



BEN HUR Shriners

The Chariot



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AUTUMN

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Libra

Scorpio

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10
th Month of The Year

Octopus Day

Autumn Season

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STATED MEETING

Ben Hur Shrine meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month. The next stated meeting will be Oct 17 2024. **YOUR 2024 DUES CARD IS REQUIRED!**

APPOINTED DIVAN

Temple Director - Chris Garner

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1st Ceremonial Master—Russell Jones

2nd Ceremonial Master - Ricky Hayes

Ceremonial Asst. Rabban— Erik Gilstrap

Marshal - Raul Scully

POTENTATE MESSAGE—heinemanja@yahoo.com

Hello All,

We have 4 months left for our 2024-year, time flies. If you are interested in running for the Divan, now is the time to move by letting Nobles and Past Potentates and I know. Five years sound like a big commitment, and it is, but it flies by and is fun, rewarding and worth the commitment.



This month, we started going to Unit and Club meetings that were dark for the summer, so back to work. It is nice getting back together with the Nobles and their Ladies.



Ricky Hayes, Russell Jones and I, with the help of Molly removed the floor of the float and installed new treated lumber, so the floor should be in good shape for years. We removed the big box and are looking at putting in a smaller box as well as two 6-person folding chairs. This should give us more room and take about 500 pounds of weight off the float.

Janet and I made it to Highland Lakes Shrine Club in Marble Falls for their first meeting after the summer break. They had a great turnout and went back to planning things to do for raising funds for the Shriners Children's, a hard-working group, well done.

Ben Hur Travel Club held their August Rally just outside of Waco. They had a great turn out with lots of members that we haven't seen in years coming out. They eliminated the by-law that said you must own an RV to belong. It makes it

easier for those that just want to come and stay at a hotel. Their next Rally is the last weekend in September at the Peach Country RV Park in Stonewall. Come join us!



(Pictured Randy Anderson, Loren Orme, and James Heineman)

POTENTATE MESSAGE (CONT)—heinemanja@yahoo.com

I am planning to have a Movie Day on October 5 starting at 2 pm. Originally, I planned to show the movie Ben Hur, but at around 4 hours long, I decided to show Horizon Part 1, a western with Kevin Kostner and a bit shorter. Hope to see you there.

Ben Hur needs the Nobility, Clubs and Units to start taking over planning of events and creating FUN, this is the way it should be. The Divan is there for the Leadership, but Ben Hur is the Nobility and needs you to plan and run the events with the backing of the Divan.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our September Stated meeting!

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

Nobles & Ladies,

By the time you read this, our murder mystery and dinner for the Shiners Hospital for Children will be over. Thank You to everyone who supported our efforts. This event was more successful than we dreamed. Thank you to everyone who gave of their time, talents, and resources to make this a successful event for Ben Hur Shrine and Shriners Hospitals for Children – Texas. We will have pictures to post soon.



It is good to get back into the swing of things at the Shrine, we were able to attend the Highland Lakes Shrine Club in September. They're doing good things, and their attendance is growing.

We talk a lot about membership and trying to gain new members. Maybe what we need to talk about is just "More". More Fun More Often. I believe that if we can get back to the core fundamentals of fun and fellowship, we will see our membership naturally start to grow.

If anyone thinks that they have a good idea for a new club or unit, please come and talk to me about it. Let's see if we can get something started to help create more fun in the Shrine.

Fraternally,
Fred Maynard
High Priest & Prophet

RECORDER - sstimson70@gmail.com

Greetings Nobles. We have reached the last quarter of this year and our Potentate is starting to look just a little less stressed. This last quarter is also very active.

This month Clubs and Units must elect their officers for 2025 as per the General Order.

General Order No. 1 (UNIT/CLUB ELECTIONS)

Unit and Shrine Club Leader Information. The election of Club/Unit officers shall be held on or before October 31st each year. It is the duty of the Club/Unit Secretary (or the person performing those duties regardless of title) to, on or before November 30th of each year, to provide the Temple Recorder or update the WebFez membership tracking system the presently elected Club/Unit officers for the ensuing Shrine year including verified name, address, telephone number(s), e-mail addresses and other relevant information. Should the Club/Unit Secretary (or person performing those duties regardless of title) update the information above directly into the WebFez membership tracking system, they must then notify the Temple Recorder on or before the respective dates that the information has been verified and that the directives listed above have been completed.

In November, we will honor those Nobles who have shown their dedication by serving for 25 or 50 years. Hope you will be able to attend that Stated Meeting on November 21st. Come out for Stated Meeting and help them celebrate.

Finally, in December we will elect our officers for 2025. The following covers Electioneering.

Imperial Bylaws

Article 25 of the Imperial Bylaws contains section 325.11, Election Regulation. The first paragraph of this section, Electioneering is covered as follows. A candidate for an elected office in a Shrine Center may print, publish and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a résumé consisting of his educational background, his vocational history, and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters telegrams, tickets, email or other devices, by a unit club, Noble, or group of Nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing, or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited.

The expenditure of money for gifts, favors, or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for elected office is prohibited.

For any violation of the above, the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of the officer's void and order a new election.

This notice will be published each month until the Election of Officers is held in December 2024.



PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE BY-LAWS OF BEN HUR SHRINERS

Ill Sir Gene Freudenberg read a proposed change to the By-Laws of Ben Hur Shrine at the September 19th Stated Meeting. This proposed change will lay over until the October 17th Stated Meeting. At that time the change will again be read, discussion allowed, followed by a vote to either adopt or reject the proposal. The full By-Law change follows.

Proposed Change to the By-Laws of Ben Hur Shriners
Dated 09/19/2024

Ben Hur Shriners By-Laws which were previously approved by Shriners International (Chairman of the Jurisprudence and Laws Committee and the Imperial Potentate, Imperial Potentate, Imperial Sir Jim Cain) on 12-4-2018 with proposed changes accepted.

-7.3 Financial Advisory Committee (Revised 2024): This Temple *shall* have a Financial Advisory Committee.

A. Composition: The committee shall consist of **five** at-large members of **and three ex officio members of Ben Hur Shriners.**

1. At large Members:

I: At large members will be elected for a two-year term.

II. At large members will be elected at the annual meeting of the temple.

III. The initial five members will be elected at the first stated meetng following the approval of these by-laws by Shriners International. Three of the initial elected members will serve a term of approximately two years which will end at the annual meeting of the temple. Two of the initial elected members will serve a term of approximately one year which will end at the annual meeting of the temple. Each of the initial five elected members will draw lots to determine which two will serve the one-year term

2. Ex Officio members

I. The sitting Potentate, the sitting Chief Rabban and appointed Temple Legal Counsel shall be members of the committee.

II. Ex Officio members are considered non-votng members.

III. Each year the at large members shall select of at large member to serve as Chairman and Official spokesman for the committee.

B. Duties:

I. Analyze and make recommendations as to the financial affairs of Ben Hur Temple including ***the leasing/renting, use or disposal of real property belonging to Ben Hur Shriners.***

II. Examine the proposed major financial obligations and expenditures before such obligations or expenditures are incurred or made.

III. Review all necessary current expenses.

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- IV. Examine whether any officer, department, committee, organization, unit, or individual having authority incurs expenditures that exceed the appropriations set forth in their respective budget.
- V. Examine the system under which the financial affairs of Ben Hur Temple and every subordinate body thereof are administered and make such recommendations from time to time as may be deemed for the good of the temple or any subordinate body thereof.
- VI. Review any bill for travel, hotel, or entertainment expenses of any officer or representative to determine if it is reasonable and necessary and within the budget.
- VII. Have access to all **temple** financial records, books, papers, and accounts of the officers and review them on a periodic basis and recommend certified public accountants for examination and **annual** audit.
- VIII. Review the financial institutions in which the funds of temple are to be, or already, are deposited.
- IX. Investigate suitable investments and investment institutions for the funds of the temple.
- X. Evaluate the proper coverage and limits of the bonds for the treasurer and recorder and any other officers required to be bonded.
- XI. Review of the proposed temple budget, prepared by the Chief Rabban in conjunction with the temple board of directors according to 327.2 of the by-laws of Shriners International, prior to the proposed budget being presented to the nobility.**
- XII. Together with the Temple Legal Counsel, as a non-voting member, review any contracts pertaining to use of temple property by third party vendors including terms, percentuges, use of temple property and/or equipment.**

C. Reports: This committee shall issue its findings, recommendations, and reports to the board of directors and **the nobility of Ben Hur Shriners. Any such findings of the committee are non-binding and do not constitute an audit for the purpose of compliance with applicable laws of Shriners International.**

D. Quorum Consists of Three Voting Members: Three at **large, voting members** of this committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

If you are interested in the operations of Ben Hur Shriners you should be at the October 17, 2024 Stated Meeting and participate in the discussion and vote of this By-Law Change.

HISTORY

PROMINENT CITIZEN, CSA VETERAN, MASON AND BEN HUR SHRINER PASSES

Noble John O. Johnson, City Clerk of Austin for twenty-two years passed away at 5:00 pm Tuesday February 5 at his home at 1012 Rio Grande. Brother Johnson had attained the age of seventy-seven years having been born January 21, 1841, in Giles County Tennessee. Except for the time that he spent in the Confederate Army, Brother Johnson has been a resident of Austin since 1860. During the fifty-seven years that he had been a resident of Austin he held many positions of honor and trust. He was the recipient of many honors particularly in the Masonic Fraternity.

He was first employed as a clerk in a dry goods store until he joined the Confederate Army in 1862. At the close of the struggle, he drove stock to Kansas and Tennessee. In 1872 he assumed the duties of warrant clerk in the State Comptroller's Office where he served until 1876. In that year Brother Johnson was elected Tax Collector for Travis County. He held this position for two terms and then in 1883 he became the quartermaster of the Frontier Battalion of the State Rangers which he served until 1885. At that time President Grover Cleveland appointed him as postmaster of Austin. He served in this position until 1895 when he became the City Clerk of Austin.

His masonic career dates to the 1860's when in 1867 he was elected WM of Austin Lodge 12, A.F. and A.M. In 1877 he was made a Royal Arch Mason in the Lone Star Chapter. He became a Knight Templar in 1878 and a Ben Hur Shriner in 1891. He held the highest offices in the lodge, chapter and commandry and was grand commander of the Knights Templar of Texas.

Brother Johnson was known to nearly everyone in Austin and endeared to all those who came in close contact with him. He had a cheery disposition, and it was seldom that he didn't have a word of banter with a visitor. His friendly fellowship extended to the laborers who came to his office for their pay envelopes as well as the more dignified callers. He was a faithful worker, frequently being found at his office working on the books while others at city hall were taking a holiday.

On Wednesday, February 6, 1919, at 10:00am the City Council called a special meeting at which resolutions of respect were adopted. A half-holiday was ordered observed at the City Hall in the afternoon out of respect for the departed City Official.

The funeral will be at the home of Brother Johnson at 4:00pm this afternoon conducted by Reverend W. R. Minter of the First Southern Presbyterian Church. Masonic services will be conducted by members of Austin Lodge 12 assisted by members of the Colorado Commandery and Knights Templar as honorary escorts.

Interment will be at Oakwood Cemetery.

The home of Brother Johnson still stands today at 1012 Rio Grande Street in Austin. The two-story home was built in 1900. It is currently being used for offices.

Gene Freudenberg PP/Historian-October 2024 Chariot/Credits to Austin American Statesman

ATTENTION GEORGETOWN & SUN CITY SHRINERS

First, even if you don't live in Georgetown or Sun City, please feel free to join us. We have Two Events for October

- (1) Shriner Men's Breakfast at Mulligans 10 OCT at 9:00 AM on the Patio. We did receive a complaint about the last breakfast... Please try and hold down the laughter.
- (2) Shriners, Ladies, Families and Friends in the Georgetown area - 25 OCT at 4:59 PM Social and Dinner at the Georgetown VFW Post 8587 - 1000 N College St - Georgetown (Next Door to San Gabriel Lodge). Menu - "All you can eat" Catfish, Chicken Strips, Beans, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad & Hush Puppies for \$12.50.

We Meet & Eat in the Private Meeting Room at the end of the serving line. For those who made this dinner & social in late August, you know it was a "Lip-Smacking" good meal and fun evening. There were lots of laughs and lots of old friends getting reacquainted. I had the great privilege of chauffeuring the incredible Noble Alfred Blaschke, who has been a Shriner longer than most of us have been alive. We welcomed newcomers from Salt Lake City, Noble David & Lady Marcia Brown. Past First Lady Sharon Banks, Meridian Shrine, Mississippi joined us and is always such a delight. Noble Chris Conner, MD is out of the country doing some good work for those who are less fortunate. It was noticed by the VFW Staff that it got pretty lively around the tables of Illustrious Gene & First Lady LaDell Freudenberg, Imperial Sir Jim and Imperial First Lady Alice Smith. However, the Staff placed the blame for the rise in laughter volume squarely on Noble Gary and Lady Darlene Kramer. Some of us will miss out on the October feast, as we will be with Illustrious Potentate Sir James & First Lady Janet Heine-man on their Austin Shriners Branson Missouri Show Extravaganza.

Submitted by: Ron Speaks, Temporary Chairman of the Georgetown & Sun City Shriners Social Group



SAVE THE DATE - DEDICATION CEREMONY

Wednesday, Oct 30, 2024 | Time TBD

815 Market Street | Galveston, TX 77550



ABOUT OUR NEW PATIENT HOUSING FACILITY & PARKING GARAGE

Shriners Children's Texas will host a Dedication Ceremony celebrating the construction of its new patient housing facility and parking garage on Wednesday, October 30. The new additions, located on the south side of the hospital along Post Office Street. The garage addition will provide improved parking and accessibility for outpatient and surgical visits, as well as additional spaces for hospital employees and guests. The 40-unit housing facility will provide a much-needed sanctuary for patients and their families who travel from all over the United States, and the world, to receive Shriners Children's Texas amazing, specialty pediatric care.

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Texas Masonic District No. 50

(HOW TO SUBSCRIBE): www.masonicdistrict50.org

Or communications@masonicdistrict50.org

October 1. Tuesday. Stated Meeting. Hill City Lodge no. 456. Dinner at 6:30, Meeting at 7:30 in the theater. SRCT, Downtown.

October 2. Wednesday. Stated Meeting. Scottish Rite Austin Valley. Dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30. SRCT, Downtown.

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

October 3. Thursday. Stated Meeting. Onion Creek Lodge no. 220. Diner at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:30. Bluff Lane. South Austin.

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.

October 8. Tuesday. Stated Meeting. T Neal Porter no. 1354. Dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30. LSCB, Downtown.

October 9, Wednesday. Stated Meeting. Parsons Lodge no. 222. Dinner at 6:30pm. Meeting at 7:30pm LSCB, Downtown.

October 12. Saturday. The Biggest Masonic event in Texas! **Family Day.** 10am - 4pm. BBQ Cook-Off, Car Show, Games, refreshments, Rides, Arts, & more. Free Admission. Texas Masonic Retirement Community 1501 W Division St. Arlington Texas

STATED MEETINGS

Austin Lodge #12	3rd Monday at SRCT
Colorado 96	3rd Monday in Webberville, Texas
Texana #123	1st Monday at Ben Hur Shrine Center
Onion Creek #220	1st Thursday in South Austin
Parsons #222	2nd Wednesday at the LSCB
Hill City #456	1st Tuesday at SRCT
University #1190	1st Thursday at SRCT
T Neal Porter #1354	2nd Tuesday at LSCB
Centennial #500	1st Saturday (Feb, May, Aug, Nov) SRCT
Scottish Rite	1st Wednesday at SRCT
Colorado Commandry	2nd Monday at LSCB
Ben Hur Shrine	3rd Thursday. Dark June, July and Aug
National Sojourners	4th Wednesday at Holiday Inn Mid Town

October 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 RENTAL NILE Choir	2 LOH RENTAL	3	4	5 Motley Brue Movie Day
6 RENTAL Sons of Herman	7 Texana 123 NILE	8 LOS Grand High Priestes Mini B RENTAL	9 Charioteers Trailblazers	10 HLSC Provost Guard	11 LOS	12 LOS
13 LOS	14 BHST Closed Shotgun Columbus Day	15 Directors Staff Provost Shoot RENTAL	16 NILE	17 BHST Stated Transporters	18	19 RENTAL
20 RENTAL Travis Cty Setup	21	22 RENTAL	23	24	25	26 RENTAL
Travis County Early Voting						
				Travel Club		
27	28	29	30	31		
Travis County Early Voting						
Shotgun Practice		Unit Head Mtg RENTAL				

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November 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Early Voting	2 Motley Brue
3 Sons of Herman Order of Pilgrim Preceptors	4 Texana 123 Nile	5 Elections Nile Choir	6 LOH RENTAL	7 RENTAL	8 LOS	9 RENTAL
10 RENTAL	11 BHST Closed Veterans Day	12 RENTAL Mini-B	13 Charioteers Trailblazers	14 HLSC Provost Guard	15 Nile Holiday Mkt	16
17 NILE Holiday Market	18	19 Directors Staff RENTAL Provost Shoot	20 NILE	21 BHST Stated Service Awards Transporters	22	23
24 Shotgun Practice	25	26	27	28 BHST Closed Thanksgiving	29 BHST Closed	30 RENTAL

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LEGION OF HONOR

Welcome to an exciting new year of the Shrine and the Legion of Honor. We have started out year off with the first stated meeting (1st Wednesday of every month!) and were honored to have Mr. Paul Julio from the Texas Veteran's Commission (TVC) who gave us an excellent presentation on how Texas takes care of it's Veteran's. If you'd like to know more about the services the TVC offers then you can look at <https://texvet.org/> and <https://www.combinedarms.us/texasveteransnetwork> to find out more.



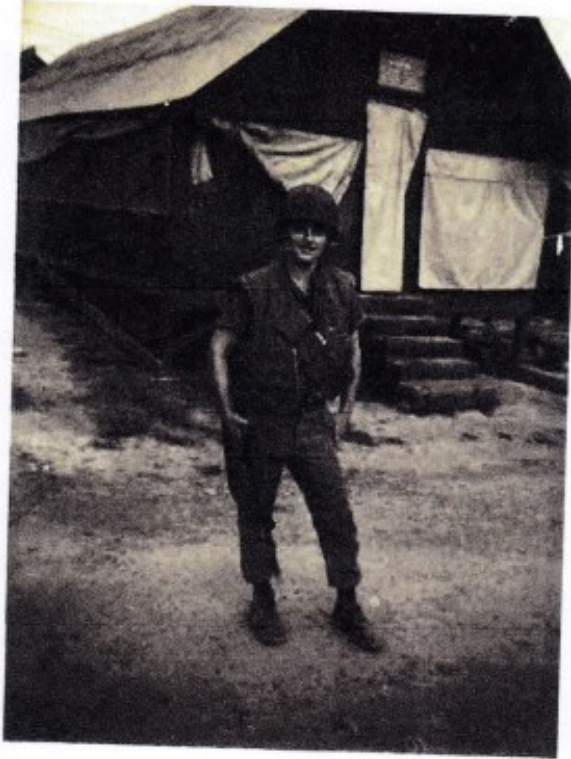
The Texas Association of LoH (TALOH) is hosting the annual TALOH Fellowship Picnic right here in Austin! The picnic will be at Settler's Park in Round Rock on 5 October starting at 1200 hrs. Our next Ben Hur LoH meeting is at the Shrine Temple on 2 October at 1830hrs. If you're a Veteran and want to know more about our club then please email me at surericstewart@gmail.com.

Eric Stewart

LoH Commander

LEGION OF HONOR

Do you know these Veterans?



**Noble Vernon H. Emken
U.S. Navy UT2 Seabees
Mobile Construction Battalion Five
March 1968 To December 1969**

Picture on the right was taken in Da Nang, Vietnam on July 20, 1969. This was the day Neil Armstrong set foot on the moon. MCB-5 called everyone into the Seabee base (Camp Hoover). Everyone was given a half day off. Steaks and cold beer for all. I was hoping he would step on the moon everyday. LOL

Picture on the left was taken early April 1969 in Da Nang, Vietnam. I just came back from a detachment up north. I was at Phu Loc, Vietnam. MCB-5, Camp Deshurley. Camp Deshurley was home to a large rock crusher for production of the asphaltic concrete pavement material. I was there to install new gang showers and set up a new chow hall.

Honorably discharged December 1969.

ONCE AGAIN IN TRANSYLVANIA

For October, in keeping with Halloween tradition, I thought I would write a scary story. Before writing the story below, I thought about describing one of the many urban legends and ghost stories popular in Transylvania. I was born about 25 miles from Vlad the Impaler's birthplace. The most haunted forest in the world, the Hoia-Baciu forest, is about 60 miles from my birthplace. I've been there once, you know! And one can always tell where I took off my shoes to relax because there is one spot in the forest where no vegetation can grow.

Instead, here is another true story from my childhood. First, a little background. There are multiple words for **ghost** in my native language. One of them, **stafie**, means a friendly, harmless ghost. Another, **strigoi**, implies an evil spirit that haunts the countryside attacking everyone indiscriminately. The word loosely translates as *loud male screamer*. The female equivalent is what some women turn into after a few years of marriage. Sometimes even before marriage.

These strigoi are to be avoided at all costs! If you happen to see one, get your hands on a crucifix and some garlic, and start praying. There are a lot more details here, but there is only so much space for my story. The important detail is that the strigoi can transform into any animal and are the ancestors of vampires and werewolves. No, don't be silly! They most certainly DO NOT sparkle!

Relevant to this story, I've mentioned before the socialist paradise where I grew up, with food rations and an intrusive government that meddled in every aspect of life, from religious beliefs to hair length. Take any story from North Korea and chances are I have lived it or know someone who has. I get all warm and fuzzy just thinking about it, and enthusiastically thank God for USA!

My story begins with one of my classmates casually mentioning that he and his dad caught a strigoi. And the family ate it! Obviously, this caught my attention. Intrigued, I pressed my classmate for more details. It all started when they were returning to their country home late one evening in their horse-drawn carriage. They heard a strange noise, stopped the carriage and got out. The father reflexively grabbed a shovel, the Transylvanian equivalent of a baseball bat. And there it was, on the side of the road, just sitting there: a strigoi! The father didn't think much of it and hit it with the shovel. It died instantly! They wrapped it in a blanket and put it in the back of the carriage. But what did it look like, I asked, hoping for a scary description of an otherworldly creature. My classmate confessed that it had big, long ears, a nose with whiskers, and its hind legs were much longer than the front legs. It was about the size of a large cat, and had a short, fluffy white tail. It got roasted as soon as they got home, and it was delicious! The family ate all of it in one sitting.

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ONCE AGAIN IN TRANSYLVANIA CONT

The father made my classmate promise not to tell ANYONE for fear of government persecution, because hunting rabb... um, strigoi required a license. Any such hunted animal was still government property and had to be surrendered to competent authorities that would decide what best to do with it. In this case, likely the most senior member present would effectively dispose of it by roasting it with carrots and potatoes, and usually pair it with white wine. The father wished to avoid having to report the extra nutrition his family so inequitably received that day, so he told his children that the animal was the scariest thing imaginable – the legendary strigoi!

My classmate and his brother slept well that night, their growing bodies confused by this sudden influx of protein and fat, significantly above the 1,200 calories per day the socialist government so graciously allowed its citizens. And an unlucky rabbit had a bad evening and an even worse night.

NEW NOBLES CREATED SEPTEMBER 19TH 2024

Ben Hur met after a 3 month summer break and created 4 new Nobles. Welcome 4 new Nobles, Luis Diaz, Ray Foster, Scott Jellison and Mark Watkins.



Ladies Oriental Shrine, Ben Hera Court # 91
Banquet Honoring
Grand High Priestess LaDonna Seger



October 11, 2025 / 6:00 pm
Holiday Inn Austin Midtown
6000 Middle Fiskville Rd
Austin, TX 78752



\$45 per person

RSVP by Sept 29, 2024 to

Associate Princess Janet Heineman

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Or mail Check to Janet at

460 Middle Creek Dr.

Buda, TX 78610

Check payable to Ladies Oriental Shrine, Ben Hera CT. 91



High Priestess Deloris Shaw

2024-2025

"Treating with Love and Care, a Burn Child's Body, Mind, and Soul"

Molly told me this was the most difficult supervisory duty she has ever performed. All three Hoomans were either hiding, complaining or just staring into the sun. At least the Parade Float floor is sound now. No one will fall through.



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 Maragaret	09/26		
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		
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