

ISIS SHRINE NEWS



Situated In The Oasis of Salina, Desert of Kansas

December 2021

POTENTATES MESSAGE:

As we approach this wonderful time of year, with all the expectations of Christmas and a New Year, it is a great time to reflect and be thankful for all the blessings we have received this year. We have had some great times as Shriners; our two Ceremonials, the Kansas Shrine Bowl, Imperial Session, CSSA, the St. Louis/Branson trip and many social gatherings at the temple and clubs. We still survive, despite Covid-19 virus, shutdowns and other minor calamities. It has been a good year!

The next great day we have coming is our December 11 stated meeting at the temple and Christmas Party following at the Hilton Garden Inn in Salina. I hope to see a room full of Shriners for the stated meeting and elections. We will also have an update on the building.

The Christmas Party should be an awesome experience! We have the Imperial Potentate Bill Baily, Past Imperial Potentate Jeff Sowder, Imperial Treasurer Brad Koehn, two National Patient Ambassadors, several of our patient families and many Nobles and families already signed up. We should have over 100 attending. Tickets are only \$30/person and include 2 drinks & reception, dinner of steak or chicken, dessert and a dance to Jake Gill following presentations. We are endeavoring to make a significant contribution to Imperial First Lady Debbie's project supporting scoliosis research we will present her with a check and a card listing all the clubs & individuals who donated to the check. If you would like to be included, please mail a check made out to "Isis Temple Benefit Fund" with "Lady Debbie's Project" on the note line. These will be tax deductible donations. Wear your favorite Christmas Sweater and your Fez!

We will also be in Salina for the Festival of Trees at the Temple and the Christmas Fantasy at the Mall. There will be a lunch at the temple on December 4 for the Christmas Fantasy volunteers. Wear your fun sweater and Fez for the event!

I had a great time with the Scott County Shrine Club in Dighton on November 11. A student there had invited us to talk about Shriners and our hospitals. We had a great turnout and the students were all paying attention to the speakers. A big thanks to Lynn Streit, who led off telling her Shrine Hospital experience after being burned in a house explosion when she was five. We had Shrine Bowl representatives and a few of the Divan talked more about what we do. The principal had been an assistant coach several years ago for the Shrine Bowl. It was a great opportunity to share what we do with young people. Who knows? Maybe a few of the young men will join our ranks someday.



POTENTATE MESSAGE CONTINURED

My Lady Donna & I wish you the Merriest Christmas and Happiest New Year! Enjoy the holidays with family, friends and Shriners! We hope to see you soon!

Fraternally,

Alex Leslie
Potentate



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF RABBAN

My Lady Gretta and I have some great conversations in the car as we travel around the country visiting various Shrine Clubs, other Temples, and attending seminars. Some of it is about the activities we see, but it's usually about all the friends we've made and had a chance to visit with on those trips.

Every candidate for Oriental Guide wants to know what his duties and responsibilities will be if he's elected to the Divan. How much time and money is involved and a few other questions.

Duties & responsibilities? I have folders I can email anybody who wishes that information, but there are always things that come up that require you to make some judgment calls on what is best for the fraternity.

Time & money? How much time will you be able to devote to making Isis a better fraternity? You must devote enough time so that other Nobles will remember you as doing good works for Isis. Just "being" on the Divan isn't enough.

How much money does it take to be on the Divan? How much depends on how much you travel and what you feel comfortable with from your budget. Divan members don't get reimbursed for travel except for required seminars to Tampa for required courses, or to Imperial Sessions to vote on by-law changes.

My Lady Gretta and I talked about this before "we" committed to taking this journey together. I say "we" because it is a commitment you both must share, neither of you can do it alone.

This brings me back to the first paragraph in this story. Those conversations have brought us closer together as a couple because "we" are working together and that is a reward worth everything.

Peace Be Upon You,

Russ Kontas
Chief Rabban



MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT RABBAN

Dear Fellow Brothers, Sisters, Family and Friends,

I hope this finds each and everyone of you happy, healthy and enjoying life. I want wish each of you a very Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas season. So just to ask, what are each of you thankful for this year?

For me, it was the chance to celebrate Thanksgiving this last weekend with the family. Although it was not the actual holiday, it really did not matter. It was the chance to spend the time together as family. Even dinner was not a Turkey dinner with all the fixings, but hamburgers and hot dogs. We did have cranberries but no pumpkin pie.

Does it really matter what the dinner was but that we all had the chance to eat together. One of the things we always do is ask what each person is thankful for. This year as part of this discussion, we asked what was each persons favorite food for the Thanksgiving dinner. I had to think about it for a while, but I have to say mine is the yams and marshmallows. The yams are good but just not the same with out marshmallows. That wonderful sweet smell and of course, you can't eat them with out getting your fingers a little sticky.

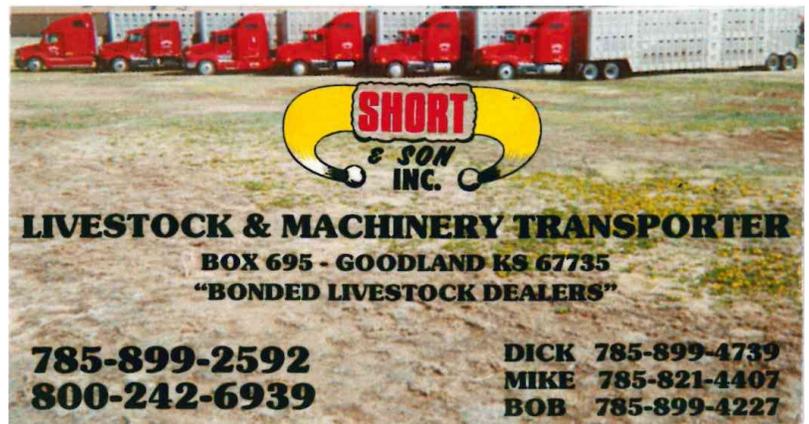
As dinner came to an end, it struck me that the whole meaning of Thanksgiving was not about the dinner or the conversation but all about the time we spent together. The chance to share memories and enjoy laughs and love of years past. Not to mention adding to the memories we have. To really look at all the things that have blessed our lives and how we may have knowingly or unknowingly blessed someone else's life.

This brings us to Christmas and all the joy we can spread. I hope all of you are looking forward to spending Christmas with your family. May you laugh and rejoice for another year. May the blessing of family, friends, and life bless each of you.

Fraternally Yours,



Brian Riedel
Assistant Rabban



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MESSAGE FROM THE ORIENTAL GUIDE

Lady Jody, Miss Joselyn and I hope everyone is doing well. We had a great time at Fall Ceremonial and want to thank everyone for their help in hosting this event.

As the year is about to come to a close, we want to remind everyone of the upcoming Festival of Trees fundraiser hosted by the Divan Ladies. Our stated meeting/elections will be held on Dec. 11th with the Christmas party later that afternoon. This will be a great event with Imperial Divan and Shriners Patient Ambassadors in attendance. We hope to see everyone there.

Lady Jody and I would like to thank everyone for their support our first year on the Divan. We are honored to have been chosen to be your representatives and to help shape the future of the Isis Temple. It has been our pleasure to serve the organization and its members. With your support, we are hopeful for the opportunity to represent Isis Temple next year as High Priest and Prophet. As always, please reach out to us or any Divan member with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Fraternally

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RECORDER'S CORNER

The 2021 Fall Ceremonial was a huge success, and the Isis Shrine would like to welcome Noble Michael LaOrange and his Lady Sharon. There were many Nobles and Lady's in attendance. As always, there was great fun, fellowship, and of course, food. In 2022, there currently is only one Ceremonial scheduled. It will take place in Scott City and will be May 6-7. If you can find Master Mason's who want to be Shriners, we can always put together a ceremonial to help make them Nobles. If you know someone who fits this description, petitions are available on our website for them to complete.

The December Stated Meeting will be on December 11, 2021, and will begin at 1:00 PM at the Isis Shrine. This will be a stag meeting, and no Lady's program is scheduled. We are planning on holding this meeting on the first floor of the Shrine Temple. After the meeting, the party will move to the Hilton Garden Inn in Salina, KS, for the Christmas Party and begin at 5:00 PM. There is information within this newsletter discussing this incredible event. Currently, the Imperial Potentate Bill Bailey (Debby), the Imperial Treasurer Brad Koehn (Cheryl), Past Imperial Potentate Jeff Sowder (Cheryl), two National Ambassadors (Mia Williams and Sydney Borchardt), one past National Ambassador from Isis Shrine (Mollie Carlson), and three local patients will be in attendance that evening. There will also be some recognitions and awards handed out that evening to include P.P. Kenneth Blanke receiving his 50-year pin. The Isis Shrine will also make a presentation to Imperial 1st Lady Debby for her program dealing with research into scoliosis. If your Unit, Club, business, or just you, want to donate to help make this donation as big as possible, please send a check to Isis Shrine, P.O. Box 2778, Salina, KS, 67402. Ensure to put 1st Lady's Program on the memo line. Everyone who donates will be recognized during that evening's program. I hope to see you all at this superb event. Please remember to RSVP and make your payment by November 29, 2021, if you plan to attend.

The calendar of events is begin worked for 2022, and many dates are already inputted into the calendar on our website for you to review. The pocket calendars will be available at the Annual Meeting and Installation of Divan on January 8, 2022. This event will take place at the Isis Shrine. The meeting will begin at 4:00 PM, with dinner to follow around 6:00 PM, and conclude with the installation of the 2022 Divan. The cost per person will be \$20.00 for dinner. If you plan to attend, RSVP to the office no later than January 4, 2022. I hope to see you all there.

Along with my Lady Megan, I would like to thank everyone for your continued support of this fantastic fraternal organization and the most outstanding philanthropy in the world, Shriners Children's. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at 785-825-0206 or isishrinerecorder@gmail.com. As always, I remain

Fraternally Yours,

Casey Flinn
Recorder



CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

The Lodge Where I Belong

Though my lodge may lack the splendor
Of a Temple or a Shrine,
Or possess the gaudy fixtures
that are classed as superfine,

Yet the fellowship it offers
is in a price beyond compare.
And I wouldn't trade it ever
for life's treasures rich or bare!

The handclasp firm, the word of cheer,
Oh, such meanings they impart,
The mystic ties of brotherhood
that links us heart to heart!

You'd really have to travel far,
For the friendships quite so strong,
As those one always find right here
In the Lodge where I belong.

When all my earthly travels end,
And at last I'm borne to rest
Where mortal hands no longer toil
and I cease life's endless quest

Why there's nothing I'd like better,
should I join the heavenly throng,
than to meet with all the Brothers
of the Lodge Where I Belong.

Remember, Jesus is the reason for the Season!!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

CAMERON DAVIS
Chaplain

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your business in the ISIS Shrine
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NEWSLETTER MAILER

If you would like to receive the newsletter through the regular mail during the year of 2022, please mail a payment of \$15.00 to ISIS Shrine, P.O. Box 2778, Salina, KS, 67402. Ensure to write "Newsletter" in the memo line of your check. Newsletters will only be mailed in 2022 to those who paid by December 31, 2021. Newsletters can be downloaded for free from our website, www.isisshriners.com.



Would you like to share your Unit and/or Club's on goings. You can do that by having it added to the ISIS Shrine newsletter. If you would like to have this information included, please have the article, along with any pictures, emailed to isishrinererecorder@gmail.com, by the 15th of each month.

PAY YOUR DUES ONLINE!

Pay on WebFez or follow the below link:

<https://shrinetempledues.org/wfp/secure-authentication/?id=31>

You will need your Member # and Shrine ID # which is located on your Shrine membership card in the lower left-hand corner. 2022 dues have been emailed out to all Nobles by Shriner's International. They will be mailed regularly in the near future. Please pay your dues at your earliest convenience. These funds are what allows this Temple to continue to help the children of our 43-county jurisdiction. There are still Nobles who owe dues for 2021. See the list of these Nobles at the end of this newsletter.

I appreciate the participation of Isis Nobles and their ladies in the parades this year. Timbo and I were in attendance for the Fall Festival in Woodbine, Kansas. The Fall Ceremonial parade was held on November 6 in Salina. We had several units in the parade, along with our newest Noble, Michael LaOrange.

Our next parade will be the Parade of Lights in Salina on November 20 at 6:00 PM.

Noble Bob Johnson
Parade Chairman



Annual Meeting and Installation of Divan

January 8, 2022

Isis Shrine Temple

4:00 PM-Meeting

6:00 PM-Dinner

Cost is \$20 per Person

RSVP by January 3, 2022



FEZTIVAL of Trees



ISIS Shrine Ladies

Come celebrate the holidays with us at this special event!

Saturday, November 20th from Noon – 8 p.m.

Sunday, November 21st from Noon – 8 p.m.

Friday, November 26th from Noon – 8 p.m.

Saturday, November 27th from Noon – 8 p.m.

Sunday, November 28th from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

ISIS Shrine Temple
200 E. Diamond Drive
Salina, KS

Besides having the opportunity to win a tree with its prizes, those attending the FEZTival will also have the opportunity to:

- -Buy spectacular wreaths and table decorations at a “buy it now” price
- -Enjoy live local entertainment
- -Enjoy snacks from the Snowflake Sweet Shop
- -Have a Whoville background for your own selfies and other photo ops

**Admission: Adults \$5, Children 12 and under free
(Entry ticket is good for the duration of the event)**

Raffle tickets \$1 per ticket; 25 tickets for \$20



SHRINER LEGACY PROGRAM

This program is headed by Shriners International and is used to recognize those Shriners who have a Shrine family link. If you would like to share your Shrine Legacy, you can update your family information in WebFez. The Potentate will present a Legacy certificate and pin to those new members and upcoming events. There is no cost for this program, just pride in family and Shrining.



**2021 Christmas Fantasy
Central Kansas Mall
Salina, KS
December 4, 2021**



Lunch will be provided for those who are able to volunteer their time and attend this wonderful event. Lunch will be served at 12:00 PM at the Isis Shrine Temple and Christmas Fantasy takes place at 2:00 PM. Volunteers are asked to wear their Fez and a fun and festive Christmas sweater. This has been an Isis Shrine tradition for many years. No work is needed except to represent the Isis Shrine and have a great time.



2021 Isis Shrine Christmas Party



Hilton Garden Inn Salina

3320 S 9th Street

Salina, KS



Special Room Rates Available

December 11, 2021

\$30.00 Per Person

Dinner Choice of Steak or Chicken

Social at 5:00 PM

(Hors D'Oeuvre and Two Free Drinks With Paid Tickets)

Dinner at 6:00 PM

Presentations at 7:00 PM

Jake Gill (Country Artist) and Dancing at 8:30 PM

RSVP By November 29, 2021 With Full Payment

Wear Your Favorite Fun or Festive Sweater



Special Guest Appearance By

Shriner Children's 2020 & 2021 National Ambassador's

Mia Williams & Sydney Borchardt





Payout Size: \$1845 as of 11/15/2021

2021 POTENTATE FUNDRAISER

This year the ISIS Shrine will be holding a 50/50 drawing in order to raise funds for operational expenses. The cost per ticket is \$10.00. Tickets will be available for sell and/or purchase throughout the year. The drawing will take place on December 11, 2021 at the Christmas Party. This drawing is open to everyone, so please feel free to sell tickets to friends, family, or anyone else that might be interested. The payout amount will be determined by how many tickets are sold. If you would like tickets to purchase and/or sell, please contact Recorder Casey Flinn at 785-825-0206 or isishrinerecorder@gmail.com. You can also set up a time to stop by the office and pick tickets up to be used. Tickets will not entered into the drawing until the money is received for their purchase. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://whollyticket.com/e/potefund50/50>. Thank you in advance for you help in making this fundraiser a success.

Isis Shrine Temple
2021 Upcoming Calendar of Events

November 20-Parade Salina-6:00 PM
November 27-Parade Russell-7:00 PM
December 4-Christmas Fantasy (Salina Mall-Salina, KS)
December 11-Stated Meeting and Elections/Christmas Party



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Our Website-www.isisshriners.com

NOBLES IN JEOPARDY OF SUSPENSION

The following 38 Nobles will be suspended January 1, 2022 if their dues for 2021 are not paid in full:

James E. Rhea, Dane A. Anspaugh, Brett K. Ayers, Anthony D. Bay, Brad K. Boyer, Myron L. Converse, Clifford R. DeGraff, Charles N. Dixon, Lewis L. Embrey, Terry L. Ferguson, Steven M. Fyler, Cody T. Groth, Ferril L. Heling, Perry R. Herrman, Robert F. Hockman, Dennis W. Irvin, Richard O. Johnson, David R. Kelly, Brian C. Legleiter, Terry W. Odle, Herbet E. Oliver, Robert O. Peterson, Scott D. Rogg, Vayle M. Rohan, John J. Rucker, Marcus J. Schwartz, Terrence B. Smith, Rodney J. Trout Jr, David L. Van Patten, James L. Wilson, Homer E. Copeland, Norman G. Dorsch, Jerome K. Johnson, William F. Koeckert, Donald P. Kready, Dean E. Smith, Altus A. Stevens, Elmer D. Svaty

The above Nobles will be suspended if dues are not paid by December 31, 2021. If you know any of the above Nobles, please reach out to them and encourage them to pay their dues. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this.

December 2021

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

			1	2 Sunflower SC 6:30 PM	3 LOH 7:30 pM	4 Christmas Fantasy Lunch 12:00 PM Christmas Fantasy –Salina Mall 2:00 PM
5	6 Cheyenne Co SC 7:30 PM	7 Manhattan SC 6:00 PM	8 Russell SC 7:00 PM	9	10	11 Stated Meeting and Elections- Temple 1:00 PM Christmas Party Hilton Garden Inn-Salina, KS 5:00 PM
12	13 Ottawa SC 6:00 PM	14	15 Hi Plains SC 7:00 PM	16	17	18
19 NWKS SC 2:00 PM	20 JC/FR SC 6:00 PM	21 Scott Co SC 6:30 PM	22	23	24 SHRINE OFFICE CLOSED	25
26	27 Director Staff 7:00 PM	28	29	30	31	

* Wednesdays-Scottish Rite Coffee -7:00 AM

*Thursdays-ISIS Shrine Coffee & Donuts -7:00 AM

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