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Menu

Chicken & Sausage Gumbo, Rice, Crackers, and Potato Salad

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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

Temple Director - Chris Garner

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2nd Ceremonial Master - Ken Wood

Ceremonial Asst. Rabban— Sean Williams

Marshal - Gerry Garcia

POTENTATES MESSAGE—fatboyfab1955@gmail.com

Howdy Nobles and Ladies,

Wow, four years seems like a long time but they have passed by really fast. I am so honored that you all have put your trust and support in me. Pam and I have worked for the last four years and had the opportunity to meet most of our members and ladies. We also have enjoyed our time spent representing Ben Hur Temple around the state and nation. Our involvement has created life long friends that we will cherish forever.



After elections my brothers came up and said "Illustrious Sir" and I looked behind me to see what Past Potentate was sneaking up behind me. It is very humbling and an honor. There are several great times in my life. The day I was born, the day I met my best friend and lovely wife Pam, my two sons coming into the world and of course, all of my grandkids. The time spent going through the chairs and becoming Master of Buda Masonic Lodge and now being elected Potentate of our Temple. Little did I know that the time in my lodge was training for this day. I have also learned so much during my four years on the Divan. One person that you never upset is our Recorder. Sam can be your best friend and make you shine. Our Treasure, Bill has answered my many questions and keeps our money in line and is a good listener. They both are good friends and are there to listen and advise me anytime. My biggest supporter and cheerleader is my best friend, the love of my life, Lady Pam. This position depends on support. I figured that out pretty quick. The board members have supported me and are most of all, my good friends. Thanks to all our Past Potentates for making this path possible. The LOS and Nile Ladies are great supporters and I love everyone of them. My friend and brother, Illustrious Sir Dennis has been a very good mentor. Thank you for your service sir.

Our new Oriental Guide Fred Maynard and Lady Traci are very excited and have been asking question and hitting the ground running

I don't have enough space for the plans that Pam and I have but they will come to you shortly. Mainly, It's Fun and Fellowship. I want to thank every Noble and Lady for your help and support. The Shrine belongs to you, the Nobles, and I have never forgotten that. The Divan is here to help "**YOU**" do the things that the temple needs to do; to have fun, support our hospitals, and let the world know who we are. My phone is always on and my door is always open. Pam and I will proudly represent Ben Hur to the rest of the world. See y'all soon.

Pam and I wish our Shrine family all a Happy New Year. God Bless you all and remember to stay **Ben Hur Proud**.

Chuck "Fester" Jones

CHIEF RABBAN - heinemanja@yahoo.com

Hello All,

Christmas is upon us, and I hope you are with your families having some prime time with them.



PICTURE ON
THE WAY

Last month, our daughters, Son-In-Law, grandkids, and great grandson came from Houston for Thanksgivings. Had a good time with them. I deep fried a turkey and the ladies put all the sides for a good Thanksgiving feast. There were leftovers, so the days following helped empty the fridge and everyone was full and content.

For the first weekend in December, the Travel Club had their Christmas Meeting in Caldwell. I deep fried another turkey for that and with all the sides everyone brought, we had another great meal. JR PP Romeo would not stop playing Goofy Golf until he won. Took 5 or 6 rounds before that happened. This time of the year is a lot of fun getting together with family and friends, but man am I full!

Between Shriners, Blue Lodges, Clubs, and The Ladies Organization business, it has been a busy month and a half (year), but we enjoy it all.

If you did not make the Toy Dance, you missed a great evening. Food and entertainment were great. There were a lot of toys that Solomon Lodge collected for the kids. I would like to see their smiling faces when they are given a toy!

With the December Stated meeting and elections done we are looking forward to 2023! Thank you to the Nobility for electing me as well as the rest of the Divan. Congratulations to Fred Maynard as our newest member on the Divan. Fred, I hope you are prepared for a crazy, busy, and fun ride for the next 5 years.

Signing off for now, have a Merry Christmas and a prosperous and Happy New Year,

Ben Hur Proud!
James Heineman
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Nobles and Ladies

I would like to thank the Nobility for their support and allowing me to serve next year as your Assistant Rabban. I would like to congratulate the rest of the Divan and look forward to a great year.

We are planning for some new and interesting events for this year, hope to see everyone there.

The Quilt raffle drawing was held on December 15th. and the winner was our own Noble Carl Winters. The proceeds of \$1,830 will be donated to the Shriner Children's Texas. Thanks to all who bought tickets

Remember that the Shrine was formed for FUN and Fellowship!

Fraternally

Jim McConnell

Assistant Rabban



PICTURE ON
THE WAY

HIGH PRIEST & PROPHET - charlesmaddock@gmail.com

Greeting from the High Priest and Prophet

Thank you for electing me as your High Priest and Prophet for the ensuing 2023 Temple Year. I vow to eradicate our enemies, bring swift justice to all who dare oppose us, and usher in a thousand-year golden age.

...oops, sorry, wrong newsletter.

As High Priest and Prophet, it is my pleasure to organize Hospital Fundraising events. Most of you are aware of the Masonic Roast we hope to do. Imperial has not yet approved the event, per General Order No. 1. This turned out to be a blessing in disguise: it was originally scheduled for April 1, 2023, but the American Country Music Awards are now scheduled for April 2, 2023, making every hotel room in the city outrageously expensive. Imperial's lack of approval is a blessing in disguise as it allows us to pick an alternate date (likely late July) to accommodate out-of town guests — just don't tell Imperial they inadvertently helped us.

For those of you unfamiliar with General Order No. 1, a section of it pertains to the use of the name "Shriners Hospitals for Children." In short, the temple, or any Noble or Nobles, needs Imperial permission to say the fundraiser benefit's Shriners Hospitals for Children. We will comply with General Order No. 1.

Thank you again for your vote, and your support. Emily and I continue to pray that we are worthy of this charge you have given us.

Fraternally,
Charles E. Maddox
512-567-6744

ORIENTAL GUIDE - fred.maynard@gmail.com

PICTURE ON
THE WAY

Nobles,

Thank you for giving us this opportunity to serve Ben Hur Shrine as Oriental Guide, Lady Traci and I are excited to get started. We look forward to the work and fellowship that will come with this new position. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you a little bit about us.

Lady Traci and I both grew up in a small town in northeastern Kentucky and have lived in the Austin area for over 25 years. Traci and I met when I was a sophomore in high school, and she was still in the eighth grade. We just celebrated our 36-year anniversary.

I served in the United States Navy from June 1986 until June 1992. While in the Navy I completed the Navy's nuclear power program and qualified as a submariner onboard the USS Gato (SSN-615). After the Navy, I graduated from the University of Phoenix with an AA degree in Nuclear Technology, and a BS degree in Business.

I currently work for AWC Incorporated as a Senior Automation Specialist. I just celebrated my 23-year work anniversary with AWC.

I am an endowed member of Norton Moses lodge #336 where I served as Worshipful Master for the 2014/2015 Masonic year. I also served as lodge Secretary from 2017 through 2019 and again 2020/2021. I received the Golden Trowel award from Norton Moses lodge in 2019.

Lady Traci & I are endowed members of Leander Chapter #73 Order of the Eastern Star where we served as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron in 2013/2014, and I served again in 2016/2017 with Francis Waggoner.

I joined Ben Hur Shrine in 2011 and immediately joined the Legion of Honor. I served the Legion of Honor for several years as the Adjutant and Finance officer. I was elected as unit commander in 2022 and again in 2023. I am currently the 1st Lt. Commander for the Texas Association of Legions of Honor.

I am a member of the C.O. Jones York Rite Chapter & Council and the Burnet York Rite Commandery.

Again, we both look forward to serving the Nobility and working to make Ben Hur Shrine the best place to be a Shriner.

Fraternally,
Fred Maynard
Oriental Guide

TOY DANCE



HISTORY

Ben Hur Shriners Induct Traffic Cop to Work Congested Intersection

During the recent Shrine Ceremonial in downtown Austin one of the novices was dressed in a high hat and linen duster and assigned to work traffic at 6th and Congress Ave. He was wearing a ball and chain as well as being handcuffed. The novice was ordered to maintain an orderly traffic flow at this congested intersection until such time as he was relieved of his duties. The "cop" was performing his duties as required except for when one of the vehicles was driven by a pretty girl. These conveyances were stopped, and traffic was held up while the "officer" explained in great detail the traffic laws and reasons for obeying them.

When the Shriners who had assembled on the side to observe the novice in action, they realized that many of the young ladies would drive down the street and make a U-turn to again be stopped and lectured. They quickly decided that the job was too strenuous and released their victim from his assignment quickly escorting him to a place far removed from feminine attraction.

On this same corner was a blind newspaper vendor. Another novice was assigned to take the entire inventory of newspapers from the vendor and sell them in a given time or risk buying all of them himself. The novice was blessed with a voice like a foghorn and succeeded in selling all of the vendor's papers in short order resulting in the pockets of the vendor jingling like the pockets of an unmarried man. It was said that many people purchased papers that day that did not even know that Austin had a newspaper.

The initiation of the novices followed the ceremonial on Friday November 20th in which the entire ceremonial divan was composed of Past Potentates of Ben Hur Shrine Temple. Once the candidates have walked across the hot sands, a dance was held at the Scottish Rite Cathedral.

(Information gleaned from the Austin American Statesman November 1919)

Gene Freudenberg PP/Historian/Jan 23 Chariot

THORNDALE PARADE



HIGHLAND LAKES SC

Highland Lakes Shrine Club at the Lights Parade in Marble Falls. Including John Allen "Jolly the Clown" 90+ years, 50 year Ben Hur Shriner.

Rich Carpenter
President HLSC



CHARIOTEERS

Nobles,

Our stated meeting is on the second Wednesday of the month at 6 PM at Ben Hur Shrine. After the meeting, we usually go to a nearby restaurant for dinner.

Fraternally,
Romeo Denghel, PP²
2023 Charioteers Vice President



TRAVEL CLUB

Ladies and Nobles,

Our December party was legendary, and not just because Lady Sandra Pickering and I won at Goofy Golf by a county mile. We had great participation, and everyone had fun. Lady Janet Heineman and Lady Debbie Kinley also did OK at Goofy Golf, I guess.



Our next event is a potluck on February 5th at Ben Hur Shrine starting at 1 PM. The club will provide the meat, so bring a side and an extra dessert for me.

Even if you don't own an RV, you can still join us for good food and fun games. Dinner on Friday is at 6 PM. Breakfast on Saturday is at 10 AM, followed by our club meeting at 11 AM. We are usually done before noon and play games the rest of the day.

Fraternally,
Romeo Denghel. PP²
Secretary/Treasurer

January 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Texana 123	3	4 LOH RENTAL	5	6 Installation of Officers	7
8 Sons of Herman RENTAL	9	10 Charioteers Mini -B RENTAL	11 Trailblazers	12 Provost Guard HLSC	13 LOS Stated Meeting	14
15	16 BHST Closed	17 Directors Staff Provost Practice	18	19 BHS Stated Clowns Transporters	20	21 RENTAL
22	23	24	25	26 BHTC TRAVEL CLUB	27	28
29	30	31				

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February 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 LOH RENTAL	2	3 RENTAL	4 Carboys
5 Sons of Herman BHTC	6 Texana 123	7	8 Trailblazers	9 Divan Mid Winter		11 Demolay
				9 HLSC Provost Guard	10 LOS	
12 Superbowl	13	14 Charioteers Mini B's	15	16 BHS Stated Clowns Transporters	17	18 SOOB
19 Rental	20	21 Legion of Honor Midwinter			25 TSDA MW	
		21 Directors Staff Provost Shoot		23 BHST Travel Club		
					24 RENTAL	
26 TSDA MW	27	28				

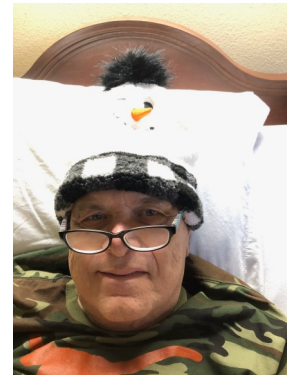
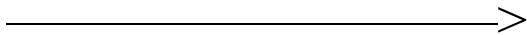
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SREKOJ



Dear Nobles and Ladies,
The funny folks of the Temple (at least the ones that purposely dress funny) want to say God bless yinz all this holiday. Be safe, smile and love your families. On a side note:.....

The Brothers of Solomon Lodge 484 would again like to say thank you for the annual toy dance. Not only was it a lot of fun, and the food delicious, and the music entertaining but it was great to see everyone. You have again put smiles on the faces of so many youngsters. While delivering gifts, we saw firsthand the smiles on the children as well as their parent's faces. It was priceless and all because of you. God bless you all for your generosity. You are ALL amazing people whom I take pride in calling friends and family. Be safe in your travels and pray for everyone we know and those we don't.

MERRY SREKOJ CHRISTMAS.

TRAILBLAZERS

Nobles,

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Fraternally,
Romeo Dengeh, PP²
2023 Trailblazers Drill Captain



BEN HUR LIVING PAST POTENTATES

1989	Robert "Bob" Kelly
1991	Boyce Freitag
1995	Gene Freudenberg
1997	Ronald Harrison
2000	Loren Orme
2001	John E Waggoner, Jr
2002	Ronnie Lee
2004	Ronnie Jackson
2005	Silas Powell, Jr.
2007	Robert "Fred" Park, Jr
2008	Charles Farnham
2009	James Smith (PIP)
2010	Walter Sanders
2011	Michael Ford
2012	Edward Whitmore
2014	Thomas Hauss
2015	Edward Bromstad
2016	Earl Robertson
2017	Brad Cole
2018	Gregory Rye
2020	Romeo Denghel
2021	Romeo Denghel
2022	Dennis Motley

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1991	Eddie Daffern (Khiva)
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In Memory of Vernon Milton	11/25	Ed & Ceverene Lackey	04/23
David & Juanell Yeager	11/25	In memory of Byron Betncourt	02/23
Jim & Donna King	08/25	Charles Campbell	02/23
Al & Ellie Blaschke	02/25	Kathy & Randy Wimbish	02/23
In Memory of Gus Carlson	02/25	Heather & Rob Kelly, Jr	02/23
Doris Grabo	12/24	Louise J Hein	02/23
Aggie & George Auer, PP	08/24	Tom & Judy Schneider	01/23
Jerry & Bea Hohman	07/24		
'The Count' and Lady Denghel	07/24		
Chuck "Fester" & Pam Jones	06/24		
Bob Newlander	05/24		
John Casey			
In Memory of Judy Casey	04/24		
Forest & Doris Cruse	02/24		
Ralph & Vera Reasor	01/24		
Brenda Willis Scholin	12/23		
Craig & Marlene Clark	11/23		
Prairie Lea Lodge #114	11/23		
Ron & Debbie Speaks	11/23		
Herb & Shirley Canada	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		
WILCO Shrine Club	08/23		
In memory of Don Lee	07/23		
James & Janet Heineman	07/23		
Imp. Sir Jim & Lady Alice Smith	07/23		

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LEGION OF HONOR

Nobles,

November and December have been busy for members of the Legion of Honor. Ben Hur had a contingent that made the journey to Houston to attend the Arbia Military Ball. We were honored to have Imperial Sir Jim Smith and Lady Alice attend with us. It was a fun night full of military traditions and an interesting presentation given by Lt. General John Sylvester detailing many of the events that took place on the ground during Operation Desert Storm.

The Texas Association of Legions of Honor hosted a picnic in Round Rock with members from across the state. Ben Hur was well represented with four members and five ladies present.

We held our December meeting off-site at Casa Chapala, we had a good meal and great fellowship. The unit discussed the upcoming TALOH mid-winter in Fredericksburg. Several members indicated that they were interested in competing in the color guard competition. We will start practicing at the temple following the holidays.

Our next meeting will be January 4th, 2023, at the Temple. We will have drinks at 6:30, and a meal at 7:00. The meeting will follow the meal. If you are a veteran and are interested in receiving unit emails, please let me know and I will add you to our list.

The Texas Association of Legion of Honor will be holding their annual mid-winter event February 20th through February 23rd, 2023, in Fredericksburg. I would encourage as many Nobles as possible to attend this event. The hotel registration cut off is January 20th. The event registration deadline is February 1st. You can download the registration documents and more information from the following website: <http://www.ialoh.org/texas-association.html>

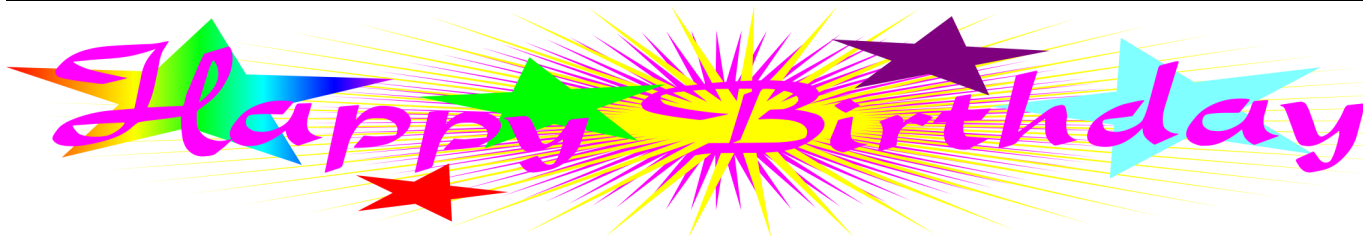
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1/2 Brian A Vance Thomas J Iadanza	1/10 William M Bastas	1/17 David W Reed	1/26 Michael K Livingston James W Maines
1/3 Kenneth M Lamb	1/11 Robert F Park Jr. PP	1/18 William F McFarlin Jr. Harry R Tindell Aaron K Robertson	1/27 Orville C Robbins
1/4 Alfred E Blaschke Donald R Adkins Frank D Allard	1/12 Fred Sams	1/19 Jason P Harrell	1/28 John W Turner Robert L Eschenburg Jr
1/6 Marty R Akins	1/13 Isaac E Burnette Ernest Owney Andrew Ferris	1/21 Frank G White Jr. Sean L Hamilton	1/29 Sidney P McDavid
1/7 Edward T Laine Anthony D Graziano	1/14 Clarence C Cobb	1/22 Cecil L Anderson Ricky E Hayes Byron G Webster	1/30 Horace R Overstreet
1/8 Stephen D Willett, PP Kevin D Woehl	1/15 James C Overcash	1/24 Vernon H Emken Stanley W Kozik	1/31 Howard N Landry Garrett J Cooper Michael D Hollingsworth