



EL KAHIR



KARAVAN

DALE ROBERGE - POTENTATE

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HIAWATHA, IOWA

Notice of Electronic Annual Meeting

Nobles, Imperial code now allows for electronic attendance at meetings. So, in addition to meeting at the Temple in Hiawatha, we will be streaming the January Annual Meeting via Zoom. While you will be able to attend the meeting from Home via Zoom, you will be required to present a 2021 Dues Card to the meeting 'Tylers' prior to admittance and will be expected to be isolated from non Shriners.

The Wednesday prior to the meeting, the meeting credentials will be eMailed to all active Nobles. Therefore, if we do not have your eMail address on file it would behoove you to drop a note to AdminAssistant@ElKahir.org to make sure we have it.

Yours in Shrine faith

Rick Bowersox, Recorder



If you went on the Potentate's ride, you know what this is, otherwise, just keep guessing.



The Mobile Noblettes

A Message From Your Potentate



Nobles and Ladies,

I would like to wish you a Happy New Year and that this finds you healthy and safe. I would like to congratulate the Nobles that were elected to the Divan for 2021.

It has been an amazing five years. I would like to thank all of the Nobles and Ladies that have supported Lady Julie and I throughout this five-year journey. Your friendships and generosity have made this journey more than what I anticipated.

So 2020, this year did not go anywhere near what was planned. There has been both highs and lows. The year started off great but in March we had the start of the pandemic with cancelations and postponements. We chose to use this time to get deep cleaning done on the Kitchen and updates to the bar, front entry, and ladies' bathroom. Due to the shutdown, we lost the circus. These presented even more difficult decisions. Ultimately, I chose to lay the staff off which in turn gave them the opportunity to collect the extra unemployment. I would like to thank all of the nobles and ladies that came out during the shutdown and helped mow the lawn, clean and complete so much, without your help we could not have maintained the Shrine Center during this time.

El Kahir was able to parade in Dysart during the 4th of July weekend. There was so much fun with Oriental Band, Mobile Nobles, Vintage Auto, Revvin Fez, Hospital Dads and many more Nobles. We missed the fantastic Oriental Band and Vintage Auto picnic and hospitality as it was required to be scaled back and other parades were canceled.

The Potentate's ball was rescheduled to August and able to be held. This may have been due to me having my fingers crossed that there would not be another shutdown. Fortunately, we were able to get together in fellowship and fun, I would like to thank all of the nobles and ladies that helped make the ball a fantastic event.

By September, El Kahir was able to hold a paired down Shriner Awareness day and have a Potentate's Ride. I would like to thank everyone that came out to help with the Shriner Awareness day, it may have been a smaller turnout but it did allow for social spacing and gave El Kahir an opportunity to show the community who we are. All of the Nobles and Ladies that joined Lady Julie and I for the Potentate's Ride had a great time as we rode around Iowa on the backroads looking at the scenery, eating ice cream and enjoying great fellowship.

In October we hit new heights. The Trunk or Treat was packed! There was a line to get into the parking lot. Ill Sir Jay and I made a candy run to the store to get more candy for the kids. The only thing that would have made the night better is if we had more participation from the Nobles and ladies. The next day was the Sportsman's Raffle and I want to thank everyone for their efforts to make this event the most successful sportsman's raffle in quite some time.

In November we were back to canceling events again. Even with the cancelation of the fall ceremonial we were still able to do cold sands on 5 nobles, one in Wright County and four others in Cedar Rapids. Due to the 15 person limit we had to go to remote voting which was a first for El Kahir. In mid-December most of the restrictions were lifted in time for the All-Shrine Christmas party. I know that everyone that attended had a great time and I would like to thank Ill Sir Dave Sutton for catering a great event.

This year has brought adversity but El Kahir has moved forward and with the help of everyone we have reached out and found new opportunities. This is because of the Nobility of El Kahir. We are not the biggest temple but we are doing things that a number of other temples wish they could accomplish. That is why I know... the Future is Still so Bright for El Kahir!

Truly Thank You for everything!!

Yours in the Faith,

Dale Roberge II

Dale Roberge, Potentate



El Kahir Shrine Annual Business Meeting

Wednesday, January 13th, 2021 — 7:30 PM

905 TOWER TERRACE ROAD
HIAWATHA, IA

ATTEST:

Dale G. Roberge, Potentate

&

Richard L. Bowersox, Recorder

WEAR YOUR FEZ!

YOUR 2021 SHRINE AND BLUE LODGE DUES CARDS ARE NECESSARY FOR ADMITTANCE



A Message From the First Lady



Greetings,

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and are celebrating the New Year!

Preparing for the New Year, I

would like to take the time to say Thank You to so many for all you have done for El Kahir Shrine and Dale and I. 2020 had many unexpected turns but like true El Kahir Shriners and their Ladies everyone was there to pitch in and step up to get things done.

Our incredible Ball Committee planned 2 Balls one in May which was postponed and then another in August. Everyone that was able to attend the ball had a great time because of all of their efforts. It was a night of celebration. There was some questionable dancing and some wild stories being told. Many of the attendees went away with a much lighter weight after the fun and laughter of the night.

The office staff worked to keep things running even when most thought there was nothing happening. Planning and replanning trips to the hospital for patients to be treated. A friendly smile and greeting when you come to the Shrine and always a demonstration of love for our patients of the philanthropy and fraternity. A sincere Thank You.

During our time on the Divan, Dale and I have not been focused only on 2020. It has been about the journey and learning about Shrine Intl and El Kahir. We have met so many wonderful people while on the Divan. These friends are not just for today but for a lifetime. I would like to thank all of the clubs and units that have welcomed Dale and I with so much hospitality and generosity of care. Your kindness will always be remembered as a special gift.

There has been heartbreak over the years as with any family, for those that have passed away and moved away. Missing those that have held such an important part and place in our hearts.

I would like to thank the Divan Ladies that have helped with so many events this year and for all of your support. I knew I was able to call on you and you would do whatever was needed.

I would like to thank the many Ladies of El Kahir Shrine that have befriended, mentored, laughed and plotted some mischief with me on my Divan journey. I have been blessed with so many wonderful and kind women.

I would like to congratulate the Divan of El Kahir for 2021. Have a great year and Have Fun!

Remember always, The Future is so Bright for El Kahir!

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.

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	Robert Stevens	11/20
Ill Sir. George Zinser	9/20	Darrell Fremont	12/20



Sheryl and Marlee are ready to take your Bingo food order.

The View From the Recorder's Office



One last time!

Happy New Year, Nobles and Ladies. The days are getting longer and hopefully the dark days of 2020 are behind us and there is light as we move into 2021.

As the New Year is starting, my time in this office is coming to a conclusion. It has been my honor and pleasure to serve the Nobles of El Kahir as their Recorder for the past 5 years. Leaving is bittersweet but I know that we will be in good hands with our new Recorder, Illustrious Sir Floyd.

And, speaking about our new Recorder I should also let you know about the other officers and committeemen elected to serve El Kahir in 2021:

Potentate:	Rusty Meister
Chief Rabban:	Ill. Sir Larry Ritze
Assistant Rabban:	Todd Morgan
H.P. & P.:	Chris White
Treasurer:	Larry Potter
Recorder:	Ill. Sir Floyd Sauter
Trustee (2025):	Ill. Sir Dale Roberge
Endowment (2024):	Rick Seger
Endowment (2024):	Rick Bowersox

(Yes, Ill. Sir Dale and I are suckers for punishment! And, yes, we are still looking for an Oriental Guide.)

The election was certainly a new one for the Temple. With the Governor's mandate of no more than 15 at the meeting we were forced to have 4 satellite locations, all connected via Zoom, where the Nobles could meet and vote. Luckily, Imperial foresaw limits on meeting sizes and provided, approved, procedures to allow for the remote balloting. For the most part, for a first time trial, the process went very well.. One of our 'remote' sites was the Shrine Boardroom which made use of the 'permanent' Zoom meeting setup underwritten by the Past Master's Unit. Thanks, Past Master's!

Speaking of the Zoom set-up in the Board room,, it is available for use by any Club or Unit whose members may want to attend meetings but cannot do so in person.



Finally, as I close out this last article, I remind you of our Annual Meeting on January 13th and the installation of 2021 officers on January 16th. Farewell and Happy Trails to You!

RH Bowersox

Recorder
El Kahir Shrine



Prior to the election, we Created 4 new Nobles: (from left) Gavin Hermanson, John Thornton, Jason Haven, and Bruno Bracewell.



New Noble Tony Miller (second from right in back), Created at the December Wright County Shrine Club Meeting.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Potentate's Appointments Terminate When Illustrious Sir's Term Ends

When a Potentate's term of office expires, all appointments made by him during his administration terminate. Such appointments include: Potentate's Aides, Ambassadors, Unit Heads, Committee Chairmen and any other appointed officers.

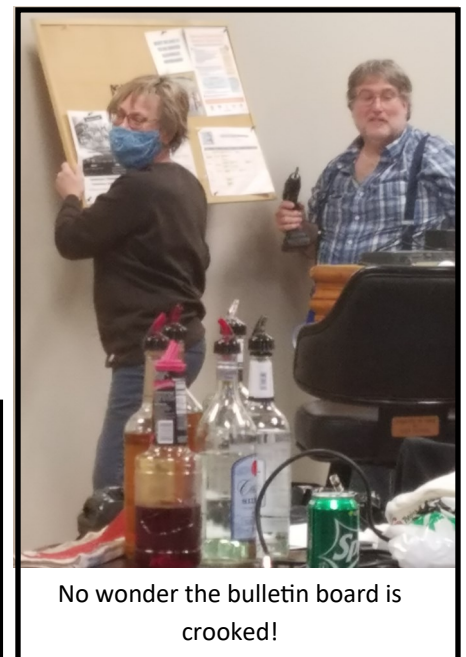
Under Imperial Shrine Law, the Potentate of El Kahir Temple, when he is installed as Chief Executive Officer must make his own appointments, including the six officers of the appointed Divan - First and Second Ceremonial Masters, Ceremonial Director, Marshall, Captain of the Guard and Outer Guard.

The El Kahir Temple Potentate has the power and authority to replace every appointee - or he may, if he believes it to be the best interest of the El Kahir Temple, retain all appointees. Traditionally, for the sake of efficiency, many El Kahir Temple Nobles of demonstrated ability are continued in office by reappointment. But this is at the will and pleasure of the Potentate - Elect.

Courtesy requires that a Noble of El Kahir Temple holding an appointive office, position or assignment tender his resignation to the Potentate - Elect. If the Potentate - Elect desires a El Kahir Temple Noble to continue in his office by reappointment, he will be notified by the Potentate - Elect to that effect.

In addition to the Appointed Divan Officers, this applies to Ambassadors, Potentate's Aides, Committee Chairmen, Unit Heads, it does not apply to Shrine Club Officers. They are elected and installed by their membership before the Potentate - Elects take office.

If a El Kahir Temple Noble is not appointed for the ensuing year, he should deliver the official Temple Fez carrying any Title, Committee or Staff designation to the Temple Recorder, unless he is allowed by the Potentate - Elect to keep the official Fez for sentimental reasons. If this Fez is to be worn, however; all lettering except the name of El Kahir Temple should be removed. Any El Kahir Temple Noble not appointed to a position by the Potentate - Elect cannot wear a Fez carrying a Title or other designation; to do so is in violation of the Imperial Code.



Nancy's Notes



This year has been full of all kinds of challenges. However, I am truly blessed to have met and worked with those of you who have served our patients and their family members so they could get to the appointments and surgeries they needed. Please accept my most sincere thanks for all that you have done.

More than 40 of you have answered my requests for drivers, many repeatedly. In addition, you have found new drivers, new

riders and sponsored new patients as well.

Many of you have taken time off from your jobs or rearranged your personal schedules. Some of you have taken special food or treats along. Some of you have driven extra miles or hours to pick up a vehicle to use. Those are just a few examples. And I'm sure there are a lot more that I don't even know about.

The parents and guardians appreciate you ever so much, too. They often tell me, during their phone calls, how pleasant, helpful, and kind you have been to them and their patient.

So know that you have made the world better, especially for those children and adults who need you the most. I admire and stand in awe of you. May God bless you always!

Nancy Grindle, Admin Assistant
El Kahir Shrine

November Donations

El Kahir Transportation Fund

Mr. Lenny Kimm
Grundy County Shrine Club
Noble Richard Hurlbut and Lady Mary

In Memory of Noble Phil Morris

Lady Darlene Morris

In Memory of Noble Bill Wallace

Ms. Lucia Hutchcroft

In Memory of Noble Robert Walke

Lady Joan Walke

In Memory of Noble James Shanklin

Mr. and Mrs. Elie Khairllah
Mr. and Mrs. David Venjohn
Chris Jirsa
Mrs. Donna Simonson
Mrs. Denna Shirkey
Miss Jo Ann Runyan
Mr. and Mrs. John Feulner
Mrs. Janet Lacy
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crull
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cooper
Mr. and Mrs. Teresa Smith
Ill. Sir Michael Brain and Lady Anne
Mr. Scott Morningstar
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Jones

In Memory of Noble Doug Torson

Mr. and Mrs. Al Hammond

El Kahir General Fund

Revvin Fezzes
Wright County Shrine Club

El Kahir Endowment Fund

In Memory of Lady Janet Besh

Ill. Sir Marlin Mullnix and Lady Marty
Ms. Judith Moody
Mr. Mark Clark

In Memory of Noble Robert Walke

Lady Joan Walke

Shriners Hospital for Children

In Memory of Illustrious Sir Charles King

Ms. Karol Ross
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woline
Mr. Fred Schuchmann
Noble Harold Schaefer and Lady Joyce
The Accel Group
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In Memory of Noble Doug Torson

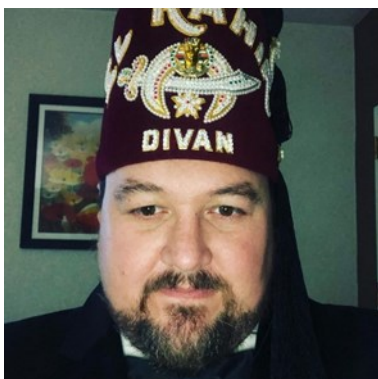
Noble Michael Moseley and Lady Melanie
Ms. Constance Woods
Mr. Charles Knudsen
Mr. and Mrs. Al Hammond
Mr. Gerald Showman

GREETINGS FROM THE DIRECTOR'S STAFF

Greetings, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year 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 new year will be here soon.



Congratulations to Ill. Sir Dale Roberge and his lady, Julie. It was a year full of surprises, but you lead us through it. We



bounced around all over the place! To our newly elected Divan, we look forward to a fun year. Director's Staff is here to support

you. Congratulations to –

Potentate – Rusty Meister
 Chief Rabban – Ill. Sir Larry Ritze
 Assistant Rabban – Todd Morgan
 High Priest & Prophet – Chris White
 Treasurer – Larry Potter
 Recorder – Ill. Sir Floyd Sauter

Basket Night is still on hiatus for the time being because of that darned virus.

Let's all pray for a month of healing and we can come back in January. Last month, I didn't receive any guesses about the dedicated Staff member who was helping to keep our kitchen clean. Take another look at the picture from last month... someone HAS to know the answer.

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

What do you call a Magician without magic? (Ian)
 Did you know Yoda had a last name? (Layheehoo)
 Look for us at these events

Basket Night – We still serve the best burgers and tenderloin sandwiches from here to Oswego, NY. Tell your friends and neighbors and keep your fingers crossed for something soon. 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)

Where did the Terminator find toilet paper?
 What do you call a bulletproof Irishman?

Yours in the faith,
 Jim Arnold



Congratulations to our New Chief Rabban

Black Camel Report

	Born	Created	Died
Richard W Booth	9/1/1938	2/17/1979	11/28/2020
William C Laubengayer	7/1/1938	5/19/1979	12/6/2020
Lloyd E Hultman	9/14/1932	6/1/1974	7/30/2020



January Birthdays

Jeffery E Bennett	1	Ron Bartusek	9	David L Justice	24
Thomas E Wilson	1	Charles W Avis	10	John D Van Brocklin	24
John C Wagor	2	Roger C Carson	10	Isaac E McGee	25
Michael D Hutton	3	Jason Knox	10	Richard S Salvesen	25
Thomas D Holbert	4	Bradley D Petersen	10	Ronald J Bowers	26
Carl R Meusel	4	Donovan S McNaughton	12	Todd J Butler	26
John R Cherry	5	Michael K Moseley	13	John A Leefers	26
Todd B Eiler P.P.	5	Raymond M Stockwell	13	Martin J Novak	27
Jim D Morford	5	Dennis L Hanna	14	Charles R Swarzenruber	28
Marlin W Mullnix P.P.	6	Jeff A Parker	14	Carl M Campbell	29
Marshall G Mullnix	6	Paul Nielsen	17	Samuel E Skare	30
Bob G Rees Ret. USN	6	Thomas J Patterson	17	Norman Z Wright	30
Donald K Coonrod	7	Jeffrey R Witt	19	Jimmie E Arnold	31
R S Young	7	Thomas H Harvey	21	Richard J Formanek	31

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Parades@elkahir.org	Parade Marshal
PublicRelations@elkahir.org	Public Relations Committee
WebMaster@elkahir.org	WebMaster

Hospital Trips -- Mid-November Through Mid-December 2020

Date	TO	Drivers
12/4	MPLS	Todd Morgan James Voss
12/21	MPLS	Kha Phan

In addition, three patient families took themselves to the Twin Cities with assistance from El Kahir for mileage, lodging and meals.

The COVID-19 situation has affected regular trips tremendously, primarily because of reluctance to travel at this time. In addition, three trips were postponed because the patients had other illnesses.

November 2020 Membership Report		
Total as of 1/1/2020 =	524	
	Nov 2020	2020 (YTD)
Creations	0	0
Affiliations	0	1
Restorations	0	2
Associates	0	0
Associate Dropped	0	0
Deceased	2	23
Demitted	1	2
Suspended	0	0
Resigned	0	0
	-3	-22
Total as of 11/30/2020 =	502	

The Potentate's Ride



The intrepid riders



Marshall—what happened to your trike?



Time to leave Cedar Falls

Bingo Time!



The Crew



Is this how you call the numbers?

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 _____

January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 6:00pm Trojan Ritual Practice 6:30pm Foot Patrol 6:30pm Wright County 7:00pm Marion Chapter 183 O.E.S.	5 5:00pm Grill Master: Embassy Club open and serving food 7:00pm Color Guard 7:00pm Revvin' Fezzes	6	7 6:00pm BINGO In the Activities Center	8	9
10	11 6:00pm Trojan Ritual Practice 6:30pm Divan meeting	12 6:30pm Hospital Dads 7:30pm Director's Staff	13 6:00pm Greeters 7:30pm Stated Meeting	14 6:00pm BINGO In the Activities Center 7:00pm North Iowa Shrine Club	15	16 11:00am Installation of Officers
17	18	19 5:00pm Grill Master: Embassy Club open and serving food 7:30pm Marion Lodge #6	20 6:00pm Northeast Iowa	21 6:00pm BINGO In the Activities Center 6:00pm Delaware County	22	23
24	25	26 5:00pm Grill Master: Embassy Club open and serving food	27	28 6:00pm BINGO In the Activities Center	29	30
31						



Winner, Winner — Chicken Dinner!



A Shrine Parade for a very ill Treasurer

happy new year

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