



BEN HUR SHRINE

CHARTED AUGUST 16, 1892
7811 Rockwood Lane
Austin, Texas 78757
Phone 512-480-0812
Fax 512-479-4060
www.benhurshrine.org
secretary@benhurshrine.org
recorder@benhurshrine.org

BEN HUR OFFICE HOURS Mon - Fri 9:30am to 2:30pm Closed on Major Holidays

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR CHUCK 'FESTER' JONES 2023 POTENTATE

fatboyfab1955@gmail.com 512-797-0718

JAMES HEINEMAN......CHIEF RABBAN heinemanja@yahoo.com 281-923-5890

JAMES MCCONNELL......ASSISTANT RABBAN jemcconnel@gmail.com 512-750-5242

CHARLES MADDOX..HIGH PRIEST & PROPHET charlesemaddox@gmail.com 512-567-6744

FRED MAYNARD......ORIENTAL GUIDE
Fred.maynard@att.net 512-422-0452

BILLY J JAMES.....TREASURER billjjames1@gmail.com 512-925-6676

SAM STIMSON, PhD.....RECORDER sstimson70@gmail.com 512-796-4179

APPOINTED STAFF

Chief of Staff

Charlie Farnham, PP

Administrative Assistant for Office Laura Holst

Building & Grounds Manager

Stanley Anderson

Chaplain

Nate Stilwell

Colonel of Units

Charlie Farnham, PP

Donor Relations

Charles Maddox, High Priest & Prophet

Master of Ceremonies

Mike Sanders

Fund Raising Chairman

Sean Williams

APPOINTED STAFF (Cont)

Entertainment Committee

Brenda Scholin, Lana Stone, Mac & Laura Cutler, Russell Jones, Nick Jones, Jim & Debbie Kinley, Dave Harnden, Doris "Cat" Davis, Romeo "The Count" & Holly Denghel, Craig Reiswig, Mike Sanders, Richard Alonso, Abram Wallace, Recardo Avila, Russell Hur, Sean Williams, Ernest Owney, Shelby Reiswig.

Insurance Chairman

Gerald "Jerry" Carruth

Insurance Committee

Ill Sir Chuck Jones Potentate, Chief Rabban James Heineman, David Caylor, Recorder, Sam Stimson, PhD

Legal Counsel

Gerald C. "Jerry" Carruth

Masonic Relations

Sean Williams

\$100 Million Dollar Club

Charles Maddox

Parade Marshal

Ricky Hayes

Parliamentarian

Gerald C. "Jerry" Carruth

Photographer

Ricardo 'Doce' Avila

Public Relations

Robert Darrell

Sickness & Distress

Nobility

Transportation Chairman

Vance Brown

Social Media

Laura Holst / Robert Darrell

Membership Chairman

David Hoke

STATED MEETING

Ben Hur Shrine meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month. The next stated meeting will be May 18, 2023. **YOUR 2023 DUES CARD IS REQUIRED!**

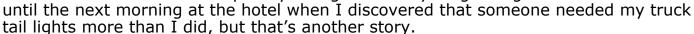
APPOINTED DIVAN

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 this finds everyone healthy and happy. Pam and I have had some road time this month. We attended Al Amin Potentate Ball In Corpus Christi. Illustrious Sir Phil Nee and Lady Chris welcomed us and the ball was grand. We had a great time. The next weekend we attended the Arabia Shrine Potentate Ball in Houston. Illustrious Sir Eddie Reed and Lady Marty welcomed us and Illustrious Sir Eddie Daffern, Lady Sheri, OG Fred Maynard and Lady Traci. It was a wonderful event and the hospitality was great. Everything was great



We visited our fundraising carnival at Pinballz with several other Nobles, Ladies, and kids with a visit from Macaroni The Clown. The response from the crowd was great. We also met some Shriner Hospital parents. Thanks to Thomas Carnival.

Pam, myself, James, Janet, and the LOS and Nile Ladies attended Economics Day at Cypress Hill Elementary in Spicewood where we and parents purchased small handmade items from the kids. The kids raised over 1000 dollars for our children's hospitals. Thanks LOS ladies for inviting us and sponsoring this.

Ben Hur Shriners attended the Burnet Bluebonnet Parade and the Smithville Jamboree Parade. There were plenty of nobles and ladies on the float with the Lizzies and a Trailblazer. Both are wonderful parades. Noble Ed Allen and Lady Victoria hosted us at Smithville and we had some good homemade sausage and fixings. Thank you sir. The WJ Nixon Masonic lodge were also a great host.

Pam and I attended installations for The Ladies of the Oriental Shrine and the Daughters of the Nile. Congratulations to LOS High Priestess Holly Denghel and Nile Queen Kate Cecil. These ladies groups do great things and raise a bunch of money for Shriners Children's Hospitals. We are so glad to have them in our Shrine family.

One of the proudest moments of this month was Pam and I had the honor of attending Golden Trowel Award meeting for two of our Ben Hur Nobles. Hill City Lodge presented Noble Forest Cruse will the Golden Trowel and Liberty Hill Lodge presented Noble Don Walker with the Golden Trowel. It was an honor to be there for these two great Masons. It is the highest award a lodge can give a Mason. I was honored by my lodge several years ago and I am glad to be in the group with these great Masons. Ben Hur was well represented.

TSA is around the corner and we are all looking forward to it. Our Nobility Ball is April 22nd and looks like it will be a good time. It has been a busy month, but Pam and I really enjoy the travels and our Shrine Family and friends. We are looking forward to more events, TSA and Imperial Session. If you are interested in attending Imperial Session please watch you emails. As soon as they release the rooms Sam will post them. God Bless everyone and stay Ben Hur Proud. See y'all down the road.

Chuck "Fester" Jones

CHIEF RABBAN - heinemanja@yahoo.com

Hello All,

March has finished and here we are over halfway through April. The Thomas Carnivals have finished. We made some money for 2024. We thank Thomas Carnivals for their continued support and hope it continues for many years.

The parades have started back up. Janet and I have enjoyed the parades so far. The first parade in April was at the Bluebonnet Festival in Burnet on April 8 and was well attended. The float was full! The second parade was at Smithville on April 15. It was also well attended and Noble Ed Allen took care of us with a meal and refreshments after the parade.

On April 1, I attended the Nile Installation where I saw Lady Janet installed as an Aide to the Queen, Kate Cecil. Congratulations and looking forward to working with the new officers in the ensuing year.

The Ben Hur Travel Club held our March Rally in San Saba with 4 rigs. We had held our meeting/breakfast on Saturday morning with 12 members in attendance. Janet & I are looking forward to TSRVA in Fredericksburg the end of April. Our next camp-in will be July 22 at the Shrine. Come join us and find out how much fun we always have. An added plus is giving Romeo some competition at the games after the meeting.

Next is the Casino Night. We will be sending out more info soon. Mark your calendar for May 20 to have a fun evening at the gaming tables. Janet is working on the heavy hors d'oeuvre, and I get to try them and so far, they are gooooood!

Signing off for now, Ben Hur Proud! James Heineman Chief Rabban

Email: heinemanja@yahoo.com



RUH NEB NILE INSTALLATION



ASSISTAND RABBAN - jemcconnel@gmail.com

Nobles and Ladies

It has been a busy couple of months. Joan and I attended Assistant Rabban Training in Tampa in March. A busy 4 days of training with lots of information to help us in the next few years.

I hope you were able to attend our Carnival fundraisers in March, at the Dell Diamond and Pinballz in Buda. We help sponsor these events and they help to support our Shrine. So be sure to support our local establishments.



April has been a just as busy with Parades in Burnet & Smithville. Thanks to Ed Allen for the hospitality in Smithville.

By the time you get this we will have had the Nobility Ball, Pam and Chuck have worked very hard planning this and I hope everyone had a great time, I'm planning on it.

CR James Heineman and Janet are having a Casino Nite on May 20, these are always a great time. Our Past Potentate's will be the blackjack dealers.

As always it is busy before the Shrine goes dark without summer stated meetings, but most units are still active, and we need everyone, the more you are able to participate the more you can get out of your membership

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

Greetings distinguished nobles!

Growing up, and even know, I consider the month of April to always go by quickly. It feels like I wake up on April 1, and before I know it, I am going to bed on April 30, and the whole month just quickly goes by. Probably because growing up April was so close to the end of the school year. Today, it is probably because of all the activities in and around the Shrine, and Masonry as a whole.



Ben Hur Temple hosted the Grand Master's Conference on April 8. Noble George D. Moxley did an exceptional job as the main point of contact. Nobles Eschenburg, Hoke, Kinser, Moxley the younger, Owney are among the many who helped make the Conference a success. There were over 70 in attendance, outpacing the Waco Conference earlier that day. We received numerous compliments on our audio-visual set up and the participation among the nobles for facilitating the conference. Hopefully we can host more Masonic Conferences and events, spreading awareness of Shrinedom.

(Continued next page)

If you get the opportunity, give the Nobles who are Sir Knights in Colorado Commandery your heartiest congratulations. Over the weekend of April 15, Colorado Commandery was recognized at the Grand Commandery Communication with awards for Best Ritual and Best Performance for the Order of the Temple in our Templar District. Finally, a Past Commander joined the progressive line of the Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor, a chair degree in the Commandery composed of current and Past Commanders. This is the second time since chartering that Colorado Commandery is represented in the progressive line of officers. In addition, I was asked to serve as the Chairman-Pro Tem of the Templar Jurisprudence Committee.

Finally, the Masonic Roast Committee (Ill. Romeo Denghel, PP; J. Robert Darrell; Sean Williams; and myself) have selected a date for our Roast: Sat. August 26 at our temple. Doors open at 6:00pm, dinner at 7:00pm, and festivities begin at 8:00pm. Tickets are \$100/person, and an extra \$100 to roast our guest of honor, Ill. Reese L. Harrison, Jr., PP-Alzafar. All net proceeds will go to the Hospital, and there will also be a silent auction of items. Please mark your calendar and buy your tickets as you will not want to miss out!

Fraternally, Charles E. Maddox, HPP Ben Hur Shriners

ORIENTAL GUIDE - fred.maynard@gmail.com

Nobles & Ladies,

Lady Traci & I have been busy this month. We started the month with a Trip to Tampa for Oriental Guide school, it was a great opportunity to learn more about what is expected from Shrine leaders. We were excited to meet many of our counterparts from around the world. The Shrine truly is a global fraternity. Thank you to the Nobles of Ben Hur for allowing us the opportunity to attend this year.



We were able to join Illustrious Sir Jones & Lady Pam at the Arabia Potentate's Ball in Houston. Guided by our Counterparts Noble Jim Clark & Lady Kelly, we enjoyed a tour of their Temple and unit rooms. We had a great time dancing, catching up with long-time friends, and meeting some new friends.

We attended the Directors' Staff meeting this March. We had a good meal, and learned a bit about what they do. They're working hard to rebuild their unit, if you are looking for a place to serve, consider talking to the Directors' Staff. We attended the Highland Lakes Shrine Club meetings in March and April. They work so hard to raise money for our hospitals, it is truly inspiring to be with them. The Highland Lakes Shrine Club and their Ladies joined the Ben Hur Divan and Lizzyteers in Burnet for the Bluebonnet Parade. Ben Hur Shrine had a good turnout and a lot of fun.

(Continued next page)

We were part of a large contingent of Ben Hur Nobles and Ladies at the Golden Trowel Presentation for Noble Don Walker at Liberty Hill Lodge. Congratulations Noble Don, I know the work and sacrifice that it takes to receive this high honor and you have certainly earned the recognition.

One of the big topics of the OG school was shrinking membership and participation. The question is what are we going to do about it? I know our membership committee works very hard to attract new members, but it is going to take more of us. It is going to take ALL of us stepping out and finding new members. In the past 10 years, there have been more than 9800 Master Masons raised in the Grand Lodge of Texas. In that same time, we have created 313 new Nobles. The good news is I think that we have a lot of potential new Nobles out there, we just need to find a way to reach them and show them how the fun and fellowship of the Shrine can contribute to their Masonic journey.



The TSA counterparts at OG School in Tampa, FL



Lady Traci and I with our counterparts Jim & Kelly Clark from Arabia Shrine



Noble Don Walker receiving his Golden Trowel Award from W.M. Shawn Murray

Noble Forest Cruse received the Golden Trowel from Hill City Lodge and Noble Don Walker received the Golden Trowel from Liberty Hill Lodge. The Golden trowel is the highest award a brother can receive from his lodge. Thank you brothers, for your hard work and dedication. Ben Hur Proud.





HERE AND THERE IN OUR JURISDICTION



BEN HERA INSTALLATION



SMITHVILLE PARADE HONORS



CLOWN











HISTORY

SHRINERS KILLED IN TERRIBLE TRAIN ACCIDENT

Scores of Some of The Most Prominent Men of The Order Killed or Injured

May 12, 1907: A Shriner Special train composed of passenger cars, sleepers, dining cars and baggage traveling at high speed derailed. Passengers were thrown in every direction many being scalded by the escaping steam or burned by the fire that followed the crash. Many of the dead being burned beyond recognition. The wreck occurred at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The Shriners were from Mecca Temple in New York, Ishman Temple in Buffalo, and Kismet Temple in Pittsburg. It is reported that greatest sufferers were from Buffalo, Rochester and Reading. The most prominent member killed was J Douglas Hipple, Potentate of Rajah Temple, Reading, Pa.

First reports from the scene of the tragedy indicate twenty people killed and twenty two severely injured. Many of the injured will probably die due to the extent of their injuries. Special trains from Santa Barbara, Lompoc and San Luis Obispo loaded with doctors and nurses were dispatched to the scene to aid the injured. Southern Pacific officials say it is the worst wreck they ever had on the coast division.

The Masons of San Luis Obispo organized a relief corps before the arrival of the train containing the injured and dead. Passengers on the train said that the number of dead would exceed twenty one and would probably reach twenty eight. Between twenty and thirty victims were hurried to hospitals and private residences.

A later investigation by members of the railroad revealed that the tracks at the switch had been loosened and spikes removed in preparation for retamping the ties. The loosened rails could not handle the size and speed of the Shriner Special. The Honda Switch, where the derailment occurred, is an isolated location and it was over six hours before any relief or help arrived to help the injured. There was an outcry as to how long it took the railroad to get help and aid to the victims. While the victims lay in the sand dunes and debris, several passenger trains passed the site. Many of the cars had telescoped onto the engine which resulted in the scalding steam injuries and fire.

The ultimate loss of life number at least thirty-two with most of them being Shriners.

Gene Freudenberg PP/Historian/May 2023

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED!! BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!



Ben Hur Shrine Legion of Honor

Sunday, May 28, 2023 1:00 PM



Finger Sandwiches, Tea & Water To Follow

Music Provided By: 36th Infantry Division Band Brass Quintet



Colors Presented By: Leander High School JROTC

If you need more info,contact: Fred Maynard, LOH Commander (512) 422-0452 Eddie Daffern, Adjutant (512) 656-5691

May 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
TRAVIS COUNTY EARLY VOTING		Jokheras		RENTAL	CCC	
	Nile Dancers	RENTAL	Scottish Rite			TRAVIS County Voting
7	8	9	10	11 HLSC	12	13
Sons of Herman Casino Planning		Charioteers Mini-Bs RENTAL	Trailblazers	Provost Guard	LOS	RENTAL
14	15	16 Directors Staff Provost Practice RENTAL	17 Nile York Rite LOH	18 Ben Hur Stated Clowns Transporters	19	20 BHST Casino Night
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		RENTAL	BHST Unit Head Meeting		BHST TRAVEL CLU	В
28 Travel Club LOH Memorial Day Program	29	30 RENTAL	31			

BE SURE AND CHECK WWW.BENHURSHRINE.ORG FOR LATEST DATES AND TIMES. CALENDARS CAN CHANGE.

June 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
				1	2 RENTAL	3 Capital City Carboys RENTAL	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Sons of	Texana 123	RENTAL	TSA Ft Worth				
Herman			SCRT RENTAL JOKHERAS			RENTAL TSA PARADE	
11 RENTAL	12	13 Charioteers Mini B's RENTAL	14 Trailblazers	15 CLOWNS	16 RENTAL	17 Stonewall Parade TSA Victory Celebration	
18	19	20 Directors Staff RENTAL	21 York Rite	22	23	24 Luling Parade RENTAL	
25 LOS Bunco Tournament	26	27 RENTAL	28	29	30		

BE SURE AND CHECK WWW.BENHURSHRINE.ORG FOR LATEST DATES AND TIMES. CALENDARS CAN CHANGE.

TRAILBLAZERS



Nobles,

The Trailblazers monthly stated meeting is the second Wednesday of the month at 6pm at Ben Hur Shrine. We usually go to a nearby restaurant for dinner afterwards.

The Trailblazers are an active unit and will be at the upcoming parades, and will be participating at TSA in June, and TSMPA (Texas Shrine Motor Patrol Association) Obstacle course in August.

We are completing our drill practices for upcoming TSA competition in June. Our practices are on Sunday's from 9am to Noon at 6800 Burleson Rd. Come out and watch, maybe we will let you ride one of the beasts. We have scheduled the following practice dates: May 14, 21, 26^{th}

Hope to see you there.

Fraternally,
Jim McConnell
Asst. Rabban
Trailblazer President

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

PER CAPITA LIFE \$900 LIFE HOSPITAL ASSEMENT \$150

BEN HUR DUES ENDOWMENT

AGE UNDER 65 \$1900

AGE OVER 65 \$950

CARNIVAL STUFF



LETS GO CRUSING



Royal Caribbean International Allure of the Seas 7-Night Western Caribbean Departs from Galveston October 8, 2023

Ports of Call : Roatan/Bay Islands, Honduras, Costa Maya and Cozumel

Contact: Barbara Manley at Manley Vacations—Dream Vacations Bmanley@dreamvacations.com 512-766-8164 ManleyVacations.com

SREKOJ



SREKOJ,

How are stated meeting at 6 o'clock immediately before the temple stated meeting. They are quick and informative in all members new and wise are welcome with ideas. Especially for fundraisers. We need to strengthen our coffers for emergency purposes. Please do your best to be there. In the words of the great one: good night, and God bless.

Macaroni

Ben Hur Shriners

cordially invites you & your lady to

THE MASONIC ROAST OF ILL. SIR REESE L. HARRISON, JR., P. P.





Benefitting Shriners Hospitals for Children

BEN HUR SHRINE TEMPLE

SAT. AUGUST 26, 2023

6:00PM - 10:00PM

(512) 567-6744

7811 ROCKWOOD LN • AUSTIN, TX 78757 <u>masonicroast@gmail.com</u>

Google Form RSVP

Attire: Black Tie or Evening Dress

Tickets: \$100/person • \$800/table To Roast for 5-minutes: \$100

The net proceeds from this event will benefit Shriners Childrens'.

Shriners Childrens' is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent permitted by law.





Ben Hur Shrine Travel Club

This months camping will be from the 25th to the 28.

The 50th District Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries held their conference at the Ben Hur Shrine. The feedback was better than we could have expected. There was a large attendance and Noble Robert Eschenberg and his team did an outstanding job organizing and setting up.





CHARIOT BOOSTER CLUB

NOTICE: Did YOUR name get dropped this edition?

Remember to check the date following your name. **Next edition will drop all dates to 5/23!** Send in the form below TODAY with your \$25 to become/remain a loyal booster club member.

YES! I WANT TO BE A BOOSTER

TES: 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
[] TWO LINES (Yours and your Lady's name on 2 lines - \$45 per year
NAME(S):
Mail to the Temple Secretary.

BROWN & LACALLADE, P.C.

CHARLES L. LACALLADE ATTORNEY AT LAW

425 RR 2900 P.O. Box 1956 Kingsland, Texas 78639 TEL (325) 388-7100 FAX (830) 265-6007

EMAIL LACALLAD@TSTAR.NET

ED WEEREN

INSURANCE AGENCY

Professional Insurance Service Since 1899

(512) 454-5266



Texana Masonic Lodge No. 123
Meets First Monday of Each Month
at the Ben Hur Shrine Center
Eat at 6:30 p.m.; Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

BLACK CAMEL REPORT



BOBBIE N ATKINSON 1/16/2022





Laura's Smiles Quilts

Crafted by Laura Holst

Specializing in T-Shirt & Memory Quilts
LauraSmiles.com | 512-736-4392



CENTRAL LOCK & RET

PROFESSIONAL LOCKSMITH SERVICES

- AUTOMOTIVE
- RESIDENTIAL
- COMMERCIAL

(512) 335-0190

PROUDLY SERVING AUSTIN SINCE 1988

If you wish to make a donation directly to our Shriners Childrens in Texas, here is the address. Make your check payable to Shriners Hospitals for Children—Texas

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

LEGION OF HONOR

Another exciting month for the Legion of Honor and we've got some great events coming up. The LOH was honored to be asked to provide the "Arch of Steel" honor guard for the Nobility Ball in April. The swords will be razor sharp and it's almost certain that there won't be any mishaps.

Your LOH is also putting on a Memorial Day Ceremony and the Shrine on May 28th to remember the Servicemen and Women who made the ultimate sacrifice. Please see the ad in this month's Chariot for more information.

The LOH Ladies made a splash at their monthly get together and they had a great time taking pictures and getting a little shopping done. We've been especially blessed to have such an active group of spouses who have their own "war stories" to tell about their Veteran.

The Legion of Honor meets on the first Wednesday of each month (6:30 drinks & 7:00 dinner / meeting) at Ben Hur Shrine Temple. We would like to invite any of the Nobles who served or are serving in the Armed Forces to come to our meeting for food and fellowship. Nobles can also keep up with our escapades on the Ben Hur Shrine Legion of Honor Facebook Group https://www.facebook.com/groups/876426713474041



Ben Hur Shriners 7811 Rockwood Lane Austin, TX 78757 (512) 480-0812

TIME DATED MATERIAL DO NOT DELAY

NON PROFIT ORG. U.S. Postage PAID Permit 1120 Austin, Texas



BEN HUR NOBLES WITH BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

5/1
Lee H Schnelle
Danut Prisacaru

5/5 Harry W Elliott John G Leake II

5/7 Reuben O Maas

5/8 Gary F Wawak Abram R Wallace

5/9 Ronnie G Jackson, PP

5/10 Ted L Robertson

5/12 Jesse R Miller **5/13** Peter R Evans Jesse N Love

5/16 John D Holmes

5/17Silas A Powell Jr. PP
Jason B Greve

5/18 *Robert E Kelly PP*Jerome K Hohman

5/19 George D Bryan Randall W Lake **5/21** Louis L Weise

5/22 Thomas H Arbuckle

5/23David W Desormeau
Ryan A Dirker

5/27 Louis B Williams Jr

5/28Harold W Harton Jr
Russell L Jones

5/29James E Mangum
Daniel G Crisostomo

5/30

Franklin S Spears Jr

5/31Robert R Schier
Don W Moore
Dana M Graham