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MaKayla B From Clarion with Iowa Shrine Bowl Shriners.

Parking Lot Progress



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

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 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
 October/November are
 due to the Editor by
 Friday September 13th.**

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

With the weather heating up, so are things at El Kahir!

When you are reading this, we will have just completed another successful Shrine Bowl.

I want to thank Chief Rabban James Voss and Assistant Rabban Mike Sion for organizing the Oasis and hospitality for the Nobility and their Ladies. Also, thanks to the Shrine Bowl Club for their hard work. This event last year raised over \$100,000 and while the numbers aren't in yet, I'm confident we will be just as successful.

If you have been out to the temple recently you may have noticed the parking lot and patio project under construction. Mother Nature hasn't been particularly cooperative, but we are moving forward to make this improvement to your Temple.

There are several events coming up that I'm sure you don't want to miss.

This year's caravan is August 17th at Lisbon Sauerkraut days with the Oasis back at the temple.

CSSA is in Topeka this year August 29th-31st if you have never been, it's a blast! Please consider attending. There is a block of rooms at the Hyatt Place hotel in Topeka reserved so come out and join the fun!

There is a Craft Fair on September 14th that I am told will have lots of vendors to pick from.

On September 28th we are having our first El Kahir Patient Clinic in several years. We are extremely fortunate to have Jessica Zinser Long, the granddaughter of Illustrious Sir George Zinser and daughter of Noble Michael Zinser, coming back from Texas to be our medical professional. On the same day, we are planning a pet rescue and adoption event to help our furry friends. Watch for more information on this.

Finally, I would like to thank all who work to make El Kahir grow. We aren't the biggest temple but because of you we are very successful.

Yours in the faith,

Tom Kurtz, Potentate

Potentate@ElKahir.org

ASSERIONS OF THE ASSISTANT RABBAN

It's 5am Saturday I just woke up with a joyful feeling in my soul. I've just spent the last 50 plus hours with great men and women attending the Shrine Bowl weekend. This morning many of us will parade through downtown Cedar Falls bringing warmth and joy to the many people lining the streets. Other Shriners and their family's will be parading in other communities around the state. We represent a family of people with like goals and mindsets. Those of us who can't make it out today still parade with us in spirit! You see we don't just represent the children, the hospitals, or the philanthropy. We represent the true spirit of joy and togetherness. What can be accomplished with a true passion for life. So I would like to take this opportunity. To thank you all from Clarion, Mason city, Rhinebeck, Cedar Falls, Davenport, Des Moines, Hiawatha, Cedar Rapids, and all of the other large and small towns we come from. For allowing me to be a part of this Grand happening. For your friendships, for sharing a meal or a drink and most of all for the thing we never know how much of we have your Time! So Keep up this great time and enjoy it! PS: Smile you all deserve

Yours in Shrine faith,

Michael Sion, Assistant Rabban

AssistantRabban@ElKahir.org

FROM YOUR DIVAN



HOOPLA FROM THE H.P. & P.

On June 8th we had our Kids Day here at El Kahir and it was a great day for all. The weather was not the best. We were worried it would rain, but that held off. The kids had a ball on the water slide, even with the weather not being as warm as last year. You know kids the kids don't care and they just wanted to have fun and they did. The bouning house got the most use of the two. Last year maybe we had 1 or 2 in that one, but this year it was full of kids all day. We pulled out Revvin Fezzes trailor and displaded 2 of ther Go Carts. The kids loved sitting in them and having their photos taken. Thank You for your great support in Kids Day this year. The kids loved all the games and the food and hav- ing their faces painted. Everyone loved getting popcorn from the Director Staff. They did a great job as they always do. This year the Grill Masters supplied us with 400 Hot Dogs and everything else they needed to make them so good as always. Thank You Grill Masters for helping to make Kids Day so great. You all worked so hard and we could tell when they cooked all 400 hot dogs they had.

Then Illustrious Sir Tom Kurtz, James Voss, Illustrious Sir Dale Roberge, and Chris Witt all made it back in time for the Golf Tournament from the Imperial Session in Reno, Navada. Hope they all had a great time there.

The Golf Turnament turned out great. Everyone had a good time like we do every year. Mike Siona nd I sat at the 18th hole collecting donations to move up the blue stake for Tee off. Thank You everyone for your donations.

The Shrine Bowl starts July 14th thru July 20th. Hope to see many of my Broth- ers there to help out, being this is our year to do all the major work LOL.

Fraternally yours,

Bob O'Mara, High Priest and Prophet
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OBSERVATIONS OF THE ORIENTAL GUIDE

Greetings Ladies and Nobles. Kay and I attended Imperial Ses- sion at Reno and experienced many great interactions.

Parade season is upon us. When the public sees the Shriners in local parades it is one of the most effective marketing efforts we can do. The Wright County Shrine Club is very active having fun and being good examples of what Shriners do. Thank you Del

Kramersmeier, Maurice Riley and all the good guys of Wright County

Shrine Club. I encourage all members to find a club or unit to be active and have fun.

Another successful Iowa Shrine Bowl game has been completed. The week of the Shrine Bowl takes a lot of work by many Shriners and ladies. The El Kahir Shrine Bowl Club is key to a successful event. Too many to mention here but I thank all of you.

Occasionally we have an opportunity to visit with alumni Shrine Bowl players and cheerleaders. They tell us that the Shrine Bowl is one of the best experiences of their life. It is great to have such a positive impact on the young people of Iowa.

We are looking forward to many Shriners participating in the Karavan August in Lisbon on August 17.

Chris Witt, Oriental Guide
OrientalGuide@ElKahir.org

August Birthdays

- 2 Daniel R. Bush
Eugene L. Nassif Sr.
- 3 Elver B. Sorensen
- 4 Christopher L. White
- 5 Tobin L. Britt
- 6 James R. McClintock
- 9 Rodney L. Heiden
- 10 John L. Wiley
- 11 Jackson H. Cline
G R. Johnson
- 12 Jerrold W. Christensen
- 13 Jordan M. Moffitt
Joshua C. Roe
- 14 David A. Robinson
- 15 Andrew C. Reicks
Scott J. Shipman
James H. Smith II
- 16 Merv E. Hilpipre
- 17 Leland H. Fisher
- 19 Damon G. Davis
- 21 Orlie J. Workman
- 22 David L. Buskohl
Michael R. Rubocki
Ronald D. Schleder
John L. Thornton
- 23 Thomas A. Brown Sr.
- 24 William C. Jacobson
- 27 John D. Aldershof
Terry D. Cooper
Donald D. Sapp
- 31 Richard L. Heft



MEMBERSHIP INFO FROM THE RECORDER May/June 2024

Beginning Membership	435
Creations/Affiliations.....	4
Restorations.....	0
Expired.....	1
Demits.....	0
Suspensions	0
Associate Drop.....	0
Ending Membership	438

September Birthdays

- 1 Daniel J. Burke
Timothy John Leaman
Glen Moore
Larry D. Ritze
- 3 Harvey E. Peet
- 5 Donald J. Levsen
- 6 Robert A. Brasch Jr.
Adam Clemons
- 7 Larry J. Bearce Sr.
Luke A. Reicks
- 9 Brian J. Barnes
John Coyle
- 11 Dale G. Roberge II
- 12 Robert J. Spurgin
- 13 Linc A. Aldershof
Timothy J. Felton
- 14 Shane O. Cline
Randal G. Danover
Todd W. Morgan
- 15 Donald E. Harris
- 16 Steven C. Lames
- 17 Charles E. Grassley
Howard M. Rick
- 18 Frank L. Wyatt
- 19 Jason E. Haven
- 20 Wayne L. Billings
James M. Fry
Wilmer J. Robison II
- 21 James Bearce
- 22 William L. Christofferson
Jeffrey A. Storjohann
- 23 Robert E. Brown
- 25 Darrell G. Fremont
- 27 Dave P. Anton
Martin J. Novak
- 28 Steven C. King
Jon A. Reynolds
- 29 Charlie Betterton

FROM YOUR DIVAN

THE RECORDER'S CORNER



Let us start off with a Trivia Question; What criteria determine a child's eligibility for care at Shriners Hospitals for Children?

Children up to age 18 are eligible for care at Shriners Hospitals for Children if there is a reasonable possibility they can benefit from the specialized services available. Acceptance is based solely on a child's medical needs.

Oh, By the way we are going to have a Clinic here at El Kahir Shrine Temple September 28, 2024 at 905 Tower Terrace Rd., Hiawatha, Ia. Also, we may have some people here on animal Rescue that day also

Parking lot extension is moving along. July 17, they started pouring part of the patio area. Hopefully it will be done by the end of the month.

It was a great night for the July meeting. I would like to thank Brad Kurtz, Dan, Kelley and Chad Conrad. There were forty-four nobles and ladies for this social gathering to have fun and fellowship.

The June Stated meeting at Cedar Falls was not attended very well. We had one Cold Sands. I would like to welcome Noble Craig J. Patava. Illustrious Tom Kurtz, Divan went to North Iowa Shrine Club and brought in 2 more new Nobles: Noble Kris Quam and Josh Hagin. Welcome to you all.

The last month has been very busy with weddings in the Banquet room, Grand Masters Corn Hole Tournament, Shrine Bowl and Parades. So please get out and get involved in your Temple, Units and Clubs activities.

We need some volunteers for taking Care of the York Rite Annual Meeting on Sept 14, 2024 and the Grand Lodge for 3 days September 19-21, 2024. This will be taking care of the bars for the two sessions.

Please contact Illustrious Sir Floyd or Illustrious Sir Tom Kurtz at the Temple.

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. Thanks again to the Nobility and Ladies of El Kahir Shrine for their continued dedication and support of 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



Inspired by Shriners

As our General Manager Michael Hensing was walking out of the Uni Dome a young girl handed him an envelope containing \$43. She told Michael that she had a lemonade stand to benefit Shriners Children's. This is an example of how being a Shriner inspires others.

BULLETIN

Due to the rising cost of postage, we will start marking your returned mail as a bad address and you will no longer receive mail from El Kahir. You must inform the shrine office of your new address. To all Nobles and Ladies that have a winter address please notify us of the dates you will be gone and return.

So, if you don't receive any mail, it is because of your address!

Thank You,
Floyd Sauter P.P., Recorder

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 Shrine Office Will Be Closed on the Following Dates:

September 2
November 28
December 25/26
January 1, 2025

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Public Relations
WebMaster

PATIENT TRIPS - June/July

DATE	TO	DRIVER	CO-DRIVER
6/27	Chicago	Bart Waddell	Caseyt Waddell
6/28	Mpls	Kris Quaml	Nicholas Laite

In addition to the above trips, 2 patient families transported themselves and El Kahir Shrine provided such items as lodging, airfare/mileage, and food.



CSSA HOTEL INFORMATION

Hyatt Place Topeka
6021 SW 6th Ave
Topeka, KS 66615
PH: 785-273-0066

RATES:
2 Queen - \$99.00
1 King - \$99.00

When calling, state that you are with "CENTRAL STATES SHRINERS GROUP"

DIRECTOR'S STAFF

Greetings from the Director's Staff. We had fun at the Independence Day parade in Independence, Iowa. As you can see, we were lined up and ready to go. The parade was PACKED along every street.

The best part about summer is - Sweet corn is here! If you're like me, you have been waiting for this time of year. I could eat sweet corn with every meal. Maybe we should have a 'Sweet corn night' at El Kahir. What do you think?



CSSA in Topeka is right around the corner. If you don't have it scheduled, get CSSA on your calendar now. It's a great time to catch up with Nobles from our association

and a REALLY fun time.

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

- What did the triangle say to the circle? (You're pointless.)
- Dad, can you tell me what a solar eclipse is? (No, sun)



Don't forget these upcoming events

Basket Night - It is the place to be on the 2nd Friday of each month. Keep an eye out for the next issue of Better Homes & Gardens. Why you ask? Well, the Director's Staff has been asked to provide a full center article on how we season and prepare such great gourmet burgers and tenderloins each month. Should we get those white 'Chef hats' to wear for the pictures?

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

- Have you heard about the new sport of 'Quiet Tennis'?
- What do you call a sad strawberry?

Yours in the faith,

Jim Arnold

Donations

El Kahir Shrine Transportation Fund

In Memory of Donna Mudlenix

Sharon Murray

In Memory of Lady Nancy Lou Kahler

Stacey Bentley For (Nancy Kahler)

Dr. Ken/Pat Budke

Jan/Justin Smith

David Lies

Russ/Stacey Bentley

Larry Helling

Brian/Julia Hayes

Stephen/Deon Clabby

Carol Johnson/Daniel Kilbride

Shriners Hospitals

In Memory of Ben Blackstock

Dennis/Shawn Beatty

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.

Mrs. Kim Zummak 7/23

Mrs. Joan Walke 9/23

Doug White 9/23

ll. Sir George Zinser 11/23

M.W.G.M. Darrell Fremont 11/23

Joseph Linga, Jr. 1/24

Ronald/Dellene Hagar 1/24

Delbert Shaw 3/24

Gerald Bakken 5/24

Delores A. Blood 7/24

Mrs. Freddie Holmes 7/23

Ill. Sir Todd Morgan 9/23

George/Edith Case 9/23

Ill. Sir Dan/Cindy Bush 11/23

Ronald Bowers 1/24

Robert Mead 1/24

Capt. Gary Rees 5/24

Darrell Zacharias 5/24

These We Do Not Forget

IN MEMORIAM

"ES SELAMU ALEIKUM"



Benjamin W. Blackstock 6/6/2024

The Fall Blood Drive will be held on Friday, September 13 (Basket Night) from 2:00 - 4:30 PM. Come on out to do your civic duty by donating a pint (and get a free meal, compliments of the Director's Staff.



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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