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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
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Ceremonial Asst. Rabban— Sean Williams
Marshal - Gerry Garcia

POTENTATES MESSAGE—fatboyfab1955@gmail.com

Howdy Nobles and Ladies,

Summer is coming and we are enjoying the good steady rains for now. The Bluebonnets are everywhere, and things are green again. Mother's Day was wonderful, and we love you all.

Ben Hur Nobility Ball was a hoot! The Caribbean theme was fun. We had Potentates, their Ladies, and representatives from five Texas Temples. Moslah, Hella, Alzafar, Sharon and El Amin. It was great seeing everyone and a fun event. Thanks to everyone that helped, especially the ladies decorating.



At our ball I was surprised by Ben Hur Legion of Honor. Commander Fred Maynard and Illustrious Sir Eddie Daffern presented me with a "Lifetime Associate Membership" to our Legion of Honor Unit. Years ago, I was unable to complete my delayed enlistment in the Air Force due to a motorcycle crash injury and this was such a great honor to be accepted as an associate member of this great group of Veterans that has served our country. I thank everyone in the unit, I am very proud of the honor. The plaque hangs proudly in the Potentate's office.

Lady Pam and I attended the El Mina Potentate Shrine (Galveston) Ball, and it was held in Beaumont. Illustrious Sir Lester Smith and Lady Virginia welcomed us, and good times were had. We also attended the Karem Shrine Potentate Ball in Waco. Illustrious Sir Justin Duty, Lady Neely and the Nobles and Ladies put on a great event. It is always a pleasure hanging out with our friends and counterparts.

The National Shrine Directors Staff Association was well represented by Ben Hur Temple. Temple Director Noble Chris Garner was elected Governor of Region 12, Noble Donny Gonzalez was elected Director General of SDA and Noble Mike Preece and Noble Robert Mallett are Emeritus Past SDA Presidents. Thank you, Nobles for your commitment and willingness to lead.

Pam and I attended the Highland Lakes Shrine Club meeting. There were 25 nobles and ladies there—always fun! They are working on Shake the Bucket and raising money for our hospitals. Thank y'all.

Ben Hur Shrine will be dark June through August, but we will still be busy. TSA in Ft Worth is coming up and Pam and I are looking forward to it. I always enjoy watching the unit competitions and seeing old friends. Ben Hur Carboys, Trailblazers, Provost Guard and Legion of Honor will be competing at TSA. Please attend the competitions and cheer them on. Pam and I are looking forward to attending the Imperial Session in Charlotte this year.

Lady Pam and I enjoyed representing Ben Hur Temple. We attended seven Temple Balls including ours and enjoyed the travel and fellowship. We are almost halfway through this year and things are going by fast. I want to thank every Noble and Lady.

God Bless y'all and Stay Ben Hur Proud. Chuck Jones

CHIEF RABBAN - heinemanja@yahoo.com

Hello All,

May is here and we have not slowed down. We are enjoying our time representing Ben Hur and the memories we've made are forever. The year is almost half over, so if you are thinking of running for the Divan, start moving on that and get yourself out there, it isn't that hard.



After the last Stated, we had a few things going on in April. The first was the Ben Hur Nobility Ball, we had a great time and got to socialize with those that made the Ball. If you weren't there, why not!?



After the Ball, Janet and I went to TSRVA, Texas Shrine RV Association in Fredericksburg. We met up with RV Club's from a bunch of Temples. Had some good food and fellowship and games. There were many games going on. I didn't win the Turtle Game this year, bummer, so I turned the Turtle Award over to this year's winner, Paul Hill. I had the honor and privilege of installing the new officers of TSRVA again this year. Thanks to Eddy and Doreen Bowers for setting up and running the annual meeting, it was great.

Illustrious Sir Chuck Jones, Dave Hoke, Jeff Dotterer, and I rode to Glen Rose for the Freemasons Motorcycle Riding Club annual Texas Meet and Greet the first weekend in April. Met up with a lot of members, and have a good ride and lots of fellowship. The Chalk Mountain Lodge fed us breakfast on Saturday morning and they had a fish fry that evening. Chuck and I had to miss the fish fry because we had to ride to Waco to meet up with Pam and Janet for the Karem Potentates Ball that evening as representatives of Ben Hur. It was a good evening, and the food and drink was very good.

The next event this month will be the Casino Night. It should be a lot of fun and we hope to see you there. Don't forget your boots and hats!

Next month is TSA in Fort Worth. Hope to see as many as possible attending and representing Ben Hur. Come support our Units and Clubs that will be competing and hopefully bringing home some trophies.

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Lots of Graduations going on this month. Our No. 2 Grandson, Joshua, graduates this month from TSU and we will be able to see him walk and then he wants to jump into the river. I guess that's a tradition. We will also be going to Tulsa over Memorial Day to celebrate our niece and great nephew graduating from High School. Looking forward to some good family time.

Let's not forget to keep Imperial Sir Bill Bailey's family in our prayers. We lost a good Mason and Shriner.

Signing off for now, Ben Hur Proud! James Heineman Chief Rabban Email: heinemanja@yahoo.com

ASSISTAND RABBAN - jemcconnel@gmail.com

Nobles and Ladies

As we move into the summer, I hope everyone is doing well. The Nobility Ball was well attended, and everyone had a good time. It was nice to see everyone dressed tropical.

CR James Heineman and Lady Janet have been working hard on the Casino Party, and I know it will be a great success by the time you read this. I hope everyone had a good time. Thanks to the Past Potentates for working as dealers.



I have been working with the Trailblazer's drill team and we are hoping to make an award-winning performance at TSA in FT Worth.

As we roll into the summer, we stop having stated meetings, but your shrine keeps busy, with TSA, many parades, Imperial session, and various activities. I look forward to seeing everyone this summer. Most units are still active, and we need everyone to participate. The more you are able to participate the more you can get out of your membership.

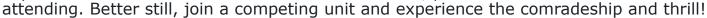
Joan and I are starting to work on our fundraising activities for 2024 and look forward to your input on what events you want to attend and support.

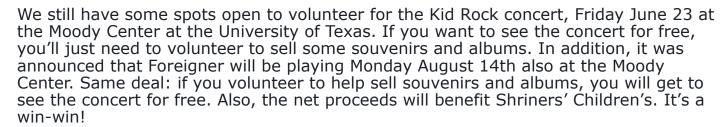
Remember Shriners come from your lodges, so be sure to support and attend your blue lodges. Fraternally

Jim McConnell Assistant Rabban

HIGH PRIEST & PROPHET - charlesemaddox@gmail.com

Texas Shrine Ceremonial is right around the corner. Each year it promises to be an exciting time to reconnect with counterparts and friends from all over the state. It reminds me of the Texas DeMolay Conclave: the time of year when I would meet and greet my friends and rivals from all over the state in DeMolay, compete with and against each other, and take home awards in sports and ritual. Naturally we, as Texas Shriners, compete in different areas that are not available to DeMolays, but the experience and memories are akin. If you have not attended a Texas Shrine Ceremonial, please consider





Finally, speaking of the Hospital, do not forget to purchase your tickets for the Roast of Reese L. Harrison, Jr. on Saturday, August 26 here at Ben Hur. Tickets are being purchased as we speak, especially from out-of-town guests. Please call or email me to reserve your spot. If you have ever wanted to tell him what you think of him, or at least hear what others "really" think, now's your chance!

Fraternally, Charles E. Maddox 512-567-6744

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Nobles & Ladies,

Lady Traci and I have been busy this month. We participated in the Burnet Bluebonnet and the Smithville Jamboree parades. We had great fun spending time with our Shrine family & friends.

We attended the High Lakes Shrine Club meeting in April, they continue to rock and roll along and always seem to be coming up with ways to support the hospitals. They are an inspiration to me and what we are capable of when we work together.



We attended the Nobility Ball at Ben Hur and were honored that our Hella Shrine Counterparts, Charlie Fulton & Lady Kris Hargrove visited with us. We had a great time dancing the night away in our best tropical attire.

We traveled to Indian Rocks Beach near Tampa, Florida and attended the International Association Legions of Honor (IALOH) meeting. Ben Hur Shrine and Texas Association Legions of Honor (TALOH) were well represented.

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2022-2023 Commander David Ginapp and Lady Jan hosted a wonderful conference. Congratulations to our newly installed Commander Russell Gray and Lady Virginia. We look forward to visiting with them again soon.

We are looking forward to the upcoming TSA ceremonial in June, I know that many of our units have been practicing and preparing for competition. Let's all go and show them what #BenHurProud really means.

As we head into the summer season let's not forget that our Shrine still needs us to participate in upcoming parades & events. Even if we don't have our stated meeting in the summer there will be plenty of opportunities to have fun and fellowship.







HERE AND THERE IN OUR JURISDICTION



Treasurer, Bill James celebrates his 90th Birthday just a little early. He was ambushed at the Temple by the Divan and Balloons and Coconut Cream pie from Laura.

2023 BEN HUR TROPICAL BALL































HISTORY

"Just a Boy"

Excerpt from Ben Hur Patrol Prattle by Marlin Smalley 1952

Gathered along the way----Just a Boy!

"After a male baby outgrows long dresses and triangles and acquires pants and freckles and so much dirt that relatives don't dare kiss him, he becomes a **boy**.

A **boy** is nature's answer to that belief that there is no such thing as perpetual motion.

A **boy** is a growing animal of superlative promise, who can swim like a fish, run like a deer, climb like a squirrel, balk like a mule, bellow like a bull, eat like a pig, or act like a jackass, according to climatic conditions.

A **boy**, if not washed too often and kept in a cool, quiet place after each accident will survive broken bones, hornets, measles, fights and nine helpings of pie.

A boy is a piece of skin stretched over an appetite; a noise covered with smudges.

A **boy** is the problem of our times. The hope of the world. Every **boy** born is evidence that God is not yet discouraged with "men" and from this Shriners are born.

Gene Freudenberg PP/Historian June Chariot 2023

HLSC MEETS ON THE 2ND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH. LOOKS LIKE THEY HAVE FUN.





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			RENTAL TSA PARADE	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Stonewall	
RENTAL		Charioteers Mini B's	Trailblazers	CLOWNS	RENTAL	Parade	
		RENTAL				TSA Victory Celebration	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
		Directors Staff	York Rite			Luling Parade	
		RENTAL				RENTAL	
25	26	27	28	29	30		
LOS Bunco Tournament		RENTAL					

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July 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 RENTAL Carboys
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	IMP	ERIAL SESS	ION		RENTAL	
Sons of Herman	Texana 123		RENTAL			
9	10	11 Charioteers Mini B's RENTAL	12 Trailblazers	13	14	15
16 BHST Family Day Pending	17	18 Directors Staff RENTAL	19	20 SREKOJ	21	22 Travel Club Camping
23	24	25 RENTAL	26 BHST Unit Head Meeting	27	28	29 RENTAL Pending
30 Ladies Luncheon	31					

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TRAILBLAZERS



Nobles.

The Trailblazers have completed their practice and are ready to compete at TSA in Ft. Worth, our compete time has not be set, but is usually about 10am. If you can come out and support our unit, we have worked very hard to put on a good program.

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 have a couple of drift-trikes available for purchase, come on out and become active in parades and competitions. They are a lot of fun to ride

Hope to see you soon.

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

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LIFE HOSPITAL ASSEMENT \$150

BEN HUR DUES ENDOWMENT

AGE UNDER 65 \$1900

AGE OVER 65 \$950

SHRINE DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION



Ben Hur is well represented and recognized at the Shrine Directors Association meeting in Columbus, Ohio. Congratulations on your new positions.

Chris Garner—Temple Director and New Governor of Region 12

Mike Preece and Robert Mallett—Director Emeritus & Past SDA Presidents

Donny Gonzalez—New Director General SDA

In honor of Past Imperial Potentate William "Bill" Bailey.
I have spent time with Imperial Sir Bill several times over the last 5 years. He spoke at every leadership class and every event. He always had time to talk to every Shriner and Lady. He was a great man, Mason and Shriner. I will miss him. He lives in the history of our Shrine and in our hearts. Until we me again Imperial Sir.

Thank you.
Chuck Jones



SREKOJ

SEEKOJ meets at 6 PM before the stated meeting. All funny people are encouraged to attend. Thank you.

Macaroni

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VICTORY PARTY

June 17th at 4:00 p.m.

7811 Rockwood Lane, Austin, TX

HELP us celebrate the success of our clubs and units when they return from the TSA Ceremonial Competitions. This event will be family friendly and **FREE** to attend. Please RSVP to Laura at 512-480-0812 ext #102 so, we'll have enough food prepared.



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CHARIOT BOOSTER CLUB

Charlie & Betty Farnham Brian & Carol Vance In Memory of Vernon Milton David & Juanell Yeager Jim & Donna King 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 Don Lee Lenny and Lidia Bronik Bob Newlander John Casey In Memory of Judy Casey Boyce and Jody Freitag Margaret Shaffer Ricky Hayes & Angie Shaffer Tom & Judy Schneider Forest & Doris Cruse Cahrles Campbell Ralph & Vera Reasor Brenda Willis Scholin Craig & Marlene Clark Prairie Lea Lodge #114	04/35 02/26 12/25 11/25 11/25 08/25 04/25 03/25 02/25 02/25 12/24 08/24 07/24 07/24 06/24 05/24 05/24 05/24 04/24 03/24 03/24 02/24 02/24 02/24 01/24 12/23 11/23 11/23	Herb & Shirley Canada Andrea & Brad Cole, PP Margaret & Bob Kelly, PP In Memory of Gail Carruth Gerald "Jerry" Carruth WILCO Shrine Club In memory of Don Lee James & Janet Heineman Imp. Sir Jim & Lady Alice Smith Dottie Hughes & Alan Mulder In Memory of Betty Anderson Stan Anderson	11/23 10/23 10/23 09/23 09/23 07/23 07/23 07/23 06/23
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YES! I WANT TO BE A BOOSTER

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Galveston, Texas 77550

LEGION OF HONOR

Your LOH had the distinct honor of presenting the "Arch of Steel" for our Ben Hur Divan and Distinguished Guests at the 2023 Nobility Ball. Those swords were heavy but fortunately no one got an unexpected haircut. Our Legionnaires looked sharp as the swords they carried, and those swords were definitely sharp (Noble Eddie wanted us ready for action)! Excellent practice for our upcoming competition at the Texas Shrine Association Ceremonial in June.

We were privileged to present our very own Potentate with an honorary membership into our elite club and recognize III. Potentate Chuck Jones for his support of the Legion of Honor and his continuing effort to make Ben Hur the preeminent Shrine Temple in the state of Texas.

Ben Hur LOH is conducting a Memorial Day Ceremony at the Shrine Temple on May 28th to remember the Servicemen and Women who made the ultimate sacrifice. Illustrious Noble Eddie Daffern will be our guest speaker, Leander HS JROTC will present the colors, and 36th Infantry Division Band Brass Quintet will provide music.

A special shout out to the Ladies of the LOH who make our fellowship possible.

The Legion of Honor meets at 6:30 on the first Wednesday of each month 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







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Jeffrey L Dotterer			
6/5			

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6/8 Gary F Wawak AbFrank R Gibson

6/10 Francis M Jackson Jr John R Kollman

6/11 Ted L Robertson

6/13 Delmar E Tally Charles E Campbell Thomas N Novosad Grant M Georgulis

6/14 Jorge A Millan-Espana

6/15 John L Allen

6/16 Gordon N Decker Billy D Edmondson

6/17 Jonnie V Barnett Thomas D Hoke

6/18 Allan Holmes Nazario Cantu III Robert A Weissman

6/19 Dan L Bailey

6/20 Steven D Rivers Jeffrey L Wilbur Marshall D Tiner

6/21 Raymond H Hohinberger

6/29 6/22 Bobby W Clark Harold P Laves Bryan L Martin John E Cooper

6/30

6/23 Barry F Townes Joe M Kelly Jr Mark E Cortinas

6/25 Wallace G Schuehle William D Bays

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6/26 Kenneth B Whittemore Earl D Robertson PP Jeffrey D Pietsch

6/27 George Moxley