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- Master of Ceremonies**
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- Fund Raising Chairman**
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STATED MEETING
 Ben Hur Shrine meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month. The next stated meeting will be Jan 16 2025. **YOUR 2025 DUES CARD IS REQUIRED!**

APPOINTED DIVAN

- Temple Director - Chris Garner**
- Captain of the Guard - David Harnden**
- Outer Guard - Raul Scully**
- 1st Ceremonial Master—Russell Jones**
- 2nd Ceremonial Master - Ted Robertson**
- Ceremonial Asst. Rabban—**
- Marshal - Raul Scully**

POTENTATE ELECT MESSAGE—jemconnell@gmail.com

Nobles and Ladies

First of all, I would like to thank Ill. Sir James Heineman and Lady Janet, for their service to Ben Hur for the last 5 years. They will be a hard act to follow.



I wish to thank the nobility for giving me the honor to serve as your Potentate for 2025. I will do my best to serve the Shrine and nobility this year.

We have scheduled officer installation for Saturday January 4 at 1pm, we will have cake and light refreshments afterwards.

Please mark you calendar for these special events this year
The Potentates Ball is Scheduled for Saturday April 12, with an
Old Time Membership event scheduled for Tuesday September 9,
followed by the Fall Ceremonial and New Nobles dance on
Saturday September 27.

I am looking forward to serving Ben Hur for another year.

Remember Shriners come from your lodges, so be sure to support
and attend your blue lodges

Fraternally

Jim McConnell
Potentate

ASSISTANT RABBAN ELECT - fred.maynard@att.net

Nobles & Ladies,

Happy New Year! We begin this year full of hope for the future of Ben Hur Shriners. I would like to thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve you for another year. As your Assistant Rabban, I will be taking on the role of supporting membership growth. I feel that this is the single most important thing that we as a fraternity can focus on right now. We all know that our membership numbers continue to shrink, but I feel hopeful that we can start to reverse this trend with some work on all our parts. I am working on a plan that will have several facets.



The first is to get out and visit as many Masonic lodges as possible in our jurisdiction, I have asked several Nobles to help me with this and have appointed them as Ben Hur Ambassadors. I will be working with our Ambassadors on program that they can take to the various Lodges to let them know about Shriners.

The second is what I like to call more fun more often, creating something to draw potential new nobles to the Shrine. As of right now Lady Traci & I are working on three events for the year. The first event will be March 14th when Ben Hur will be hosting an outing at the Texas Stars hockey game. We want our Ben Hur Nobles and families to attend but more importantly we want to make sure that we invite as many potential members as possible to come out and have fun with us. The second event (date to be determined) we would like to host another outing at the Round Rock Express with the same ambition of inviting new and potential members to come out and have fun with us. The third event we are working on is a Central Texas Masonic Family Day hosted by Ben Hur Shriners. This event will require the cooperation of the many units and clubs in our Shrine to be successful. The date, time and location of this event is still being worked out.

I hope that you will all support our efforts to increase our membership and make this a great year at Ben Hur.

Fraternally,
Fred Maynard
Assistant Rabban

TOY DRIVE TO HELP SOLOMON LODGE







PROVOST GUARD



AROUND THE DISTRICT

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
San Gabriel #89	2nd Tuesday in Georgetown
Robert Burns #127	4th Saturday in Round Rock
Round Rock #227	3rd Tuesday in Round Rock
Post Oak Island #181	1st Thursday in Beaukiss
Norton Moses #336	3rd Monday in Leander
Florence #338	Full Moon Saturday in Florence
Liberty Hill #432	2nd Saturday in Liberty Hill
Solomon #484	2nd Thursday in Taylor
Live Oak # 304	2nd Monday in Kyle
Buda #800	1st Monday in Buda
Rambo #426	4th Thursday in Dripping Springe
Wimberly #1445	2nd Tuesday in Wimberly
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

January 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 BHST Closed	2	3	4 Officer Installation
5 Sons of Hermann	6	7 RENTAL	8 LOH RENTAL	9 Provost Guard	10 LOS	11 Divan Retreat
12	13 SOOB	14 RENTAL Mini-B	15 NILE Trailblazers Charioteers	16 BHST Stated Transporters SREKOJ	17 RENTAL	18 RENTAL
19 RENTAL	20 Inauguration Day MLK Day	21 RENTAL Directors Staff Provost	22	23 Travel Club	24	25 Nile Bunco
26	27	28 RENTAL	29	30	31 Nile Fashion Show	

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February 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 LOS Fashion Show
2 Sons of Hermann	3	4 RENTAL	5 LOH RENTAL	6	7	8 RENTAL
9 RENTAL NILE Anniversary Pins	10	11 RENTAL Mini-B	12 Trailblazers Charioteers	13 Provost Guard	14 LOS	15
16 RENTAL	17 President's Day	18 RENTAL Directors Staff Provost	19 NILE	20 BHS Stated Transporters SREKOJ	21	22 Directors Staff Fundraiser
23	24	25 RENTAL	26	27	28	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card* <small>* 4% convenience fee will be added</small>	Name: _____ Exp. Date: _____ CCV: _____ Number: _____ Zip Code: _____

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Congratulations to Adil Lalljee
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Heinemann and First Signer
Chris Moyseos
Created in November 2024

Congratulations to Sean
Haines and Rochie Guiyab
with Potentate James
Heineman
Created in December 2024



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
2024	James Heineman

ASSOCIATED

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

CHARIOT BOOSTER CLUB

Greg & Ann Murrow	04/35	Al & Ellie Blaschke	02/25
Fred & Traci Maynard	01/28	In Memory of Gus Carlson	02/25
Jerry & Bea Hohman	07/28		
Charles & Emily Maddox	07/27		
The Count, Lady Dengehel And Girlfriend Margaret	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		
David & Juanell Yeager	11/25		
Gerald "Jerry" Carruth	09/25		
In memory of Gail Carruth	09/25		
In memory of Stan 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		

NOTICE: Did YOUR name get dropped this edition?
 Remember to check the date following your name. **Next edition will drop all dates to 01/25!**
 Send in the form below TODAY with your \$25 to become/remain a loyal booster club member.

YES! I WANT TO BE A BOOSTER

Enclosed please find my check in the amount of \$_____

- ONE LINE (single name) - \$25 per year
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HOWARD LANDRY 07/9/2024

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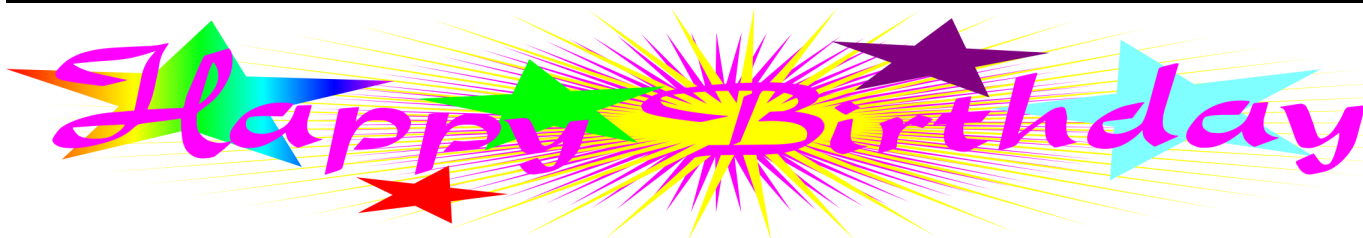
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1/2
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Thomas J Iadanza

1/3
Kenneth M Lamb

1/4
Alfred E Blaschke
Donald R Adkins
Frank D Allard

1/6
Marty R Adkins

1/7
Anthony D Graziano

1/8
Stephen D Willett PP
Kenneth D Woehl

1/9
Ed Cleere

1/11
Robert F Park Jr. PP

1/13
Isaac E Burnette
Ernest Owney
Andrew Ferris

1/14
Clarence C Cobb

1/16
Norman C Tolpo

1/17
David W Reed

1/18
Henry R Tindell
Aaron K Robertson

1/21
Frank G White Jr.
Sean L Hamilton

1/22
Cecil L Anderson
Ricky E Hayes
Byron G Webster

1/24
Stanley W Kozik
Vernon H Emkin

1/25
David E Yeager

1/26
Michael K Livingston
James W Maines

1/27
Orville C Robbins

1/28
Robert L Eschenburg

1/29
Sidney P McDavid

1/30
Horace R Overstreet

1/31
Garrett J Cooper
Michael D Hollingsworth