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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
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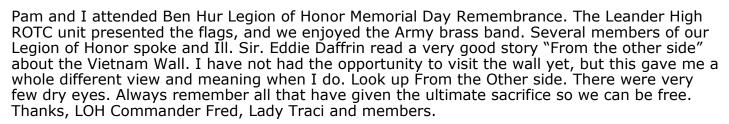
POTENTATES MESSAGE—fatboyfab1955@gmail.com

Howdy Nobles and Ladies.

At our May stated meeting we recognized our Treasurer, Noble Bill James, for his 90th birthday. Bill has been a Shriner for 43 years and our treasure for 18 years, all at Ben Hur. Bill and Barbara have been married for 70 years. Thank you, sir, for your faithful service Bill, and Happy Birthday again.

The Temple Casino Fundraiser was a bunch of fun. It's always great for everyone to get together for fun and fellowship. Thanks to our Chief Rabban Noble, James Heineman and Lady Janet for a great time and all

the folks that made everything work. I always have a great time, but I ended up broke again like always.



I attended the Carboy's brew day on June 3rd and helped out a bit. The brew crew has a great Mexican Lager brew. Very tasty with lime and a little salt. They have a beer brewing one called Ferocious Fester's Ale. A dark ale that promises to be great. Hmmm, wonder where that name came from ? Thanks brew Master Noble Raul Scully and members. Can't wait.

Recorder, Noble Sam and I received a 5000-dollar check from Pedernales Electric co-op for Shriners Children's. We received it at their Kyle office. This was donated by the employees with matching funds from PEC. We appreciate their generous donation to our hospitals.

The Divan and many of Ben Hur Nobles and Ladies attended TSA in Ft. Worth. We had a counterparts dinner and got to visit Billy Bobs in the Stockyard. There were business meetings the next day and ladies' events. There were 12 of the 13 Shrines represented. Unit competitions were Friday and our Legion of Honor, Carboys and Provost Guard all won awards. Our own Noble Charles Maddox is now second vice president of TSA and Ben Hur will host it in 2026. The parade was great, right down the stockyards, led by a longhorn cattle drive. Thanks to Ill. Sir. Romeo, Lady Holly, Craig Reiswig and Russell Jones for taking care of our Ben Hur group. Many thanks to Parade Marshal Noble Ricky Hayes and Lady Angie for pulling our float up there and hauling us in the parade. Pam and I had a great time. Every Ben Hur unit that competed won awards. We are very proud of all of you.

Pam and I are looking forward to the Imperial Session in Charlotte starting July 2nd. We are driving and always enjoy the trip as well as the Imperial Session. It's always a great time and busy. As your Potentate and a voting representative I will do my best to represent Ben Hur. For those that have not been, it is six solid days of Shrine. From waking up to bedtime. There are meetings and sessions but also time to see old friends, meet new ones and learn new things. I especially enjoy running into my international brothers. I better have a bag of pins for those guys. They have already asked on Facebook.

The year is half over and just buzzing by. Pam and I enjoyed every day and are proud to represent all of you at the many events we have attended. I am very proud of all of our divan, Nobles and ladies. We all try to make you proud. We are looking forward to the rest of the year. God Bless Shriners, Shriners Children's and Ben Hur Nobles and Ladies.

Stay Ben Hur Proud! CHUCK "FESTER" JONES



CHIEF RABBAN - heinemanja@yahoo.com

Hello All,

June started off with TSA in Fort Worth. We had a lot of fun meeting everyone at the Will Rodgers Coliseum.



We met with our Counterparts on Thursday at Billy Bob's and had a great fellowship and good food.



There was a Business Meeting to discuss and vote on time and place for the future TSA meetings, as well as changes to procedures and bylaws. The changes were reviewed and voted on. In the afternoon, the Officers for next year were elected, congrats to HP&P Charles Maddox as the 2^{nd} Vice President!





Friday was competition day. Our Legion of Honor, Provost Guard, and Carboy's competed and did well.





Saturday was the parade, Installation of the officers for next year and the award presentations for the various units and clubs who participated in the competitions. We have a few who came home with medals.

Provost Guard: Greg Reiswig and Jerry Garcia received 2nd place on the B team.

Legion of Honor received 1st Place for Inspection and for Flag Presentation.







Carboys brought in 2nd place for the Bitter Ale, not bad for a first time as Brew Master, Raul Scully, and first time to compete. Congratulations to all who competed!

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

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Nobles and Ladies

Summer has arrived early in June with a week full of 100+ days,

Now that TSA is in the history books, Congratulations to the units that competed, The Legion of Honor, Carboys, and Provost Guard. All brought home various trophies, which they presented to the Shrine at the Victory party on the $17^{\rm th}$.



The Trailblazer's drill team was unable to compete at TSA due to illness, but we are still planning on having a team compete at TSMPA Obstacle course on August 5th in Tyler.

A special thanks to Romeo, Holly, Russell, and Craig for setting up and running the Hospitality room, always a great place to visit and refresh ourselves.

By the time you receive this, your Divan will have departed for Shrine Imperial where we will be voting on changes to the by-laws and Shrine Leadership.

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

Fellow nobles,

For those who did not attend the Texas Shrine Association's Ceremonial in Fort Worth, you missed a wonderful time! Not only did the nobility at Moslah set the bar high (as usual), but our competitors had spectacular competitions and brought home more hardware to display. When you get an opportunity, if you have not already, please congratulate them. In addition, yours truly advanced to Second Vice-President of the Texas Shrine Association.



By the time you read this, the Kid Rick concert will have already occurred. Do not forget that there is an additional opportunity to help fundraise with Foreigner's Concert, Monday, August 14 at 7:00pm at the Moody Center on campus. Foreigner is always a great benefactor of the Children's Hospitals and let us show our support for them by helping at their concert!

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Finally, tickets are going fast for our Masonic Roast on Saturday, August 26 at 6:00pm here at the Shrine Temple. Illustrious Lawrence Winkle gave us free publicity at the TSA Business Session, taking a moment of personal privilege to tell the nobility in attendance this is a fantastic opportunity, and he is looking forward to the event. Imperial Marty Bartlett turned to me privately and said this is "a f***ing great idea." Don't worry about a seating cap, the planning committee covets the problem of having to move to a larger venue.

Fraternally, Charles E. Maddox, High Priest and Prophet Ben Hur Shriners 512-567-6744

ORIENTAL GUIDE - fred.maynard@gmail.com

Nobles & Ladies,

June has been a whirlwind month. Lady Traci and I got to spend some time at our home in Kentucky visiting family and planting the spring garden this month. We then had to hurry back to Texas to catch up on our Shrine duties.

The biggest thing this month was that we had the opportunity to attend the Texas Shrine Association Ceremonial in Fort Worth. We only had three units competing this year, but we made an impact for sure. The



Provost Guard won 2^{nd} place in their division, the brew team the Carboys won 2^{nd} place for best bitter beer, and the Legion of Honor brought home two 1^{st} place trophies for Inline inspection and Color Guard. Congratulations to all of those who competed, I know it takes a lot of practice and time to make these things happen.

Lady Traci and I were asked to host and plan the TSA victory party, as of this writing we had 58 people signed up. This is exciting and I hope everyone who comes has a great time cheering on the units that brought home the trophies for Ben Hur.

Our next big adventure will be the opportunity to attend the Shriners Imperial Session in Charlotte, NC in July. We are very excited to get the opportunity to meet Shriners from all over the world. I have signed up for several classes that are offered at this session to help me learn to be a better leader for Ben Hur Shrine. I look forward to seeing what I can bring back to help us grow our Temple.

With TSA freshly behind us, it is time to start making plans for next year. I would love to see all our units compete next year in San Angelo. Now is the time to start so if you need people let's start working on finding those members that can help make your unit competition ready.

If there is anything that I can do to help you with your Shrine journey, please call me or send me an email.

YITF, Fred Maynard Oriental Guide Ben Hur Shrine

HERE AND THERE IN OUR JURISDICTION

Pedernales Electric passed out checks to all 501c3 groups selected by the employees. Ben Hur has been privileged to receive a check for the Galveston Hospital for many years. Thank you PEC for your generous donation.



Ladies Lunch at TSA 2023



TSA 2023—FT WORTH













WAY TO GO BEN HUR. LEGION OF HONOR WON FIRST IN 2 CATEGORIES, PROVOST GUARD WON 2ND PLACE IN B TEAM AND RAUL SCULLY TOOK HOME A 2ND FOR HIS BITTER ALE.





HISTORY

Imperial Shrine Association Miami, Florida-November 1928

One hundred thousand Shriners converged on Miami, Florida via special trains, steam ships, motor cars and even airplanes for the Annual Imperial Shrine Convention. These nobles are representing the more than 600,000 Shriners, from 157 temples, throughout Canada, US, Mexico, the Hawaiian Islands, and the Panama Canal Zone. They are all there to celebrate and welcome Illustrious Sir Frank Cameron Jones of Houston, Tea as the newly installed Imperial Potentate of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Noble of the Mystic Shrine. The city of Miami has made every effort to see that the visiting nobles and their ladies will have a time to remember.

Nobles arriving by ship will be greeted by registration stations on the dock. Thirty to sixty typists have been hired to process the nobles as they arrive. Two hundred thousand registrations cards will be prepared for nobles and ladies. Also, a complete list of noble's locations will be arranged so that cables, radiograms, or telegrams can be delivered to them.

World famous aviator William S. Brock flew the Detroit delegation to Miami in a specially built biplane. The delegation was welcomed by the Director Aviation for Miami and other civic officials.

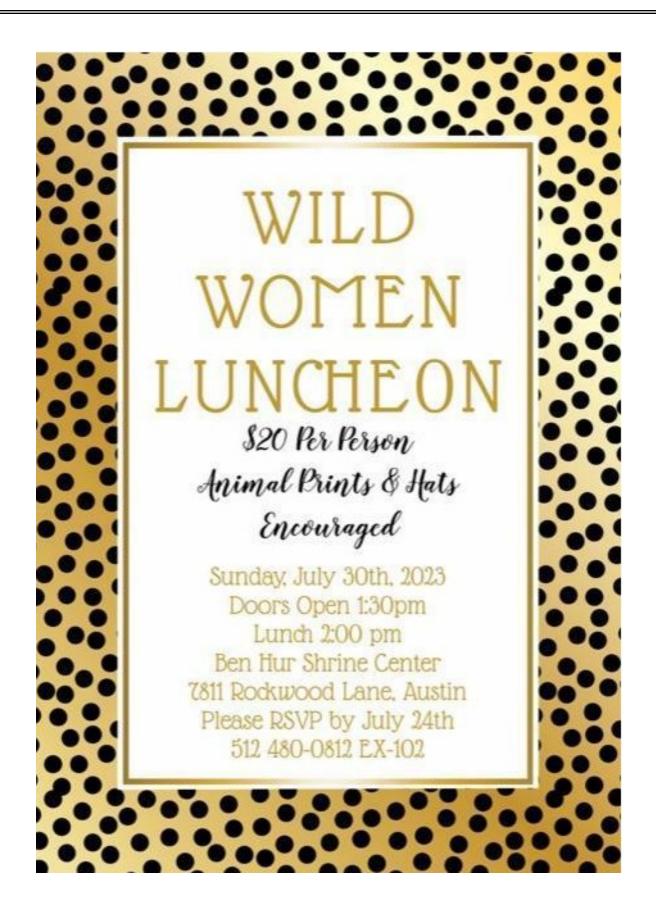
Excursions are planned to Key West and Havana, Cuba on steamships. The response has been so great that arrangements have been made for transport by aero plane to the same locations. Miamians with motor cars have volunteered to transport visiting Shriners on sightseeing junkets or any other needs as they may be. All parking restrictions in Miami have been rescinded for the duration of the convention. The other 600 members from Detroit arrived by special train. Some Shriners arriving by train had to have special berth accommodations. Noble Robert Keenan, at seven and one/half feet in height, required two berths while Noble Albert Albinger needed an extra berth to accommodate his ample girth at 414 pounds. They were the tallest and heaviest Shriners at the convention.

Beginning in May 1928, a Brooklyn firm began construction of a machine that would create an artificial Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights) specially for the shrine convention in Miami. The device consists of a 62-inch-high intensity search light that casts a light beam of one and half billion candlepower. The flow of the lights is controlled by motor driven prisms which break the light into seven beams. The colors are controlled by passing the light through lenses of various hues. The entire apparatus will weigh five tons.

All that fun and hospitality has to have a wet blanket in the crowd. The Miami Herald posted a notice of (Shriners Beware! The Goblins will get you if You Don't Watch Out). Seems like the Government was sending in two hundred prohibition and customs officers to concentrate on the Miami area with orders to clean up liquor establishments both large and small. No reports on what effect they had.

The new shrine organization was doing a rushing business initiating new members at the "official stable". The organization is the "Camel Herders" and is recognized by the Imperial Divan with all proceeds going to the hospital Fund.

Gene Freudenberg PP/Historian July 2023



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	17	18 Directors Staff RENTAL	19	20 SREKOJ	21	22 Travel Club Camping
23 LOSNA Summer Social	24	25 RENTAL	26 BHST Unit Head Meeting	27	28	29 RENTAL
30 Ladies Luncheon	31					

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August 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 RENTAL	3	4 Launch Pad TSMPA Obsta	5 Carboys LOS Bingo
6 BHST Movie Sons of Her- man	7 Texana 123	8 Charioteers Mini B RENTAL	9 Trailbalzers	10	11	12 Pending FUNDRAISER
13	14	15 Directors Staff RENTAL	16 York Rite Off Site	17 Clowns	18	19 Blanco Fair Johnson City
20 Q Ladies	21	22 RENTAL	23	24 BHST Trav	25 Fredericks- berg Parade el Club	26 MASONIC ROAST
27 BHST Travel Club	28	29 RENTAL	30	31		

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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 participating at TSMPA (Texas Shrine Motor Patrol Association) Obstacle course in August. We have a couple of drift-trikes available for purchase. Come out and become active in parades and competitions. Drift-trikes 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.

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Our sole philanthropy is supporting Shriners Children.



The Ben Hur Shrine Brew Unit making another few gallons of beer. This time it is a Sierra Nevada Pale Ale and a Strong Amber Ale. Both will be ready to sample in about 6 weeks. If you want to learn to make beer, drink beer, talk about beer or just hang out with good friends, then this is the unit for you. They meet on the First Saturday of the month.



SREKOJ



SREKOJ normal meetings are held at 6 PM before the stated meeting. All funny people are encouraged to attend. However, we will also be dark, like the Temple, until September. If anyone has any questions, feel free to contact me. I will keep yinz all in the loop of anything of importance. Thank you.

LMBO, Macaroni July 2023 17

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LEGION OF HONOR

YEE HAW! That's right, your LoH had a rootin' tootin' time at the 2023 Texas Shrine Association annual convention in beautiful Fort Worth. Once again, your LoH Color Guard is bring home the bling with two first place trophies for the In-Line Inspection and Color Guard competitions. The Color Guard was also honored to carry the colors of our Nation and State in the Cattle Drive Parade along with Nobles from Shrines across Texas. It brought back many memories of military service like getting into a formation an hour early and have the parade start an hour late. The enthusiasm of the spectators made it all worthwhile an it's always an honor to represent Ben Hur.

LoH has a busy schedule in the next few months. The Texas Association of the Legions of Honor (TALOH) is having a picnic at Old Settlers Park in round Rock on 30 September to be followed up with the Arabia Military Ball on Oct 14. Preparations are underway to set sail for the TALOH Hid-Winter Conference in Austin happening 29 February. WARNING: There is the possibility of pirate attacks at the Mid-Winter Conference so keep a weather eye on the horizon for the black sail! Join our merry crew and register at http://ialoh.org/texas-association.html

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. We're taking a break for the summer but we'll be ready for action in August.

Eric Stewart 1st LT Commander Ben Hur LOH





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