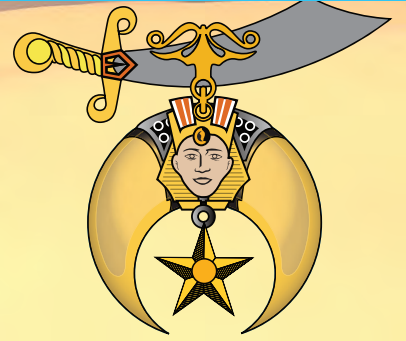


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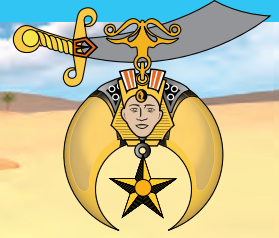
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Potentate's notes



Martin Bush, Potentate

As the flowers and flora are blooming their wonderful colors, I am reminded on how important this time of year is for so many of us. We as Nobles should be conscious of what our fraternity represents. Supporting the mission of Shriners Childrens and to have fun being part of a commitment to that cause. As the season brings warmer weather, our warmth of caring for the children seeking the magical care they receive blossoms as well. We honor our never-ending appreciation for what we do and how our guidance is rewarded within ourselves as it makes our commitment well worth the effort.

Are you ready for Spring? Are your allergies acting up? Constant sneezing and all that fun stuff? It's no fun for sure.

What I was implying was, are you ready for PARADE SEASON? Oh yeah! Our first All Unit parade is going to be April 20th in The Dalles. It is a long, fun parade that is enjoyed by all who partake, so I hope you can join us. Please contact our Director of Units, Mike Kreger, to let him know if your club or unit will be participating so he can get a head count.

Our last Stated meeting was held on March 14th with a larger in person crowd than the last Stated meeting. I am sure the Nobles in attendance were not wanting to see me, but rather enjoyed the amazing meal prepared by our Chief Aide Debbie Baugh and her staff. My Lady Alicia noticed that the Nobles were seated well before the meal serving time, waiting with anticipation, and it was well worth it. The Shepherd's pie was astounding, but the hit were the poached pears we enjoyed for dessert. Our Chaplain, Kenton Wolfe, started the meeting with our yearly Necrology which was a wonderful tribute to those fellow Nobles we had lost this past year. Sadly, 28 of our Brothers put down their working tools, which was a hard number to imagine. That being said, we need to work harder to entice fellow Master Masons to join our Fraternity so we can bring those numbers up.

Our photographer, Art Thompson, is stepping down from his duties as Al Kader's photographer. He and Lady Wendy

have been the photo team at Al Kader for decades. That being said, we are now searching for someone who would like to step up and take over this position as Temple Photographer. Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

With the Stated Meeting, there was a smaller than usual crowd viewing the meeting this time. I would like to ask those who cannot make it to the temple due to distance or other issues; why are you not tuning in to view the meetings? Your attendance is highly requested as we discuss the upcoming events and other newsworthy information. Our top-notch Audio-Visual guru Noble Robert Phillips has our zoom program well tuned in for those to view the meeting, so let us know if you are having any issues on your end.

Lady Alicia, being a Landscape Designer by trade, is seeking help with "Freshening up" the landscape on our Temple Campus. A date has not been set yet, but she would like anyone who would like to volunteer to notify Rose to build a list of helpers so we can beautify our campus. I personally would like to see how many clubs and unit members can come out for this event. Remember, this is OUR home and it is up to EVERYONE to pitch in any way they can to make it a place to be proud of.

Important events for April:

- April 4th - Ladies Oriental Shrine installation Milwaukie Odd Fellows Hall
- April 11th - Emissary Meeting (*Via Zoom)
- April 13th - DeMolay Hall of Fame Banquet Portland Yacht Club
- April 20th - The Dalles Parade
- April 27th - Spring Ceremonial At the Shrine Center and on Zoom
- May 4th - Newport Parade

Let's work on membership and attendance to events. It is up to you to make Al Kader succeed.

...Until next time.

Chaplain's notes



Kenton Wolfe, Al Kader Chaplain

We have a lot going on at Al Kader Shrine this month. There are many club and unit meetings, band practices, the parade in The Dalles, and our Spring Ceremonial. Take a look at the calendar on the website and information in this Oasis. Come join in the activities and fun.

Death and taxes are a phrase that expresses the idea that nothing is certain in life except death and taxes. It is based on a famous quotation by our Brother Benjamin Franklin, who wrote in a letter in 1789: "Our new Constitution is now established, and has an appearance that promises permanency; but in this world nothing can be certain, except death and taxes". The phrase is often used to convey sarcasm about the inevitability of death and the burden of taxes.

I think of this as this is tax month and we recently had our annual necrology service at Al Kader. Necrology is not presently a commonly used term. It is simply an obituary or a list of deaths. At our service we remembered the 27 nobles who were claimed by the black camel this past year. They represented 827 years of membership. We honor them and their memory.

We need to keep memories of our past nobles and loved ones alive by remembering them and by sharing stories and memories. That is why we have these services and why we have funerals, memorial services and times of sharing. This is an important part of the grieving process for survivors.

I think it is a wonderful gesture that our fraternity recognizes and remembers those who have past and gone before us. They have built a legacy of our Lodges, Shrine and our philanthropy.

As we read about and study the rich history of the Shrine and of Al Kader we have to recognize and remember all of those who have gone before us and built our great fraternity and philanthropy. Let us keep those memories alive.

Show up, participate, and be active in Al Kader. You might reap rewards greater than you might believe. Also help keep the memories of those who have gone before us alive.

Kenton Wolfe, Al Kader Chaplain

ATTENTION**ATTENTION****ATTENTION****ATTENTION**

Calling All Nobles

Shriners International Imperial Session

By Forrest L. Hatch - Chief Rabban

Shriners International is holding its 150th Imperial Session June 30-July 4, 2024 in Reno, Nevada and EVERYONE IS INVITED! Nobles, Ladies and the entire family are welcome at the Imperial Session. There are things for everyone to do and see in the local area. It is not often that Shriners International holds the Imperial Session on this side of the country. This is an outstanding opportunity to reunite with old friends and make new friends. Shriners from all over the world will be there!

Plan on being in Reno on Sunday June 30th to celebrate the fun, fellowship and philanthropy that makes Shriners International the greatest fraternity in the world! The public opening is at 3pm. This is an enjoyable event for the entire family, you can feel the excitement and enthusiasm of everyone present.

One of the most important parts of the Imperial Session is the networking, sharing of ideas with those of like minds, common interests and goals. I encourage each of us to take advantage of the opportunity to learn new ways to accomplish our common goals. While attending take advantage of the SIEF Learning Center where you may find some new ideas. Take time to go to the Market Place for all of your shopping needs! There is fun to be had in the Shriners Zone!

On July 2nd at 7:30 pm in downtown Reno one of the highlights of the Imperial Session will be the parade where several nobles and ladies from Al Kader country will participate! I encourage each of you to come and join the fun in Reno! One noble who attended the 2023 Imperial Session said: "I wish all the nobles from my temple were here, because you get so energized. I've been a Shriner for a long time, and now I want to do even more for the fraternity."

I suggest that you contact our Recorder IS Ron Gamble for lodging as soon as you can, (503 682-4420 or 503 688-3373). Additional details and agenda information can be found at: imperialsession.com.



New Memberships

By Forrest L. Hatch - Chief Rabban

The membership issue is critical not just with Al Kader Shrine but with all of the fraternal and concordant masonic bodies. Do you realize that Al Kader has only 827 nobles? It was not very many years ago that there were over 1,000 nobles. Yes, it is true the black camel has robbed us of far too many however that can not be the only reason that our membership continues to decline. Retention is another critical issue. What is the magic pill that will resolve this?

This situation brings several questions to my mind such as; why don't we see more new nobles and their ladies at functions? Are their expectations being fulfilled? What can we do to encourage their participation? Are we as nobles and ladies taking the time to help them feel welcome? I think it is very important to welcome them! It is also important to meet those you don't know. Wouldn't this make us stronger?

I have been told that membership is the responsibility of the leadership or the divan. I agree that as your elected and appointed leaders we need to actively participate and strive to increase our membership. Membership is not a one-way street; it goes both directions. It will take each and every one of us working hard together toward the common goal of getting more individuals and families involved.

I have heard people say "if there was only a magic pill" that would change this problem or solve this issue. It seems that some individuals expect and want things to improve or change instantly. This may be so they can have rapid satisfaction or self-gratification. In reality there is no such thing as a magic pill, the only way to increase our membership is working together.

There is one thing that everyone can do, that is spread the word about our philanthropy and who we are as Shriners! Yes, I suggest that you wear your pride on your

sleeve and share why you became a Shriner. Share the joy and excitement that you receive when you know a child has been helped. Tell your friends, coworkers, neighbors and whomever you meet at the grocery store. Invite them to attend functions at your clubs and the center. Let everyone see what fun we have.

Let's use social media to share what we do and why we do it. Al Kader has a website that has been improved, if you have not looked at it recently you will be impressed. Why not take a few minutes to "post" information, comments and photos about the various functions of your club. Why not share on Facebook these activities and invite your friends to participate.

Shriners International has made it easier to submit a petition to become a Shriner, it is called an e-petition. The website is beashrinernow.com. It only takes a few minutes and the petition can be completed on any device with internet access. The individual's information is automatically sent to Shriners International who assigns them to the appropriate temple and contacts the recorder and membership chairman.

By using this website, it allows us to encourage and help individuals continue on their masonic journey to become Shriners. If the potential candidate is not a master mason it is good to use this website because it creates a record and we can follow their progress. We all will benefit from using this website, it is easier and faster, however paper petitions are still valid.

Al Kader's membership will grow with all of us working together in an active and positive manner. If you have any ideas, suggestions or want to help feel free to contact me.

ANOTHER MOVIE ANYONE?



By Forrest L Hatch - Chief Rabban

Well now our Patrol Unit is at it again, A FREE MOVIE FOR EVERYONE! They did a free movie for the family a couple of months ago. Noble Rich Blizzard promised we would do it again!

This is an open invitation to EVERYONE, family, friends. Children of ALL AGES!! This wonderful event will happen on Sunday April 28, 2024 at 1pm in Harrington Hall at the Shrine Center.

We had a fair turnout last time, however not as many came as we would like. This is just an opportunity to get together, enjoy each other's company watch a movie and enjoy popcorn, ice cream floats or just ice cream.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend, WHY you might ask yourself. Well now I will tell ya, I will be in Medford, Oregon. Now, you might ask why go to Medford and miss the ice cream social? The only reason I can not be there is because, I am going to a large car show to display the Harley-Davidson and to sell Raffle Tickets.

I hope everyone comes to the FREE MOVIE. Enjoy yourselves.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Free for all ages .

Come join us for free Root Beer Floats or sundae .
Enjoy some popcorn while you watch the Lion King .



Sunday, April 28th 2024

AL KADER SHRINERS

25100 SW PARKWAY AVE
WILSONVILLE, OR 97070



Mother's Day - May 12th

Flower Baskets

**Order your beautiful flower basket now and they will be ready just in time for Mothers Day!
Pick up at the Shrine Center in Wilsonville on Wednesday, May 8th, 2024 from 12-4:00PM**

12" Mixed Baskets \$25
All baskets will be a mix
of flowers in bloom

Make checks payable to;
Al Kader Mayan Tribe

Send orders c/o Richard Ling
P.O Box 233
Wilsonville, OR 97070
(503) 753-7328

OR

Call the office to place orders
and pre pay with a credit card
(503) 682-4420



___ Baskets @ \$25 Each Totals ___

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Net proceeds are for the Al Kader Mayan Club & NOT tax deductible

Al Kader Shriners **presents** **Harley Davidson** **Motorcycle** **RAFFLE**



Saturday
November 16th, 2024 8:00 p.m.
Tickets \$10.00 each
Only 5000 Tickets Will Be Sold
Retail Value \$17,300.00

Net Proceeds go to Al Kader Shriners
Not deductible as a contribution for tax purposes
Winner Must be 18 Years of Age
Winner Responsible for Taxes and Registration Fees
Need Not Be Present to Win

Tickets Available Through Al Kader Shriners
12500 SW Parkway Ave
Wilsonville, Oregon
503-682-4420
Or Online at alkadershriners.org
Contact your Local Shrine Club or Unit

Save the Date!

Al Kader Shriners Desert Patrol



FOOD | DRINKS | GAMES | PRIZES | DESSERT AUCTION

OCTOBER 5th, 2024

\$30 Includes 1st Beer and Stein

5:00pm Doors Open - 6:00pm Dinner

25100 SW Parkway Ave, Wilsonville OR 97070

(503) 682-4420 for Reservations

Proceeds are for the benefit of Al Kader Shrine Desert Patrol
Payments are not deductible as a charitable deduction

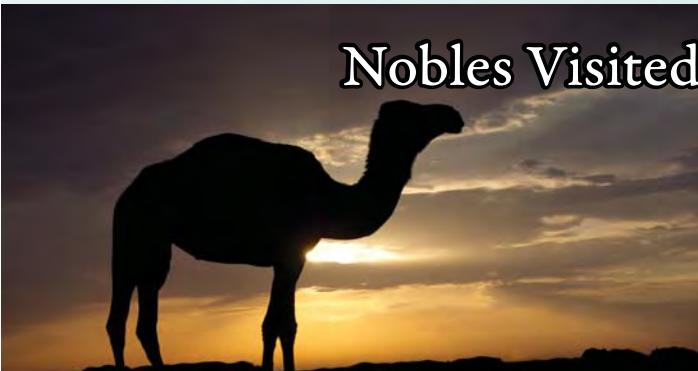
APRIL BIRTHDAYS!!!

4/1 Donald M. Simon
 4/3 Elmer S. Clinton
 4/3 Philip E. Draper
 4/3 Kenneth A. Marlow
 4/3 Mark R. Mayne
 4/4 Dale W. Claypool
 4/4 Brian S. McDowell
 4/5 William R. Williams
 4/5 Martin M. Klos M.D.
 4/5 Michael W. Young
 4/5 Raymond V. Breshears Jr.
 4/5 Joe Ballard
 4/5 Troy W. Hanson
 4/6 Michael S. Newgard
 4/7 Grant I. Sharp
 4/8 Brian T. Black
 4/9 William F. Bitar
 4/9 Paul A. Blackburn
 4/9 Christian J. Garrett
 4/10 Skip F. Stanaway

4/11 John D. Annand
 4/12 Waldon G. Kinney
 4/12 Warren A. Jackson
 4/12 Lloyd A. Way Widdows
 4/13 George B. Hueth
 4/13 Kelly G. Ross
 4/13 Don L. Broxan
 4/13 Shaun E. Weaver
 4/14 Samuel G. Hearing
 4/14 Mark R. Reed
 4/15 Frederick M. Gardner
 4/17 Peter A. Padilla
 4/17 Timothy M. Iseri
 4/18 Jo G. Turner
 4/18 Brett Hamilton
 4/19 Robert F. Barrowcliff
 4/19 Melvin C. Ray
 4/19 Edward E. Harrision
 4/20 Fred Wendt
 4/22 Steve M. Dunn

4/22 Kenneth P. Spence
 4/22 Craig R. Thornburgh
 4/22 Allen M. Levy
 4/23 Ronnie L. Smith
 4/25 Jon A. Englund
 4/24 Catalino Catanaoan Jr.
 4/25 John O. Coulter
 4/26 Frank R. Brewington
 4/26 John G. Dennis

Nobles Visited by the Black Camel



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|---------------------------|------|
| Kenneth C. Gardner | 3/11 |
| I.S. Dania L. Moyer, P.P. | 3/25 |
| Ivan Perrin | 3/25 |

We do not lose the ones we love, They only go before.
 Where there is everlasting life, Where sorrow is no more.
 And there the soul will always live, And peace is everywhere.
 We do not lose the ones we love, God takes them in his care.

MEMBERSHIP

PETITION FOR INITIATION & MEMBERSHIP
AL KADER SHRINE - 2023

50/50

Shriner International
25100 SW Parkway Ave. Wilsonville, OR
Office 503-682-442 Fax 503-685-5080
Email: office@alkadershriners.org



To the Illustrious Potentate, Officers and Members of Al Kader Shrine, Oasis of Wilsonville: I am a mastermason in good standing in _____ Lodge No. A. F. & A. M. and have been since (Date) _____ Address _____ City/State _____ which is recognized by or in amity with the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. Furthermore, I have resided at my current address for not less than six months, as required by the Bylaws of the Imperial Council. I respectfully pray that I may be made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and become a member of Al Kader Shrine. If I be found worthy and my request granted, I promise to conform to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Imperial council and the Bylaws and ceremonials of your Al Kader Shrine. Have you previously applied for admission to any Shrine Center of the order? _____ Name? _____ When? _____

SIGNATURE

DATE

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

PRINT FULL NAME _____ SPOUSE NAME _____
RESIDENCE _____ CITY _____ STATE _____
ZIP _____ HOME PHONE _____ CELL _____ BUSINESS _____
EMAIL _____
HAT SIZE _____ PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION _____
BIRTHPLACE CITY _____ STATE _____ DOB: MONTH _____ DAY _____ YEAR _____
SPOUSE EMAIL: _____

Are you Sr DeMolay? _____ Member of Scottish Rite? _____ York Rite? _____

SPECIAL NOTE: PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR CURRENT BLUE LODGE DUES CARD

This Petition must be signed by two (2) Nobles in good standing in Al Kader Shrine

Top line signer

Noble _____ Print Name _____ Member # _____

Second line signer

Noble _____ Print Name _____ Member # _____

Involve Yourself! Get Active. Join a Shrine Club or Committee. If you are interested in any of the following, please make a mark next to the group you would like to learn more about.

Al Kader Brew Club _____ Cycloowns _____ Hospital Guide _____ Patrol _____
Calliope Corps _____ Desert Patrol _____ Hospital Support Club _____ Ritualists _____
Caravaners (RV Club) _____ Emerald Patrol _____ Legion of Honor _____ Shrine Club in my area _____
Classic Cars _____ Greeters _____ Motor Escort _____ Shurtah _____
Concert Band _____ Golf Tournament _____ Oriental Band _____

Initiation fees, in full, must accompany Petition. The special 50/50 fee is \$50.00*.
The first year's dues may be prorated, based on date of initiation. *Cost of Fez not included.

New Velour Fez \$205.00, Fez Case and Accessories \$50.00. Some used fezzes may be available in select sizes. Call the Shrine office for details. Used Fez \$25.00

Ceremonials will be held on March 4th & October 28th. Anyone desiring to schedule additional Cold Sands initiations, please contact the Recorder or Potentate.

Total 50/50 Fees for initiation \$50.00 – Total Fees for Shrine Year 2024 \$140.00

Enclosed is payment in the amount of \$ _____ Check No. _____

Please charge my credit card No. _____ Expiration Date _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Recorders Record: Elected _____ Check \$ _____ Created _____ Member No. _____

Mark Your calendar

Please note that all dates and events shown are subject to change without notice.

April

Monday, April 8th
Executive Board Meeting
6:00pm-7:00pm

Saturday, April 13th
East - West Football Association
Location TBD

Saturday, April 20th
The Dalles Parade

April 27th
Al Kader Spring Ceremonial
1:00pm

May

Saturday, May 4th
Newport Parade

Saturday, May 11th
Forget-Me-Not luncheon
12:00pm - 1:00pm Shrine Center

Thursday, May 16th
Stated Meeting - Shrine Center

June

Saturday, June 1st
Lebanon Parade

Thurs, Fri, Sat, June 6th-8th
Grand Lodge - Pendleton, OR

Monday, June 10th
Executive Meeting - Shrine Center

Thursday, June 13th
Emissary Meeting - Via Zoom

Fri, Sat, Sun, June 14th-16th
Eastern Star Grand Chapter
Pendleton, OR

Saturday, June 15th
St. Helens Parade

Saturday, June 22nd
Tillamook Parade

Saturday, June 28th
Imperial Session - Reno NV

Notice of Stated Meetings

Thursday, May 16th, 2024

5:00 Oasis - 6:00 Dinner

Pre-Paid Reservations Required - Call 503-682-4420

7:00 pm Stated Meeting

Al Kader Shrine Center Wilsonville

2024 Dues Card Required

by Order of: IS Martin Bush, Potentate • Attest: IS Ron Gamble, Recorder

For all club/unit meeting dates and times, visit alkadershriners.org

With your phone in camera mode, hover over the QR code above to go directly to the Al Kader Events Webpage!

