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As a tribute to Ill Sir Gene Sanders, his son Mike rides his dad's trike at the TSA Ceremonial in San Angelo.



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STATED MEETING

Ben Hur Shrine meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month. The next stated meeting will be Mar 21 2024. **YOUR 2024 DUES CARD IS REQUIRED!**

APPOINTED DIVAN

Temple Director - Chris Garner

Captain of the Guard - David Harnden

Outer Guard -

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,

Hope everyone is having a good summer as we are dark for 3 months. That means we have 4 stated meetings for the 2024-year, time flies.

On May 17, Janet and I attended the West Cypress Hills Elementary School where the kids learn marketing skills. They each create a product to sell starting price a quarter and up to \$1. The money made was then donated to the Galveston Shriners Hospital. This was sponsored by Ladies of the Oriental Shrine, Ben Hera Court #91 and the second one we have been able to attend. It is a treat to watch the kids do the marketing. On May 23, we were invited back by Ben Hera to join them in receiving a matching donation from one of the parents company, bringing the total donation to a little over \$2000! These kids are amazing. Thank you, West Cypress Hill Elementary 2nd Grader's and Travis & Kristen and their company GLIDE, for helping our Shriner kids.



TSA was held at Suez Shrine and other areas in San Angelo. The first evening was the Counterpart Dinner.

POTENTATE MESSAGE (CONT)—heinemanja@yahoo.com

The Divan and Past Potentates met up with their respective groups and had fellowship and dinner. It was a great evening.

The Ceremonial went well with planning the location on future Ceremonials, some ideas/changes for purposes and policies, and the election and installation of officers.

A big shout out to **David Harnden** for working our Entertainment Room during TSA. He did an outstanding job. Kept us all hydrated and kept the snack coming.

We had 7 Units participate at TSA, **Charioteers, Directors Staff, Legion of Honor, Motley Brue', Provost Guard, Shotgun and Trailblazers**, and I am proud to say every Unit received awards. We are looking forward to June 22 for the Victory Party when we will recognize the units and the awards they won. We hope to see everyone there to celebrate with the Units.

We are still looking at a Movie Night on July 6, more info to come later.

Imperial Session just around the corner, so the Divan will be busy for that week. We continue to serve!

Signing off for now,

Ben Hur Proud!

James Heineman

Potentate/Nobel

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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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Nobles & Ladies,

June was a busy month for all of us at Ben Hur Shrine. We had a great contingent of Nobles & Ladies representing Ben Hur at the Texas Shrine Association (TSA) Ceremonial. We had 6 units competing this year at the various competitions and everyone brought home some awards. Congratulations to all that competed. While at TSA we had a great time catching up with our HP&P counterparts and other Shrine friends from across the state. It is always a great time getting to see so many Shriners all having fun together.

July will be another busy month as we head to the Shrine Imperial session in Reno, NV. I will be attending the membership & marketing training along with other programs. I hope to gather ideas that we can use to improve our membership participation.

As we head into July, we pause to celebrate the Independence of our country. Happy 4th of July!

We continue to work on the Beverly Hillbillies hospital fundraiser on September 21st. We held a casting call on June 23rd. We will be rehearsing the show over the next few months. To purchase tickets online go to the www.benhurshrine.org/mystery or buy tickets at the Ben Hur office. As part of our fund-raising efforts, we are selling stars on the Wall of Fame. To purchase your star, go to www.benhurshrine.org/star. See the example and details in the Chariot ad. Please donate today to Become a Star for Shriners Children's.

Fraternally,
Fred Maynard
High Priest & Prophet





Murder Mystery Dinner

Saturday, September 21, 2024



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

Ben Hur Shrine
7811 Rockwood Lane
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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.



HISTORY

Eighty Years Ago, Ben Hur Shriners Were Selling War Bonds

D Day June 1944

After the D Day landing in Normandy and the other beaches Ben Hur Shriners have elected to observe Shrine Day by selling war bonds according to the Illustrious Potentate John Gainer. All the Temple's nobility were requested to meet at the Shrine's central booth at 9:30am at 7th and Congress Avenue to receive their instructions. All nobles were instructed to wear their Shrine fezes.

In all Ben Hur Shriners will be staffing six booths in downtown Austin during the day with a bond rally to be held at 7th and Congress Avenue at 10:00am. Three musical organizations will be participating and Pat Adelman of KTBC (*that was a radio station back then*) will be presiding as master of ceremonies using a public address system.

Art Sprinkle is general chairman of the Shrine Day program. The Wednesday rally will be followed by the "Bonds a Poppin" war bond show at the drive in theatre on the Dallas Hwy from 8:00pm to midnight. Many features for the event have been lined up including a musical battle between the Bergstrom Field Orchestra and the San Marcos Airfield Orchestra. There will also be an auction of various items sent her by Hollywood Celebrities and others. Also novelty acts combined with technicolor cartoons from four major studios.

Tickets to the show from the Yank Drive-In theater or by call the number for the event office.

The City of Austin purchased \$1,000,000 in war bonds to spur along Travis County participation in the drive. This purchase and other large purchases that had been cleared through the Federal Reserve Bank in Dallas swelled the total sales to \$1,454,301.25 and brought the overall county total to \$4,759,486. Other large contributors were First Federal Savings and Loan, The Mutual Deposit and Loan Company, Missouri Pacific Railroad and the Southern Pacific Railroad.

Editor Note: D Day marked the beginning of the end to WW2. The lives of many service men were lost on that day. Today the Ben Hur Legion of Honor carries on the tradition of keeping the memory of those lost souls alive along with all service men lost in the protection of the American way of life.

Gene Freudenberg/PP/Historian
July 2024

It is parade season again and the Highland Lakes Shrine Club is out there having fun at the Llano Rodeo Parade.



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Donate **\$25** to get your STAR on the Wall of Fame or,
Donate **\$35** AND choose a prime location for your STAR.
STARS will be unveiled at the Beverly Hillbillies Murder
Mystery Dinner on September 21st.

Order your Star on the Wall of Fame today at
www.benhurshire.org/STAR



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



TEXAS SHRINE ASSOCIATION 2024





July 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Texana #123 Nile	2 RENTAL	3 RENTAL	4 BHST CLOSED	5	6 Motley Brue Movie Day
7 Sons of Herman	8 BHST Shotgun Unit	9 Mini B's RENTAL	10 Charioteers Trailblazers	11 HLSC	12	13
14 Nile	15	16 Directors Staff RENTAL	17	18	19	20 LOS
21 RENTAL	22	23 RENTAL	24	25	26	27 Ladies Luncheon Setup
28 Ladies Luncheon	29	30 RENTAL	31			

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August 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 Motley Brue BHS Movie Day
4 Sons of Herman	5 Texana 123 Nile	6 RENTAL	7 RENTAL	8 HLSC	9	10 RENTAL
11 RENTAL	12	13 Mini Bs RENTAL	14 Charioteers Trailbalzers	15	16	17
18 BHST Fundraiser	19	20 Directors Staff RENTAL	21	22	23	24
				Travel Club		
					Unit Garage Sale	
25 Travel Club Shotgun Unit	26	27 Unit Head Meeting RENTAL	28	29 Travel Club	30 RENTAL	31 RENTAL

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TEXAS SHRINE ASSOCIATION 2024





LEGION OF HONOR

Your Ben Hur LoH had another amazing month! Once again victorious at the TSA Color Guard competition and having the opportunity to represent Ben Hur Veterans at the TALoH sponsored breakfast. It was also the Ben Hur LoH's great honor to conduct a flag folding and presentation for fellow Veteran Noble Stan Anderson at his memorial service. Honoring our Nation and Veterans is what we do in the Legion so we hope you come out and see what we're up to on the first Wednesday of each month, 1830 hrs at Ben Hur Shrine Temple.

Do you know this Veteran?



Noble S. Eric Stewart served in the United States Army 1989-2012 as a Logistics Officer (Transportation). He served numerous tours overseas that took him to Korea (The pic is of him in Korea, 1990), the Middle East and Europe. After retiring from the U.S. Army, he continued his service as a Department of the Army Civilian and is currently working as the senior Logistics officer for the Army Futures Command Headquartered in Austin. He's incredibly proud to be a Veteran and a member of the Ben Hur Legion of Honor. Believe it or not, there's a full head of hair under that helmet!

(Send your pic and a short bio of your military service to surericstewart@gmail.com. Even if you're not in the LoH we want to recognize you!)

Eric Stewart
2024 LoH Commander

ELECTRIC WHEELCHAIR



Herb Parsons will be 102 in September and he can no longer use his Electric Wheelchair. His daughter Georgia contacted the office and told us that they would like to donate it to a good home. It is practically new and has a new battery.

If this interests any of the Nobility, contact us at the office or email parsonsga@yahoo.com directly.

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

2024 BEN HUR PLANNED EVENTS

(ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

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JULY 28TH	LADIES LUNCHEON
AUG 18TH	P,P,P FUNDRAISER
SEPT 14TH	WELCOME BACK PARTY
SEPT 21ST	MURDER MYSTERY HOSPITAL FUNDRAISER
OCT. 21ST - 26TH	BEN HUR BRANSON BUS TRIP
NOV. 23RD	TOY DANCE

MEANWHILE, BACK IN TRANSYLVANIA

Ladies and Nobles,

Yes, this is a new story. No, you are not dreaming. Yes, there may be more stories in the future. No, unfortunately I cannot promise you a regular publishing schedule. Enjoy this month's story!

Late fall in the Transylvanian mountain village is usually cold. The sun shines, but the locals say it has teeth because instead of feeling the heat you feel the sharp bite of winter that is just a few weeks away. By now all the harvest is safely stored away for the winter. The hay is packed in the attic over the barn. The grains are stored in thick sacks guarded by an array of mouse traps. Dried vegetables are hanging in woven sacks in the pantry, waiting for the time when they are rehydrated into delicious soup. Sliced fruit is fermenting inside oak barrels, on its way to becoming moonshine.

There are just a few tasks left on the farm before the snow blankets everything and nature lays down for a long winter nap. One of these tasks is to gather all the dead branches, twigs, dead bean and corn stalks, and other assorted plant residue that doesn't serve a purpose on the farm. These are all gathered into one big pile, usually about ten feet tall, in the middle of the now empty corn field and away from anything that might catch fire. We kids weren't fond of roaming all over the farm to gather it all, but thoroughly enjoyed the fire that followed once everything was into one pile. I am convinced there is a bit of a pyromaniac in all of us.

The fire usually happens after dark, and grandma would prepare for us slabs of thick cut bacon, with the rind still on but cut through to allow roasting over an open flame. We kids found sticks to use for this purpose and impaled the slab of bacon rind first. Once the bacon gets warm, grease starts to ooze down the slab of bacon and into the fire. We used slices of sourdough bread to catch these droppings. If you've never had slab bacon roasted over an open flame and sandwiched between slices of sourdough bread, I highly recommend you try it at least once. As a side, you can have tomatoes with a little bit of salt or red onions sliced thin with a bit of salt, paprika and vinegar. I'm not fond of vinegar (or broccoli) so I find lemon or lime juice a lot more pleasant.

One year grandpa had to replace many pickets in the fence, so the burn pile was particularly tall. We kids were really looking forward to the big fire. We had the sticks, bacon, bread, and sides ready to go. We were just waiting for the sun to go down so we could start the fun.

Shortly before sundown, our great uncle came over to see grandma, his sister. We kids were too distracted by the impending bacon roast to pay any attention to him. After a while, it got dark outside, and he got ready to leave. His house was a good half an hour walk from our farmhouse, but in the same direction as the corn field. We got our stuff and started our walk towards the burn pile.

The corn field was hidden from view by a small hill and as we walked around it, we saw the faint glow of embers and smelled smoke. We were all disappointed and outraged. Our great uncle was visibly confused by our reaction but confessed to lighting up the burn pile on his way to visit his sister, which was hours ago. He had heard on the radio that it was going to rain the next day, so he thought he was helping. There wasn't enough fire to roast anything, let alone a few slabs of bacon.

We judge others by their actions and ourselves by our intentions. The moral of this story is that being helpful when not asked can sometimes hurt more than it helps. Grandpa built a small fire for us back at the farmhouse and we got our treat anyway. And the great uncle became even less popular than he already was. May God rest his soul because we know he had good intentions.

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	Aggie & George Auer, PP	08/24
Jerry & Bea Hohman	07/28	'The Count' and Lady Denghel	07/24
Charles & Emily Maddox	07/27	Chuck "Fester" & Pam Jones	06/24
Ron & Debbie Speaks	03/26	In Memory of Betty Anderson	06/24
Charlie & Betty Farnham	02/26	Stan Anderson	06/24
John Cooper	11/25	Lenny and Lidia Bronik	05/24
Brian & Carol Vance	12/25	Bob Newlander	05/24
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		
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		
In Memory of Gus Carlson	02/25		
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7/3

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Robert K Hogue
Mark E Besch
Wieslaw J Puchalski

7/4

Robert W Britt

7/5

Roger H Glick
Clint Pophan

7/7

Clive N Hartsfield III
Joseph M Raffels

7/8

Jack A Poole

7/9

Ralph E Reasor Jr.
Dave P Hall
Robert A Cullen Jr
Clifton G Whitt

7/10

Larry J Moseley

7/11

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7/12

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Lester J Kinley Jr

7/14

Jonathan J Jones

7/15

Julius T Browder

7/16

Thomas R Schneider
Mitchel R Newstadt

7/18

James A Heineman

7/20

Alan L Karotkin
Robert W Price
Michael R Renck

7/21

Michael W Sanders

7/26

Loren R Orme PP
George H Cheney

7/28

Gene R Eaves

7/29

Johnnie B Heck
Jonathan F Krueger

7/30

Boyce K Freitag PP
Drew W Claes
John C Wood

7/31

Thomes A Chenault

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