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M E R R Y C H R I S T M A S

Wish you
the happiest
holidays

El Kahir 2024 Installation of Officers



January 13th, 2024

11:00 a.m.

*Ceremony will be followed by
hors d'oeuvres and Oasis*

Elective:

Todd W Morgan.....Illustrious Potentate
 Thomas N Kurtz.....Chief Rabban
 James T Voss.....Assistant Rabban
 Michael Sion.....High Priest & Prophet
 Robert O'Mara.....Oriental Guide
 Larry Potter.....Treasurer
 Floyd A Sauter, PP.....Recorder

Appointive:

Keith F Zeigler.....1st Ceremonial Master
 Michael Flockhart..2nd Ceremonial Master
 Justin L Tisor.....Director
 Jimmie E Arnold.....Marshal
 Richard J Hofmeyer....Captain of the Guard
 Jimmie E Arnold.....Chaplain
 George R Zinser.....Outer Guard

LIVING PAST POTENTATES

James M Fry	1995
George R Zinser	1996
Dennis R Wiley	2000
S Michael Brain	2002
Marlin W Mullnix	2004
Christopher D Gilstrap	2007
Randy E Cejka	2008
Darrell R Hansen	2009
Linc A Aldershof	2010
Daniel R Bush	2011
Larry D Ritze	2012
Floyd A Sauter Jr	2013
Todd B Eiler	2014
Douglas J Strike	2015
Ronald L DeVoll Jr	2016
David A Robinson	2017
David A Sutton	2018
Jay W Owens	2019
Dale G Roberge II	2020
Rusty J Meister	2021
Larry D Ritze	2022



**Articles for the
February/March
Karavan are due
to the Editor by
Monday January 15th.**

FROM YOUR DIVAN**THE POTENTATE'S PRONOUNCEMENT**

I would like to start by thanking everyone for their hard work in 2023. Your Divan has attended an incredible number of Unit & Club meetings this year to ensure OUR Nobility is well informed and supported. Our FUN-RAISERS & FUND-RAISERS have been incredibly successful due to the commitment of our many, many volunteers who are committed to El Kahir. "Some" of those events were: BINGO w/ the OUTSTANDING food of the Grill Masters Club, the Director's Staff Basket Night meals, the Revvin Fezzes Omelet Breakfasts, the seven Fish Fries, The Wild Game Feed, Hospital Patient Easter & Christmas Parties, Kentucky Derby Party, Parading, Potentate's Ball, Kids' Day, Potentate's Nashville Trip, USS Iowa SSN-797 Christening Watch Party, Caravan in Cedar Rapids' Freedom Fest, Annual Golf Outing, Iowa Shrine Bowl Festivities, Univ. of Iowa Hawkeye Football Game Potluck Parties, El Kahir Car Show, Craft & Stuff Vendor Event, Sportsman's Raffle, Trunk or Treat, and Game Day, just to name a few. Oh, yeah, we added more than 20 NEW NOBLES and Restored three Nobles.

The **Project Spruce Ladies** have helped to buy much-needed materials for OUR kitchen and bar with the funds they earned with their many fundraising activities. They donated funds towards the bar remodeling project AND paid to get OUR Event Hall painted. It is amazing how much of an impact they have made on El Kahir. They are **Carla Kelley, Erica Koppen, Julie Roberge, Lisa Parker and First Lady Stephanie Morgan**. Though they have completed their goal and have disbanded, please take a moment to thank them. They have made their mark on El Kahir and I cannot say how PROUD I am of their hard work. THANK YOU, LADIES!

My motto for 2023 was "Life is a Circus". There have been some very busy days and some not so busy days. On several occasions, I have managed to be able to take time to "Smell the Roses" thanks to the continued and loving support of my First Lady, Stephanie. She puts her heart into everything she does and has really kicked it up a notch with the different games, speakers, events and more she has arranged for the Ladies during El Kahir's monthly Stated Meetings. She has been doing this for the past several years and has gotten very good at it. She has also come out to support more events than I can count. My Chief Aide, Ill. Sir Dale Roberge, and his Lady, Julie Roberge, have shared their endless supply of support and encouragement. It seems that when we see a speed bump heading our way, Dale & Julie help us maneuver around or through it. We cannot thank them enough for not only helping us but for being our friends.

In closing, I am humbled by the EFFORT, DRIVE AND LOVE our El Kahir Family invested to make 2023 so much fun!!

DARE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND SEE HOW GOOD IT FEELS

In Shrine faith,

Todd Morgan, Potentate
 319-320-8376 - Potentate@ElKahir.org

**The Shrine Office Will Be
Closed on the Following Dates:**

Dec 25 Jan 1

FROM YOUR DIVAN



THE CHIEF RABBAN'S RAMBLINGS

We are back from CSSA in Omaha and had a great time! Thanks to Jay Cassill for letting the Director's staff borrow a truck to pull the fire truck and trailer! And to our Assistant Rabban James Voss for driving. The hospitality was great!

Congratulations to Revving Fez on their second-place finish in the four-wheel obstacle course competition. Next year CSSA will be in Topeka Kansas.

Lady Pamela and I are looking forward to it! Please come and join in the comradery of your fellow El Kahir and Central States Shriners.

We had the Iowa vs. Iowa State football party at the temple. Great crowd, food and fun! And the Hawks won! (Sorry Illustrious Sir Mike! Better luck next year!)

Congratulations to our new Grand Master and member of El Kahir, Darrell Fremont! We are all excited as your year begins.

I wanted to mention that we have had some issues with disturbing graffiti at the Scottish Rite building. As we all know there's a huge amount of misinformation regarding who we are and what we believe in as Masons and Shriners. Let's all try to educate the public on what we are about. Fortunately, we were able to pull images of the woman from the security cameras. Hopefully this leads to an arrest.

As always, please contact me or any divan member with your ideas and suggestions. I appreciate your commitment to El Kahir and looking forward to seeing you soon.

Yours in the faith,

Tom Kurtz, Chief Rabban
ChiefRabban@ElKahir.org

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/Mary Evans 10/22	Doug White 10/22
Bob/Betty O'Mara 10/22	Gerald/Bonnie Bakken 10/22
Ronald Bowers 1/23	Robert Stevens 1/23
David/Karen Kroger 3/23	Delbert Shaw 3/23
Darrell Zacharias 4/23	Mrs. Kim Zummak 7/23
Mrs. Freddie Holmes 7/23	Mrs. Joan Walke 9/23
Ill. Sir Todd Morgan 9/23	Doug White 9/23
George/Edith Case 9/23	Il. Sir George Zinser 11/23
M.W.G.M. Darrell Fremont 11/23	
Ill. Sir Dan/Cindy Bush 11/23	

December Birthdays

- 1 Gordon F. Goettsch
- 2 Richard H. Landis
Rodney A. Emerson
- 3 George W. Lawrence
- 5 Peter M. Christiansen
- 11 Donald D. Stansbery
Kent E. Cramer
- 13 Nathan G. Barr
William P. Ruhl
- 15 Jason T. Schluttenhofer
Stephan J. Kajtor
Steven R. Nielsen
- 18 Clyde W. Balvanz
- 19 Brian Kristensen
David E. Jiruska
George A. Case
James R. Schultz
Larry R. Hill
Larry Swanson
Neal W. Perry
- 20 Harold F. Layher
- 21 Michael D. Stok
- 24 John C. Schlobohm
Kevin M. Winn
- 25 Anthony A. Diersen
- 27 Jeffrey L. Zaputil
Ted D. Vosburg
- 29 James W. Tausz
- 30 Danubio Blen
Dennis R. Wiley
- 31 Michael A. Schmitz
Michael C. Harting
Michael G. Zinser

MEMBERSHIP INFO FROM THE RECORDER

September/October 2023

Beginning Membership	459
Creations/Affiliations.....	1
Restorations.....	0
Expired.....	5
Demits.....	0
Suspensions	0
Associate Drop.....	1
Ending Membership	454

January Birthdays

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



FROM YOUR DIVAN

HOOPLA FROM THE H.P. & P.



The year is passing by quickly. I remember my Dad saying "that the years pass by faster the older you get." With Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year holidays upon us, I would like to thank all Nobles and Ladies. The work you have done and continue to do for the Children and El Kahir Shrine, like the Shrine Bowl, parades, and many other events along with personal donations made by all. We always accomplish great things and have a wonderful time together.

The Patient Christmas party is December 2 at El Kahir Shrine Temple. If you are able to attend you will be embedded with the true meaning of our philanthropy. It will also help to bring warmth to your hearts and souls. Which is what this holiday season is all about. Goodwill towards our loved ones and all of mankind. So give thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe. May he heal our minds and bodies from any unpleasantness. May he keep us all healthy and guide us to a bright future. Amen. So mote it be! Lady Paula and I look forward to seeing you all in the coming days. Be kind and be happy.

Yours in Shrine faith,
Michael Sion, High Pries & Prophet
HPP@ElKahir.org

OBSERVATIONS OF THE ORIENTAL GUIDE



My first year on the Divan as the Oriental Guide is about over, but there is still much to get done for the rest of this year. We just had our Sportsman's Raffle in October. That everyone worked so hard at this year and it turned out great. Also all the Parades I went to along with the Units and Clubs I went to were so much fun, along with the Nobles I have met along the way. Thank You all for all the support I have had from everyone all the Nobles and their Ladies. I look forward to the next year as the High Priest & Prophet if I'm elected.

We have the kids Christmas party coming up Dec. 2, and I love seeing the kids again that we help. That is always a great day for all of us. I hope to see all the Divan and Nobles join me that day. This will give the new Nobles a chance to meet our kids we all help.

Then comes the All El Kahir Nobility Christmas Party Dec 9. Bring your Lady or Girl Friend or BOTH if you Dare. Just kidding guys. The food is always great and the company is even better.

Lady Betty and I want to thank all of the Nobility for all the help to make this year so much fun for the both of us. Things were not as hard as I thought it would be as the 2023 OG. I guess you can teach an old dog new tricks after all. Keep it up I need all the help I can get at my age. LOL////

Fraternally yours,

Bob O'Mara, Oriental Guide
Oriental Guide@ElKahir.org

ATTENTION NOBLES

Please notify the Shrine Office if you have a new telephone number, email, or are planning to change your address, even if temporarily. Please call the Shrine Office at 319-395-0109.



THE RECORDER'S CORNER

Here it is November 13, 2023 and it's a beautiful day. The temperature is to be in the 60's most of the week.

We have a new Office Administrative Assistant; her Name is Deb Larson. Nancy Grindle is no longer with us. Nancy will be missed as she did a lot for El Kahir Shrine and the patients. Thank you, Nancy from the bottom of my heart for all the care and work you did at El Kahir Shrine.

Well, this has been a busy October and November. The Budget has been presented and has been passed at the Stated Meeting. The current Divan members have announced that they are running for office (but we are still looking for an Oriental Guide). We had a great Trunk, and Treat for the kids on October 27th. People at the Temple on October 21st had a great time at the Sportsman's Raffle. We had people outside on the patio, in the bar and in the Main room. The Director Staff was very busy cooking up 650 burgers that day. This was our biggest turn out on this event. I would like to thank all the Nobles, Ladies, Gun Raffel Committee, and private individuals that helped sell tickets and the General Public for participating in this great event. Thank you from the bottom of my heart to all of you.

El Kahir patient Christmas party December 2, 2023, from 11:00AM to 2:00 PM. Don't forget about our Fall Ceremonial on November 18th. Please come to our Election on December 13, 2023. Look forward to seeing you all there.

All our Omelet Breakfast, Basket Night, Sportsmen's Raffle, Bingo, and the Sportsman's Raffle have been great this year. Thank you all for joining us for these programs.

Things coming up: Fifty Year & Twenty-Five Year members were presented their Certificates, Ceremonial November 18, 2024, Elections of Unit and Club Officers by the end of October. They must be sent into the recorder by Oct 31. Election of El Kahir Divan on December 13th, Chief Rabban proposed budget for 2024, Children's Christmas party December 2nd, and the El Kahir nobility Christmas party December 9th.

We have 21 Nobles who have not paid 2023 dues. 2024 dues have been sent out via email and will be mailed in the next couple of weeks. Please pay these at your earliest convenience. If you would like, you can pay your 2023, or 2024 dues using the automatic payment plan. If your 2023 dues are paid, you can go on to WebFez and after you log in you will find a SET UP PAYMENT PLAN button displayed. If you click on that, you will be able to set up a monthly or quarterly automatic payment plan that will have your 2023 dues paid by the end of October. More information on how this plan works can be found by clicking on the "Important Information" heading in the WebFez information bar and then selecting "How to set up a recurring payment plan."

If you are having any problems, issues or need assistance, please contact me in the office or by email, and we will work something out: Recorder@Elkahir.org or 319-395-0109.

On behalf of El Kahir Shrine, Divan, and Nobility we wish you all Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

If you need anything from me, please feel free to call the office at 319-395-0109 or email me at recorder@elkahir.org.

Finally, I hope everyone is enjoying the weather and activities with your family and friends. Please take precautions with Covid, Flu, RSV and we hope to see you soon. Please stay safe we need all of you. You do make a difference!!!

Fraternally Yours,

Fraternally yours,

Floyd Sauter P.P., Recorder
Recorder@ElKahir.org (319) 395-0109

Donations

El Kahir Shrine Transportation Fund

Mark Carpenter - Bingo Harvey E Peet

In Memory of Nancy Witt

Joyce Schmidt

Shriners Hospitals

Jon Reynolds Douglas White

Patrick Moore Ross Anthony

Joseph Linqua

In Memory of Duane Nottger

Duane/Sharron Nottger Larry/Orean Yahnke

Charles/ Andrea Dostale Brian/Julie Hayes

Ronald Smith

In Memory of Larry Hartman

Raymond/Marlene Bussey Joan Harnagel

Richard/Sandra Vansevern Reba Carter

Joseph/Kae Morgan D&K Millmier

In Memory of Roger Muth

North Iowa Shrine Club from Muth Estate

Steven/Roxanne I Savory

El Kahir Endowment Fund

In Memory of Duane Nottger & Gaylen Witze

Ill. Sir Marlin/Marty Mullnix

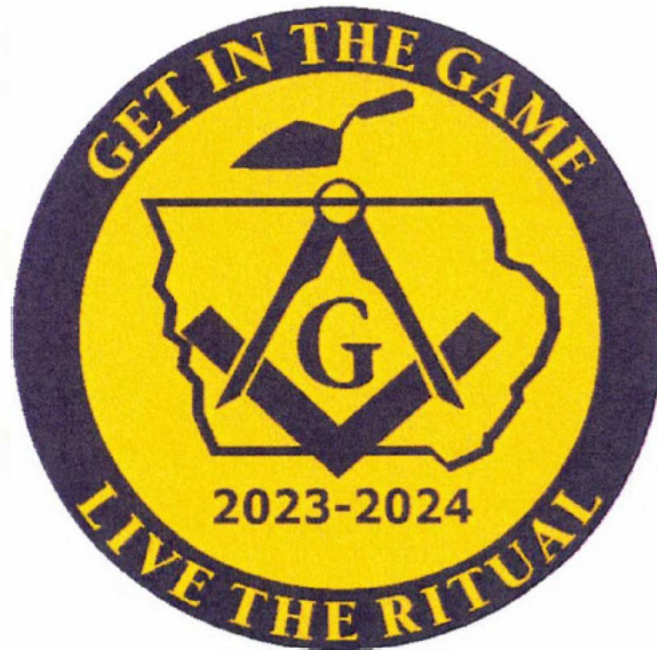
El Kahir Shrine Temple

Kenneth K. Kinsey Family Jon Reynolds

Anace Aossey Douglas White

Ill. Sir Dennis Wiley

Grand Master's One Day Class
Saturday, April 27, 2024
Cedar Rapids Scottish Rite Center
616 A Avenue NE
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Registration Deadline April 1, 2024
\$100.00 Registration Fee



PATIENT TRIPS - Mid Oct - Mid Nov

DATE	TO	DRIVER	CO-DRIVER
10/10-11	Iowa City	Tom Harvey	Deb Tinker
10/17-18	Iowa City	Tom Harvey	Deb Tinker
10/18-19	Chicago	Bart Waddell	Casey Waddell

In addition to the above trips, 3 patient families transported themselves and El Kahir Shrine provided such items as lodging, airfare/mileage, and food.

These We Do Not Forget

IN MEMORIAM

"ES SELAMU ALEIKUM"



Gaylen D Witzel 7/31/2023
Jack W Henry 9/25/2023
Larry E Hartmann 9/29/2023
Karl D Zimmerman 10/6/2023
Lloyd E Harken 3/14/2023
Arthur G Hinze 3/4/2023
James D Stucker 11/13/2023

DIRECTOR'S STAFF

Greetings from the Director's Staff. The summer parade season is behind us. I hope everyone is ready for a fantastic holiday season and remembering the blessings that we have from 2023.

Where have we been? It was a busy fall for Director's Staff member. We paraded in Amana for Oktoberfest and then again at Columbus Junction at their Columbus Day parade with Kaaba Shriners and the Louisa County Shrine Club.



You are seeing my view from inside the classic 1921 Model TT Fire truck.

Then there was the Sportsman's Raffle. What can I say about that? We served over 600 burgers and needed Ill. Sir Dave Sutton's big outside grill to make it all work. In fact, we were so busy inside that I couldn't get a picture.



Look at this Basket Night picture and imagine it being 15 times busier and serving baked beans.



I know you are waiting for the answers from the last Karavan. Here they are –

- Why didn't the mom let the little witch go trick or treating with her friends? (She was ex-spelled from school.)

- Why did the skeleton run away? (Because a dog was after his bones.)

Don't forget these upcoming events

Basket Night –It is the place to be on the 2nd Friday of each month. The tenderloins and fries are out of this world! How do we do it, the answer is professional fry cooks that we bring in especially for Basket Night. I was watching TV recently and I heard that the 'Diners and Drive-ins' show just might be stopping by to take lessons from our cooks.

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

- What did one plate say to the other plate?
- How do you make an octopus laugh?

Yours in the fait,

Jim Arnold

HELP WANTED!!!

2024 Oriental Guide is needed! Looking for a motivated, organized and forward-thinking Noble to join the El Kahir Divan. A willingness to grow, personally, and work with a GREAT GROUP OF NOBLES to support El Kahir Shrine's journey. You will be attending various Unit & Club meetings to keep their members informed of El Kahir's activities and help them work through problems they encounter. You will have the support of Divan Nobles and seasoned Nobles. If you have any questions, please contact myself (319-320-8376), Noble Tom Kurtz (319-310-7945) or any other member of YOUR Divan.

In Faith,

Ill Sir Todd Morgan, Potentate

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YOU ARE INVITED TO
El Kahir Shrine
Christmas
PARTY

MUSIC

DINNER

PRIZES

Saturday December 9

5:00 pm Social Hour

6:00 pm Dinner

Fun and Games
All Night

Christmas Ugly
Sweater Contest

Prime Rib Dinner
& all the extras
\$20 per person

Bring a white elephant gift to share with others!

RSVP REQUIRED TO THE OFFICE 319-395-0109 BY DECEMBER 4

905 Tower Terrace Rd Hiawatha, IA

El Kahir Shrine

PATIENT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Nobles & Ladies

**Come and meet
the Patients that
El Kahir Supports!**

DEC 2

2023

11:00 AM - 2.00 PM

**905 Tower Terrace Rd
Hiawatha, IA**

**RSVP TO 612-386-1020
TO JOIN THE FUN!**



Fun Outing To Wrap Up Another Successful Shrine Bowl!

On Saturday, October 4th, the El Kahir Shrine Bowl Club had their wrap-up meeting for the 2023 Shrine Bowl, while tailgating at UNI. Most of us stayed to watch the UNI Panthers dominate Western Illinois in the Dome. A few of us even stayed for the UNI women's volleyball game that evening.

It was a fun day to get together, share ideas about any improvements or changes needed for next year, and celebrate another successful game.

At the October board meeting of the Iowa Shrine Bowl, it was decided to donate **\$100,000** in proceeds from the game! Each of the four Iowa Shrine Centers will receive \$12,500 for their transportation funds, and each of the four Midwest Shrine hospitals (Minneapolis, Chicago, Cincinnati, and St. Louis) will also receive \$12,500 for their facility.

The El Kahir Shrine Bowl Club is a group of hardworking individuals who have fun together while working for our cause (the kids). If you are looking for a way to get involved in the Shrine, and would like to join us, please contact one of the board members listed below!

Keith Zeigler, Chris Witt, and Linc Aldershof, PP



El Kahir's Shrine Bowl Club tailgating prior to the UNI/Western Illinois football game.



Fezzing of the new Nobles at the Fall Ceremonial



Memorial for the Unknown Soldier



III. Sir Floyd was on hand when the Grand Master Dedicated the Urbana Veterans Memorial



Who is that behind the grill at the Sportsman's Raffle!

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/Zip Code _____

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 _____

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