



# EL KAHIR



# KARAVAN

DALE ROBERGE - POTENTATE

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HIAWATHA, IOWA



# A Message From Your Potentate



Nobles and Ladies,

Wow! What an amazing group of Nobles and Ladies. I am honored to serve and lead. 2020 has thrown a pandemic, a derecho, cancellations and postponements,

social distancing and isolation, and the loss of loved ones. Yet the Nobility and Ladies of El Kahir Shrine step up and prove that the best of people are found at the Shrine. It would have been simple enough to write this year off, but not for Shriners. I asked of you to buy and sell raffle tickets to help in meeting the budgeted amount to finish this year on a good financial note. Each of you contributed to this year's Sportsman's Raffle and exceeded all expectations! I had budgeted this year to have a profit of \$22,500 from the event. You helped to create a profit of over \$35,000 from the raffle and event! Thank you to everyone for their part in making this event such a success.

I would like to update you on events and changes to El Kahir related to the most recent Proclamation from the Iowa Governor.

There is a restriction of no more than 15 people to be gathered in an indoor event or gathering. For this reason, it was required that the 2020 Dale D. Roberge Memorial Ceremonial be canceled. I have offered the candidates the opportunity for Cold Sands prior to the end of 2020.

The December stated meeting that is to be held on Wednesday, December 9, at 7:30 p.m. will happen with a new opportunity for the Nobles. We will be offering remote attendance and participation in the voting for the 2021 Divan. There will be designated locations that you may attend a tiled meeting and cast your vote. All of the details related to the vote will be mailed to the Nobility.

Throughout 2020, El Kahir has been thrown several obstacles and I want to thank everyone for their flexibility and pa-

tience as we got through this together and ...

The Future is Still so Bright for El Kahir!

Lady Julie and I would like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours in the Faith,

*Dale Roberge II*

Dale Roberge, Potentate  
El Kahir Shrine



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# A Message From the First Lady



Greetings to all,

The holidays are upon us. The hustle and bustle of the Christmas season seem to hurry us to this party,

that event, shopping, baking and then we forget to remember. We forget our reason for celebrating the day. We must remember.

The traditions of Christmas, family gatherings, Christmas parties, and our church and community events all will look different this year. It may not feel the same, but if we remember the importance of this time of year, our hearts may feel the Christmas Spirit. Remember to reach out to one another, to give of ourselves, and to show kindness to all.

Unfortunately, there are changes to our normal, the new moto is "the new normal." It is difficult, though, in our celebrations of the season and at El Kahir. Each year many of the Shrine clubs and units have Christmas parties with the festivities allowing for fun and fellowship. The current pandemic has restricted many of these events due to social distancing. Fortunately, we currently will be able to have the All Shrine Christmas party on Saturday, December 19, 2020. Our social hour will begin at 5:00 p.m. and dinner to follow. There will be games with fun for all.

I am very sad that we will not be able to celebrate with the traditional Ladies Christmas party during the December Stated Meeting. It is an event that is looked forward to all year. The Governor's proclamation restrictions cover from now until December 10. If these restrictions are

lifted prior to the January 13, 2021 Stated Meeting, we will have a belated Christmas celebration. It will be the traditional Ladies Christmas party in January.

I hope for health to be restored to those suffering from the coronavirus. I wish that families will be able to join with each other to create memories of a lifetime. I pray that peace will be realized by those suffering from anxiety and sorrow as they focus on the happenings of this world. Most of all, I wish Everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

May God Bless each of you,  
Lady Julie

## **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.

James Fackler	10/19	Ill Sir. George Zinser	9/20
Larry Potter	10/19	Todd Morgan	9/20
Rick Bowersox	3/20	Wayne Kinney	9/20
Darrell Zacharias	3/20	Gary Rees	9/20
Gary Berger	3/20	Norman Wright	9/20
Wayne & Margaret Billings	3/20	Leland Thomson	10/20
Dennis Wiley, PP	5/20	Robert Murray	11/20
Gregg Wilson	5/20	Michael Moseley	11/20
H. Winfred Condon	7/20	Ronald Bowers	11/20
Gerald Bakken	7/20		

## **El Kahir Shrine Stated Business Meeting Election of 2021 Officers**

**Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 — 7:30 PM**

905 TOWER TERRACE ROAD  
HIAWATHA, IA

**ATTEST:**

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

**WEAR YOUR FEZ!**

YOUR 2020 SHRINE AND BLUE LODGE DUES CARDS ARE NECESSARY FOR ADMITTANCE



# The View From the Recorder's Office



2020—The year that just keeps on giving! I am writing this article a few days ahead of our scheduled Ceremonial. ~~At this point it is still on the schedule, but unfortunately, due to the uptick in Covid-19~~

~~cases in the State, the activities will be greatly reduced. Illustrious Sir Roberge cancelled the Second Section, Ladies Luncheon, and evening dinner. The day will consist (or, consisted, when you read this) of the First Section, fezzing, and then lunch at the Shrine with the Ladies. Disappointing but par for the course for this year.~~

Well, I guess I can just throw that last paragraph out. The Governor came out with a new Proclamation last night banning social gatherings of more than 15 people until December 10<sup>th</sup>. That, unfortunately, cancelled our Ceremonial (and Patients Christmas Party and December Election Meeting, unless she rescinds it).

Our election meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup> is going to be a little different this year due the restrictions placed on us by the Governor. Nobles who are active members of El Kahir should have received (or will shortly) a letter from Illustrious Sir Dale explaining how the election meeting(s) will be held this year. The process was provided by Imperial and will allow Nobles to attend the meeting and vote at several locations throughout the territory. We anticipate that we will have meeting sites in Mason City, Waterloo, Clarion, and Manchester (as well as Hiawatha). The meetings will be limited to 15 Nobles (including a moderator) and **Nobles will not be able to participate in the meeting location if they have not notified the temple in advance.** Please review the information in the letter for further information and locations.

Finally, I wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Let's put 2020 behind us.

*El Kahir Shrine Recorder*

Recorder  
El Kahir Shrine

P.S.—Illustrious Sir Linc, we missed you at our November Stated Meeting and you missed out on picking up your \$200 prize!



## October 2020 Membership Report

**Total as of 1/1/2020 = 524**

	Oct 2020	2020 (YTD)
Creations	0	0
Affiliations	0	1
Restorations	0	2
Associates	0	0
Associate Dropped	0	0
Deceased	5	21
Demitted	0	1
Suspended	0	0
Resigned	0	0

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**Total as of 10/31/2020 = 505**

# A Message From Your High Priest and Prophet



**Nobles and Ladies;**  
So, we had OUR Annual Trunk Or Treat event and it was FANTASTIC!! El Kahir's parking lot was FULL from 5:30-6:50 p.m. We had five cars passing out candy and most of us ran out of our

initial supply of candy in 15 minutes! Crazy, huh? We had to run out to get more candy to finish the event. We served 200-300 people. It was so successful and that is because of YOUR SUPPORT. Hopefully, next year WE can have more cars out there.

OUR Sportsman's Raffle went well, too! We had 15 to 20 volunteers there to help. We social distanced and wore masks during the event. Everyone had fun and, by the way, El Kahir made over \$35,000!! It was crazy successful and that was because of YOU! Selling tickets, buying tickets, passing the word, and volunteering. WE can do a lot when all of US pitch in and do a little bit. It all adds up.

Throughout this year, we have been limited in what WE could do. Some of US are more vulnerable than others to the COVID-19 virus effects and, as a result, those Nobles and their Ladies have to keep themselves in a safer situation than usual. If you know of a noble or two or three in this situation, take a moment to check on them. Give them a 5-minute phone call and see if they are okay or need a hand.

I just wanted to thank those who loaned a hand helping with something this year. We had some Unit and Club meetings. Thank you for setting them up and attending if you were able. We had some fundraisers. Thank you if you were able to lend a hand, making them successful. We had some patient trips. If you could help drive a patient to get to their appointments, treatments or surgeries, thank you. To every Noble and their lady, THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU DO FOR EL KAHIR!

Since OUR elections are this month, I encourage you to join in, either in person

or via ZOOM. We are working out how to make this happen with remote attendance so as many nobles as possible can 'attend' and participate. I am running for Assistant Rabban and I hope I have earned your vote.

We are still in need of an Oriental Guide and High Priest & Prophet for next year. As far as the Divan knows, there is no one actively interested in running for either of those positions. Without a full board of directors, our leadership is limited in what we can do, so WE NEED YOU! I know there are a couple of OUR nobles that have been thinking about becoming a part of OUR Leadership Team. Every one of our Nobles is a leader in what they do. I am asking you to become a member of OUR Divan and help us Lead El Kahir into 2021 and beyond. Feel free to call me @ 319-320-8376 or drop me an email at HPP@ElKahir.org if you have any questions. I will reply to all requests.

Humbly and in your service,

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

### El Kahir Shrine Transportation Fund

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Cigrand  
Illustrious Sir Dale and Lady Julie Roberge  
Black Hawk County Street Machines

#### In Memory of Illustrious Sir Charles King

Eliot and Barbara Protsch

#### In Memory of Brother Larry Dewell

Noble Robert Murray and Lady Sharon

#### In Memory of Lady Charles Klouda

Lady Shirley Twiselton  
Illustrious Sir Carl Hallberg  
Lady Diane Pearson

#### In Memory of Noble Doug Torson

Lady Shirley Twiselton  
Illustrious Sir Carl Hallberg  
Noble Rick Bowersox and Lady Kathy  
Lady Diane Pearson

## Shriners Children's

#### In Memory of Lady Charles Klouda

Mr. and Mrs. Jon Janda  
Noble Hal Schaefer and Lady Joyce



ILL SIR DALE ROBERGE II AND LADY JULIE  
Cordially Invite You to the


**ALL SHRINE  
CHRISTMAS  
CELEBRATION**

Saturday December 19, 2020  
5:00 pm Social Hour  
6:00 pm Dinner

Dinner will include Prime Rib with Potato, Vegetable, Salad and Dessert.  
Chicken alternative upon request.  
\$15.00 per person

El Kahir Shrine  
905 Tower Terrace Rd  
Hiawatha Iowa

Please R.S.V.P. by 12/14/20  
to El Kahir Shrine Office  
at 319-395-0109





## GREETINGS FROM THE DIRECTOR'S STAFF

We WERE slowly but surely starting to get things going again at El Kahir. Unfortunately, this darned virus is gaining strength again. The main thing – stay healthy!

The Sportsman's Raffle was a huge success. I am convinced that everyone keeps coming back because of the gourmet lunch served by the Director's Staff.

Basket Night took a hiatus in November because of, guess what... that darned virus. Let's all pray for a month of healing and we can come back in December.

I added this picture last month. Not one

person has been able to guess the Staff member who is diligently cleaning. I will give you a hint – rumor has it that he hasn't always obeyed the law even though his



Dad enforced the law in Cedar Rapids. Can you name this dedicated Staff member who is helping to keep our kitchen clean?

The 2<sup>nd</sup> most important thing:: I know you're waiting for the answers from last month so here they are –

**Why did the tomato blush?** (Because it saw the salad dressing.)

**Why didn't the duck pay for the lip balm?** (He wanted to put it on his bill.)

There are a couple of serious, happy events that I want to share. The first is Illus-

trious Sir Dale presenting Noble Fred Madison with his 50-year Shrine membership certificate. Congratulations to our very own Director Emeritus Fred Madison. The second is presentation to Illustrious Sir George Zinser of his 50-year Masonic certificate and pin (pictured with his sons Andrew and Michael). Congratulations to Fred and Illustrious Sir George.



### Look for us at these events

**Basket Night** – Put December 11 on your calendar (in pencil) and pray for some healing. We still serve the best burgers and tenderloin sandwiches from here to Oswego, NY. Tell your friends and neighbors and keep your fingers crossed.

To tell the truth, I don't know what other events we will be able to hold. I know you will hoot and holler when you see the Staff though.



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

What do you call a Magician without magic?

Did you know Yoda had a last name?

Yours in the faith,  
Jim Arnold

### Black Camel Report

	Born	Created	Died
Denny Edwards	1/30/1946	12/2/1972	8/27/2020
Kenneth Miller	8/28/1926	11/21/1970	10/9/2020
Charles King, P.P.	4/21/1925	11/17/1961	10/20/2020
Douglas Torson	2/25/1941	5/28/1966	11/6/2020



## December Birthdays

Gordon F Goettsch	1
Richard H Landis	2
Rodney A Emerson	2
George W Lawrence	3
Peter M Christiansen	5
Stephen W Thorpe	6
Vernon E Pickerill	6
Jerrold A Eide	7
Richard L Gerstenkorn Sr.	8
Leslie M Reinertson	9
Donald D Stansbery	11
Kent E Cramer	11
William P Ruhl	13
Jason T Schluttenhofer	15
Stephan J Kajtor	15
Steven R Nielsen	15
Clyde W Balvanz	18
Brian Kristensen	19
David E Jiruska	19
George A Case	19
James R Schultz	19
Larry R Hill	19
Neal W Perry	19
Harold F Layher	20
Michael D Stok	21
Robert D Boldt	22
John C Schlobohm	24
Kevin M Winn	24
Anthony A Diersen	25
Chance E Wahl	25
Jeffrey L Zaputil	27
Ted D Vosburg	27
James W Tausz	29
Dennis R Wiley P.P.	30
Merlin D Osten	31
Michael A Schmitz	31
Michael C Harting	31
Michael G Zinser	31

Coming to a neighborhood near you!!

2020



Dropping Donations...

This could "drop" in your front yard!!

How it works. For a donation ....

This beautiful lawn ornament may be delivered to a special friend	\$20.00
This beautiful lawn ornament may be removed from your lawn	\$15.00
You may purchase insurance to prevent this from "dropping" in your lawn	\$25.00
You may present this to someone else after it has been "dropped" on your lawn	\$10.00

To schedule a "dropping," contact Lady Julie at 319-431-1489 or [robergehome@gmail.com](mailto:robergehome@gmail.com).

We will be happy to deliver a pimped out commode to your family and friends!

Droppings will begin Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Order your droppings early!

## PATIENT TRIPS

Mid-October Through Mid-November 2020

**Date** 10/21-22  
**TO** CHI  
**Driver** Kha Phan

In addition to the above trip, five families took themselves to the Shriners facility in Minneapolis. El Kahir provided assistance with lodging, mileage and meals.

A number of trips are currently scheduled. However, two have been postponed at this time. The covid-19 situation has created postponements of face-to-face appointments, but many are held through teletext or online resources.



*Thanks to those working  
and donating to*

**BINGO**



**Always having FUN!!**

(Especially Shirley!)



Trunk or Treat on October 30th was a REAL success. Several hundred children and their families stopped by.

The candy chute in the back of Noble Todd Morgan's van was a real hit!

**PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP**

**SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL**

**EL KAHIR SHRINE**

To the Potentate, Officers and Nobles of El Kahir Shrine, situated in the Oasis of Hiawatha, Desert of Iowa:

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Master Mason in good standing in \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, located at \_\_\_\_\_

Furthermore, I do not now, and never will, hold membership or allegiance to, any body claiming to be Masonic that has been declared clandestine by the Grand Lodge of Iowa or Grand Lodge of any State.

If, I be found worthy, and my request granted, I promise to conform to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Imperial Council and the Bylaws and Ceremonies of El Kahir Shrine.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name in full (Initial Not Sufficient)

Full name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Profession or Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously applied for admission to any Shrine? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If so, what Shrine? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

Residence: Number & Street \_\_\_\_\_

Town or City \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Office/Work) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Hat or Fez Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Were you in the DeMolay? Yes / No

I would be interested in joining a Unit or Club. Yes / No

**INITIATION FEES**

**Total Initiation Fee - \$300.00**

(Includes Jeweled Fez, Hospital Fee, Imperial Per-capita and current year's dues)

**FULL PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY THIS PETITION**

Recommended and Vouched for on the Honor of:

No 1. Noble: (Sign) \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_


(Print) \_\_\_\_\_

No 2. Noble: (Sign) \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

(Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Recorder's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_

# December 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 5:00pm Embassy Club open 6:00pm Mobile Nobles 7:00pm Color Guard 7:00pm Revvin' Fezzes	<b>2</b> 6:00pm Flying Fez 6:00pm Vintage Auto	<b>3</b> 6:00pm BINGO In the Activities Center	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6:00pm Trojan Ritual Practice 6:30pm Divan Meeting 6:30pm Foot Patrol 6:30pm Wright County 7:00pm Marion Chapter 183 O.E.S.	<b>8</b> 5:00pm Grill Master: Embassy Club open and serving food 7:30pm Director's Staff 7:30pm Marion Chapter 10 R.A.M.	<b>9</b> 6:00pm Greeters 7:30pm Stated Meeting	<b>10</b> 6:00pm BINGO In the Activities Center 7:00pm North Iowa Shrine Club	<b>11</b> 5:30pm Basket Night 5:30pm Basket Night 7:00pm OWLS Meeting in Board Room	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6:00pm Trojan Ritual Practice	<b>15</b> 5:00pm Grill Master: Embassy Club open and serving food 7:30pm Marion Lodge #6 7:30pm Shrine Band	<b>16</b> 6:00pm Northeast Iowa	<b>17</b> 6:00pm BINGO In the Activities Center 6:00pm Delaware County	<b>18</b> 5:30pm Teddy Bear Round Up	<b>19</b> 5:00pm All shrine Christmas Party
<b>20</b> 3:00pm Kruzers	<b>21</b> 6:30pm Trustees 7:30pm Trojan Lodge	<b>22</b> 5:00pm Grill Master: Embassy Club open and serving food 7:00pm Hospital Dads	<b>23</b> 6:00pm BINGO In the Activities Center	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6:00pm Trojan Ritual Practice	<b>29</b> 5:00pm Grill Master: Embassy Club open and serving food	<b>30</b> 6:00pm BINGO In the Activities Center	<b>31</b> 6:00pm Director's Staff Christmas Party	Notes:	



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