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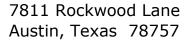


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### **STATED MEETING**

Ben Hur Shrine meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month. The next stated meeting will be Jan 19, 2023. **YOUR 2023 DUES CARD IS REQUIRED!** 

### APPOINTED DIVAN

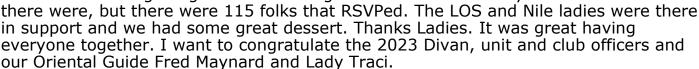
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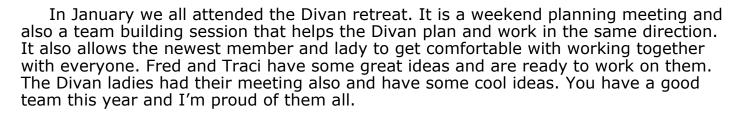
# POTENTATES MESSAGE—fatboyfab1955@gmail.com

Howdy Nobles and Ladies,

I hope this finds everyone healthy and happy. Pam and I enjoyed the holidays and are looking forward to a great year for all.

Pam and I want to thank everyone that made the installation great. Ill.Sir Romeo, Lady Holly and all of the entertainment committee worked together to make it grand. Chef Ernest and his crew made some good gumbo I did not get a count of how many





I had the honor to install the Highland Lakes Shrine Club Officers. That club is doing great and is about to outgrow their meeting room at the restaurant. It's always a pleasure to visit those Nobles and Ladies.

We are all planning on attending other Shrine events starting with Moslah Shrine Ball along with several others. It's always an honor to visit other Shrines and represent Ben Hur. Pam and I have many friends/counterparts from our other Texas Shrines and have all moved up the ladder together. We always feel welcome when visiting them.

We will have some Ben Hur events in the future and encourage everyone to attend. We are a social group so we need to be social. Ben Hur Temple belongs to you, the nobles. The Divan is here as a governing board to assist you in enjoying your temple, having fun and keeping our temple operating. Our door is always open and phones are always on. If you have an idea, share it. Sean Williams is our fundraising chair and David Hoke is membership chair. Sean is also Masonic Relations and has great ideas. Robert Darrell is looking at our social media and marketing. These nobles are here to look at new things and welcome your ideas. They will need some help so give them a hand. This is your temple, so become an important part!

Valentine's Day is very soon so please don't forget to take care of your honey. It is well worth the investment and will help you survive until next year. Pam and I hope the best for everyone and hope to see you all soon. God Bless everyone and stay Ben Hur Proud.

Chuck "Fester" Jones

# CHIEF RABBAN - heinemanja@yahoo.com

Hello All,

The new Shriner year has started. It has been a busy, but fun and satisfying ride as a member of the Divan. Janet and I will try to be available for whatever may come up and to attend as many Shriner events in Texas as well as clubs, units, and Lodge events as we are able to. It would be great if all our Nobles would get active and support Ben Hur, the clubs, and units as well as their Lodges they belong to! This is how our organizations

prosper, Participation. Participation is the key to our growth. Imperial Sir Jim Smith also pointed out another key, that is communication, which the Divan is aware of and has a duty to and will execute.

I hope all who made the Installation had a good time. It has been a while since we had a party after an installation, and I believe it was well received and attended. Thank you to Imperial Sir Jim Smith and Illustrious Sir Charlie Farnham for running the Installation. Welcome to our new Oriental Guide Fred Maynard and his Lady, Traci, may your ride begin and end with fun and satisfaction that you helped Ben Hur move forward.

We started this year with a week-end retreat to see how we want to move forward and get everyone on board with our Potentate's vision of how to make our Shrine better and to form bonds with our Divan family. I think this was a successful weekend!

I hope everyone had a Happy New Year and are looking forward to having more fun this year. Janet and I attended the Highland Lakes Shrine Club this month and had a great time. As always, they had a very good turnout. They continue to work with the community and are active with the Blue Lodge and OES Chapter. Participation keeps them growing.

We are attending the Director's Staff meeting this month to plan on moving forward. It will be a somber meeting knowing we lost a very good and hard-working member, Ken "Scooter" Wood. You are sorely missed, Noble Ken!

Signing off for now,

Ben Hur Proud! James Heineman Chief Rabban

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# ASSISTANT RABBAN - jemcconnel@gmail.com

Nobles and Ladies

Well the new year is off and running

Thanks to all that attended the Installation of Officers, what a great turn-out and party.

I will be working closely with AR James Heineman on fundraising for next year, we have some old favorites coming and hopefully some new stuff for everyone to enjoy.

I would also ask each of you to attend, and be an active part of your blue lodge. Please let me know when your lodge meets. I would like to make as many lodge meetings as I can this year. Remember all Shriners started in lodge.

Remember that the Shrine was formed for FUN and Fellowship!

Fraternally

Jim McConnell

Assistant Rabban

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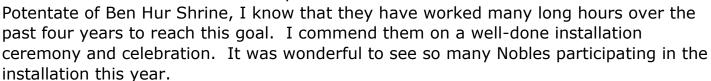


ON MY WAY TO GRAND LODGE. MAYBE NEXT MONTH.

# ORIENTAL GUIDE - fred.maynard@gmail.com

Greeting Nobles and Ladies,

Welcome to February. I want to first start off by congratulating Illustrious Sir Chuck Jones and Lady Pam on his installation as



Life as the Oriental Guide is off to a running start. Lady Traci & I attended the Divan Retreat in Kerrville. We will also be attending Divan mid-winter and Texas Association Legions of Honor mid-winter this month. We are very excited about these opportunities and look forward to serving the Nobles of Ben Hur in the coming years.

One last thought that has been on my mind and I want to share with you. The heart of the Shrine is its units and clubs. If you are a new Shriner and you are wondering how or where to get plugged into the Shrine, find a unit or club and become active. This is the place where you will start to make those friendships that will make your Shrine journey fun and memorable. There are many units and clubs to choose from depending on your interests. If you don't know what is available let me know and I will be glad to help you. If you have an interest and you think that it might make a good unit or club, we can investigate to see if there is enough interest to get a new unit started.

I hope that everyone has a great month, and don't forget your Valentine on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Fraternally, Fred Maynard Oriental Guide





**Daily Events** 

**General Admission:** Patrons with General Admission tickets can sit anywhere in the Lower Level, from Sections 100-111 and Sections 127-134 for all three games on the tournament day purchased.

**Dugout Reserved:** Section 112-126 is a reserved seating area. Patrons with tickets in the Dugout will be able to sit in the same reserved seats for all three games on the tournament day purchased.

| Day 1                    |
|--------------------------|
| Friday, March 3, 2023    |
| Game 1 - 11:00 AM        |
| Texas Tech vs. Rice      |
| Game 2 - 3:00 PM         |
| TCU vs. Michigan         |
| Game 3 - 7:00 PM         |
| Louisville vs. Texas A&M |
| Buy Day 1 Tickets        |

| Day 2                   |
|-------------------------|
| Saturday, March 4, 2023 |
| Game 1 - 11:00 AM       |
| Michigan vs. Texas Tech |
| Game 2 - 3:00 PM        |
| Louisville vs. TCU      |
| Game 3 - 7:00 PM        |
| Rice vs. Texas A&M      |
| Buy Day 2 Tickets       |

| Day 3                                      |
|--|
| Sunday, March 5, 2023                      |
| Game 1 - 11:00 AM  Michigan vs. Louisville |
| Game 2 - 3:00 PM                           |
| Game 3 - 7:00 PM Texas A&M vs. Texas Tech  |
| Buy Day 3 Tickets                          |

### HISTORY

# BEN HUR PATROL AND BAND VISIT SMITHVILLE

Eighty-four Shriners of Ben Hur Temple, including the Ben Hur Band and Patrol, visited Smithville Saturday, making the trip by special train, to take part in the Parent-Teachers Association carnival sponsored by the Smithville Shrine Club. The Austin delegation headed by H. H. Taylor, potentate of Ben Hur Temple, the visit to Smithville being made to aid the Shrine club there in its part to make the carnival a success. The band and the patrol took part in a big parade during the afternoon and at 5:30 o'clock the Shriners were guests at a barbecue. The special train returned to Austin at 9:15 p.m. Saturday, having left here Saturday morning at 7:45 o'clock.

On the way to Smithville Saturday morning the Shriner special made twenty-minute stops at Bastrop and Elgin. At each of these places a concert was given by the band, and Shriners on the special were served cigars and refreshments by Masons who appeared at the depots to greet the delegation.

The returning Shriners reported that their trip to Smithville was a big success, and that the Smithville carnival was a big affair.

The above article was reported in the Austin/American Statesman on April 8, 1923.

Gene Freudenberg PP/Historian

# MY FEZCARD VIEWER & WEBFEZ OR SCANNING

For the year 2023, how does a Noble demonstrate that he is current in his dues?

The primary method is scanning the QR code located on the new My FezCard Viewer, available through the Google App Store or the Apple iStore. If the Noble's My FezCard Viewer presents a gold-colored digital card, his 2023 dues are not posted in WebFez – the card for those who are paid through 2023 will be black in color.

The secondary option for Nobles who don't have a smartphone, or who have a smartphone and are unwilling to download the Viewer, is to scan the QR code on the Noble's existing gold-colored membership hard card.

The third option is to enter the Shrine ID found on the existing gold-colored membership hard card into WebFez QR Scanning Module

The fourth option, (for 2023) is for a Noble to download a copy (or take a screenshot) of his digital card from WebFez or ShrinersInternational.org member center. Presenting a photo on his device of his 2023 digital black membership card indicates that the Noble is current in his dues

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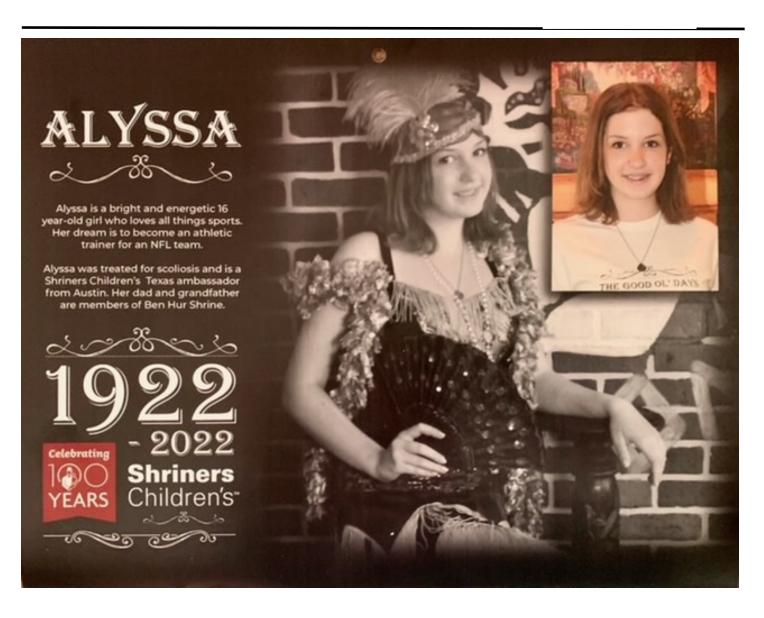




# **CHARIOTEERS**

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# February 2023

| SUN       | MON         | TUE             | WED          | THU          | FRI           | SAT      |
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|           |             |                 | RENTAL       |              |               | Memorial |
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| Sons of   | Texana 123  | Rental          | Trailblazers | Div          | an Mid Winter |          |
| Herman    |             |                 |              | HLSC         | LOS           | Demolay  |
| BHTC      |             |                 |              | Provost      |               |          |
|           |             |                 |              | Guard        |               |          |
| 12        | 13          | 14              | 15           | 16           | 17            | 18       |
| Superbowl |             | Charioteers     | Nile         | BHS Stated   |               | SOOB     |
|           |             | Mini B's        |              | Clowns       |               |          |
|           |             | Rental          |              | Transporters |               |          |
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|           |             | Provost Shoot   |              |              | RENTAL        |          |
|           |             | RENTAL          |              |              | KENTAL        |          |
| 26        | 27          | 28              |              |              |               |          |
| TSDA MW   |             | RENTAL          |              |              |               |          |
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# March 2023

| SUN  | MON             | TUE   | WED                           | THU                              | FRI  | SAT                                      |
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| 5<br>Sons of<br>Herman                         | 6<br>Texana 123 | 7<br>RENTAL                                   | 8<br>Trailblazers             | 9<br>HLSC<br>Provost<br>Guard    | 10<br>LOS  | 11                                       |
| 12<br>RENTAL                                   | 13              | 14<br>Charioteers<br>Mini B's<br>RENTAL       | 15<br>Nile                    | 16 BHS Stated Clowns Transporter | 17   | 18<br>RENTAL                             |
| 19<br>LOS<br>Installation<br>Cruise<br>Meeting | 20              | 21<br>RENTAL<br>Directors<br>Staff<br>Provost | 22                            |                                  | 24 25  HST Travel Club  Provost Guard MW  RENTAL |  |
| BHST TC  Ruh Neb Installation                  | 27              | 28<br>RENTAL                                  | 29                            | 30                               | 31   |  |

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GEXIT

# HLSC

Newly installed Potentate visits HLSC to Install the Clubs officers.



Endowment schedule for 2023. You can purchase all three, or one at a time. This is a great way to insure your dues are always current. Not to mention ignoring future increases.

### **IMPERIAL ENDOWMENTS**

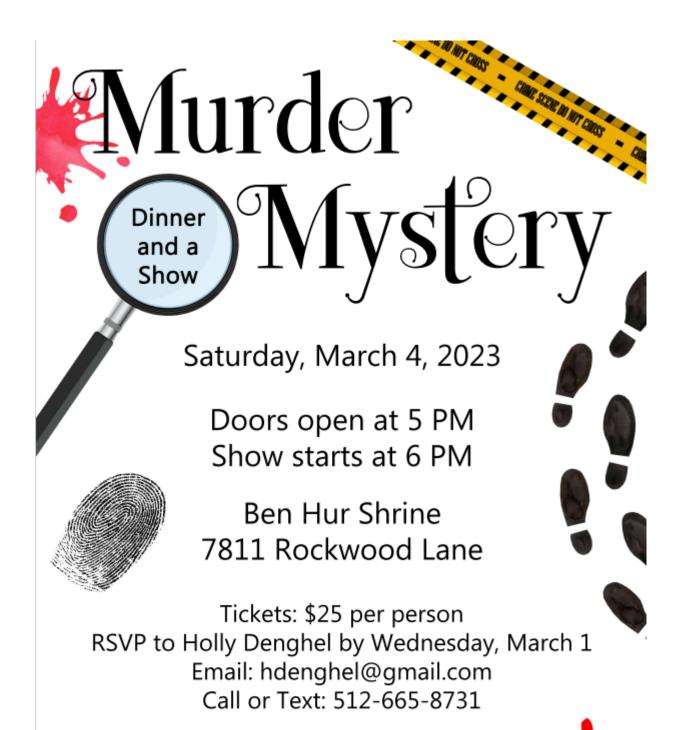
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# **SREKOJ**



### Calling All SREKOJ

If you are ready to have some fun in Galveston here's your chance. The Mardi Gras parade is February 19, Sunday AM. I have sent out the email with 2sets of paper to fill out and send back to Ms. Martinez...... or to me. Sending it to me will ensure I get us a float. Apparently, everyone is on a float. Moody Gardens has a very cheap rate if you tell them, you are a Shriner. I believe \$119 per night. I know of 4 of us attending so far. And you CAN bring a wife, hubby, whomever. Okey doke. Have fun.

Grinningly

Macaroni

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|--|
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## LEGION OF HONOR

Nobels & Ladies,

The Legion of Honor is heading into 2023 with a lot of energy and optimism. We installed a new slate of officers this year and we are excited to see what the New Year will bring.

Commander – Fred Maynard 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander – Eric Stewart 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander – Ted Robertson Adjutant/Finance Officer – Eddie Daffern Chaplain – Don Walker

Congratulations to the newly installed officers.

We are preparing for the Texas Association Legions of Honor mid-winter color guard and in-line inspection competitions. If anyone would like to watch the competition it will be on February 22<sup>nd</sup> in Fredericksburg.

We are also planning a Memorial Day service to honor our fallen brothers and sisters on May 28<sup>th</sup> at the Shrine Temple. Following the ceremony light refreshments will be served. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

If you are a veteran and would like to participate with the Legion of Honor, please let one of us know, we would love to have you join us.

Fraternally, Fred Maynard Commander



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|-------------------|
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| Edward M Allen    |
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| Howard K Kimball  |

**2/3**Stephen M Preece
Kenneth D Meek

**2/4** LaVan R Parker, Jr Brian F Haulotte

**2/5** Joe D Parten

**2/6**Donald R Fairley

2/7

Marvin E Dabbs John B Pantermuel James J Mercier Charles E Maddox

**2/9** Lewis Curatolo Jr

**2/10**Eddie W Parker
Stanley C Anderson
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Carl U Christensen
Gregory S Randall

**2/15**Jerry T Woehl
Thomas L Salem

**2/16**Ralph R Johnson

**2/19** Philip A Bates

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**2/21**Randy E Andersson

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2/24

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