

EL KAHIR



KARAVAN

Rusty Meister - POTENTATE

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Wednesday, May 12th 7:30 p.m. Stated Meeting

Waverly Veterans Post,

A Message From Your Potentate

Nobles and Ladies,



I hope everyone is doing well in these troubled times we all have been through. With vaccines getting more available as each day passes, I look forward to seeing you all. This is the time we bring back the fun in 21. Time to get back to meeting, parading, and helping our Shriners Children.

If you have not heard the circus has been canceled for this year. We are currently looking into other options to help make up this budget shortfall. With this being said, I challenge each one of you to come help with one of our fundraisers. With the support of each one of you we will make this a successful year. This is not my

year, this is our year. Let's get back to having fun with a purpose.

We are currently selling raffle tickets for a special spring drawing. The raffle is for a Ruger 350 Legend and several accessories. Only 250 tickets and they are going fast.

I personally want to thank every one who has stepped up this year and helped out. If you have any interest in helping out with a fundraiser or have any questions, please reach out to myself or the Divan. Let's make this a year to remember.

Yours in the Faith,

Rusty Meister
Rusty Meister, Potentate

El Kahir Shrine



Greeting Nobles;

Spring is in the air! I can't wait to hit the timber in search of the illusive morel mushroom. I can almost taste them. I have officially made the decision to retire from the State of Iowa on April 29th of this year. I am looking forward to my next phase in life. Spending more time with the grandchildren, golfing, working outside and yes El Kahir Shrine.

Illustrious Sir Rusty, Noble Todd and I attended Central States Shrine Association Business Session in Oklahoma City March 11th thru the 13th. It was great to see members from all over Central States and see how they have dealt with pandemic. A few of us also had a derecho that caused interesting changes to our world. How do we move forward to bring our philanthropy and message back to our members and public. Imperial officers provided some inspiration and things for thought. I am so excited to start working with the Divan and Nobles to have some fun!

Parade season is coming up quickly. Get out into the community and show how much fun Shriners have. Onion Sales are underway, Bingo has been going well all year. The Divan is working hard to make plans and back up plans for the rest of the year. Make plans with your Unit, club or the Temple to have some FUN. Be creative and use that Yes we can attitude to get out and share our fun with other members and the communities that we visit.

Yours in Faith

Larry D. Ritze, P.P.

Chief Rabban

One of our Nobles could use a little help from time to time.

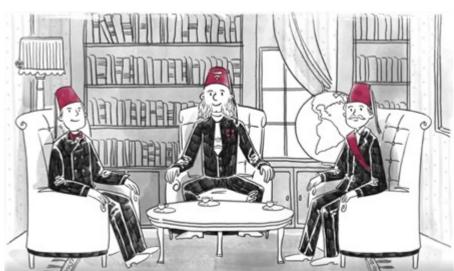
If you can help with small household type things, please give a call
(319) 389-6818

The Recorder's Corner



I want to thank Illustrious Sir Dale Roberge and 1st Lady Julie for their superb leadership over the last year. 2020 was nothing like what anyone could have predicted, and many difficult decisions had to be made. I believe that Illustrious Sir Dale and 1st Lady Julie were the right people to lead the El Kahir Shrine through these trying times. Congratulations to the newly elected 2021 Shrine Divan.

We have had a very cold, snowy February. March is warming up and the snow is melting. During this time, I have been learning the structure on how the Recorders office works. This has been exciting. There is a lot of new things that are in place. I would like to



Thank Rick Bowersox for all his help and teaching me the ropes.

With the Circus being Canceled, there are three fund raisers scheduled at this time. They are the Potentates fundraiser of the Spring Gun Raffle (Information located in the newsletter), Vidalia Onions, and Terry Stokes Hypnotist show. There is Vidalia Onions Order forms in the Karavan, and the weekly newsletter. The spring Gun Raffle Tickets

should be at the Shrine March 11, 2021. The annual Sportsmen's Raffle committee are putting together plans. We will try to have the tickets out early this year.

I want to close this months Recorder's Corner by thanking every Noble and Lady of El Kahir Shrine. Because of you, we can be successful at taking care of the children of this Temple. Please remember that the children and their healthcare are why we are Shriners. I ask that we continue this excellent working relationship. Amongst ourselves. Thank you again to the Nobility and Ladies of El Kahir Shrine for their continued dedication and support to El Kahir Shrine; it is appreciated more than could ever be expressed. If you need anything from me, please feel free to call the office at 319-395-0109 or email me at recorder@elkahir.org. As always, I remain.

Fraternally Yours,

Floyd Sauter, P.P.

Recorder

Special Spring Gun Raffle



Ruger American 350 Legend – Go Wild Edition

Leupora Vx Freedom 3-9X40 Scope

350 Legend Edition

Includes: 119 Buck Knife

Box of Browning 350 BXR Ammo

\$125 gift card to Newhall Locker

\$20 per ticket. Only 250 tickets available.

*Drawing once all tickets are sold

Hello Brother Nobles and to Your Ladies!



When is the last time you "PASSED THE WORD" about what we do?

On a daily basis, do you talk to your friends and coworkers about what YOU do as a Shriner or Mason? Do you let those people know how much fun it is to get together with your Unit

and parade? Do you let them know what WE do to get our kids the medical help they need (and that WE provide)? Do you talk to them about how our Mason Lodges "Make a Good Man Better"? Do you wear your Shriner or Masonic shirt to work? ...or when you go out to the Mall with your Lady?

Every one of these acts "Passes The Word" and gives those around THEM the chance to respond... Tell Me More" OR "How Do I Become a Mason or Shriner?"

In your service,

Todd Morgan

Assistant Rabban



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

Larry Potter	10/19	Ill Sir. George Zinser	9/20
Rick Bowersox	3/20	Todd Morgan	9/20
Darrell Zacharias	3/20	Wayne Kinney	9/20
Gary Berger	3/20	Gary Rees	9/20
Wayne & Margaret Bil	lings3/20	Norman Wright	9/20
Dennis Wiley, PP	5/20	Leland Thomson	10/20
Gregg Wilson	5/20	Robert Murray	11/20
H. Winfred Condon	7/20	Michael Moseley	11/20
Gerald Bakken	7/20	Ronald Bowers	11/20

What is SUCCESS?

I was thinking about the many ways to measure success in our Personal, Professional, Masonic, and Shriner worlds. I would like to share a few of them with you. I'm sure you will be able to add a few more but here is what I came up with:

- -Celebrating a wedding, wedding anniversary or birth of a family member.
- -Congratulating a new, brother mason into our fraternity after they have been initiated, passed or raised.
- -Completing a major project at work or home.
- -Helping a brother mason, noble or their widow when they reach out for assistance.
- -Taking a Shriner Children's patient to their initial evaluation, continued care appointment, scheduled surgery appointment or a post-surgery appointment.
- -Getting together with the other nobles in your Unit or Club for a meeting or gathering.
- -Being a part of a fundraiser.
- -Getting a chance to parade.
- ... What can you think of that I did not include?

My point is simple: We are still doing GREAT THINGS all around our lives. Take a moment to celebrate before you continue on in your life.

Black Camel Report					
	Born	Created	Died		
Paul I Buckley	10/25/2020	6/5/98	2/9/1922		
Richard W Booth	11/28/2020	2/17/1979	9/1/1938		
William C Laubengayer	12/26/2020	5/19/1979	7/1/1938		
Robert D Ehlers	12/27/2020	11/16/1962	6/4/1927		
David Lawyer	12/31/2020	2/19/1977	3/26/1936		
III. Sir Frank E Mead	1/8/2021	11/19/1979	3/15/1930		
Charles J Bacon	1/10/2021	5/27/1978	5/21/1940		
Dave Hartley	2/16/2021	11/19/2011	4/12/1959		

Greetings from North Iowa!

With Spring coming up soon, I know that we as Nobles of the Shrine are excited and antsy for Parade Season! I would like to remind our Units and Clubs to fill out the Parade Request Form found on our website. Also, with the unfortunate news of canceling our Shrine Circus, YOUR members of the Divan are looking at some smaller Fundraisers to keep us afloat for 2021. If you have any suggestions, feel free to pass them along to us at divan@elkahir.org

Coming up in May, our Stated Meeting will be held at the Waverly Area Veterans Post. I look forward to seeing the members of our Nobility!

In closing, I would like to once again thank you, OUR El Kahir Nobles for all you Do for us at El Kahir. I am truly grateful to be entrusted to serve as your High Priest and Prophet this year.

Fraternally,

Christopher White

High Priest and Prophet

In addition, 9 patient families received assistance with mileage, lodging, and/or meals during this time.

If we have inadvertently failed to include your name for a trip, please let the El Kahir office know (319-395-0109).

If anyone else would like to be a volunteer driver/co-driver for El Kahir Shrine, please call Nancy at 319-395-0109 or 319-389-9090. We will be happy to have you help.

Nancy's Notes

Hospital Trips

Mid-January Through Mid-April 2021

	Date	To	Driver	Co-Driver
	1/18	MPLS	Rick Hofmeyer	Joe Buresh
	2/2-3	MPLS	Bart Waddell	Casey Waddell
	2/23	MPLS	Wayne Schmidt	Janet Schmidt
	2/23-24	Chicago	Bart Waddell	Julie Waddell
l	3/9	MPLS	Rick Hofmeyer	Gene Gage
	3/10	MPLS	Bart Waddell	
	3/17-18	Chicago	Bart Waddell	Casey Waddell
	3/24	MPLS	Keith Zeigler	Dave Heims
	4/9	MPLS	Dale Roberge	Julie Roberge
	4/13	MPLS	Tom Harvey	

Recent Donations

El Kahir Transportation Fund

In Memory of David Hartley

Dellene & Ronald Hager Brenda Rekowln Gwen & Leigh Rekow Sara Basinger

In Memory of Harlan Hamdorf

Robert & Sharon Murray

In Memory of Mary Levi

H.G & J.E Schaeffer

Andra Mosier
Carla Blank
Mobile Nobles

S & K Aerospace, LLC S & K Logistics Services, LLC Alliant Energy Corporation Bushman Excavating Greg's Lawn Service Community Presbyterian Church

Bingo

El Kahir General Fund

North Ia. Shrine Club Wright County Shrine Club

Shriners Hospital for Children

Ruth L Lutz Janet & Larry Bolton Pat & Dick Merritt, Jodie Ludwing Alliant Energy

GREETINGS FROM THE DIRECTOR'S STAFF

The new year is here and 2021 promises to be WAY better than last year. By the time this is published our new Divan will have been installed. We look forward to great things at El Kahir in 2021.



Even though the weather was cold, members of the Director's Staff were building. Fred Madison, Director Emeritus, had the need for a ramp. Thank you, Nobles, for getting out on a cold day to install it for Fred.

The 2^{nd} most important thing: I know you are waiting for the answers from last month because I get so many calls from Shriners wanting to know where I find such 'mind wrenching' riddles. So here they are –

Why do cows have bells? (Because their horns don't work)

Why did the bodybuilder get a tattoo of Frosty on his stomach? (He wanted an abdominal snowman)

Why does the mushroom always get invited to pizza parties? (Because he is such a fungi.)

Basket Night is planned to continue. Crowds have been small, but everyone had fun and spring is in the air. Awards keep coming our way about how our burgers are the best in the greater Midwest area. We even had a customer drive in from Alburnett to pick up tenderloins. The word is spreading fast.

Here you see Ill. Sir George Zinser directing our crew at the most recent Basket Night. He sure is a great kitchen manager.

Look for us at these events

Basket Night – I saw a writeup in 'Fabulous Chef' magazine. The author says that we serve the best burgers and tenderloin sandwiches from here to Mt. Pleasant, SC. Tell your friends and neighbors.

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

- Why did the tomato blush?
- What do you call an alligator in a vest?

Yours in the faith, Jim Arnold



Brother Nobles and Your Ladies,

I just wanted to give you an update of what Revvin Fezzes has been doing. Recent, six of our nobles went on a Karavan to the Makers Mark Distillery in Lerotto, KY. We broke bread and shared some Camel's Milk with brother nobles from Kosair Shrine Center in Louisville, KY. We have invited them up to Cedar Rapids to show them what WE are about. There is another trip in its initial planning. The destination is not nailed down yet but rumor has it that Las Vegas could be where WE land.

We will be having a working, unit meeting during our April 6th Monthly Unit Meeting @ El Kahir. We WILL be parading this Spring and Summer and need to get our go carts ready to Rock and Roll. We have a committee that is evaluating how we can restart OUR Monthly Omelet Breakfasts with May 2nd being our first, tentative fundraiser of 2021. Come on out and enjoy an Omelet made to order by the Illustrious Sir Mike Brain or "The Bearce Clan". We pushed back the date for our Annual Wild Game Feed to Saturday, Sept 18th.

Finally, if you want to be in an ACTIVE unit that:

- -Plays well with each other in the sandbox,
- -Has a ton of fun at our Omelet Breakfasts,
- -Plays gets together almost every Tues at El Kahir, and
- -Has at least one member involved in pretty much EVERY Shrine event that occurs, THEN YOU NEED TO COME OUT AND BECOME A MEMBER OF REVVIN FEZZES!

WE GET INVOLVED AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Respectfully,
Greg Pechman
2021 President, Revvin Fezzes



Onions, Onions, Onions...

I am just dropping a reminder that OUR Vidalia Onion Sales fundraiser is in full swing and will be winding down around April 14th. That is when El Kahir must have your orders in so that I can work with our supplier, "The Onion Man", to get our order in and on its way. It is okay (and encouraged) that you get your orders paid for when they are ordered. This



is optional but El Kahir has to pay for our order within 10 days of receipt, and long story short, there is a lag in time from when WE receive the onions until the funds reach El Kahir's office. We will receive our shipment around April $26^{\rm th}$.

See the order form on the next page.

eMail Address	Recipient			
Potentate@elkahir.org	Potentate			
_	Chief Rabban			
ChiefRabban@elkahir.org	Assistant Rabban			
AssistantRabban@elkahir.org				
HPP@elkahir.org	High Priest and Prophet			
OrientalGuide@elkahir.org	Oriental Guide			
Treasurer@elkahir.org	Treasurer			
Recorder@elkahir.org	Recorder			
Chaplain@elkahir.org	Chaplain			
Director@elkahir.org	Ceremonial Director			
Divan@elkahir.org	El Kahir Divan			
AdminAssistant@elkahir.org	Administrative Assistant			
BuildingAndGrounds@elkahir.org	Building and Grounds			
Circus@elkahir.org	Circus Committee			
Editor@elkahir.org	Karavan Editor			
GunRaffle@elkahir.org	Gun Raffle Committee			
Membership@elkahir.org	Membership Committee			
	Weekly eMail Newsletter			
Newsletter@elkahir.org	Subs			
Office@elkahir.org	Office Staff			
Onions@elkahir.org	Vidalia Onion Sales			
Parades@elkahir.org	Parade Marshal			
PublicRelations@elkahir.org	Public Relations Committee			
WebMaster@elkahir.org	WebMaster			



Date:

EL KAHIR Shrine Vidalia Onion Sale 2021



Date:			Take (orders until <mark>N</mark>	1arch 25 th .		
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30 % Bonus will be Paid to Units & Clubs or to YOUR designated fund for all onions purchased.

Onions are expected to be in the week of 26 April.

Return preliminary order to the below address by March 25th via USPS or email a scanned copy to Onions@ElKahir.Org P.O. Box 38,

Hiawatha, IA 52233

Keep a copy of this sheet for yourself.

Contact the El Kahir Office @ 319-395-0109 or Noble Todd Morgan @ 319-320-8376 with any questions.

iHeartMedia Outdoor Living Show Booth



On March 6th and 7th, El Kahir Shrine got an opportunity to "Pass The Word" about what WE do! We had a booth setup and had nobles there representing us. Passers-by asked about "what a Shriner is" and "What does a Shriner do?". Some already knew what WE do and just said, "Thank You"!

I would like to thank Phil Shook, Illustrious Sir Dave Robinson, Greg Pechman, Jay Cassill, Michael Zinser and OUR Illustrious Sir Rusty Meister for coming together to make this a Successful Event for US.

In closing, please look ahead at the Unit and Club level and start planning for parade season. Many of OUR 'Usual' parades will be taking place. I thank you ALL for what you are doing and encourage you to remember that when YOU are a small part of getting something done, WE GET A LOT DONE!

Hypnotist Show in May!!



Terry Stokes will be coming back to El Kahir for a show on **Friday**.

May 7, 2021. The doors open @

5pm with the show starting @ 7pm. The tickets are \$20. We are selling 100 tickets to the show. There will be 50 available @ the El Kahir office & Embassy Club for our nobles to pur-



chase so you will not have to pay the EventBrite service fee. There will be 50 more available via Eventbrite which will have a service charge added to the ticket price. Once the tickets at the office are sold out, you will have to buy your tickets from Event-Brite and have to pay the processing fees. The Embassy Club will be open in case you get thirsty. This is the usual setup that we have for every show. Feel free to give me a call with any questions. Pass the word to your friends and let's have some fun!

Apollo Commandery No.26 Knights Templar

Belgian Waffle & Pancake Breakfast

Father's Day, June 20, 2021

Shrine Activities Center
905 Tower Terrace
Hiawatha, Iowa
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
\$8.00 for all you care to eat

Tickets available from any
Commandery Officer, Shrine Office, or
eMail Secretary@CR-YorkRite.org
for reservations
Or just come on out and enjoy!

PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP

SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL

EL KAHIR SHRINE

To the Potentate, Officers and Nobles of El Kar	•	
I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a located at		Lodge, No,
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