



SUMMER IS OVER, WELL MAYBE NOT IN TEXAS. TIME TO GET BACK TO WORK.

ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH AT BEN HUR SHRINE

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STATED MEETING

Ben Hur Shrine meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month. The next stated meeting will be Sept 21 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 great. Pam and I are enjoying our new air conditioner They always go out during the hottest time and every AC guy is behind. It's nice to be in the cool again.

Some of the Carboys unit met at Thirsty Planet Brewery for an

educational tour on brewing and we had to do a little quality control tasting. Myself, CR James, Nobles Tyde, Russell and Raul enjoyed some beverages and fellowship.

Lady Pam organized and hosted the "Wild Women" Ladies luncheon at our temple. Some of the guys played waiters and servers. The ladies had a bell on each table and just had to ring it to get our attention. The mimosas were disappearing and Chef Ernest prepared a great lunch. It was a bunch of fun and the ladies were catered to. Pam sends thanks to all that helped her in the event. Pam wanted to bring a little bit of Imperial Session to our temple and recognize our ladies. It turned out wonderful and fun for all.

The LOS and Nile hosted a Bunco tournament at our Temple and it was a great time. The ladies raised about two thousand dollars. Great job ladies. Pam and I hosted a couple or movie days and they were great. Gave folks a chance to be in the cool, see a movie with snacks and enjoy some fellowship.

Our Trailblazer unit went to Tyler, Sharon Temple and competed in the TSMPA obstacle course. AR Noble James McConnell, Noble Mike Sanders and Noble Ricky Hayes brought back several awards and had a great time. Past TSMPA President Noble Mike Sanders was elected Secretary/Treasurer of TSMPA also. Congratulations Mike. Thanks to all for doing great and representing Ben Hur.

Our own, Noble Jeff "Cheeky" Schlieve was awarded the Legion of Honor award by Demolay International for his service and commitment to young men. It is one of the highest awards in Demolay. Noble James Heineman and I attended the ceremony and we are all proud of Noble Jeff.





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POTENTATES MESSAGE— (Continued)

James and Janet Heineman hosted the Pizza, Pitcher and Puzzle fundraiser at our temple. It was a fun event and we all had a great time.

Pam and I worked the Loverboy/Foreigner concert at the Moody Center along with 14 other Nobles and Ladies. We sold CDs, vinyl records and 5 guitars signed by Foreigner. We raised about 12,500 dollars for our Children's Hospitals in about four hours. Most of us had a chance to walk on stage and promote the items. It is always a bunch of fun talking to folks and hearing some stories of how we helped someone in their family. Events like this provide excellent exposure for our hospitals and our fraternity.

We have a couple of parades coming up and are planning a Ben Hur Family/Open house day on September 17th. Mark your calendar and there will be more coming out on this event.

The other day I was at a Directors Staff meeting and the Carboys were in the kitchen working. The Legion of Honor were practicing in the ballroom all at the same time. I was proud to see everyone involved and three units at the temple at the same time. Our Directors staff is planning and hosting the National Directors Staff meeting for spring of next year. More information will come out soon.

Pam and I hope everyone is doing well and staying cool. Fall is around the corner and we are waiting for that first cold front. The September stated meeting is coming up soon. It will be good to see everyone again. God Bless Shriners, our Children's Hospital , Ladies groups and all of you. See y'all soon and stay Ben Hur Proud. Chuck "Fester" Jones



CHIEF RABBAN - heinemanja@yahoo.com

Hello All,

Our summer break is almost finished. I hope to see a good turnout in September for our return meeting. Participation is what all organizations need to survive.

In July I was installed as Secretary of my Blue Lodge and at Our August meeting I resigned from the position in preparation for the position at Ben Hur that I will hopefully be voted to. I will help the appointed Secretary to keep things flowing there.

We had the Pizza, Pitcher, and Puzzle fun/fundraiser on the 12th and had a great time. There were 14 teams of 4 members/team, and it was a blast. The puzzles were 350 pieces, and each team had a different puzzle. The pizzas were large with 2 toppings and were provided by Mr. Gattis. A huge thank you goes out to Mr. Gattis as they comped us for all the pizzas which was a pleasant surprise. The winning team, The Puzzlers, headed by Linda Cano, ate their pizza, drank their pitcher, and pieced their puzzle together in 96 minutes, the 2nd and 3rd place teams were close behind them.

1st Place Team

2nd Place Team

3rd Place Team

On Monday, the 19th, we helped at the Moody Center to sell CDs and Vinyl Records for the Foreigner Concert. It was a lot of walking, but fun to interact with the people and sell them CDs and records. The event was a great success with the take for the Shriners Childrens of a little over \$12,000. Unfortunately, whoever had the winning ticket for the autographed guitar did not show up, so that leaves us with 2 guitars to which we can use to make more money for the kids.

This month, we have a couple parades and I hope we get a decent turnout, despite the heat of this summer. After the Fredericksburg Parade on the 25th, Janet and I will have sausages and stuff at the Peach Country RV Park in Stonewall. Hope to see everyone there for that.

Signing off for now, Ben Hur Proud! James Heineman







ASSISTAND RABBAN - jemcconnel@gmail.com

Nobles and Ladies This summer has been one for the record books with 100+ days.

We have had a busy August, with competing at TSMPA Obstacle course in Tyler on August 5, Parades in Johnson City and Fredricksburg. We were at the Pizza, & Puzzle, a fun time was had by all.

Remember Shriners come from your lodges, so be sure to support and attend your blue lodges

Fraternally

Jim McConnell Assistant Rabban

HIGH PRIEST & PROPHET - charlesemaddox@gmail.com

When was the last time you were active in your blue lodge?

Remember, all Shriners are Masons; but not all Masons are Shriners. Every one of us belongs to a blue lodge (or 5). While we cannot recruit for the blue lodge, we can recruit for our Units and Temple. Stand up in your blue lodge during the Stated Meeting and talk about what the Shrine is doing – talk about the fun activities we do like

Pizza Pitchers and Puzzles; talk about the philanthropy we do like Roasting a Past Grand Master for the Children's Hospitals; talk about brewing beer at the Temple with your friends, going to the shooting range for target practice, practicing motor competitions, interacting with fellow veterans, or any of the other wide range of activities we do in our Temple. Most of all, talk about the fun you personally have and how much you want your friends, brothers, and family to join you.

If each of us can bring in one new member this year, we can positively grow our Temple. More importantly, we can help a brother become a noble, and help him on his journey for refreshment and the aid of a distressed child.

Fraternally, Charles E. Maddox, H. P. P. Ben Hur Shriners No. 58 (512) 567-6744





ORIENTAL GUIDE - fred.maynard@att.net

Lady Traci and I have had a chance to catch our breath over the past month. It is allowing us to get geared up for all the Ben Hur fun coming up this Fall.

I tended bar for the Wild Women of Ben Hur Luncheon. Another Mimosa anyone? We had a wonderful time at the Pitchers, Puzzles, and Pizza event. What a great way to get out of the heat and have some fun with our Shrine family. We took the opportunity to work the Foreigner concert at the Moody Center. Thank you to everyone who came out to help support Shriners Childrens fundraiser.



We are looking forward to the upcoming Masonic Roast fundraiser for Shriners Childrens. The Texas Association Legions of Honor will be hosting a fall Picnic at Old Settlers Park on September 30th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. I would like to invite any veteran to come out and join us. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to me so that we can make sure we have plenty of food.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Fred Maynard Oriental Guide 2023

SAVE THE DATE !



October 21, 2023 come on out to Ben Hur for another of the Annual Murder Mysteries. Written by Romeo 'The Count' Denghel and a meal prepared by Chef Ernest Owney.

TRAILBLAZERS



The Ben Hur Trailblazers competed in the TSMPA Obstacle Course. This year it was in Tyler and I am told there was a breeze. Awards were won by everyone and looking at the photo's they guys were pleased.



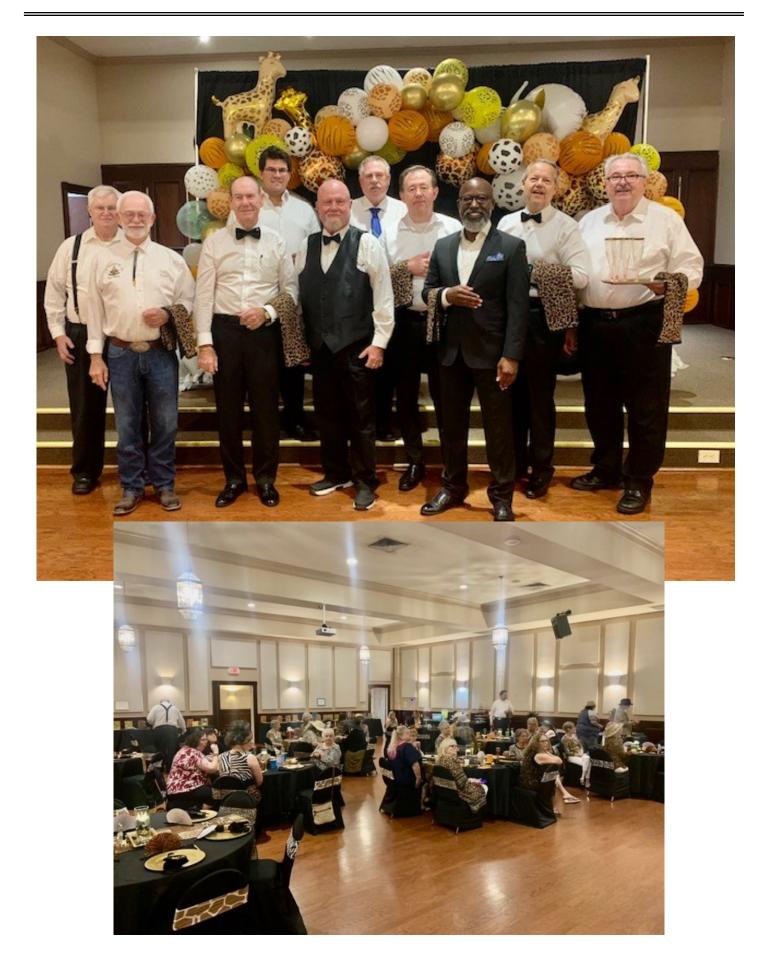


WILD WOMEN OF BEN HUR LUNCH





















September 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Launch Pad	2 Carboys RENTAL
3	4 Nile Dancers Texana 123 BHST Closed	5 RENTAL	6 LOH RENTAL	7	8 LOS LOS Fash	9 ion Show
10 Sons of Herman RENTAL Pending	11	12 Mini-B Charioteers RENTAL	13 Trailblazers	14 Provost Guard HLSC	15	16 RENTAL
17 BHST Family Day	18	19 Directors Staff Provost RENTAL	20 Nile	21 BHS Stated Clowns Transporters	22 Travel club	23
24 Travel Club	25	26 RENTAL	27 Unit Head Meeting	28	29	30 Oatmeal Festival TALOH PICNIC

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October 2023

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1 Sons of Herman	2 Nile Dancers Texana 123	3 RENTAL	4 LOH Rental	5	6 Launch Pad Club	7 Carboys	
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POTENTATES CRUISE							
		RENTAL		Provost Guard HLSC	LOS	Pflugerville Deutschen Pfest	
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	TRAVIS COUNTY EARLY VOTING						
		RENTAL		В	HST TRAVEL CLUB		
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CARBOYS PLYING THEIR TRADE

The Ben Hur Carboy unit meets on the first Saturday of the month. If you enjoy brewing beer, are interested in learning how to brew beer, or just enjoy drinking beer, this is the unit for you. There are quite a few different types of beer on tap now that have been brewed with great care.



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.

IMPERIAL ENDOWMENTS

PER CAPITA LIFE	\$1500		
LIFE HOSPITAL ASSEMENT	\$150		
BEN HUR DUES ENDOWMENT			
AGE UNDER 65	\$1900		
AGE OVER 65	\$950		

HISTORY

Giant Army Balloon Departs Austin for Waco Shriner's Baby Christening of Karem Shrine

On Friday, July 4th hundreds of Austinites gathered to see the huge, pear-shaped US Army balloon depart from the Circus Grounds hopefully headed to Waco for the "Baby Christening" of Karem Shrine Temple. The balloon piloted by a crew of five hopes to make the journey to Waco in five hours if the winds are favorable. The giant balloon was brought to Austin from San Antonio and inflated with gas from another large observation balloon referred to as "the sausage". The transfer of gas took approximately five hours.

Meanwhile, thousands of Shriners from around the realm have congregated in Waco to christen Karem Shrine Temple as a brand-new Shrine Temple. The christening of Karem Temple, which will operate for a year under a special dispensation, brought some of the most prominent Masons in Texas, including Potentates and Past Potentates of practically all the Shrine Temples in the state, and quite a few from Louisiana and neighboring states.

A massive parade began at the Grand Lodge Masonic Temple at 3:00PM. It was touted as the most unique professional ever witnessed in the streets of Waco. The parade was staged under the auspices of Hella Temple who naturally had the largest number of nobles present. Ben Hur of Austin also had a large contingent, both Hella and Ben Hur being accompanied by their patrols and bands. Ben Hur's famous chariot was also a feature of the parade. Noble G.H. Zimmerman of Karen was in the baby cradle designated as "Karem". Novices were marched in the parade holding onto the "rope" although the feet of some of them never touched terra firma from the time the parade started until it disbanded the Grand Lodge Hall.

The ceremonial lasted about three hours and during that time every effort was made to see that the novices got their money's worth. The ceremonial was staged in the Grand Lodge Hall, the first time it had been used for such an event. Karem Shrine is already planning an addition to Grand Lodge which would be their temple. The cost of the addition is estimated to be \$100,000.

After the ceremonial a grand feast was held in the streets with seating for 1800 nobles and ladies. The arrangements had been made by the renowned General Manager of the Raleigh Hotel, Noble R.E. Pellow. Noble Pellow had managed hotels and large events in Chicago and other major cities, but none this large. He had recruited a perfectly trained staff that saw that everyone was served in a timely manner and the food was hot. He was repeatedly complimented on his superb service and food. Noble Pellow's clever menu was:

The Sheiks Repast Fruit of the Desert/Sand Burrs Across the Sands with a Chicken Just Enuf Trimmings Confusing Salad/Like a Novice's Mind Oasis/ A soft spot after a long journey/Cool and Sweet

All ended well and a new Shrine Temple entered the realm.

Oh, the balloon that was supposed to arrive to kick off the festivities landed in Liberty Hill, Texas. Apparently, the winds of the desert were not favorable for a flight to Waco.

Information compliments Austin American Statesman July 4 and 5th, 1919.

Gene Freudenberg PP/Historian/ August 2023

Style Show & Luncheon

Saturday, September 9

Doors open at 10 AM Luncheon served at 11 AM

Clothing and Accessories Courtesy of Glamorous Fashions

Tickets \$20 each

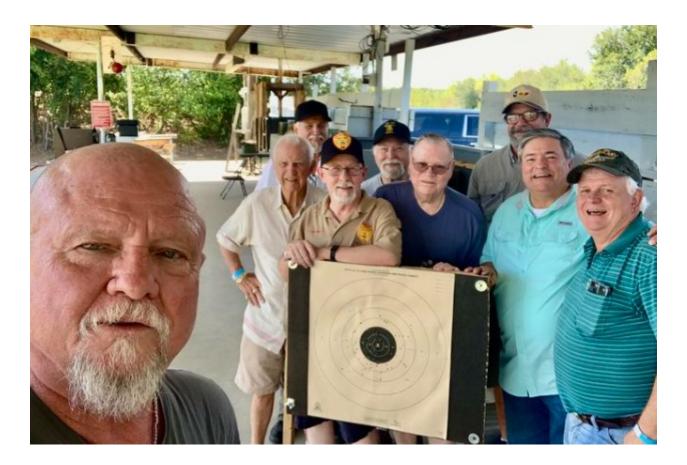
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Friends and Family Welcome Please RSUP by September 6th to Deloris Shaw 512-461-3892 carldeeshaw@yahoo.com

All proceeds to benefit Ben Hera Court No. 91, Ladies Oriental Shrine and Ruh Neb Temple No. 64, Daughters of the Nile Our sole philanthropy is supporting Shriners Children's.

JOHNSON CITY PARADE.





The Ben Hur Provost Guard is looking for people who would like to learn to shoot 22 pistols in competition. Come on out and punch holes in paper targets with us. It doesn't get much better than that.

SREKOJ

Dear SREKOJ



The darkness is over soon, and meetings will begin again at the temple. For our unit it is time to elect officers again. According to our bylaws, this is to be done at the October meeting. If anyone would like to run for an office, please let me know so I can get your names out one month prior. Please join me in September for our meeting at 6 PM. Thank you.

Happily Macaroni



CHARIOT BOOSTER CLUB

Greg & Ann Murrow Charles & Emily Maddox Charlie & Betty Farnham Brian & Carol Vance In Memory of Vernon Milton David & Juanell Yeager Jim & Donna King Jack O Neal In memory of Robert L. Ligon PP In memory of Byron Betncourt Al & Ellie Blaschke In Memory of Gus Carlson Doris Grabo Aggie & George Auer, PP Jerry & Bea Hohman 'The Count' and Lady Denghel Chuck "Fester" & Pam Jones In Memory of Betty Anderson Stan Anderson In Memory of Don Lee Lenny and Lidia Bronik Bob Newlander John Casey	04/35 07/27 02/26 12/25 11/25 11/25 08/25 08/25 08/25 03/25 02/25 02/25 02/25 12/24 08/24 07/24 06/24 06/24 06/24 06/24 06/24 06/24 06/24 05/24
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Brenda Willis Scholin	12/23
Craig & Marlene Clark	11/23
Prairie Lea Lodge #114	11/23
Ron & Debbie Speaks	11/23
Herb & Shirley Ċanada	11/23
Andrea & Brad Cole, PP	10/23
Margaret & Bob Kelly, PP	10/23
In Memory of Gail Carruth	09/23
Gerald "Jerry" Carruth	09/23

NOTICE: Did YOUR name get dropped this edition? Remember to check the date following your name. **Next edition will drop all dates to** <u>9/23</u>! Send in the form below TODAY with your \$25 to become/remain a loyal booster club member.

YES! I WANT TO BE A BOOSTER

Enclosed please find my check in the amount of \$_____

[] ONE LINE (single name) - \$25 per year

[] ONE LINE (Mr. & Mrs. or two names) - \$25 per year

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Shriners Hospitals for Children Donation Department 815 Market Street Galveston, Texas 77550

LEGION OF HONOR

On a foggy night in the North Atlantic near Newfoundland...

Americans: Attention unknown ship, please divert your course 15 degrees to the North to avoid a collision.

Canadians: Recommend you divert YOUR course 15 degrees to the South to avoid a collision.

Americans: This is the Captain of a US Navy ship. I say again, divert YOUR course.

Canadians: No. I say again, you divert YOUR course.

Americans: This is the aircraft carrier USS_Lincoln, the second largest ship in the United States' Atlantic fleet. We are accompanied by three destroyers, three cruisers and numerous support vessels. I demand that YOU change your course 15 degrees north, that's one five degrees north, or countermeasures will be undertaken to ensure the safety of this ship.

Canadians: This is the lighthouse...

The new LoH year is coming at us fast and your Ben Hur LoH will start meeting again on 6 September at the Ben Hur Shrine Club. Part of that meeting wil be to talk about the Texas Association of the Legions of Honor (TALOH) picnic at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock on 30 September starting at 1000 hr.

Are you a Veteran of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard or Merchant Marine? If so, come on and spend some time with us at the LoH meeting happening the first Wednesday of every month at the Ben Hur Shrine Temple.

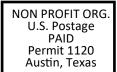
Eric Stewart 1st LT Commander Ben Hur LOH





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TIME DATED MATERIAL DO NOT DELAY





BEN HUR NOBLES WITH BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

9/2 Anthony J DeFrancisis

9/4 Billy B Trimble David L Kinser, Jr

9/5 Joe H Cobb Richard T Doane

9/6 Ronald H Dewees Charles L Easter Jr Sidney C Miller

9/7 Bobby J Doherty Jeffrey S Schlieve

8/7 David M Harnden Robert R Schier III

9/8 Doyle E Hobbs Paul M Todd Jr **9/10** Danny K Kleen Ivan J Marquez

9/12 Michael L Ford PP Dale A Rundell

9/14 Edward G Taylor

9/15 George Auer PP

9/16 Ricky J Tindell

9/17 Leonard S Bronik Eddie E Daffern PP Jeffrey D Aronson **9/18** Charles L Jones David B Caylor Stephen E Huskey

9/21 Charles D Kinton Lan L Hewlett III

9/22 Denny K Tharp

9/23 Gary R Brown

9/24 Dante Carlomagno

9/25 Allyn R Anderson James C Whitmore Erik w Gilstrap

9/26 Joseph N Deich Gerald D Lynn **9/27** Lawrence J Legrande Jr Carl W Cole Daniel J Adrian

9/29 Sur Stewart

9/30 Robert A Northcutt Richard Alonso