, they have hung things, moved things and then moved them back. All of this, while maintaining social distancing and all precautions to stay safe and healthy.

I am looking forward to when all things are open

again as I am sure you are. I look forward to meeting with friends and getting back to the "new" normal. At this time, there will be a soft opening with the Embassy Club on Tuesday June 16 with Ill Sir Dave Sutton and Noble Jay Cassill preparing some wonderful baskets of food. I hope to see you then.

I know that it is frustrating as we have plans, vacations and family gatherings on our calendars but are unable to attend. It is going to be wonderful when we are together with our friends and family. I believe the worst is behind us and it is all bright skies are ahead. So you know, The Future is so Bright at El Kahir!! See you soon!

Julie



Black Camel Report

	Born	Created	Died
William N. Collings	3/23/1929	11/16/2002	12/12/2019
Lawrence J. Magnall	1/21/1921	5/20/1960	3/30/2020
Bernard J. Erenberger	1/30/1932	6/12/2004	5/9/2020

The View from the Recorder's Office

It looks like there is some light showing through at the end of that tunnel finally (and I don't think it is an oncoming train). Today the Governor has lifted some additional restrictions and it looks like we will be able to get back to the (NEW) normal soon. Your Potentate and Divan have been working together to develop the processes and procedures that will be necessarily to safely reopen the El Kahir Facilities to meet the needs of our members. As you may be aware, there will be no June Stated meeting but we do have an informational Zoom meeting scheduled for June 10th at 7:30 pm where the Potentate and Divan will be available to address any of your questions and concerns and describe the measures that are being implemented for the safety of our members and guests. If you would like to join the meeting, please contact the Recorder (Recorder@ElKahir.org) for meeting credentials (we want to avoid Zoom bombing). This will be an open, non tiled, meeting so your lady is welcome to 'attend'.

As it stands now, we plan to have a 'soft' reopening of the facility on Tuesday, June 16th at 5:00 pm when we will reopen the Embassy Club and have a special meal menu available from the Grillmasters. We then plan a full building reopening and resumption of office hours on Monday, June 22nd. (We still do not



know when we will be able to resume Bingo, unfortunately.)

It has been quite a road that we have travelled these past several months and I hope that we are finally coming to the end of that journey. I pray that we all continue to stay healthy in this new 'now' and that we can again soon meet together.

Until next month, yours in Shrine faith.

Recorder
El Kahir Shrine



June Birthdays

William C Morse Jr.	2	Daniel M Yousse	8	Brian Whannel	19
Alan A Kalell	3	Douglas J Strike P.P.	11	Duane E Nottger	20
John M Klaus	3	Joseph M Buresh	12	Keith F Zeigler	21
Joseph E Nydegger	3	Daniel J Morris	12	Rodney R Kavalier	23
Dustin M Smart	3	Thomas L Clifton Jr.	13	Brandon A Hess	24
Robert D Ehlers	4	John R Henderson	14	John W Carter Jr.	25
Michael M Sion	4	Robert V Locke	14	Tim S Anderson	27
Dalton A Lauderdale	5	Devin van Holsteijn	14	Alan D Schaul	27
Francis M Possehl	5	Dale K Schmidt	15	Larry D Chmelicek	28
Larry G Schmidt	5	Robert Stevens	15	Eric K Doyle	28
Loren C Homann	6	Thomas N Kurtz Jr.	17	George B Maxwell	28
Vernon B Schmitz	6	Curtis E Bacon	19	David Morehouse	28
Peter L Vidal Dds	6	Tom C Bowersox	19	Jonathan J Owens	30
Jeffrey A Redmon	8	Richard A Mitchell	19		

The HP&P's Pontifications



Well, first off, I just want to say, "I MISS YOU ALL!". I hope everyone of you are in good health and GREAT spirits. I have heard of a couple of our nobles having to deal directly with COVID-19. One of them has made a complete recovery and

another is still working through it. Please put him in your prayers.

In the past couple of months, we have been greatly confined from the activities we were used to doing. This has been significant change but it has given us an opportunity to reconnect with some of the simpler ways of life. I know it has forced us to slow down. It has given my family and I a lot more time to "Smell the Roses". There is some upside to this situation and I would suggest taking a couple of minutes, if you haven't already, to list the positives YOU have experienced.

As I briefly discussed in my February note, the phrase, "Let There Be Light", is a continual process for me. I have continued to learn how we do business. My learning curve is pretty steep but I am getting a lot of support from everyone. I would like specifically thank our Recorder, Rick Bowersox, for answering my myriad of questions and helping to show the direction.

I recently received a call from a noble that gave me some insight on a topic that he and I had spoken about off and on for a couple years. At the end of the call, he really said something that is basic in nature but INCREDIBLY fundamental to not just my success, but to everyone's success. He said, "WE need to be willing to let each other know when we are falling 'short of the mark' INSTEAD of complaining to everyone ELSE that 'the other first person is falling short.'" I appreciate that phone call and the honesty. There is a very pertinent proverb that someone shared with me a while back that I think is applicable in this situation: **Do not remove a fly from your friend's forehead with a hatchet.**

The Ladies' Lock-In was CRAZY FUN for the Ladies!! We had 16 attendees. They played several games, some Euchre, and shared some really tasty food. Though the games ended around 3 am (!!), several stayed the night on cots, a blow-up pizza floaty, sleeping bags and other things. They all had a fun time. I would like to thank Ill. Sir Dale Roberge, II, Tom Kurtz, and Dan Kelley for supporting this very successful event.

Color Guard members are needed. They present the Colors at meetings and events. They usually 'work' the first part of the event and do not stay for the meeting. This would be a great opportunity for a couple new nobles since the time requirements are not too large and the group routines are pretty common sense.

Please contact Steve Mortimer @ 319-857-4050 if you are interested.

The Korn & Breaking Benjamin show CD sales went very well. There were eight volunteers. Three of them were from Mt. Hermon Lodge # 263 and are not Shriners, YET!! The profits for that show go 80% to SHC and 20% to St. Jude's. We sold 261 CD's and SHC will receive \$6-7 per CD sold. That is: \$1566-1827 for working 3.5 hrs. That's AWESOME!!!!

I am working on a 1-2-hour training presentation for our nobles. Specifically, I am focusing on helping the new nobles understand what they have become a part of. I will be covering Shriners Hospitals for Children (SHC) 'big picture', give some history of how the Shriners got started, how El Kahir got started, and a review of the Master Mason's tools and how they can help US... El Kahir nobility, make a real difference to: Our SHC Kids, OUR Shrine, OUR Families, and OURSELVES. If there are any of you more seasoned nobles that would be willing to review and tweak my presentation, please let me know.

It looks like things are starting to open up and, soon, so shall we. I would suggest that each Club & Unit look at what you were doing before this terrible situation changed our lives and see what your Club and/or Unit will need to do to be ready to conduct your events: Monthly meetings, parades, fundraisers, etc. Consider planning a "Welcome back to the Club (Unit)" party for your group. I know I miss hanging with many of YOU and cannot wait to see YOU ALL SOON!

In closing, I would like to report that I travelled to Tampa in early March to attend the two-day Oriental Guide Seminar. This training gave me a chance to learn the many "pieces and parts" of being a new member of the Divan. It also provided me an opportunity to meet Divan members from other Shrine Centers. I picked up a couple new practices that may help El Kahir improve in how we do business and, more specifically, how I can do better. We are part of a fraternity that helps "Make a Good Man Better", right? Well, if I don't start with me, then how can I help others when they ask?

I have one more quote that applies to EVERYONE: "True Leadership must be for the benefit of the followers, not to enrich the leader." (John C. Maxwell, author, speaker, pastor)

Humbly and in your service.

Todd Morgan,
High Priest and Prophet
319-320-8376

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR DALE ROBERGE II



Illustrious Sir Dale Roberge II and Lady Julie cordially invite you to attend their

Diamonds Are Forever Ball Celebration on Saturday, August 29, 2020

@ the Marriott, 1200 Collins Rd. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402



Afternoon Hospitality 1-5 pm

Pre Social 6:00-6:30 pm

Dinner 6:45 pm

Entertainment with "Dueling Pianos"

Diamond Necklace will be given away!



Dress Code is Tux, Suit or Sport Coat/Evening Gown, Cocktail Dress or Pant Suit

Max Dinner Reservations - 160

PAID RSVP by Friday, August 14th with attached form below.



Room Reservations: Call the Marriott 1-800-396-2153 and mention **Shrine Party Block**

by 5pm Friday, Aug 14th. Room Cost: King \$117, Standard \$107

Your Name: _____

Title: _____

Guest's Name: _____

Email: _____

Shrine Center / Unit or Club: _____

Representing: Yes No

Meal Choice: (Please mark number for each type) Beef _____ Chicken _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Cost : Individual - \$50.00 Couple - \$100.00 Amount Enclosed _____

Please return your reservations with payment to: Jay Owens, 509 5th St. Traer, IA 50675

Make checks payable to 2020 Potentates Ball



Looking Forward To Seeing You June 16th!

El Kahir COVID-19 Restart Plan (5/21/2020)

The Board of Directors have the following plan put into place for starting El Kahir for the foreseeable future:

- No Stated Meeting for June. We will conduct a Zoom Meeting the night and time of the normal stated meeting (more information on this below).
- No unit and club meetings at the Shrine Center until after June 22nd.
- Going forward unit and clubs will need to follow the Governor's proclamations when they have meetings (if unsure on what to do please contact the office).
- Omelet Breakfast is cancelled for June.
- The status of the June Basket Night has not been determined. Watch the Thursday email blast for update.
- There will be a Soft-Opening of the Embassy Club at El Kahir on June 16th starting at 5:00 pm.
- The employees will be brought back from furlough on June 22nd

The reason we are delaying the opening is that some of the items that we would like in place have not arrived and we want to allow some extra time

in hope of getting them in place before we open up the Shrine building.

Related to Patient Shrine Health Care Trips the current plan is as follows:

- Because of COVID-19 most of the trips to the Twin Cities Clinic and Chicago hospital have been postponed unless the patient was transporting themselves.
- The current plan is to start with driver transports after June 22nd but this date may change if needed by the Heath Facility or Patient.
- When the transports begin again, we will need extra drivers and co-drivers to help get passed the backlog. If you are able to help please contact the office because you must be approved by our insurance to transport.

We will continue to update you as decisions and steps are made to protect the Shrine Nobles and Ladies. If we all take care and follow the distancing guidelines, I know that we all will get through this and be stronger for it.