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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 (Faz 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

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
 June/July
 Karavan are due
 to the Editor by
 Friday May 17th.**

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

Happy Spring!

As the weather is warming up, so are the events at El Kahir! Bingo, Fish Fries and Omlette breakfasts have been really well attended with Bingo setting a new record number of players! The Wild Game Feed was a great success! Congratulations to the Revving Fez for another great event! And if you've missed seeing the bags fly at the Blind Draw Bags Tournaments, you should come out and be a part of the fun.

If you haven't been to one of these events in a while or haven't been to the temple in a while, this is a great time to start coming out to have fun and support the units, clubs and our Shrine!

The increase in numbers at these events is causing parking to become a concern, particularly during the winter months or when it's too wet to park in the field.

With that in mind, we are going to have a vote at the April Stated Meeting about adding parking on the east side of the building. Please consider coming out to discuss this potential upgrade to our facility.

We could use volunteers to sell coloring books at the circuses in Dubuque on March 27th, Waterloo on April 2nd and Cedar Rapids on April 3rd. We were only able to get a single performance on each of these dates, so the more people we have selling, the better our bottom line will be. Please contact Chief Rabban Noble James Voss or the office if you can help.

As part of my commitment to to Masonic education, at the April stated meeting we will be having a short educational talk from Brother Tim Felton 33rd who is the personal representative to the Sovereign Grand Inspector General for the state of Iowa on what the Scottish Rite is about.

If you have potential candidates or Nobles that haven't been to a ceremonial please contact either the office or myself. The Spring Ceremonial is scheduled for May 4th—the week after the one-day Masonic class. I'm sure the Director's Staff has some fun activities planned for this event.

As you may have seen, the El Kahir Nobility Ball is coming up on May 17th and 18th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Cedar Rapids. Hospitality opens at 6:00 PM on Friday night. Saturday there will be music provided by Noble Antonio Collins, dancing and a photo booth from Hawkeye Photo Booths, in addition to the hospitality rooms and a few more activities for our non-dancers. I've heard that the opportunity to earn a Turtle degree will be happening for those who don't know the answer to the question, "are you a turtle?" For more Nobility Ball information, you can click on the link on the website's home page for the details and to print out the form. Lady Pamela and I hope to see you there!

As always please contact me with anything I, or the Divan, can help you with.

Yours in the faith,

Tom Kurtz, Potentate
 Potentate@ElKahir.org

THE CHIEF RABBAN'S RAMBLINGS

Guess he had nothing to share this month.

FROM YOUR DIVAN



ASSERIONS OF THE ASSISTANT RABBAN

The new year is well under way. Fish fry season is upon us with the Directors Staff leading the way with the first two being very successful. The Revving Fezs put on another awesome Wild Game Feast filling the temple with people, auction items, raffles and a wonderful bounty of wild game. Bingo has continued its huge success and Grill Masters has stayed on goal providing great food for everyone. Cars are being tuned, painted and readied for the parade season. The Shrine Bowl committee is hard at it for another wonderful game along with the players, cheerleaders, and coaches. The Divan is continuing its travels to Wright County through Mason City to Protivin back to Cedar Falls and Waterloo and down to Hiawatha. The Ladies are well on their way to accomplishing the goals they set year after year. I would like to thank everyone for a wonderful 1st quarter of 2024. The Circus is upon us. So again I thank those who have gone above and beyond, we know who you are! I ask those that haven't been able to or haven't had the time to dig deeper for OUR temple! May the rest of the year follow suit and strengthen us for upcoming challenges we face. May the Great Architect of the Universe bless us all with mindfulness, strength, kindness and fortitude. Amen, So Mote it be.

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



HOOPLA FROM THE H.P. & P.

It has been a slow go getting started as the H.P.& P this year after losing my Best Lady to Cancer. It has been the best 56 years of my life and I hope everyone can have as good a life as Betty and I have had. I know this will be a long healing process but I will do the best I can. Betty would of wanted that from me and that is what I'm going to do.

Now it's time to get to work. This Friday night is another Fish Fry and I will be there to work with the Director Staff and of course have some of that great fish. Then after the Fish Fry we will get the room ready for Saturday for the Shrine Bowl Recognition Day. I hope to see all of my brothers there. The Sunday we have our great Omlet Breakfast. What a weekend this is going to be. There will be lots of fish in the month of March.

There is so many great things going to be going on in the next 3 months. Like the CSSA in Topeka KA. Then the Circus will be back in April. Then in May it's party time with our Potentates Ball. Kids Day in June. Bring your kids or even Grand kids and have some fun.

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



OBSERVATIONS OF THE ORIENTAL GUIDE

As with the Chief Rabban, Chris had nothing to offer this month.

April Birthdays

- 1 Robert L. McGowan
- Kha N. Phan
- 3 Rusty J. Meister
- 4 Serge S. Coronas
- Richard W. Peshek
- 6 Tom E. Boeckmann
- 7 Justin Ross
- 8 Dennis Hrabak
- David P. Kroeger
- John M. Waychoff
- 9 Ross D. Anthony
- 10 Jay D. Cassill
- Ryan Russell
- Douglas C. White
- 11 Donald R. Katterhenry
- 12 James C. Kepple
- 13 James L. Albright
- Jeffery D. Hatch
- 14 John C. Betterton
- 15 Michael Flockhart
- 16 Peter L. Koppen
- Walter E. Laetare
- Keith A. Myhre
- 17 Steven C. Van Fleet
- 19 Timothy E. Allen
- Marvin L. Berg
- 20 Chris A. Witt
- 21 Jamie Stoner
- 24 Bradley D. Kurtz
- Jack R. Locke
- Ronald O. Masters II
- 25 Daniel J. Kelley
- Jeremy Kubovec
- 27 Kevin P. Maloney
- Michael McMeins
- Larry Potter
- Matthew G. Trask
- 28 Kelly F. Mulford
- 30 Zac J. Berndt
- S M. Brain

MEMBERSHIP INFO FROM THE RECORDER

January/February 2024

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Beginning Membership | 436 |
| Creations/Affiliations..... | 1 |
| Restorations..... | 0 |
| Expired..... | 5 |
| Demits..... | 0 |
| Suspensions | 0 |
| Associate Drop..... | 0 |
| Ending Membership | 432 |

May Birthdays

- 1 Mark A. Hullinger
- 2 Kenneth M. Anderson
Dennis L. Salmon
- 3 Ollie J. Tomson
Robert G. Walker
- 5 Benjamin W. Blackstock
Peter Gouge
David E. Johnson
- 6 Timothy J. Cunningham
- 9 Darrell R. Zacharias
- 10 Marvin D. Boldt
- 12 Douglas C. Anderson
- 13 Joe E. Boll
Heath A. Heimer
Charles D. Robison
- 14 Richard L. Bowersox
Dennis C. Christensen
Jonathan K. Westercamp
Alvin Wilson
- 15 Delmar E. Kramersmeier
- 16 Rick Possehl
- 17 Rick L. Seger
- 18 Ronald J. See
- 19 Donald E. Stamy
Paul J. Yamilkoski
- 21 Maurice J. Morford
- 22 Ruhl A. Barker
- 24 Floyd A. Sauter Jr.
- 25 Ted D. Shelly
- 27 Donald H. Gringer
Keith R. Reid
- 29 Beau P. Barnes
- 30 Wayne A. Schmidt

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



FROM YOUR DIVAN

THE RECORDER'S CORNER



It has been warm and cold so far. I will be glad when it stays warm enough so I can take my camper up to the lake and have some good times.

Talking about some good times, we have had a lot of busy weekends here at the temple. There was a particularly good Stated meeting last night with five new petitions. We had three new nobles in the Cold Sands. You are missing a lot of Fellowship and fun when you come to a States Meeting, events that we have, and most of all when you belong to a Unit or Club. Remember this is where you have fun too.

You should have received your letters from the Potentate for his Ball, Circus, Volunteer Assessment letter. Please return your reply as soon as possible.

I hope you have a great Easter with your family and friends.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FOR THE 52ND ANNUAL IOWA SHRINE BOWL GAME!



Saturday, July 20th

Shrine Parade – 9:30 am (Main Street – Cedar Falls)

(Shrine Units – Please plan to Parade!)

Football Game – 4:00 pm (UNI-Dome – Cedar Falls)

(Doors open at 2:00 pm)

Did you know, in 2023, the Iowa Shrine Bowl donated \$12,500 to each of the four Iowa Shrine Center Transportation Funds, and \$12,500 to each of the four Midwest Shrine hospitals (Minneapolis, Chicago, Cincinnati, and St. Louis)? (That is \$100,000!!!!)

The Iowa Shrine Bowl also donated \$5,000 worth of BILLY Footwear (smashing fashion with function) to the hospitals, which was in high demand.

The above was possible due to ticket sales, ad sales, sponsorships, and merchandise sales. It is also the reason your purchase of the game tickets you receive in the mail is so important to the complete success of the Shrine Bowl.

90+ football players, 70+ cheerleaders, 16 dancers, coaches, Imperial guests, Shrine patients, and several thousand attendees will be there and would love your support.

If you have questions, please contact fellow Nobles Chris Witt, Keith Zeigler, or Linc Aldershof, PP – all Board members of the Iowa Shrine Bowl.

APPLICATION FOR CANDIDATE TO PARTICIPATE IN A GRAND MASTER'S ONE DAY CLASS

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Section A:Date: _____
Mo. Day YearName of Candidate _____
First Middle LastMailing Address _____, Iowa _____
P.O. Box or Street Address City Zip Code Plus 4Lodge _____ No. _____ Location _____, Iowa.
Name City

Birth Date _____ e-mail _____

Phone No. _____ Occupation _____

I _____, respectfully submit this application to participate in the Grand
Candidate's SignatureMaster's One Day Class to be held at _____, Iowa, on _____
Mo. Day Year

Section B - This section must be completed **only** if the Candidate has been Initiated or Passed. (If no degrees have been conferred, please skip this Section)

Initiated on _____ in _____ No. _____ Location _____, Iowa
Mo. Day Year Lodge CityPassed on _____ in _____ No. _____ Location _____, Iowa
Mo. Day Year Lodge CityIf the previous degrees were conferred by any other lodge than the lodge completing this application, or a lodge that has consolidated with your lodge, please show the date the Brother was elected into your lodge for Advancement and Membership: _____
Mo. Day Year

Section C - This Section must be completed for all One Day Class Candidates

Date of Election to Membership _____
Mo. Day Year

All membership fees have been paid in full by the candidate.

Signed: _____ Lodge _____ No. _____
Secretary*The Grand Master's One-Day Class fee shall accompany this Application.*

Section D - Candidate Guide

Name of Guide (Required): _____ Lodge _____ No. _____

The above information has been verified by the Office of the Grand Secretary:

Grand Secretary or Deputy Grand Secretary(This form **must be received** in the Office of the Grand Secretary by the posted deadline prior to attending a Grand Master's One-Day Class.)

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

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

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.

Nobles;

For you musically talented Brothers, get out those instruments from the closets, and let's fire up the El Kahir Shrine Band and use our trailer for this year's parades.

I have plenty of music to get us inspired. Even if you haven't played for some time, we always have a great time and invite all with varied experience.

Let me know when you are available, by email, and let's start "tootin".

John Wagor, email:
jcwagor@gmail.com

PATIENT TRIPS - February/March

| DATE | TO | DRIVER | CO-DRIVER |
|------|---------|---------------------|---------------|
| 2/1 | Chicago | Bart Waddell | Curt Waddell |
| 2/8 | Chicago | Bart Waddell | Curt Waddell |
| 2/10 | Chicago | Ill Sir Todd Morgan | Dan Kelley |
| 3/6 | Mpls | Bart Waddell | Casey Waddell |

In addition to the above trips, 5 patient families transported themselves and El Kahir Shrine provided such items as lodging, airfare/mileage, and food.



DIRECTOR'S STAFF

Greetings from the Director's Staff. What great springtime weather we have! As you can see, we have been busy with two fish fries. Wow, people LOVE our fish. We kept Illustrious Sir Tom busy along with several other Divan members and past potentates. Thank you to our outstanding crew!



Now, it's time to start thinking about the Potentate's Ball, popcorn truck trips, and parades. Speaking of the Ball, if you haven't made your reservation yet, do it now. The May date of the Ball is fast approaching and you

don't want to miss out – "Let the Good Times Roll!"

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

- Why don't the circus lions eat the clowns?

(Because they taste funny!)

- What did one hat say to the other?

(You wait here — I'll go on ahead!)

Don't forget these upcoming events

Basket Night – It is the place to be on the 2nd Friday of each month. The burgers, tenderloins and fries are the best



and may soon be featured in "Foodie" magazine. Keep your eyes open. How do we do it? Our burger flipper and fry cooks travel all over the world to learn the newest and best techniques. Then, we bring what we learn to you, right here at El Kahir Shrine. We can't tell our secret though...

it's like the Colonel's "Seven herbs and Spices". The receipt is locked in a safe that even the great Fred Madison couldn't open.

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

- What is ET short for?

- Did you hear about the actor who broke his leg?

Yours in the faith,

Jim Arnold

Donations

El Kahir Shrine Transportation Fund

In Memory of James Stucker

Marlene Horton

In Memory of Lady Betty O'Mara

Revvin Fezzes

In Memory of Cecil/Junie Thornton

Ill. Sir Dan Bush

In Memory of Melvin Wrage

Cindy Schwier

Shriners Hospitals

Robert Brown

Chad Clapper

William Robinson

El Kahir Shrine Temple

Robert Brown

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.

David/Karen Kroger 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

Delbert Shaw 3/24

These We Do Not Forget

IN MEMORIAM

"ES SELAMU ALEIKUM"



Carl R Meusel 1/18/2024

Robert M McQueen 1/24/2024

Dale Dean Lorenz 12/19/2023

Lady Betty O'Mara 1/26/24



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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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El Kahir Shrine
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Hiawatha, IA 52233-0038

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