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SEPTEMBER 2ND: BEN HUR CLOSED

SEPTEMBER 18TH: STATED MEETING

SEPTEMBER 21ST: MURDER MYSTERY

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STATED MEETING

Ben Hur Shrine meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month. The next stated meeting will be Sept 19 2024. **YOUR 2024 DUES CARD IS REQUIRED!**

APPOINTED DIVAN

Temple Director - Chris Garner

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POTENTATE MESSAGE—heinemanja@yahoo.com

Hello All,

The last few months of 2024 are upon us, and it seems like this year is flying by!

A few things have happened since the last newsletter. One, is I am now 74 years old!

Janet and I attended the visit from the Supreme Queen Jackie Holloway of the Daughters of the Nile. It was a great evening.

The Ladies Luncheon, put on by First Lady Janet Heineman and her team, was a hoot. The Past Potentates put on a good show of serving the Ladies. If you weren't there, you missed the 2 Potentates who made a lot of ladies laugh when they rang their bells for service to their table. It was a mad sprint by Ill. Sir's Mike Ford and Romeo Denghel to see who could get there first.

We also attended a dinner at Marble Falls for the Highland Lakes Shrine Club to talk about future Shake the Bucket events. These Nobles and Ladies work hard.



On August 11, we were at the Kendra Scott Flagship store in Austin, along with our Chief Rabban Jim McConnell and his Lady Joan representing the Shriners. A percentage of the sales was donated to the Hospitals. Alyssa and Pam Jones also came in to spend a few bucks for the cause.

We have 2 parades coming up. The first is in Johnson City on Saturday, August 17 and the second is on Friday, August 23 in Fredericksburg. Come join us on the float.

We have movie day planned for August 17th at 3 pm. The movie will be Oppenheimer, it is about the man that worked on the Manhattan Project during WW2 and designed the atomic bomb. Free movie, free popcorn and free AC!

On September 7 we will have a meeting to answer any questions about the bus trip to Branson and finalize any plans. We still have space if you would like to join us. The bus trip is to Branson, MO, Oct 21 – 26, 2024.

Hope to see you all at the Stated Meeting on September 19 as we end the summer time off and get back to work.

Signing off for now,
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HIGH PRIEST & PROPHET - fred.maynard@att.net

Nobles & Ladies,

The summer is winding down and it is time to get back to fun & fellowship at the Shrine. Many of our clubs and units will resume their regular meetings this month. The Temple will have our monthly stated meeting on September 19th. Lady Traci and I look forward to seeing you all at a meeting very soon.

We have a lot of things coming up this month. The Beverly Hillbillies murder mystery will be on September 21st. The ticket sales cutoff will be September 7th. All proceeds from this event will go to support Shriners Children's Hospitals. If you would like tickets, please go online to our website at www.benhurshrine.org/mystery to get your tickets. We will continue to sell stars on the *Wall of Fame* until September 14th. You can also purchase these on the website at www.benhurshrine.org/star.

The Bertram Oatmeal Festival parade will be on September 28th. We encourage everyone to come out and join us in the parade. Following the parade Lady Traci and I will host a post parade cookout for the parade participants and cast members from the murder mystery.

The Texas Association of Legions of Honor will host a fall picnic social at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock on October 5th. All veterans and their ladies are invited to come out and join in the fun. Please RSVP to Commander John Olivarri at 713-449-3794.

Remember the key to the long-term success and survival of Ben Hur Shrine is membership. We are continually looking for ways to make Ben Hur more attractive to our fellow Masons. If you have ideas about what we can do to attract more of our younger brothers to the Shrine, please come talk to me. At this point, Nobles are like the dinosaurs we can either adapt or we will become **extinct**.

Looking forward to the future,

Fred Maynard
High Priest & Prophet



Nobles and Ladies,

The Ben Hur Shrine Transportation Unit is looking for a few active Nobles and Ladies to help transport patients to our Galveston Hospital.

It has been slow in the last few years but now we are seeing more patients and the demand for transportation has increased. As a result, we have already had 4 runs to Galveston since January.

New drivers will need a good driving record and make two runs with an existing driver to be qualified. This would be a great opportunity for a husband and wife team. Trips are always during the week and in some cases can be accomplished in the same day. Pam and I have done it.

Depending on the time and type of appointment you may have to stay overnight. Shriners Hospital care of hotel housing . Food and fuel expenses are reimbursed by our Ben Hur.

Please contact me if you are interested or if you have any further questions.

It's pretty cool to be a part of Love to the Rescue. Rock on Shriners !

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HISTORY

THE INSTALLATION OF PRINCE LEOPOLD OF ALBANY IN ANTIQUITY #2 IN LONDON

The installation of Prince Leopold of Albany as Worshipful Master of Antiquity Lodge #2 in London was quite the news of the day according to the London Times of July 1876. Antiquity Lodge #2 is reported to be one of the oldest lodges in England. The lodge boasts some of the brightest names in history as enthusiastic members of the order. It was presided over by Sir Christopher Wren, great architect, who planned the many magnificent edifices erected after the devastating fire of London in 1666. William III was initiated in this lodge, and it had for master for thirty-four years the Duke of Sussex, the great uncle of Prince Leopold. Among its archives is the gavel used by Charles II to lay the foundation stone of St. Paul's Cathedral and a fragment of the Roman Temple that once stood where St. Paul's now stands. Among the Englishmen who were Masons are Cardinal Wolsey, Lord Bacon, Newton, Shakespeare and Dr. Oliver(?) even places with its patrons commencing with Augustin the Monk in A.D, 597, King Alfred, King Athelstan, Edward the Confessor, Henry I, Edward III, Henry VII, James I and Charles I. In Prussia, Frederick the Great was head of the order, and his example was followed by the present Emperor of Germany and the Crown Prince. Literary greats such as Gotthold E Lessing, Johann G Herder, Johann Fichte and Johann Wolfgang von Goethe have exemplified the teachings of the order.

Notwithstanding the thunder of the Vatican, Masonry flourishes in most the Catholic countries of the globe. In France there are 287 lodges; in Spain 800; in Portugal 22; in Italy 110; in Belgium 15; in Mexico 18, and in Brazil 265. In Protestant Countries the United States stands first with 10,000 lodges and in England second with 2000. In Russia those in authority have ever endeavored to suppress the order as being too liberal and tolerant to the Jews, who are ever the best Masons. A letter from Hierophant Olcott of Madame Blavatsky's Theosophical Society (*I encourage you to look this one up*), says Masonry is contributing to the breaking down of the caste system in priest-ridden India. In the eyes of this order, the Pariah (*Masonry*) is on a *level* with the Rajput (*look this one up too, it is the upper ruling warrior class of India*).

Editor Notes:

Prince Leopold served as Master of the lodge from 1876 to 1877 and was later the Provincial Grand Master for Oxfordshire, holding that office until his death. In 1882 he laid the foundation stone of the Masonic Hall on Marlborough Street in Banbury.

Antiquity Lodge meets in London and is one of the four lodges that formed the Premier Grand Lodges in 1717. Other illustrious brethren included William Preston who led the lodge in a rebellion against the Modern Grand Lodge and established the Grand Lodge of All England South of the river Trent. This lasted about ten years, and the lodge of Antiquity returned to the fold.

Gene Freudenberg PP/Historian/Sept 2024 Issue.

Credits to Austin American Statesman July 1879



Happy September Nobles! Still buzzing with excitement from our big wins at TSA, where we took home First Place for Weizenbock, and First Place for Doppelbock. Thanks to all who supported us and helped us get to where we are. Next year promises to be even better at TSA.

While we've been on break at the Shrine, the Brüe Crew have remained busy making sure we're ready to serve you a tasty beverage when you come back this month. Stop by and enjoy a beer with us at the Scimitar Bar, and as always, if you have a request for a specific beer or style of beer, come talk to us.

The Oktoberfest planned for October 5th had to be cancelled. There are no German bands available within a 500-mile radius as apparently you have to book them a year in advance. Live and learn! But all is not lost. I have booked a band for next year, and Mötley Brüe will be hosting an Oktoberfest event on October 17th, 2025. I realize it's quite a ways off, but never too soon to get it on your calendars. That Friday nights festivities will include authentic German food, German beer, German music from a German band, and possibly a member or two of Motley Brue in Lederhosen. More info to follow in January,

We're also in the beginning stages of planning for a music event to occur at the Shrine, featuring a cover band that plays hits from the 70's and 80's. Right now, I am looking at dates in January or February. More info coming as soon as we can lock down a date with the band and availability of the Ballroom.

Looking forward to seeing everyone again!

Tide Williams - Brewmaster, Mötley Brüe

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Texas Masonic District No. 50

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September 2. Monday. Stated Meeting. Texana Lodge no. 123. The meeting will follow a 6:30pm dinner. Ben Hur Shrine temple.

September 3. Tuesday. Stated Meeting. Hill City Lodge no.456. DDGM Garrett Moxley 2nd Official Visit.. The meeting will follow a 6:30pm dinner. SRCT, downtown.

September 5. Thursday. Stated Meeting. Onion Creek Lodge no. 220. DDGM Garrett Moxley 2nd Official Visit. The meeting will follow a 6:30pm dinner. Bluff Lane, South Austin.

September 11. Wednesday. Stated Meeting. Parsons Lodge no. 222. DDGM Garrett Moxley 2nd Official Visit. The meeting will follow a 6:30pm dinner. LSCB, downtown.

September 16. Monday. Stated Meeting. Colorado Lodge no. 96. DDGM Garrett Moxley 2nd Official Visit. The meeting will follow a 6:30pm dinner. Webberville Tx.

September 20. Friday. **"The Masonic" Golf Tournament"**. University Lodge no. 1190 fundraiser. 4 man team scramble. Contact brother Ben Strader • redarts@gmail.com. details & registration @ www.The-Masoninic.com.

October 3. Thursday. Stated Meeting. University Lodge no. 1190. DDGM Garrett Moxley 2nd Official noVisit. The meeting will follow a 6:30pm dinner. SRCT, downtown.

October 5. Saturday. 2pm at the LSCB (York Rite). **50 yr Service Award Ceremony & Luncheon for George Moxley.**

October 7. Monday. Stated Meeting. Texana Lodge no. 123. DDGM Garrett Moxley 2nd Official Visit. The meeting will follow a 6:30pm dinner. Ben Hur Shrine temple.

September 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 RENTAL	2 Texana 123 BHST Closed Nile	3 Nile Choir RENTAL	4 LOH RENTAL	5	6	7 Motley Brue Bus Trip
8 MM Practice Sons of Herman	9	10 Mini B RENTAL	11 Charioteers Trailblazers	12 HLSC Provost Guard	13 LOS	14 BHST Welcome Back LOS Bingo
15 BHS Movie MM Practice	16	17 Directors Staff PG Shoot RENTAL	18 Nile	19 BHS Stated Transporters SREKOJ	20	21 BHST Murder Mystery
22 RENTAL	23	24 RENTAL	25	26	27	28
				TRAVEL CLUB		RENTAL
29 BHST Shotgun Practice	30					

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October 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Nile Choir RENTAL	2 LoH RENTAL	3	4	5 Motley Brue
6 Sons of Herman RENTAL	7 Texana 123 Nile	8 LOS Grand High Priestess Mini B RENTAL	9 Charioteers Trailblazers	10 Provost Guard HLSC	11 LOS	12 LOS
13 LOS	14 BHST Closed Shotgun Unit	15	16	17 BHS Stated Transporters	18	19 RENTAL
20 Voting Set-up RENTAL	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Travis County Early Elections					
		RENTAL		Travel Club		
27	28	29	30	31		
Travis County Early Elections						
		Unit Head RENTAL				

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**LAST
CHANCE**

Murder Mystery Dinner

Saturday, September 21, 2024

**Doors Open at 5 PM
Show starts at 6 PM**



Ben Hur Shrine
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Live and silent auctions throughout the event

Tickets: \$40 per person

RSVP by September 7th to Ben Hur Shrine

512-480-0812 or secretary@benhurshrine.org

Purchase tickets online at www.benhurshrine.org/mystery



Proceeds from this event benefit Shriners Children's,
a network of non-profit medical facilities across North America.



LEGION OF HONOR

Nobles,

It's already that time again when we have to get our Chariot article turned in. I think the feature of our Veterans is going well and I need a volunteer to send me a picture of them in uniform and a paragraph or so describing their experiences in the military.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the PPP fundraiser on 18 August. I've drank beer, eaten pizza and solved jigsaw puzzles before but never at the same time. We also have our money-making event for the unit with our participation in the Ben Hur Garage sale 23-24 August.

The summer has flown by and I'm really looking forward to our first regular meeting on 4 September. We're going to have a presentation by the Texas Veteran's Commission so bring anyone you think will be interested in what Texas does for her sons and daughters who have served in the military.

Eric

PPP PARTY PICS



1ST



2ND

2024 BEN HUR PLANNED EVENTS

(ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

[Redacted]

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SEPT 14TH

WELCOME BACK PARTY

SEPT 21ST

MURDER MYSTERY HOSPITAL FUNDRAISER

**OCT.
21ST - 26TH**

BEN HUR BRANSON BUS TRIP

NOV. 23RD

TOY DANCE

BEN HUR LIVING PAST POTENTATES

1991	Boyce Freitag
1995	Gene Freudenberg
1997	Ronald Harrison
2000	Loren Orme
2002	Ronnie Lee
2004	Ronnie Jackson
2005	Silas Powell, Jr.
2007	Robert "Fred" Park, Jr
2008	Charles Farnham
2009	James Smith (PIP)
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
2023	Chuck 'Fester' Jones

ASSOCIATED

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

CHARIOT BOOSTER CLUB

Greg & Ann Murrow	04/35	In Memory of Gus Carlson	02/25
Jerry & Bea Hohman	07/28	Fred & Traci Maynard	12/24
Charles & Emily Maddox	07/27	Doris Grabo	12/24
The Count, Lady Denghel and Girlfriend Maragret	09/26	Aggie & George Auer, PP	08/24
Ron & Debbie Speaks	03/26		
Charlie & Betty Farnham	02/26		
John Cooper	11/25		
Brian & Carol Vance	12/25		
In Memory of Margaret & Bob Kelly, PP	11/25		
In Memory of Vernon Milton	11/25		
David & Juanell Yeager	11/25		
Gerald "Jerry" Carruth	09/25		
In memory of Gail Carruth	09/25		
In Memory of Stanley Anderson	09/25		
Jack O Neal	08/25		
Jim & Donna King	08/25		
In Memory of Don Lee	07/25		
Billy D & Alice Edmondson	05/25		
In memory of Robert L. Ligon PP	04/25		
Boyce and Jody Freitag	04/25		
In memory of Byron Betncourt	03/25		
Jesse & Sharen Soliz	03/25		
Margaret Shaffer	04/25		
Rickey Hayes & Angie Shaffer	04/25		
Tom & Judy Schneider	02/25		
Pat & Wanda McDavid	02/25		
Charles Campbell	02/25		
Glenn & Gwenn Goulet	02/25		
Al & Ellie Blaschke	02/25		

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Remember to check the date following your name. **Next edition will drop all dates to 9/24!**

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9/2 Anthony J DeFrancis	9/11 Mark H Meyer	9/22 Denny K Tharp	9/30 Robert A Northcutt
9/3 Lance L Kennedy	9/12 Michael L Ford PP Dale A Rundell	9/23 Gary R Brown	9/30 Richard Alonso
9/4 Billy B Trimble David L Kinser Jr.	9/14 Edward G Taylor	9/25 Eric W Gilstrap	
9/5 Joe H Cobb Richard T Doane	9/15 George Auer PP	9/26 Joseph N Deich Gerald D Lynn	
9/6 Ronald H Dewees Charles L Easter Jr.	9/16 Ricky J Tindell	9/27 Carl W Cole Daniel J Adrian	
9/7 Bobby J Doherty Jeffrey S Schlieve	9/17 Leonard S Bronik Eddie E Daffern PP Jeffry D Aronson		
9/8 Doyle E Hobbs Paul M Todd Jr.	9/18 Stephen E Huskey David B Caylor Charles L Jones		
9/9 Jonathan E Felger			

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