



EL KAHIR



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DALE ROBERGE - POTENTATE

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Potentate and First Lady Trying Social Distancing

El Kahir Shrine Informational Meeting

Wednesday, July 8th 2020 — 7:30 PM

**905 TOWER TERRACE ROAD
HIAWATHA, IA**

ATTEST:

**Dale G. Roberge, Potentate
Richard L. Bowersox, Recorder**

WEAR YOUR FEZ!

THIS WILL BE A NON-TILED INFORMATIONAL MEETING ONLY

IT WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM

(MEETING CODE WILL BE EMAILED TO NOBILITY 2 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.)

Message From Your Potentate

El Kahir is Now Open – Oh Yeah!



June 16 - El Kahir had a soft opening of the Embassy Club with Grill Masters serving up great food. Thank you, Ill Sir Dave Sutton and Noble Jay Cassill, for cooking and thanks for the green beans, one of Lady Julie's favorites. This opening created a full bar and overflow into the large room. There was a lot of fun including bags and a lot of fellowship between Nobles and Ladies. Going forward the Embassy Club will be open on Tuesday nights with Grill Masters providing a great menu and food. I hope you are able to come out and have fun.

I am very excited that on June 22nd the El Kahir Office opened back up at full staffing for business. It is great to see the office open and welcome back Nancy our Administrative Assistant and Lyle who keeps the grass cut and the Shrine ready for all the events.

Unit and Clubs are now able to start meeting. This is a long-awaited opening. We are able to meet to conduct business and share in fellowship with our brothers. Yes, we are able to meet but I would also stress that those that are at risk or do not feel comfortable getting together, please stay at home, take care and we will get together soon.

The Golf outing will be happening on July 11th at St Andrews Golf Course with an 11am shotgun start. There is a registration form in this Karavan and I hope everyone can come out and join the FUN. Due to Covid-19 the event may look a little different but we will have a great time with the same Fun.

We are making plans to getting more events going. Please keep an eye on the El Kahir Calendar on the website to see which events are ready to restart.

One of those fun events will be the Potentate's Ball on Saturday August 29th at the Marriott on Collins Road. There is an event form included within this publication. I would like to invite each of you to join us that evening for a great time with friends and enjoying the entertainment of Dueling Pianos.

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.

We may run into issues that will need to be worked out as we try to move forward but I know that we will get through this and be stronger for it. It may seem to be getting better now. We will see the sun shine and the future is 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

Welcome to El Kahir 2020 Restart

Dale had a lot of events planned for this year, things change, so we are now implementing version 2. There may be additional alterations on how we plan events but it is all intentional to keep everyone safe. We are very excited and look forward to be able to meet with our friends from the Shrine.

There has been a sighting of a parade. There will be a parade in Dysart on July 4th. I am so excited to be able to celebrate our country at a parade with Nobles and Ladies from El Kahir Shrine. I believe the clubs and units were notified of this event. Hope to see you there.

We will be trying some new type of events that are able to incorporate social distancing and fellowship with each other. We ask that you give it a try and give feedback on how it is working. Watch the El Kahir calendar and the weekly blast for these events.

I am finalizing the details for a day trip for the ladies. It will be a day away for fun and laughs. We will leave early on a Saturday morning and return that evening. We will be taking the bus plus additional vehicles if needed. A lot more details to come.

I was fortunate to be made aware of the plans for the Ladies Auxiliary. Their annual session was to meet at the end of April, at which time each Auxiliary chapter presents their donation to the General Auxiliary for the Twin Cities. Unfortunately, it was cancelled but the Ladies determined they would be able to send over \$13,000 to the wheelchair fund. That is AMAZING!! So proud of these Ladies for their efforts and the many clubs and units that have supported them. A thank you to Nickie Waddell for all of her efforts and diligence in leading and caring for this group of Ladies.

My theme for this year is "Past Present and into the Future". I have had the distinct pleasure to spend time with Ladies from each of these groups. Although what I have found is that many of these Ladies passion for the Shrine Philanthropy is that very seldom is there a Lady from the past that is not active or influencing the present and future. The El Kahir Shrine Ladies are so kind and always wanting to help in the care of the children, care of the Shrine Fraternity and the care of each other. This is why so often it is referred to as the Shrine Family. Thank you Ladies for all the kindness and support you have shown me and each other.

Again, I would like to thank so many of the Nobles and Ladies for the many hours that they have dedicated and worked hard to clean, update and refresh the Shrine in preparation of the reopening of the building. Dale and I are forever grateful for your friendship and support.

Rememberthe Future is so Bright at El Kahir we will all wear shades!!

May God Bless!

Julie Roberge, First Lady

Ladies Auxiliary



Social Distancing and Taking Care of Business

The View from the Recorder's Office



I am writing this article the morning after our "Grand Reopening" of the Embassy Club and meals by the Grill-Masters. (Thanks, Noble Doug for extending the article cut off for a couple of days so that I can report on the reopening.) It was a wonderful evening! The food and drinks were great and we had about 60 Nobles and guests who showed up throughout the evening. Tables were spread out over 6 feet apart to allow social distancing (although there were many 'groups' who sat a bit closer together).

By the time you receive this, the Shrine Office will have been reopened for a couple of weeks. Nancy and Lyle will be back at things and we will be getting back to (a new) normal. One thing that has changed (at least for a while) is that Imperial has declared that until further notice, as a result of concerns for the health of our members, Shrine Drivers will not be allowed to transport patients to Shriners Facilities for appointments, we will have to arrange alternate transportation. In general this will mean that the patient will have to find someone to take them to appointments with El Kahir reimbursing expenses (as we do about half the time now anyway). In some cases, though, this may result in additional Transportation Fund expense if we have to provide air travel and taxi (such as Cedar Rapids to Chicago).

Closing out this month, it is wonderful to be back in the swing of things here and to have Nobles and their Ladies back around the Shrine. And even though most of this summer's parades have been cancelled there will still be a few opportunities to get out there and show the public that Shriners still know how to put on a show.

Recorder
El Kahir Shrine

P.S. As a reminder, there will be an Informal meeting on Wednesday, July 8th at the Temple and also available Zoom Conference. There is no meal planned.

<u>Black Camel Report</u>			
	Born	Created	Died
William Ackerman	8/17/1928	11/15/1957	5/17/2020
J Bruce Goetsch	10/5/1935	5/6/1972	6/9/2020

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF RABBAN



It seems like it has been forever since I have seen most of you. I hope everyone is doing well with this crazy pandemic going on. As a precaution we are slowly opening the temple. You will hear this from others but I feel I must say it too, if you are not comfortable with coming out to a stated meeting or an event then don't.

We still have a few events scheduled for this year and we will need your support. Pick one of them and come on out. If you can lend a hand that would be great.

My family just got back into town from visiting a friend of ours in St Paul, Minnesota. While we were out and about we stopped by and saw all the progress on our new building in Woodbury. The pictures don't do it justice. We are looking for drivers again to help transport patients. Please call the Shrine office if you are available to help.

I hope you all are doing well and if you need to talk please look me up. Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Yours in the Faith.

Rusty Meister meister2022@gmail.com

El Kahir Shrine Endowment Fund

El Kahir Shrine Transportation Fund

Mr. Steven Vogt
Mr. Gary Vogt
Ms Susan Vogt
Mr. Lenny Kimm

El Kahir Shrine General Fund

Shriners Hospitals for Children

In Memory of Noble Jack Stanford

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Manson
Mr. and Mrs. Harley Alcox
Mr. and Mrs. George Osborne
Ms Lois Murra

Memory of Noble Bernie Erenberger

Mr Gary Erenberg
Charlotte Ehrenberger

May 2020 Membership Report

Total as of 1/1/2020 = 524

	May 2020	2020 (YTD)
Creations	0	0
Affiliations	0	0
Restorations	0	1
Associates	0	0
Associate Dropped	0	0
Deceased	2	8
Demitted	0	0
Suspended	0	0
Resigned	0	0
	-2	-7

Total as of 5/31/2020 = 517

El Kahir Shrine III Sir Rod Solberg Memorial Golf Outing

Saturday July 11th, 2020

Gold Sponsor	\$500.00
Receives a sign with the Company Logo placed on a hole. Also includes a free foursome to golf. Company listed on all Marketing Materials	

Hole Sponsor	\$250.00
Receives a sign with the Company Logo placed on a hole. Company listed on all Marketing Materials	

<p style="text-align: center;">St. Andrew's Golf Course 1866 Blairs Ferry Road Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 July 11th, 2020</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Registration is at 10:00 am Shotgun Start at 11:00pm 4 person best ball tournament</p> <p>Entry Fee will include beer on course, lunch before and during golf and prizes afterward at the course.</p>	
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Golfer #1 _____
 Golfer #2 _____
 Golfer #3 _____
 Golfer #4 _____

of Carts Needed _____
 Contact Person _____
 Contact Number _____

Sponsor Gold	\$500.00
Hole Sponsor	\$250.00
Foursome Rate	\$360.00
Individual Rate	\$90.00
Total Amount	\$ _____
Check Number	_____
Credit Card # Number	_____
Expiration Date	_____
Name on Card	_____

For more information contact Mike Brain
at (319) 551-5423 or El Kahir Shrine Office
at (319) 395-0109

Return to: El Kahir Shrine Golf Committee
PO Box 38 Hiawatha, Ia 52233

Tribute To Dad

Dear Dad



I thought of you today, that is nothing new. I thought about you yesterday and days before that too.

I think of you in silence, I often speak your name. All I have are memories and a picture in a frame. Your memory is a keepsake from which I'll never part. God has you in his arms, I have you in my heart.



Message From The High Priest & Prophet



At El Kahir Shrine Temple, we are opening up in a measured fashion and looking forward to reconnecting with all of YOU. I'm sure the Clubs & Units are looking to start meeting on a monthly basis. I would ask that you contact your Divan representative and let him know when & where you plan to meet so that we can attend. If the Oriental Guide is your Divan Rep., send your meeting info to Divan@ElKahir.org and we will try to attend.

We had an informal June Stated meeting via Zoom with approximately 16 Nobles remotely joining. There were several Nobles and Ladies that physically attended and all observed the 6 foot social distancing standard. That was a big success with lots of information being passed on and several questions being asked. The plan going forward is to have another informal (none business) Stated Meeting on July 8th. Usually the Shrine is "dark" in July so that we can support the Imperial Session. FYI: This concept is written into our bylaws. Since there will be no Imperial Session this year, it has been determined that holding an informal, informa-

tional meeting would support El Kahir Temple's return to operations and would not violate our bylaws since there will be no voting.

I would also like to ask for those of you that are well-organized and like to make a difference, consider running for Oriental Guide or High Priest & Prophet for 2021. In order to support El Kahir's success in the future, we NEED strong team players who look past themselves with a focus on what is best for: Our Shriner's Children Network, the Shriners as a whole and Masonry as a whole. These are THREE major pieces of who WE are and why WE do what WE do. As a team, those of us on the Divan WILL help you get up to speed and make a difference.

Please reach out to me at HPP@ElKahir.org or to the Divan@ElKahir.org with any questions you may have.

I have a question: During the times that WE were locked down, how many of you and/or your friends were essential to keeping the many aspects of our lives available? Can you imagine the stress in each family that was sending one or both parents to work in situations that where COVID-19 could have directly affected them? I can only imagine how hard that was (and is). I just wanted to say, THANK YOU!! Please consider reaching out to those HEROES.

Finally, I was just wondering how many of you did something unselfish to personally help someone else during our lockdown? That trait speaks volumes for who we are as MASONS and SHRINERS. Way to go! Do you have friends that share the same values who are not Masons, YET? Maybe it is time to strike up a conversation to tell them who WE are and what WE do. Consider asking them to become a Brother and possibly a Noble. With approximately 500 Nobles in El Kahir Temple, imagine if 20% of us could bring in 1 new Brother and Noble every five years? That would be:

- 100 new friends,
- 100 more Nobles to parade, and
- 100 more Nobles to help get our Shriners Children to get the medical help.

Just a thought...

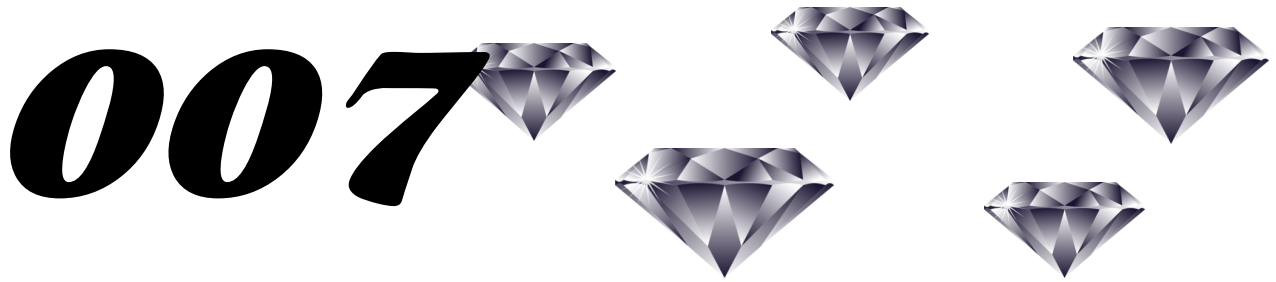
In closing, I just wanted to share this picture with all of you because THIS IS WHO WE ARE AND THIS US WHAT WE DO!

Humbly and in YOUR service,

Todd Morgan
High Priest & Prophet
HPP@ElKahir.org



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 "Duelling 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

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 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 Potentate's Ball

JULY BIRTHDAYS

William C Laubengayer	1	Dewayne A Fasse	16
Calvin C Staudt	1	William C Robinson	16
Larry L Bolton	2	Harold G Schaefer	17
Steven D Sindelar	3	Robert A Hickman	18
Steven J Husome	4	Samuel R Runyan	18
James Hessenius	5	Mike A Elsbernd	19
Roger D Pease	5	William A Hinkle	19
Donald D Caspers	6	Andrew E Smith	19
Aaron T Pauls	6	Milo C Visek	19
Richard L Anderson	7	Gerald L Schneiter	20
Craig L Tuecke	7	Robert D Schneider Sr.	21
Darrell R Hansen P.P.	8	Toddre E Owens	23
Robert L Hansen	8	E. G Squires	23
Raymond R McDonald	8	Joseph J Bartusek	24
George B Woodard Jr.	10	Max H Fitz	25
James W Fackler	11	Arthur G Hinze	26
Christopher L Hansen	11	Colby C Withers	26
James A Murphy	11	Richard J Novak	27
Michael J Nuehring	11	Donald E Mosier	29
Aaron J Ritchie	11	David A Susong Jr.	29
Stephen J Schlader	11	Morris H Anderson	31
Bruce G Besh	12	Michael L Jirouch	31
Donald J Butterbaugh	12		
Rodney D Teachout	12		
Dean C Noring	13		
Richard G Prestemon	13		
Maurice Riley	13		
Eugene C Bowers	14		
Larry G Stone	14		
Evan L Hultman	15		
Marion L Reinhardt	15		
Douglas F Brain	16		



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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.

Burnell Haven 6/19
Leland Thomson 8/19
Ronaldo "Jack" Hager 8/19
Del Shaw 9/19
Jim Albright 9/19
George Case 9/10
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
Dennis Wiley, PP 5/20
Gregg Wilson 5/20

Greetings From The Directors Staff

Greetings from the Director's Staff. We're still in the middle of this quarantine stuff. I hope this finds everyone healthy and staying sane. 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.

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

- How can you tell the ocean is friendly? (It likes to wave!)
- What do you get when you cross a computer and a life guard? (A screensaver!)

The Director's Staff hopes that everyone is ready to enjoy some summer weather. Maybe nicer weather will get us outside and help relieve some of the stress we feel right now. If you're like me, the grass is cut every other day, trees are trimmed, and the driveway is scrubbed at least once a week. Everything is 'squeaky clean'.

If you don't have a 2020 Director's Staff dues card that means you haven't paid your 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.

To take you back, way into the past here are a couple of historic Director's Staff prints that were requested by the Smithsonian.



Basket Night - We don't know yet when we can hold events. There may be a Basket Night in July, we're not sure yet. It will look different for a while. Keep your eyes peeled for notification. Keep in mind, we will still serve the best burgers and tenderloin sandwiches from here to Bangor, Maine.

Parades – Parades are still up in the air. Some towns have cancelled. We can maybe hope for a few toward the end of the summer.

Popcorn truck – The popcorn truck will be at the CRB&T movie nights in July and August. They were moved to Hawkeye Downs so it will be like an old fashioned drive-in movie.

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

- What's blue and has big ears ?
- What Did One Tonsil Say to the Other Tonsil?

Yours in the faith,
Jim Arnold

July 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 6:00pm Mobile Nobles 7:00pm Color Guard 7:00pm Rewin' Fezzes	8	9 6:00pm BINGO In the Activities Center 7:00pm North Iowa Shrine Club	10 5:30pm Basket Night 7:00pm OWLS Meeting in Board Room	11 11:00am El Kahir Shrine Golf Tournament
12	13 6:00pm Trojan Ritual Practice	14 5:00pm Grill Master: Embassy Club open and 7:30pm Director's Staff	15 6:00pm Northeast Iowa	16 12:00pm Women's Auxiliary Meeting - El Kahir Shrine 6:00pm BINGO In the Activities Center 6:00pm Delaware County	17	18 Bowersox (Pint) Graduation Party
19 Bowersox (Neiland) Graduation Party (Tentative) 3:00pm Kruzers	20 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	25 Kaaba Potentate's Ball
26 2:00pm Eiler Graduation Party	27 6:00pm Trojan Ritual Practice	28 5:00pm Grill Master: Embassy Club open and 7:00pm Hospital Dads	29	30 6:00pm BINGO In the Activities Center	31	

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