

ANNUAL SERVICE AWARDS WILL BE PRIOR TO THE STATED MEETING ON NOVEMBER 16. FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED. COME OUT AND HELP CELEBRATE THOSE NOBLES WHO HAVE BEEN MEMBERS FOR 25 AND 50 YEARS.





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## **STATED MEETING**

Ben Hur Shrine meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month. The next stated meeting will be Nov16 2023. **YOUR 2023 DUES CARD IS REQUIRED!** 

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## POTENTATES MESSAGE—fatboyfab1955@gmail.com

Howdy Nobles and Ladies,

As I am writing this it is 57 degrees outside. I forgot how nice that is. A nice sign that Fall is here, finally! Pam and I really like this time of year. The Thanksgiving holiday is a big season for us. All of our family gets together for several days, and we have great family time. We always have a big meal with most everyone in our family.

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Ben Hur made a great appearance at the Bertram Oatmeal Parade. It's always fun and there is a great local turnout. I still couldn't find any oatmeal there? There are always plenty of craft booths, food and entertainment. It's always great when the crowd yells "we love you Shriners" and thank us for what we do for the kids.

Our Granddaughter Alyssa Jones and her mother Nicole traveled to Las Vegas in the middle of October. Alyssa was invited to work the Shriners PGA golf tournament where she represented Shriners Children's Shreveport. 21 patient ambassadors were there all weekend and they kept the kids busy and in front of the cameras. Shriners Children's sponsored their trip. Alyssa was able to raise over 10,000 dollars for our hospitals prior to her trip through Ben Hur Family day, Suez golf tournament and other personal and temple online donations. I haven't talked to her yet but the photos looked fun. It was an experience of a lifetime.

The Ben Hur Potentate Cruise was a hoot. 45 Nobles, Ladies, friends and family attended for a weeklong cruise to Mexico and Honduras on the Royal Caribbean Allure of the Seas ship, a really big ship! We all attended several events and enjoyed the shows, meals, drinks, and fellowship. Several were first time cruisers. I met several other Shriners from other temples while aboard. We had three stops and several excursions. Plenty of shopping and enjoyed the local culture of each area. On one of the stops Pam and I did the Sloth and Monkey excursion. It was really nice, and our tour guide was named Grady. I told him that I was a Shriner, and he was excited. Grady's brother was burned in a gasoline fire from the neck down about 15 years ago. They did not expect him to live. The Shriners flew him to our Galveston Hospital where he was treated and had many surgeries. He is doing well now and Grady was so thankful. I gave Grady a potentate pin and one for his brother. It is really nice to hear how we have helped children and changed lives.

Our Travel agents Manley Dream Vacations did a great job organizing and planning the trip for everyone. Pam organized a Ben Hur Shriner lunch at Margaritaville in Cozumel, and it was a blast. 35 of us attended. We had good drinks, food and fellowship. The staff made us feel at home. There was a bit of singing to Cheeseburger in Paradise and some crazy dancing.

Everyone had a blast. The whole trip was outstanding, but it was very hot and humid and felt much better to get back on the ship. We arrived back in Galveston to 60-degree weather, wow. Pam and I celebrated our 48th anniversary while on the cruise and we enjoyed sharing it with our friends.

## POTENTATES MESSAGE— (Continued)

November is a month of thanks. Pam and I have a lot to be thankful for with our family and our Shriner/Masonic family. We have a direct connection to our hospitals through Alyssa and we have the greatest fraternity and philanthropy in the world. God Bless Shriners, our hospitals and the children that we serve. Pam and I are looking forward to the holidays. We love all of you and always stay Ben Hur Proud.

Rock On Shriners!

Chuck Jones





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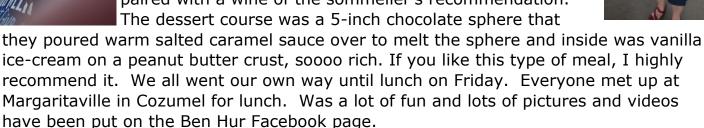
Hello All,

Another month has come and gone, and this Shriner Year is almost done. Only October, November and December left for the Shriner Year, man has it flown by.

We had another parade on September 30<sup>th</sup>, the Oatmeal Parade which was held in Bertram. This is always a good parade, and we had a good showing of Shriners and their Ladies, but the temperature was another story. We all survived despite the heat.



We started the month of October with the Potentates Cruise. The ship was Royal Caribbean's Allure of the Sea. This is a big ship and has a capacity of around 6000 people plus the crew. We spent 7 days on this cruise and visited Roatan, Costa Maya, and Cozumel. On the second day at sea, we, along with Sam and Jannette Stimson's, attended the Chef's Table for a 6-course meal with wine paring. This was a very enjoyable and rich dinner. Each course was paired with a wine of the sommelier's recommendation.



The Murder Mystery Play is the next event. There is a 14-person cast with 4 members from the Divan. It is going to be a funny play. Hope we saw your there and if not... You got some splannin to do!!!

Signing off for now, Ben Hur Proud! James Heineman



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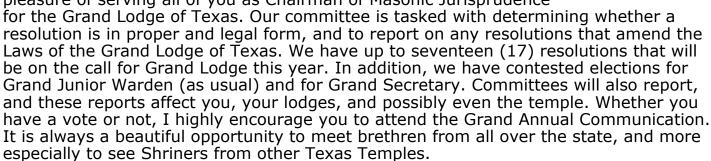


## HIGH PRIEST & PROPHET - charlesemaddox@gmail.com

Illustrious Sir, Imperial Sir, and fellow Nobles,

The end of the year is fast approaching, and by the time you read this there will be at most two (2) months left in the calendar year. That's still plenty of time to bring in new petitions and grow our temple!

In addition to being your High Priest and Prophet this year, I have the pleasure of serving all of you as Chairman of Masonic Jurisprudence



As of this writing, the resolutions are not ready for distribution, but once they are, please review them individually and among your lodges. District 50 will host a seminar to discuss the resolutions, especially putting them in layman's language, and possible effects of the resolutions. You do not need to be a member of a District 50 lodge to attend. When plans are finalized, they will be announced in the Chariot.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the November Stated Meeting!

Fraternally, Charles E. Maddox High Priest and Prophet · Ben Hur Shrine Temple Second Vice-President · Texas Shrine Association (512) 567-6744

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

Hello Nobles & Ladies, The last month has flown by. Lady Traci & I have been busy this month.

We had the opportunity to represent Ben Hur and TALOH at the Al Amin Military Ball in Pharr, TX. We had a fun night of dinner & dancing, catching up with some long-time friends, and making some new ones.



With the help of Ben Hur LOH, we hosted a TALOH fall picnic at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock. We had Nobles from several temples across Texas come out for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

We joined Ill Sir Jones & Lady Pam on the Potentate's cruise to the western Caribbean. We enjoyed spending time and getting to know some of our Ben Hur Shriners better. We finally left the ship in Cozumel to have lunch, sing, and dance with everyone in Margaritaville. Some may say we had too much fun a few times but I'm not sure that is possible. The ship was so big that there were some people that I didn't see all week. Maybe they were hiding with the ducks around the ship.

Remember life is like a savings account you can only earn dividends if you put something into it. The more you put in the more you get back.

Have a great month,

Fred Maynard Oriental Guide

## WELCOME NEW NOBLES

CREATED 10/19/ 2023

MARK MEYER
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JAY ASHTON
FORD MEADOWS

ASSOICIATED 10/19/2023 BRANDON RANS

# THE BEN HUR PLAYERS HAVE YET ANOTHER HIT PRODUCTION AT BEN HUR.

1 Love Lucy



Staring:
Pam Jones as LUCY
Gerry Garcia as RICKY RICARDO

If you missed this one, you missed the best one yet.











# SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2023

## **50 Year Awards**

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## **25 Year Awards**

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# November 2023

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# December 2023

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3 Sons of Herman	4 Texana 123	5 RENTAL	6 LOH RENTAL	7	8 TOY Dance Setup LOS	9 TOY DANCE
10 MOTLEY BRUE	11	12 Charioteers Mini-Bs RENTAL	13 Trailblazers	14 Provost Guard	15 TRAVEL CLUB	16 RENTAL
17 TRAVEL CLUB	18	19 Directors Staff Provost	20 NILE	21 Stated Meeting Clowns	22	23
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#### HISTORY

## SHRINERS 100 YEARS AGO (1923)

It has been reported that thousands of Shriners will be motoring to Washington D.C. for the Imperial Shrine Convention on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The American Automobile Association affiliated clubs are busily engaged in preparing special maps and touring information for the Shriners in their respective localities. The AAA is preparing transcontinental maps for the use of the Shriners on their pilgrimage which is estimated to bring 50,000 visitors to Washington.

The national capital is making elaborate plans to entertain the Shriners. A model tourist camp located in Potomac Park, which will care for approximately 1,000 camping parties. The government has turned over to the general Shrine Committee all public parks in Washington for use for camping parties.

Despite the recent declaration by Commission Haynes that it will be harder to get a drink in Washington than ever before the Washington Post publishes a copyrighted story today that several thousand cases of liquor have been brought into the city by bootleggers who are replenishing their stocks in anticipation of the large crowds that will gather for the Shriner's convention. According to the story, most of the liquor was landed from the celebrated yacht Istar of the Atlantic rum fleet which recently was off Cape Henry, Va. From this supply source and others, it is declared, the city has an ample supply to meet convention needs.

From Augusta, Ga., it is learned the first Georgia Peaches of the season will be eaten by President and Mrs. Harding and George Christian Jr, the president's secretary. A freight carload left Georgia on Friday for the North but peaches for the White House will beat them there as these will leave by aerorplane at 4:00 am Monday morning and will get to Washington by Tuesday, the planes going by way of New Bedford, Mass. The White House peaches are to be transported by two big Martin bombing planes of the war department which are also delivering from here two bales of cotton to New Beford to be made into Masonic aprons by the Wamsutta Mills there and rushed on to Washington to be worn by the Shriners who will be in convention there. The planes are also carrying a dozen roasting ears of corn to the president.

A special Ben Hur Temple train will leave Austin carrying 141 Ben Hur Shriners to the annual convention of the Mystic Shrine, many of them accompanied by their wives. The greater number of these will be members of the band, patrol, and drum corps. The Ben Hur Special train will be decorated in the colors and emblems of Ben Hur Shrine Temple. The train will be manned by a crew composed entirely of Shriners. The Ben Hur delegation has already been invited to stopovers in New Orleans, Memphis, and other places to be entertained by nobles there. They will repay the hospitality with band concerts while the patrol will give it's "Scimitar Drill" for which it is famous throughout the US.

Gene Freudenberg, PP/Historian/Nov 23

Patient Ambassador (and Ben Hur family) Alyssa Jones was recently chosen to represent Shriners Children's Shreveport at the Shriners Children's Open PGA tournament in Las Vegas October 14th.

She had a great time representing Ben Hur Shrine, TX, LA and beyond while at the event. She met several members of the Imperial Line and their ladies, and all the Shriners and volunteers were amazing and welcoming.

One of the highlights was receiving personal golf tips from LPGA Pro Lexi Thompson, the only woman given an exemption to play in this tournament! Lexi came out to the adaptive golf clinic that was held for the kids, set up by US Adaptive Golf.

The ambassadors were able to walk the TPC Summerlin course on Saturday and Sunday as standard bearers. This allowed them inside the ropes access to some of the best golf players in the world.

They also got to meet the winner of the Shriners Children's Open, Tom Kim. Autographs and pictures were plentiful.

Alyssa had a fantastic time with the other patient ambassadors, really enjoyed the whole experience and was proud to represent Shriners Children's.

Alyssa would like to thank everyone at Ben Hur Shrine for your continued support and donations to her fundraising efforts. Alyssa raised over 10,000 dollars for our hospitals.

## Lady Nicole Jones Noble Nick Jones





## LEGION OF HONOR

## A soldier shows up for military training, but realizes he forgot to bring his gun.

The sergeant hands him a stick and gestures to the training field.

"You'll have to use this, soldier. If you need to shoot someone, just aim your stick at them and shout 'Bangity bang-bang'. If someone gets too close to you, poke them in the gut with it as though it was a bayonette and shout 'Stabbity stab-stab'. Now get moving."

The soldier thinks this is pretty ridiculous, but to his surprise, when he aims his stick at a fellow trainee across the field and shouts "Bangity bang-bang!" the other soldier goes down in a theatrical display. Then, another trainee tries to run past him, so he pokes the guy in the ribs and shouts "Stabbity stab-stab!" and he too goes down, pretending to be dead.

So, the soldier starts running through the mock-battlefield, shouting "Bangity bangbang" and occasionally "Stabbity-stab-stab", until eventually he realizes he's the last man standing.

He's feeling pretty proud of himself until another soldier rounds a corner and starts walking toward him. Slowly. Stiffly. Menacingly.

The soldier takes aim with his stick and shouts, "Bangity-bang-bang!"

But the other soldier doesn't go down this time. He keeps approaching, arms stiff at his sides, boots stomping aggressively into the ground.

The soldier begins to sweat. He clears his throat, adjusts grip on his stick and hollers, "Bangity bang-bang!"

But nothing happens. The other soldier keeps marching toward him.

Now the soldier panics. He pretends to reload his stick and desperately cries out, "Bangity bang-bang! Bangity bang-bang! Stabbity stab-stab!"

But to his dismay, nothing works.

Finally, the other soldier reaches him, kicks him in the shin and knocks him onto the ground.

He stands over the fallen soldier and says:

"Tankity tank-tank."

LoH had a great day of fun and fellowship at the TALOH Annual Picnic at Settler's Park! Veteran Nobles from across Texas am to our hometown of Austin (well Round Rock anyway) to talk about TALOH's plans for the year and eat a little BBQ. LoH

Nobles also attended the Arabia Shrine Temple's Military Ball and managed not to get arrested by the

MPs.

We've got a lot of events coming up and none more important that our LoH Mid-Winter Muster happening here in Austin February 29<sup>th</sup>-3 March, it's going to be a lot of fun and possibly dangerous as the Pirate Party is going to shiver our timbers.

If you are a Veteran, please consider joining your Ben Hur Legion of Honor. We meet at the Ben Hur Temple the first Wednesday of each month starting at 1800.





## PROVOST GUARD

Ben Hur Provost Guard (shooting team) competed at the fall invitational in Boerne, Tx. in September. There were seven competing. Our 4 man B team won first place in division. Congratulations to all.



## **SREKOJ**

Well my entertaining troupe, elections were held and here are the results.

President: Anthony Macaroni DeFrancisis

VP: Jesse Skittles Soliz

SEC/Treas: Mike Achoo Hollingsworth

Thank you to all those in attendance and cast a vote. Now that the year is ending I will be emailing everyone regarding dues. Nothing is going to change this year. Unit dues are \$25 and ISCA is \$20 for renewals and \$25 for new members. Start saving now. A few of you asked how the Cushman is coming along and when it will be parade ready. I'm sad to say that it was sold without my knowledge due to a "misunderstanding" from the person who sold it. Instead of helping to upgrade the Cushman as agreed it was sold. It now resides with a Shriner memorabilia collector and the money put into getting it up and running is gone, never to be seen again. On the bright side........... we are Ben Hur Clowns, and we bring joy to everyone we engage with. Let's keep up the tradition. Feel free to brainstorm all ideas to get us out to the public. There can never be enough clowning around. Until We Funny Again, MAcaroni

Awake Not Woke

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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