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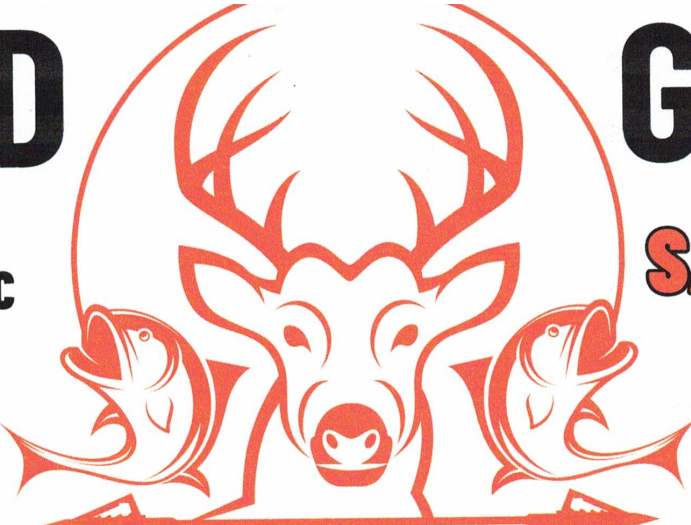
4-10PM

DINNER 4:30PM

NON GAME FOOD
OPTIONS AVAILABLE

GAMES! RAFFLES!

\$15 BOTTOMLESS MUGS UNTIL 9



GAME

**SATURDAY
MARCH**

9TH

FEED

**ADMISSION
\$20**

12 & UNDER FREE

SILVER \$100

**10 GENERAL RAFFLE TICKETS
2 MEAL TICKETS
1 SPONSOR RAFFLE TICKETS
NAME OR LOGO ON BIG SCREEN TV**

GOLD \$200

**25 GENERAL RAFFLE TICKETS
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**50 GENERAL RAFFLE TICKETS
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ENTRY FOR SPECIAL PLATINUM GUN**

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN RIFLE

"Proceeds are for the benefit of El Kahir Shriners Revvin Fezzes Unit activities.
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Elective:

Thomas N Kurtz.....Illustrious Potentate
James T Voss.....Chief Rabban
Michael Sion.....Assistant Rabban
Robert O'Mara.....High Priest & Prophet
Chris Witt.....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
Todd Morgan	2023



**Articles for the
April/May
Karavan are due
to the Editor by
Friday March 15th.**

FROM YOUR DIVAN

THE POTENTATE'S PRONOUNCEMENT



Welcome to 2024 Nobles and Ladies!

I'm excited to have been installed as the 2024 El Kahir Potentate and look forward to a year full of fun! My job for the next year is to serve you and our patients the very best I can!

We have several fun dates coming up in addition to our regular monthly events, so please check the calendar on a regular basis. If you or your club or unit would like to sponsor an event please reach out to the office to check date availability.

We are looking for Units or Clubs to sponsor Stated Meeting night meals. Please contact me if it would be something that you'd like to do to raise a some money for your unit or club.

As you may be aware we are now doing the advertising in house so if you would like something advertised on Facebook please send your flyer to either myself or Noble Jimmie Arnold at least a week in advance and we will get it in process. A reminder that all advertising needs to have a statement saying that the proceeds benefit El Kahir Shrine or whatever unit or club is sponsoring it and the proceeds are not tax deductible. If your intention for the money is for the Wheelchair fund, Transportation fund or the hospitals, your flyer needs to go through the office.

Are you looking for a club/unit to join without involving a lot of time? Two clubs that fit that description are Greeters and Hospital Dads. Greeters provide a great opportunity to meet other nobles when you are working the check-in at stated meetings and the ball. Hospital Dads are in charge of both the patients' Easter party and Christmas party and get to meet patients and their families at both events.

If you are reading this and haven't been to a stated meeting or a Shrine function in a while, come out and enjoy the camaraderie that goes with being a Shriner! Plus you get to do really great things for your fraternity and for the kids!

My goal is to be in the office on a regular basis, however if I'm not, you can always reach me on my cell phone at 319-310-7945 or email at tkurtz33@gmail.com.

Together let's make 2024 great!!

Yours in the faith,

Tom Kurtz, Potentate
Potentate@ElKahir.org

These We Do Not Forget

IN MEMORIAM

"ES SELAMU ALEIKUM"

Cecil E Holmes 11/17/2023
Richard Klinefelter 12/31/2023
Robert Cowan 12/2/2023

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.

FROM YOUR DIVAN



ASSERSIONS OF THE ASSISTANT RABBAN

As 2024 begins it brings us all a new chapter in our lives and the life of El Kahir Shrine Temple. We accomplished some amazing projects, fundraisers, while making new friends and rekindling old friendships in 2023. Together we continually set higher goals and enjoy our times together. We are an amazing group of Nobles and ladies that let nothing stop us from helping the children and ourselves. Yes ourselves we all deserve the Sweetness life allows us. When I was growing up a wise old lady use to tell me "Life is full of bitter and sweet!" The older I became the more this made sense. So enjoy Omelet breakfasts, Basket nights, The Wild Game Feast, the monthly stated meetings, Ladies meetings, Club and Unit meetings, The Shrine Bowl, parades, music, and the camaraderie! Yet most of all the sweetness we bring the children. Oh yeah that wise old lady was my Sitty (grandmother) Kallel. She lived to be 91. Another of her favorite saying God bless America!

Yours in Shrine faith,
Michael Sion, Assistant Rabban
 AssistantRabban@ElKahir.org



HOOPLA FROM THE H.P. & P.

On December 1, the Director,s Staff went to Marion to give out popcorn for their Christmas in the Park Celabration. That was a blast. It got really cold and all the people there had a lot of fun and just had to bundle up, and they were.

December 2, we had our Christmas Party for the Patients. It was fun for the kids that came but I wish they all could of come that said they were going to. I do hope they are in good health and just had other things that came up at the last minite.

December 9, was the all EL Kahir Shrine Christmas Party. That was a very good night for all. Ill. Sir Dale Roberge and His Lady Julie did it again to make this Christmas Party so much fun. We want to be sure to also thank Lady Barbara Leydens for the Christmas Decorations. I also want to thank all the Nobles and their ladies for all the hard work they have done all year.

I thank Floyd, Tom, Todd, James, Mike and many others for their Guidance and help as your Oriental Guide for 2023. I am proud to have served on the Divan and I'm looking forward to serving as the High Priest & Prophet.

Fraternally yours,

Bob O'Mara, High Priest and Prophet
 HPP@ElKahir.org

PATIENT TRIPS - Mid Oct - Mid Nov

DATE	TO	DRIVER	CO-DRIVER
12/7	Chicago	Doug King	James Murphy
12/21	Mpls	Mike Nuehring	Kurt Quam
12/27	Mpls	Mike Nuehring	Kurt Quam

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

February Birthdays

3	Michael D. Huber
5	Gregory A. Collins
7	Robert D. Justin
8	Dale D. Lorenz
	Steven W. Lucas
9	Anace Aossey
10	Robert A. Moen
11	Dillon W. Vierkant
12	Russell D. Bucher
	Michael G. Heater
13	William R. Cooney
	G S. Leathers
	Jon F. Towley
15	Delbert E. Shaw
18	Kevin A. Bemiss
	Dale F. Crosier
19	Tex R. Heyer
	Philip A. Shook
20	Gary L. Grant
21	Joe Brokaw
	Frederick J. Madison
	Dean H. Martin
	Ryan J. Morford
	Robert N. Nejd
	Paul A. Searles
	George R. Zinser
22	Jared W. Morrison
23	John H. Brockschink
	Jeremy Mahan
24	Richard J. Hofmeyer
25	Ronald L. DeVoll Jr.
	James G. Mouchka
27	Cameron J. Bearce
	Robert A. Freeman
	Jay W. Owens
	David L. Weatherwax
28	Joseph A. Lingua

MEMBERSHIP INFO FROM THE RECORDER

November/December 2023

Beginning Membership	454
Creations/Affiliations	3
Restorations	0
Expired	3
Demits	4
Suspensions	14
Associate Drop	0
Ending Membership	436

March Birthdays

- 1 Daniel T. Begley
- Jordan A. Ingles
- 3 Duane M. Nesetrl
- 4 Francis J. Olson
- 5 Paul D. Harrington
- Douglas R. Heath
- 6 W G. Barker
- J. S. McCorkindale
- Gregory M. Pechman
- John L. Putney
- 7 Carl J. Ellison
- 10 Stanley L. Herr
- 13 Elijah W. Morgan
- Randy R. Overman
- 15 Leonard P. Baxter
- Thomas J. Kehoe
- Aaron P. Strub
- 16 Cameron A. Weaver
- 17 Patrick M. Cain
- James T. Voss
- 18 Terry L. Grotegut Sr.
- 19 Mark D. Runkle
- 20 Edwin D. Blinks
- William S. Elliott
- Dennis L. Hearn
- 21 Robert J. O'Mara
- Jon J. Workman
- 23 Bailey B. Eiler
- Mark A. Heathman
- 24 Robert A. Rolfes II
- Mitchell J. Tillman
- 27 Larry D. Erenberger
- 28 Stephen A. Minert
- 29 Christopher D. Gilstrap
- Robert W. Potter
- 30 Jeremy M. Hogrefe

FROM YOUR DIVAN

OBSERVATIONS OF THE ORIENTAL GUIDE



Hello, I am pleased to introduce myself as your Oriental Guide of El Kahir Shrine for 2024. My wife Kay and I look forward to continuing to grow El Kahir Shrine.

I have been involved as a Shriner for 25 years. After many years of encouragement to make myself available for the divan, I am now at a place in my career where I can devote the time it deserves.

Lady Kay and I have been involved with several clubs and units of El Kahir. Grundy County Shrine Club, Shrine Bowl Club and Mobile Nobles. I am a Past Master and currently serve as Treasurer of Coin lodge in Reinbeck. Also, I continue to be a member of the Iowa Shrine Bowl Board of Directors.

I look forward to meeting you and learning of your journey through Shrinedom.

Yours in faith,

Chris Witt, Oriental Guide
OrientalGuide@ElKahir.org

THE RECORDER'S CORNER



I want to thank Illustrious Sir Todd Morgan and 1st Lady Stephanie for their leadership over the last year. Illustrious Sir Todd worked with the Divan and Building Committee to take care of some updates to the building that needed to be done. Thank you for a job well done. I would like to congratulate Illustrious Sir Tom Kurtz and the newly elected 2023 Shrine Divan.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

We have had a very cold, windy, and snowy January. Let us hope February is much warmer and spring comes soon.

Illustrious Sir Tom has a lot of things planned for this year. Please look at the Shrine Calendar to see the upcoming events. The Grand Master is having a One Day Class on April 27th, 2024. Please make sure if you have any candidates, you get them voted on in March at your stated meeting. It will be held at the Scottish Rite in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

If you know a Mason that wants to become a Shriner, please have them get ahold of me at the office or our Membership Chairman Illustrious Sir Todd Morgan.

I want to close this month's 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
Recorder@ElKahir.org (319) 395-0109



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.

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	
Joseph Linga, Jr. 1/24	Ronald Bowers 1/24
Ronald/Dellene Hagar 1/24	Robert Mead 1/24

Donations

El Kahir Shrine Transportation Fund

In Memory of James Stucker

Lenny Kimm	Joyce Schaffer
Sharon Murray	Michael/Melanie Mosely
Shar Petersen	Michael/Ann Cherveny
Lori Huff	Bob/Carol Hansen
Steve Vogt	Russ/Joan Koeningsfeld
Sue Vogt	Ill. Sir Marlin/Marty Mullnix
Gary Vogt	Melvin/Linda Crocker Trust Fund
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Shriners Hospitals

Lonnie / Janene Oliphant
Michael / Sheryl Odonnell

In Memory of Larry Hartman

Sheryl Sturdivan	Larry Erenberger
Kha Phan	Ronald Schleder

In Memory of Roger Muth

North Iowa Shrine Club from Muth Estate
Steven/Roxanne I Savory

El Kahir Endowment Fund

In Memory of James Stucker

Bob/Carol Hansen	Keith/Judy Zeigler
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El Kahir Shrine Temple

Kha Phan	Ill. Sir Marlin Mullnix
John Betterton	Bingo (Non-Shriner Roasters Menu)

Apollo Commandery No.26 Knights Templar Belgian Waffle & Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, February 18, 2024

Shrine Activities Center

905 Tower Terrace

Hiawatha, Iowa

8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

\$10.00 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!



LET THE good TIMES Roll!

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR TOM KURTZ
Potentate Ball May 18th, 2024

Hilton Garden Inn 4640 North River Blvd NE Cedar Rapids

Hotel Reservations: 319.378.7404 Online: bit.ly/2024ElKahirBall
Special Room Rate = \$126 + tax and fees
(Special room rate available until Midnight April 27th, 2024)

Dress Code: Formal Attire or Mardi Gras-Style Costume (Fez Required)

Schedule of Events
1:00 - 4:30 p.m. Hospitality Room (around the corner from check-in desk)
6:00 p.m. Grand Entry
7:00 p.m. Dinner in Ballroom
8:00 - 10:00 p.m. DJ Antonio Collins - Dancing, Activities
10:00 - Midnight Hospitality Room
Sunday Morning: 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. Eye Openers and Pastries in Hospitality Room

Ball Registration/Package Pick-up

Please send completed form to Judy Zeigler by April 30th
Package pick-up will be located in lobby from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. and near the Ballroom after 4:00 p.m.
If you're not staying at the hotel, you can park near and use the separate Convention Center entrance on the right side of the hotel

FRIDAY NIGHT HOSPITALITY ROOM OPENS 6pm

DIRECTOR'S STAFF

Greetings from the Director's Staff. As usual, the Staff popped popcorn for Marion's Christmas in the Park. This is something that we have done since the first year of the event. Typically, this is our busiest event. According to Vice President Justin, we popped over 50 lbs. of popcorn that evening. We had a great crew. As you can see, it was cold, but not too cold.



We started with a nice winter season and then BANG, the snow and cold arrived. Hopefully, everyone is staying warm and safe at home until we get a break in the weather.

Congratulations to Ill. Sir Tom Kurtz, 2024 Potentate of El Kahir Shrine. He and Lady Pamela have plans for a FUN and prosperous 2024. Be ready for a great year!

Congratulations to all the Divan –

Chief Rabban James Voss and Lady Kari
Assistant Rabban Mike Sion and Lady Paula
High Priest and Prophet Bob O'Mara and Lady Betty
Oriental Guide Chris Witt and Lady Kay

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

- What did one plate say to the other plate?
(Dinner is on me.)
- How do you make an octopus laugh?
(With ten-tickles.)

Don't forget these upcoming events

Basket Night –It is the place to be on the 2nd Friday of each month. (Unless the temperature is going to be -10.) The tenderloins and fries are the best in the Midwest! How do we do it? The key is practice, practice, practice. We're professionals and have been flippin' burgers and frying French fries for YEARS. I was watching TV the other day since it is too cold to be outside playing golf and I heard that the Food Network is considering filming a whole episode about our fantastic burgers and tenderloins. I think we should keep the names of our 'Fry Team' (Brian, Rick, Michael, and Brad) a secret, or fancy restaurants in California will try to recruit them away from us.

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

Answers next edition.

- Why don't the circus lions eat the clowns?
- What did one hat say to the other?

Yours in the faith,

Jim Arnold

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The Shrine Office Will Be Closed on the Following Dates:

May 27	July 4
September 2	November 28
December 25/26	January 1, 2025



LET THE
good
TIMES
Roll!



ILLUSTRIOUS SIR TOM KURTZ

Potentate Ball Registration May 18th, 2024

Event Date

May 18th, 2024

Location

Hilton Garden Inn
4640 North River Blvd NE, Cedar Rapids

Cost

\$75 Single
\$150 Couple

Ball Registration Information

Noble's Name: _____ Lady's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Noble's Shrine Center: _____ Noble's Unit/Club: _____

Will you be representing your Shrine Center/Unit in the Grand Entry? Y N (circle one)

If possible, I would like to be seated with (indicate Unit or names) for the event dinner:

Food selections: (indicate 1 for each person's choice)

___ Grilled Salmon

___ NY Strip Steak

Special dietary requirement: _____ for (name): _____

Dress Code: Formal Attire or Mardi Gras-Style Costume (Fez Required)

Please return reservation form with check **before April 30th**

Keith and Judy Zeigler

675 Miles Street

Robins, IA 52328

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