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#### **STATED MEETING**

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

#### APPOINTED DIVAN

Temple Director - Chris Garner
Captain of the Guard - David Harnden
Outer Guard - Raul Scully
1st Ceremonial Master—Russell Jones
2nd Ceremonial Master - Ricky Hayes
Ceremonial Asst. Rabban— Sean Williams
Marshal - Gerry Garcia

#### POTENTATES MESSAGE—fatboyfab1955@gmail.com

Howdy Nobles and Ladies,

I hope everyone is doing well. Our Temple has been dark for the summer, but Pam and I have still been busy. We have had several ladies group events, parades and unit events. The Johnson City Parade was fun as usual, but it was a hot day. Several of us were able to meet after at the Pecan Street Brewery for some cool beverages and good food. It's nice with our Shrine shirts on and folks ask us about our group.



The next parade in August was the Fredericksburg parade. This is always a huge and fun parade. We were joined by Al Amin Shriners Victoria Shrine Club with their Lizzies cars and a big golf cart with banners on it. Alzafar Shrine also had an entry. This is always a Friday parade and everyone in the area comes out. It's the only parade that doubles back on itself so we can see the parade while in it. Tractor groups, football teams, farm equipment. One of my favorites.

After the parade the Ben Hur Travel Club hosted some of us at their campout in Stonewall, Tx. Thanks to Noble Ricky Hayes for pulling our parade float. Great food and fellowship.

On September 1st Pam and I along with James and Janet Heineman and several Highland Lakes Shrine Club attended Noble Herb Parson's 101 Birthday Party in Marble Falls. This is the third year in a row we have celebrated with Herb. Herb is a member of Ballut Abyad Shriners out of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Herb is always glad to see us and invites everyone back next year. Rock on Herb!

Our very own Highland Lakes Shrine Club was shaking the bucket in Marble Falls for our Children's Hospitals. Thank y'all for all you do.

Ben Hur Family Day on September 17th was a huge success. Over 200 folks stopped by and enjoyed the event. Shriner/Masons, families and friends stopped by and enjoyed the hospitality, food and beverages. The bounce house and dunk tank were a hit, and the kiddos were having a great time. There were many that were not in our fraternity but were asking questions about what we did. It's always great to tell folks our story and what we do. Granddaughter Alyssa raised donations for our hospitals for her trip to Shriners Hospitals Golf Classic in Las Vegas. Alyssa is representing Shreveport Hospital and will be a Standard bearer during the Classic. There are several Patient Ambassadors attending the event representing our hospitals. She has almost reached her goal of 5,000 dollars for our hospitals. Thanks to everyone.

#### POTENTATES MESSAGE— (Continued)

Thanks to Marco Pizana, WM of Live Oak Lodge for donating his DJ service. Also, Erika and Sam Taylor for the face painting and balloons. It was great having Past Grand Master RW Brad Billings and his family attending. He was hit in the dunk tank. Everyone wanted a chance to dunk him. Pam and I both spent some time in the tank as well as others. Overall, this was a great event. Thanks to all who worked hard to make it a success.

Pam and I are looking forward to getting back to our stated meetings and parades the rest of the year. Please attend the Murder Mystery dinner coming up on the 21st of October. I love Lucy theme and it will be a bunch of fun. Our Toy dance will be on December 9th, so start shopping for toys.

We are happy things are cooling off and getting closer to the holidays. Pam and I wish everyone well and God Bless our Nobles, Ladies, children, and Hospitals, See y'all soon.

Stay BEN HUR PROUD. Chuck "Fester" Jones



#### CHIEF RABBAN - heinemanja@yahoo.com

Hello All,

September is here and we are back to having meeting for the last few months of this year, man has it flown by!

We had 2 parades in August, the Johnson City and Fredericksburg parades. They both had a great public turnout, despite the heat and they really like to see the Shriners there. We always get cheered on.



This month started off with the Highland Shrine Club meeting. There was a good turnout with around 22 people in attendance, including our own Past Imperial Potentate, Imperial Sir Jim Smith, and his lady Alice. We also had Ill. Sir Ed Whitmore and his lady Margo and Ill. Sir Greg Rye and his lady Vinna. Rich Carpenter and his lady Carol were not able to make it. Rich had his gallbladder removed and is recouping. Please keep them in your prayers.

The Travel Club had their first rally after the summer break in Stonewall. We had a decent turnout, good food and a fun time. I believe Romeo only won 1 of the games that weekend, and he was happy with that. We have changed our bylaws and opened the rallies to everyone, so come out any time and have fun with the group, especially if you have an RV and need to start using it.

This month, Ill. Sir Chuck has planned a Family Day with a dunk tank, bounce house and food. It will be a fun day. You get to dunk the Potentate and possibly the Jr. Past Grand Master, R.W. Brad Billings, along with some of the Divan members.

For those going on the Potentate's Cruise, the time is getting close. Janet and I are biting at the bit to board the ship and have some fun as well as down time to relax.

After we get back from the cruise, we have the Murder Mystery on October 21 with the theme of I Love Lucy. This is going to be a fun event and at \$25/person, an inexpensive evening of fun, food and entertainment, so join us at the Shrine Center to have fun!

Signing off for now, Ben Hur Proud! James Heineman

#### ASSISTAND RABBAN - jemcconnel@gmail.com





#### HIGH PRIEST & PROPHET - charlesemaddox@gmail.com

Imperial Sir, Illustrious Sirs, and Nobles all, the summer officially ended, and now we are in the fall months as we careen towards the end of the calendar year.

No doubt you will read from my fellow Divan members about the fun we had at the Ben Hur Family Day. Alexandra woke from her nap and came out to jump in the bounce house, get her face painted, and receive a Longhorn balloon hat. She also tried popcorn for the first time, but she didn't seem too impressed, yet. She absolutely loved the lemonade and



Over the last month I had the pleasure of attending the York Rite Sovereign College Annual session in Providence, RI, and later at the Knights of York Cross of Honor Convent General in Oklahoma City. The trip to Oklahoma City was moving and somber. The attendees toured the Oklahoma City Bombing Memorial at night. It was quiet and still as we toured the memorial, building on the site of the former Murrah Federal Office Building. The fence is adorned with unclaimed personal effects and also flowers for the honored dead. There is a chair for each person who died that day in 1995 arranged in a row by the floor they worked on. I was 10 years old when the terrorist attack happened.

Finally, I was pleasantly surprised when I received a letter from Imperial Potentate Ed Stoltz appointing me to the Imperial Outer Guard Aides Committee. I was not expecting that letter, and am honored to even be considered for such an appointment. Like all my endeavors of service within the Shrine, and Masonry in general, I pray to be equal to the task and able to serve with honor.

Fraternally, Charles E. Maddox, HPP Ben Hur Shriners 512-567-6744

could not get enough.

#### ORIENTAL GUIDE - fred.maynard@att.net

Hello Nobles & Ladies,

Fall is finally here!! The temperatures are finally coming down. We are excited and looking forward to our monthly meetings.

We have continued to represent Ben Hur Shrine during these 100\* days. I was able to attend the Johnson City Parade, man was it hot out there. Lady Traci attended the Fredericksburg Parade; she enjoyed some time afterward with the Travel Club at the Peach



Country RV Park. Ben Hur Legion of Honor was pleased to present the Colors at a dove hunt & luncheon honoring the Paralyzed American Veterans in Buda. We were able to shake the bucket with the Highland Lakes Shrine Club at the Marble Falls Market Days. Thank you to everyone who came out to represent Ben Hur Shrine, support the HLSC, and raise money for Shriners Childrens.

Looking forward.... We will be attending the Military Ball hosted by the Al Amin Legion of Honor on September 23<sup>rd</sup> in Pharr, TX. We're looking forward to a fun night of dinner and dancing. Also, the Texas Association Legions of Honor will host their fall picnic social in Round Rock on September 30<sup>th</sup>. We will be on the cruise with Illustrious Sir Jones & Lady Pam in October for a little rest & relaxation.







# FREDERICKSBURG PARADE













# BEN HUR FAMILY DAY FUN



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# October 2023

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#### **CARBOYS**



Potentate photo bombs the Carboy Brew Meeting.

Endowment schedule for 2024. 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.

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**BEN HUR DUES ENDOWMENT** 

AGE UNDER 65 \$1900

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#### HISTORY

#### BEN HUR SHRINERS IN THE NEWS!!!

#### **Austin Shriners Win Pistol Contest**

The Provost Guard Pistol Team of the Ben Hur Shrine in Austin won all seven trophies at the Texas Shrine Mid-Winter Pistol Competition last weekend at Tyler.

The Ben Hur Shrine team was composed of Bob Oakes, Bob Linn, Donald Kidd, Bill Boulter, Ernest Carruth, Jerry Carruth Champ Howell, Donald Johnson, Harry Miller, Ace Meinscher, Fritz Meinscher, Dewit Moss and Jim Wilson.

Oakes, Marshal of the Austin Team, fired the high score among all contestants and the high score among team marshals. The Ben Hur team fired a 1,101 score out of a possible 1200 points to set a new record among Shrine Temples in Texas. All competitors fired .22 caliber pistols. Seven temples competed. (Feb 24, 1976)

#### **Blood Drive**

The Ben Hur Shrine Temple here collected 118 pints of blood in its drive Saturday to benefit the Burns Institute of the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children.

B. H. Bland, past potentate of the Temple, proclaimed the drive a success and said half of the blood would remain in Austin to benefit local hospital patients.

(March 30, 1976)

#### **Shriners Hold Garage Sale**

A garage sale will be held by several Central Texas Shrine Clubs in Austin on Saturday and Sunday.

Fourteen Shrine units will participate in the event, billed as "14 Garage Sales Under One Roof", at the Shrine Unit Building, US 183 next to Academy Surplus in North Austin beginning at 7 a.m. each day.

Proceeds from the sale will be placed in a fund to take underprivileged children to the annual Shrine Circus next October.

(March 8,1975)

Gene Freudenberg PP/Historian/October 2023

#### **Shriner Building Dedication Due**

The Ben Hur Shrine Temple will dedicate a new activity building at Loop 360 and Westlake High Drive in 5:50 p.m. ceremonies Friday.

The one-story metal building, built at a cost of \$200,000 including paving and improvements will house the 2,400 membership for meeting and activities, according Walter E. Orr, potentate of Ben Hur Temple.

A Houston orthopedic hospital and a Galveston burns clinic are operated by Shriners in North America, as well as 20 other burns and orthopedic facilities.

(Nov 21, 1975)

#### **Shriners Plan Dog Show**

Little dogs, big dogs, ugly dogs, pretty dogsall types of the canine kingdom-will be present for the dog reunion Friday held in connection with the annual Shrine Ceremonial of Ben Hur Shrine Temple.

Having the dog reunion was an idea conceived by L Theo Belmont, parade marshal who several days ago announced that his committee is offering \$10 in prizes, the top prize being \$2.50 for the best entries in the annual Shrine Parade which is to be held Friday at 5 p.m.

Belmont and his aides are instructing the owners of the dogs to bring them dressed up and asked that entries portray take offs on anything that might occur to the ingenuity of their boy owners. The contest is limited to boys up to 14 and entries may be made at the Scottish Rite Cathedral.

Nineteen boys of Austin entered the contest as of Monday, it was announced at the cathedral.

A.H. Swanson, shrine recorder announced that entries will close at 8 p.m. Thursday and that a real dog show is anticipated by the Shriners on Friday afternoon.

(May 9, 1935)



# Murder Mystery Dinner

October 21st, 2023 @ 6 PM

Dinner and a Show Live and Silent Auctions Prizes and much more!

> Ben Hur Shrine 7811 Rockwood Lane Austin, TX 78757

Tickets on sale September 5<sup>th</sup> \$25 per person

Purchase tickets by October 16<sup>th</sup> from Laura at Ben Hur Shrine: 512-480-0812 ext. 102 or secretary@benhurshrine.org

Would you like to pay your Dues or Donate without calling Laura? Well, all you have to do is open the Ben Hur Web Page, benhurshrine.org and select the tab Dues / Donations



This will bring up the following screen. Just click



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#### Transaction Information



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Dear Fellow SREKOJ

As you know, the Oatmeal Festival is at the end of this month.

Please feel free to join me in the festivities as it is a fairly short parade.

But there are lots of little ones, as well as wise ones, who would love to see clowns. Please join the Temple and join us.

Macaroni

Sept 2023 19



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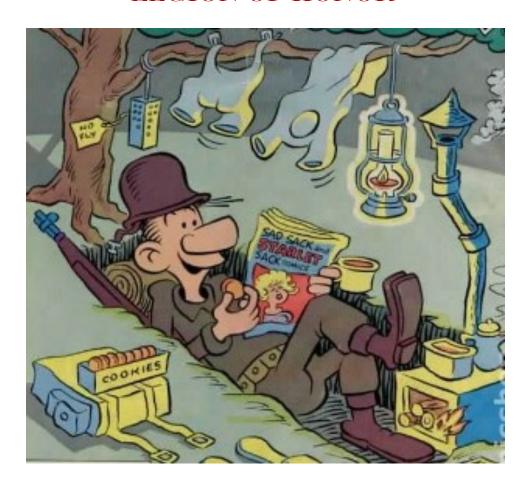
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