



BEN HUR Shriners

The Chariot



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*Please join 2023
Potentate Chuck Jones & 1st Lady Pam
for*

Ben Hur in Paradise

Nobility Ball

*SATURDAY, April 22nd at 5:30 PM
Ben Hur Shrine Center
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*\$35 per person
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STATED MEETING

Ben Hur Shrine meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month. The next stated meeting will be April 20, 2023. **YOUR 2023 DUES CARD IS REQUIRED!**

APPOINTED DIVAN

Temple Director - Chris Garner

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Marshal - Gerry Garcia

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Howdy Nobles and Ladies,

Last month or so has been exciting for Pam and I. We had a busy 24 hours. We attended TSDA hospitality and a gumbo dinner. That was fun and got to see everyone. We then went to Round Rock Lodge Casino night at our Temple. The next morning we had breakfast at Onion Creek Lodge, then spent some time at the TSDA meeting at our temple. We left that and traveled to Waco for the Texas Shrine Home Brewing Midwinter. After visiting for a bit we traveled to Garland Tx and attended the Hella Potentates Ball that night. Hella Potentate Nate Fuller and his crew put on a great ball. It took a couple of days to recover from a busy weekend.

Pam and I attended the TALOH midwinter in Fredericksburg. Ben Hur Legion of Honor brought home two first place trophies. Great job nobles. Our own OG Fred Maynard was installed as the state Commander. It was a great event and an honor to be around so many veterans. Thank y'all for your service.

The LOS and Nile Ladies put on a Murder Mystery fundraiser at our temple. Pam and I had the pleasure of being in the cast again. Pam was Mother Nature and Romeo cast me as The Abominable Snowman? I guess I fit the part well, scary? It was fun and the ladies raised money for our hospitals.

I attended a brew day with our Carboys Home Brew Unit. They are getting started back up again and are working on two new brews. A Mexican Lager and their version of my favorite brew, a Thirsty Goat clone, cool ! Great job Nobles and good to see y'all brewing again. I see some great tasting things in their future.

Pam and I attended the March meeting/dinner of the Highland Lakes Shrine Club. Rich Carpenter and his great crew of Nobles and Ladies are making plans for the Shake the Bucket fundraisers this year. This outstanding group raises thousands of dollars each year for our hospitals. Visit them if you can or go help, they are a great group.

Several of our Nobles attended the Shriners Hospital Mardi Gras Parade in Galveston. Nobles Anthony DeFrancis and Nick Jones were in the parade clowning and our granddaughter Alyssa Jones was on the hospital float as a patient ambassador along with others. I heard it was great. We had another commitment but are looking forward to attending it next year.

The Nobility Ball will be April 22nd. It is a Caribbean theme and dress. Flowery type shirts and dresses, slacks and fezzes. You may come formal if you wish. There will be the usual introductions and fun for all. See the emailed fliers and emails for details. Please RSVP to the office so we can get a correct headcount.

Pam and I hope everyone is well and we are traveling soon to the Al Amin and Arabia Shrine balls. It is an honor for us to represent Ben Hur at these events. Parades are getting set up and the email should be out shortly. I encourage everyone interested to come out and parade, Nobles, ladies, kids and grandkids. We always have fun. God bless everyone and see y'all soon.

Stay Ben Hur Proud.
 Chuck "Fester" Jones

CHIEF RABBAN - heinemanja@yahoo.com

Hello all,

The journey continues. Janet and I have made a few trips representing Ben Hur and enjoying every bit of it. We put on over 2000 miles in February doing the Shrine thing, having fun.

We helped with the RV Expo in Austin selling and taking tickets on Saturday the 18th, but didn't even get a chance to check out the new RV's, we drove to Galveston after working the RV show to meet up with our El Mina Counterparts, Jerry and Jana Champagne, for dinner and a beverage. After dinner we went to Hella's Hospitality Room at Moody Gardens. Enjoyed some time with our Counterparts from Hella and Alzafar. On Sunday, the Shriners Children's Hospital had their Mardi Gras Parade. This was one of the biggest parades I have been in. We took our Great Grandson and he was able to ride with me on the Moslah Float. He had a ball and the crowd was huge, hundreds of people cheering the Shriner Children and Shriners on. We also had lunch with some of the Shriner Children at Yaga's Restaurant on the Strand supplied by Whataburger.

On February 20, we went to Fredericksburg to support our Legion of Honor. It was the Texas Association Legion of Honor banquet and installation. Our very own Noble and OG Fred Maynard was installed as the Commander of the Texas Association Legion of Honor. Congratulations to Noble Fred!



On February 25, we attended the Kiva Potentate Ball in Amarillo along with Illustrious Sir Eddie and his Lady Shari. We met with our Counterpart, Ken Cook and had some good food and entertainment. Congratulations Illustrious Sir Ray Higgs and his Lady Shari.

On March 4, we had the honor of being in the LOS/Daughter of the Nile Murder Mystery Play along with Illustrious Sir Chuck and Lady Pam. The play was centered around the murder of Cupid and the culprit was Janet along with the help of her "boyfriend" Monty aka Illustrious Sir Mike Ford. It was a lot of laughs.

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After the Ben Hur Stated, we went to Alzafar's Potentate Ball on March 18 where we met up with our counterparts from Suez, Kim and Julie Williamson and our Alzafar counterparts Marco and Lori Zuniga and the Grand Secretary, Justin and his lady Neely Duty. Ben Hur was well represented by Erik and Hollie Gilstrap, Cory and Lisa Bluhm along with ourselves. The food was great and so was the entertainment. Congratulations to Illustrious Sir Rick Reyes and his 1st Lady Amanda.

On March 19th, we attended the LOS Installation of Officers, where Ben Hur's past 1st Lady Holly Dengehel was installed as High Priestess and Janet was installed in the position of Second Ceremonial for the ensuing year.

So, as you can see, always on the move and never a dull moment, but the FUN keeps us Young!

Signing off for now,
Ben Hur Proud!
James Heineman
Chief Rabban
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Spring is here! Days are getting longer and the nights are getting shorter. Baseball is nigh. This also means parade season is here! Be on the lookout for parade announcements and schedules. It's always fun to see the smiles on people's faces when the parade rolls around!

We're looking for volunteers to help sell albums and souvenirs at an upcoming Kid Rock concert at the Moody Center at UT. Shriners Children's will receive 100% of the net proceeds. The concert will be Friday, June 23. If you haven't been to the Moody Center, it was recently named as one of the top entertainment venues in the United States. Emily and I can see why: we saw the Trans-Siberian Orchestra there for her birthday and were blown away! The acoustics and space are among the best we have both experienced! You do not want to miss the opportunity to see Kid Rock for free and help the children out, while experiencing an amazing concert! Contact me if you're interested.



Don't forget your blue lodges! Blue lodges are where Shriners are born. When was the last time you visited your blue lodge, and got to know the new members? Remember, while you cannot ask someone to be a Mason, you can ask him to be a Shriner! If you're participating in your blue lodge and spreading the world about the Shrine, THANK YOU!

Party on, y'all!

Fraternally,
Charles E. Maddox, HPP
Ben Hur Shriners
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Nobles & Ladies,

We have had a very busy month since my last report. We had the pleasure of attending the Texas Association of Legions of Honor midwinter in Fredericksburg where I was elected and installed as the state Commander for 2023. This compounded with my duties as your Oriental Guide means that I'm going to be busy for the next year. I look forward to planning and hosting the Legion of Honor midwinter here in Austin in 2024.



During the month we had the opportunity to attend the Potentate's Ball at Hella Shrine in Garland with Illustrious Sir Jones and Lady Pam. It was a wonderful party where we got to see our counterparts from Hella and Moslah Temples, as well as some of our friends from the Legion of Honor. We danced the night away and made some fun memories.

As I write this, Lady Traci and I are preparing to leave for Oriental Guide school in Tampa. We are very excited and are looking forward to hopefully bringing back some ideas that will help us on our Shrine journey. In preparation for this weekend, we were asked to read two books. The first was "Leadership and Self Deception" and the second was "The Outward Mindset" both by the Arbinger Institute. Both books have been very insightful into the idea of the outward mindset. I won't bore you with a full book report, but I would recommend that it may be worthwhile for everyone to take some time to read these books for yourself.



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HISTORY

BEN HUR SHRINE CIRCUS TO HOST GALA PUBLIC WEDDING CEREMONY

Ben Hur Shrine Circus Chairman Sam Sparks has been inundated with applications for the first ever Shrine Circus Public Wedding Ceremony. While public weddings are not a new concept this will be first in Austin's history. History tells us that in ancient Rome couples were married in huge amphitheaters before enormous crowds. When such an event took place, it was declared a holiday and hundreds of thousands of citizens celebrated. While the big top tents of the Ben Hur Shrine Circus will not have the capacity of the amphitheaters of old, indications point to a large attendance.

Couples choosing to participate in the gala event will receive free of charge the license, ring and the official performing the service. In addition, local merchants will supply the newlyweds with wedding gifts to celebrate the occasion.

Also busy with the Shrine Circus is the solicitation chairman, Arthur T. Biard. He reports that nearly all the advertising space on the massive arched entrance to the circus has been sold. The mammoth arch is supported by four marble pillars and surrounded with a chariot drawn by four spirited horses with a brilliant, illuminated display of the Ben Hur emblem which will form an imposing entrance to the circus grounds at Nineteenth and Speedway.

Also in town to observe the circus was Potentate Walter Norwood of El Mina Shrine in Galveston, William Amundsen general manager of El Mina, William Schneider director of the El Mina band and Clinton Wolston recorder of the Scottish Rite bodies of Galveston. The Galveston members report that the plans for the showing of the circus in Galveston are well underway and a gala celebration is assured.

The circus will commence on September 23 and conclude on September 29. The public wedding service will take place on September 27th at 8:30PM.

It was reported in a later edition of the paper that the streets around circus grounds were clogged with automobiles for blocks in every direction and the circus was a roaring success.

Gene Freudenberg PP/Historian

Information for this article was gleaned from the Austin Statesman of 1922

Nobles,

A quick reminder that the Capitol City Carboys Stated Meetings are held on the first Saturday of February, May, August, and October at 10am. All other First Saturdays are Brew Days and there will be some Brew days called throughout the month and we are also planning for a Dutch Treat Social once a month. Y'all come out and have a good time!



The Unit has been busy the past couple of months. In February we had our first Stated Meeting for the year and our first Social at Cover 3. We also had two Nobles present for the Texas Shrine Home Brewers Association Mid-Winter, held in Waco, TX, Brew Master Raul J. Scully and TSHBA Treasurer Sam Stimson. It was a fun and productive meeting. Association By-laws were updated, 2024 brews were selected and election of TSHBA Officers were conducted. Ill Sir Chuck "Fester" Jones and Lady Pam even stopped by on the way up to Hella Shrine. Congratulations to Noble Russell Brown from Alzafar Shrine on being installed President of TSHBA and our own Sam Stimson for being installed as Treasurer of TSHBA for 2023!



For the month of March we had our First Saturday Brew Day of the year (mistakes were made and lessons were learned ☐) and then we had a follow up Brew Day the following Saturday. The unit is trying their hand at a Mexican Lager, to be enjoyed in May, and a Strong Red Amber. Both days were a lot of fun and laughter. Everyone started the morning with Breakfast Tacos and coffee before the hard work of brewing commenced. We've also been busy cleaning, inventorying, and organizing the bar area. We look forward to having you out to our next event!

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED!!
BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!**

Memorial Day Program

presented by

Ben Hur Shrine Legion of Honor

**Sunday, May 28, 2023
10:30 AM**

**Finger Sandwiches,
Tea & Coffee
To Follow**



Contact:

**Fred Maynard, LOH Commander
(512) 422-0452**

**Eddie Daffern, Adjutant
(512) 656-5691**

April 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 CCC Ruh Neb Installation
2 Sons of Herman	3 Nile Dancers Texana 123	4 RENTAL Casino planning meeting	5 LOH Jokheras Scottish Rite	6 RENTAL	7 RENTAL	8 Grand Masters Conference
9	10	11 Charioteers Mini B's RENTAL	12 Trailblazers RENTAL	13 HLSC Provost Guard	14 LOS Stated	15 RENTAL
16 RENTAL	17 Casino Planning Meeting	18 Directors Staff Provost	19 Nile	20 BHS Stated Clowns Transporters RENTAL	21 NOBILITY BALL	22
23 Casino planning meeting	24 TRAVIS COUNTY EARLY VOTING	25 TRAVIS COUNTY EARLY VOTING RENTAL	26	27 TSRVA	28	29
30 TRAVIS COUNTY EARLY VOTING	1	2	3	4	5	6

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May 2023

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

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BEN HUR SALOON
GAMBLER CASINO NIGHT
Gambling, Beer & Food

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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May 20, 2023

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MAY 13, 2023



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SOLOMON MASONIC LODGE

SOLOMON MASONIC LODGE



ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

WHEN:

Saturday MAY 13, 2023
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We always have visitors to the Temple; however, these visitor were special. Noble Bert R. Hammer painted the murals in Ben Hur in 1976. His Grandson Billy Patterson and his girlfriend Kimberly Angle brought Bert’s daughter Marcia Hammer Patterson to see her fathers work.



SREKOJ



I did not want the month to go by without sending a note of gratitude to each of you who came down to Galveston to take part in the largest kids Mardi Gras parade that anyone can remember. Everyone had so much fun. The weather was very kind to us, though I am sure it was a little warmer still if you were wearing full clown make-up or a bear suit. Special thanks go to John "Cheeky" Alderson and his Lady Sandra "Bubbles" Alderson; Nick "Nic Nac" Jones and Anthony "Macaroni" DeFrancis and His Lady Elizabeth.

I was talking with Mike Dean, the chief at Yaga's Entertainment. He was extremely happy to see all of the Shriner Units in the lineup. He said he always remembers being at parades when he was a kid and seeing the Shriners. That's when you realize you are in the midst of something much bigger than it seemed.

Yes, it was a huge parade and there were Shrine Centers from all over Texas represented. You sacrificed your time and drove many miles to bring your best to Galveston. It was a lot of effort and trouble and at times it felt chaotic with floats coming from different directions and cruise traffic trying to enter that little road called Santa Fe Place. But in the end it was something to behold, exceeding all expectations by far. It was great to be there.

But more than all that, on Sunday everyone who participated created memories for so many of the children – on the floats and viewing from the sidewalks; some who were maybe experiencing the Shriners for the first time. I think these children will grow up like Mike Dean and say, "Yes, I remember those great parades with the Shriners." Maybe some will grow up to be a Shriner or to serve the mission like I am so privileged to do.

So thanks for being there and thanks for everything you do. Your efforts have planted the seeds that will grow to be many great memories for our kids in the future. Maybe next year our entire Temple will be able to attend en masse and be represented as we should.

A Shriner Till The end

Macaroni the SREKOJ



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

ASSOCIATED

1991	Eddie Daffern (Khiva)
1995	George Auer (El Kalah)



Ben Hur Shrine Travel Club



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Cory Bluhm.

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Charlie & Betty Farnham	02/26	In Memory of Gail Carruth	09/23
Brian & Carol Vance	12/25	Gerald "Jerry" Carruth	09/23
In Memory of Vernon Milton	11/25	WILCO Shrine Club	08/23
David & Juanell Yeager	11/25	In memory of Don Lee	07/23
Jim & Donna King	08/25	James & Janet Heineman	07/23
In memory of Robert L. Ligon PP	04/25	Imp. Sir Jim & Lady Alice Smith	07/23
In memory of Byron Betncourt	03/25	Dottie Hughes & Alan Mulder	07/23
Al & Ellie Blaschke	02/25	In Memory of Betty Anderson	06/23
In Memory of Gus Carlson	02/25	Stan Anderson	06/23
Doris Grabo	12/24	Ed & Ceverene Lackey	04/23
Aggie & George Auer, PP	08/24		
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		
Boyce and Jody Freitag	04/24		
Margaret Shaffer	03/24		
Ricky Hayes & Angie Shaffer	03/24		
Tom & Judy Schneider	02/24		
Forest & Doris Cruse	02/24		
Cahrles Campbell	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		
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Andrea & Brad Cole, PP	10/23		

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LEGION OF HONOR

Nobles and Ladies,

A great month for the Ben Hur Legion of Honor! Your LOH was well represented at the 47th Annual Texas Association of Legions of Honor (TALOH) Mid-Winter Conference in Fredericksburg Texas. Representatives from ten Shrine Temples across Texas gathered to do a little business, share some old stories, and enjoy meeting old friends and making new ones.

Ben Hur Shrine had an especially good conference as our very own Noble Fred Maynard was elected to be the TALOH Commander replacing Noble Paul Plourde from Karem Shrine. The run of victories continued as the Ben Hur LOH Color Guard came in First Place for their outstanding color guard presentation and First Place for their exceptional military bearing during the in-line inspection competition. The leadership provided by our Ben Hur family was further demonstrated by the excellent Combined Luncheon provided by the Ladies. Lady Sherri Daffern did an amazing job as the emcee for the luncheon and the ladies added some class to the event by wearing their finest bonnets.

The support from Ben Hur Shrine was amazing and there is no question that our Temple was the best represented at the Installation Dinner. Having the Illustrious Sir Chuck Jones, Chief Rabban James Heineman, and Past Imperial Potentate Jim Smith attend with their ladies was greatly appreciated.

The LOH is growing every month and we welcome any Veterans or current Servicemembers to come on out and be a part of this vibrant part of Ben Hur Shrine.

Fraternally yours,

Eric Stewart

1st Lt. Commander, BHLOH



Left:

Cmdr.

Fred Maynard

Right:

Eric Stewart
accepting TALOH
awards.



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4/2 John C Preece	4/12 Collie L Murray Derek M Shires	4/22 Raymond T Williams John K Jackson III	4/30 Douglas J Freyburger Marco A Pizana
4/3 James H Lewis John F Blair Richard B Smith Arthur L Bartley Jeffry Pryor	4/13 Michael D Owens	4/23 David B Ferguson	
4/4 Steven W Dyer	4/16 John C Casey Romeo V Denghel	4/25 Donald H Lively Edward G Bromstad P.P. Curtis S Young	
4/5 William D Weaver James P Wardle	4/17 Curtis J Schoen	4/27 Charles L Allen Charles J Farnham P.P.	
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