



## POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Dear Nobles and Ladies:

Thank you for working with me and being patient during this construction.

We now have September behind us. Our September Stated Meeting was well attended. Maybe the weather will start getting cooler since we have a very busy month, so be sure you check the October calendar.

On October 8th, 9th, and 10th, the Arabian Knights will host their Benefit Trail Ride and BBQ Cook-off at the Crosby Fairgrounds. The Sportsmen Unit will host their Sporting Clay Shoot on Saturday, October 9th, at the American Shooting Center. They all need your help to make their benefits successful. The week of October 18th, we have the Administaff Golf Tournament (we need drivers), October 20th, the Burns Conference in Galveston, Texas (need drivers), and October 21st, the Wild Well Control Golf Tournament. For you beautiful ladies, don't forget the First Lady's Luncheon on October 30th at the Aquarium Restaurant on the Kemah Boardwalk in Kemah, Texas.

Don't forget, all you unit and club presidents, the Flying Fez Pancake Breakfast at 7:00 AM, and Calendar Meeting on Saturday, November 6th at 9:00 AM.

We will have our stated meeting Saturday morning, October 23rd, at 10:00 AM. Please take notice that we will not have the Hot Sands due to the ongoing construction in the ballroom. We will be working on getting the occupancy permit. Also, I remind you that no one can move or build anything in these unit rooms until I give the go ahead.

Once again, I ask you to bear with me and we will soon have a beautiful Shrine Temple in which you can all be proud.

Fraternally yours,  
Mike Ellis, Potentate

### NOTICE OF STATED MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next regularly scheduled meeting of Arabia Temple will be held **Saturday, October 23, 2010**. Please RSVP to Jean by Tuesday, October 19, 2010.

The stated meeting will begin at **10:00 AM**. Business to be conducted will include such business as may come before the nobility.

Wear your fez – 2010 dues card required.

Mike Ellis  
Potentate

Don Slayton  
Recorder

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Robert Sharpe (Linda) ..... Assistant Rabban  
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Jim McKinney (Linda) ..... Oriental Guide  
David Ashley (Melissa) ..... Treasurer  
Don Slayton (Debra) ..... Recorder

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Jim Spalding ..... High Priest & Prophet

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## CALLING ALL SHRINERS!

Help us help you. Please contact Bill Walker at wow1b2@gmail.com to update your information in the roster. He needs information for the clubs and units as well as everyone's address, phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

Also, please contact John McLeod at mcleod-web-pub@sbcglobal.net with any articles you might want to add to *The Arabian* or updates for the web site. He also needs information for the clubs and units (officer information, pictures, write-ups). **Remember, all articles need to be to him by the 5th of the month prior to the next issue** (i.e., May's articles need to be e-mailed by April 5th). All articles should be in Microsoft Word 2003 format using Arial font and any graphics should be sent as separate graphic files.



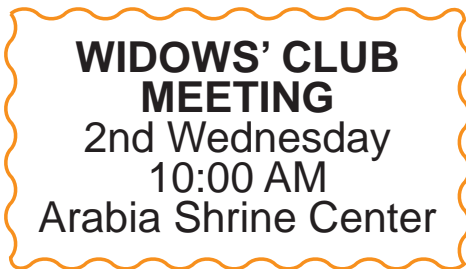
## NEWSLETTER CHANGES!

By now you have probably noticed that the *Arabian* is 12 pages; down from 16 pages over the past few years. Cost saving measures are responsible for the decrease in size of the newsletter, thus the following recommendations are:

1. Please keep your articles brief and to the point.
2. Turn your articles in on time or space will run out.
3. If you have a full page ad for an event, it will be posted on the web, vice *Arabian*.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

John McLeod, Director of Publications and Web



**THANK YOU!**

Words cannot express the gratitude and love I have felt from the multitude of cards and notes I received after Raymond's death. The generous donations to Shriners Hospitals in Houston and several other states were very heartwarming. My family and I especially appreciate the members of Patrol and their ladies for their generosity in providing a reception after Raymond's memorial service. To the Patrolmen who served as Honor Guard for Raymond – our special thanks as we feel you truly honored him. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Cathy Massey

## BRAZOS VALLEY SHRINE CLUB

By: Bob Epps

We heard they were coming on August 25th. A nomadic caravan befitting the Royalty of the Arabia Oasis was soon to arrive. Their route was a cautious one and they set up a rest camp at the Navasota river crossing. Oriental Guide Jim McKinney knew the trail after many trips to his Aggie-Hullabaloo. While crossing the turbulent Navasota River, his camel spooked and the Oriental Guide was last seen trying to out swim an alligator headed down river. High Priest & Prophet Jim Spalding read a message in a cup of Gypsy tea leaves and advised the entourage to head on in a northerly direction. The High Priest & Prophet knew the Arabia Royalty would find a great evening of revelry and tasty victuals at the Brazos Valley Oasis. Transportation czar, Illustrious Tom Mallynn, had made the dangerous trip before and his camel corps had been fitted with special computer chips to triple their travel speed. Gold keeper, David Ashley, was prepared to pay threatening highwaymen for right-of-passage. Caravan scribe, Don Slayton, made hieroglyphic records for prosperity. Chief diplomatic office Ronnie Odell was sent ahead to encourage the Brazos inhabitants to prepare for the honored tribal kinfolks arrival. In the meantime, at the alligator infested river crossing, Chief of Staff Jerry Glenn sent his trusted assistant Dale DeFoor into the river to direct the water crossing. The oxen drawn carts safely transported Colonel Paul Weber, Chief Administrator Bill Walker and Chief Rabban John McDonald and all the ladies across the river. Illustrious Potentate Mike Ellis commandeered a pirogue to speed up the river crossing. Paparazzi John McGaughy used some kind of a shuttered box gadget to record all the journey activities. Upon arrival at the Brazos Valley Oasis, the Arabia Hierarchy was greeted with plenty of friendship, refreshment and a feast of rib-eye enticement. Brazos tribal leader Sheik Hank Salzman made all the local introductions. Tribal Ambassador Clyde Collins was expertly qualified to introduce a shy and bashful Chief Nomadic Ambassador Ronnie Odell, who in turn introduced the Staff, the Divan, and Illustrious Potentate Mike Ellis. Gracious beauty highlighted the evening as Brazos Valley Lady Karen Hale presented First Lady Phyllis with a special donation to support the "Children's Furniture Project" for the Houston Hospital. A message was received that Assistant Chief Rabban Bob Sharpe had remained at the Arabia Oasis to guard the newly revamped Citadel and stomping grounds. Thanks to all who made the official visit with Illustrious Potentate Mike Ellis. It was a very rewarding and enjoyable nomadic reunion.

BVSC nobles are active in their local Masonic activities. Recently installed as Worshipful Masters were: Howard DeHart, Patrick Lodge No. 359, Franklin, TX – Charlie Yeates, Cedar Creek No. 300, Kurten, TX – Hank Salzman, Richards Lodge No. 1116, Richards, TX. Also installed in College Station were: Tom Jordan, President, Brazos Valley Chapter No. 378, National Sojourners and Roy I. Smith, Jr., Commander, Sul Ross Camp Heroes of '76. Another twenty-five club nobles have assumed important supporting roles in area Masonic lodges and chapters. Congratulations to all.

The Schulenburg (Das Awkscht Fescht) August 8th festival parade was a "HOT" one full of enthusiasm and show. Illustrious Potentate Mike Ellis and the Divan led the parade Shriners. The BVSC Shady-Tow parade buggy transported Arabia personalities. Included were Chief Photographer John McGaughy, Montgomery Club President and Brenham Club Ambassador Randal Smallwood and TSA Oriental Band President John Barron. The Shady-Tow driver was Regional Ambassador Bob Epps. The Colorado Valley Shrine Club was again the perfect host for parade Shriners and families. The Schulenburg Festival officials presented Illustrious Potentate Mike Ellis with a \$1,000.00 dollar check for the Children's Hospital.

BVSC Benefit motivator 1st Vice President John Hale will be directing the local Shrine Hospital Benefit. Benefit teams will be working a number of Bryan/College Station locations. Your benefit help can make a difference in a child's life.

Join BVSC camaraderie on Wednesday, October 27th. Social begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner and program at Bryan's Briarcrest Country Club. There's a place saved for you.

# NOBLES, BROTHERS AND FRIENDS WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

ALVIN PARADE - SEPTEMBER 4, 2010

Please check your calendars for October 20th, Wednesday. We are in need of help manning airport terminals at Intercontinental Airport, for the National Burn Congress to be held at Galveston Moody Center.

We need four man teams to man two-four hour shifts to welcome the Visitors at the Arrival Terminals for the Houston-Galveston Shrine Hospital National Burn Congress.

Nobles, this is a big thing!!!! We need FEZes to greet these arrivals – They know the FEZ!

There are four terminals at Bush and one at Hobby. We need Nobles to wear their FEZes and greet these folks and guide them to a pick up location. Please commit to help us.

If we can't provide twenty Nobles for (2) four hour shifts then what are we? We need to step up and walk the talk.

We can't wait until the last minute to schedule this; hey, it's a lot easier than working a corner or working an oyster fry.

If we fail here, the nation will be watching SHRINERS. Let's get together and pull this off!!!!!!

Please call me or Zoll Collins and let us know WHEN you can work.

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ALVIN PARADE - SEPTEMBER 4, 2010

Happy Halloween



# A LIVING MEMORIAL LIVES ON

Lest we forget our Hospital Benefit Programs are year round by virtue of their continuing needs. "A **LIVING MEMORIAL**" can add meaning to your remembrance for a friend or loved one and will help a physically challenged child to walk or a burned child to live. "A **LIVING MEMORIAL**" will answer parents' prayers. More and more of our members are taking advantage of the postage paid memorial envelopes for such tributes.

I respectfully ask and urge you to support this portion of our Hospital Benefit Program.

**Jim Spalding, High Priest & Prophet  
2010 Benefit Chairman**

"LIVING MEMORIAL" envelopes can be obtained through the Temple Office.

**The following is a list of DONORS:**

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**NEW CANDIDATES**

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**Lady**

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Jerry Reinhardt Schiel	<b><u>August 5, 2010</u></b> Betty	J. Fred Loofs
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Raymond Neal Haskins	<b><u>September 2, 2010</u></b> Laura	Robert S. Hitt
Vincent Cameron Freeman Thomas L. Smith	<b><u>September 8, 2010</u></b> Melissa	Lloyd R. Parrent Lloyd R. Parrent



## PATROL

By: Norm Bates

Fall is near – temps are more likeable – time now for autumn colors!!

On the evening of Sept 3rd the Gold Room was “buzzing” with over 40 Patrolmen and Ladies – hungry for food and fellowship!!! It was especially good to see Harold and Rosalyn Touchstone – Don and Ann Scruggs whom we had not seen in quite some time – as well as Harry Sanders and Wally and Mary Ebrech and a host of others!! Everyone enjoyed the “covered dish – salad dinner” (it really was delicious)!! And as always the refreshments and “swapping of stories” were enjoyed by all. A really super evening of refreshment, food and visiting!!! Lots of “tales of summer flings” and good times. It was great to see such a large, festive group enjoying themselves.

Look out 2011!!! We are all anxiously awaiting the completion of the building renovation – a unit room once again for meetings etc. – and the re-modeled Grand Ballroom – how sweet it will be!!!!

September 4th saw several members of the Patrol in attendance at the Alvin All American Festival Parade. Richard Rennison was seen chauffeuring Carl’s restored Ford convertible along with Our Captain and others. OOPS – being old (like some of the passengers) it just did not want to make the route – but – those Patrolmen “hopped” rides and were still seen on the street!!!! Way To Go Guys!!!

Remember - the Arabia Stated Meeting on Saturday the 23rd – be there!

Don’t forget our October Patrol Meeting coming on Monday evening the 25th – it’s been a while!!!!!!

## LEGION OF HONOR

By: John E. Metzler, P.S.C.

Comment By: Commander Ed Melberg’s Lady Lynn

I want to thank ALL of you for your cards, calls, visits, and, most of all, your prayers for Ed and me during my recent illness. I have been home since July and there is NO place better. Ed has been my rock, my strength, and my hope during the past months!

I want you all to know how amazed we both were with the avalanche of cards! We’ve saved them all; and they saw us through many a difficult day! We were absolutely stunned by how many of you thought of and prayed for us!

I KNOW I have been touched by God many times during my trials; and I have REALLY learned to believe in the power of prayer! I still receive calls and cards and my heart swells each time I receive one. I have been moved to tears and laughter! You have given me hope and strength through your love; and lifted me on your wings of prayer when I was too weak and depressed to keep going on my own. What a wonderful blessing you all are! I can’t wait to be with you again!

With much Love,  
Lynn Melberg

## 43rd. Annual Military Ball

The LOH Military Ball will be held at the Arabia Shrine Center on Saturday, November 13, 2010. The Champagne Reception will be held in the Gold Room from 7:00-7:45 p.m. .Dance music will be provided by the 225 Big Band from 8:00-11:30 p.m. Dress: Formal or Unit Uniform. There will be a 50/50 Drawing, Liquor Wagon and door prizes. Tickets are \$25.00 per couple and are available from Ted Mosshart, P.P. at 713-723-5555 or Cmdr. Ed. Melberg at 281-395-3566

# October 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<i>1</i> 7:00 PMSOLI-DARITY LODGE/LR	<i>2</i> 8 A.M LINE UP/ PASADENA RODEO PARADE  HIGHLANDS PARADE
<i>3</i> 5:00 PM BOW/ ARMIDILLA I	<i>4</i> 6:30 PM DTS/ GRE RM	<i>5</i> 11:30 AM LUN/GR 6:00 PM LOS/ TAP PRACTICE/LR 7:00 PM FTB 7:00 PM LOS/GR 7:00 PMSAM	<i>6</i> 10:00 AM DON/LR 7:00 PM MOVIE NIGHT/GR	<i>7</i> 6:30 PM GRE/GR 6:30 PM SOE 7:00 PM AHR 7:00 PM WALOV MEMORIAL LODGE/LR	<i>8</i> 8:00 AM DON/ PROJECT/GR 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM BENEFIT DAY  ARK/TRAIL RIDE/COOK OFF/CR...	<i>9</i> 7:00 AM SPO/ SPORTING CLAY SHOOT  8:00 AM - 4:00 PM BENEFIT DAY
<i>10</i> 2:00 PM ART/GR  ARK/TRAIL RI...	<i>11</i> 6:00 PM PRO/GR	<i>12</i> 8:00 AM J W CHANDLER/LR 11:30 AM LUN/GR 6:30 PMARK	<i>13</i> 10:00 AM WIDOWS/GRN ROOM GOLF PLAYDAY	<i>14</i> 6:30 PM MOC/GR 6:30 PM ORB/ BLURM 6:30 PM SAJ MEMORIAL LODGE/LR	<i>15</i> 6:00 PM DRC 7:00 PMSOLI-DARITY LODGE/LR  MOC/CROWLEY, LA	<i>16</i> 10:00 AM - 6:00 PMPAT/ BLURMGR
ADMINISTAFF GOLF TOURN.						
<i>17</i> 5:00 PM BOW/ ARMIDILLA I  ADMINISTAFF...	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> 11:30 AM LUN/GR 6:00 PM LOS/ TAP PRACTICE/LR 6:30 PM FEZ/ GRNRM 6:30 PM GUL	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> 6:30 PM LAH 6:30 PM LUF MEMORIAL LODGE/LR	<i>22</i> 9:00 AM DON/ BLURM	<i>23</i> 10:00 AM STATED MTG BLURM/ RSVP/HOT SANDS/BLRM
<i>24</i> 5:00 PM BOW/ ARMIDILLA I	<i>25</i> 6:00 PM BAT 6:30 PM PAT/GR	<i>26</i> 11:30 AM LUN/GR 6:00 PM LOS/ TAP PRACTICE/LR 6:30 PM BOW 6:30 PM MGC	<i>27</i> 6:30 PM BRA 6:30 PM BRE	<i>28</i> 6:00 PM WES 6:30 PM NAS 6:30 PM TOM  WILD WELL GOLF TOURN.	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> 11:00 AM FIRST LADY'S LUNCHEON
<i>31</i> 5:00 PM BOW/ ARMIDILLA I  HAPPY HALL...						

# November 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<i>1</i> 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM LOS GRAND HIGH/BLUR/MLR/GR 6:30 PM DTS/ GRE RM	<i>2</i> 11:30 AM LUN/GR 6:00 PM LOS/ TAP PRACTICE/LR 7:00 PM FTB 7:00 PM LOS/GR 7:00 PM SAM	<i>3</i> 10:00 AM DON/LR	<i>4</i> 6:30 PM GRE/GR 6:30 PM SOE 7:00 PM AHR 7:00 PM WAL MEMORIAL LODGE/LR	<i>5</i> 7:00 PM SOLIDARITY LODGE/LR	<i>6</i> 7:00 AM FEZ/ PANCAKE BRKFST 9:00 AM CALENDAR MTG
<i>7</i> 2:00 PM ART/GR 5:00 PM BOW/ ARMDILLA I	<i>8</i> 6:00 PM PRO/GR	<i>9</i> 8:00 AM J W CHANDLER/LR 11:30 AM LUN/GR 6:00 PM LOS/ TAP PRACTICE/LR 6:30 PM MARK 6:30 PM LOH/GR	<i>10</i> 10:00 AM WIDOWS/GRN ROOM	<i>11</i> 6:30 PM MOC/ BLURM 6:30 PM ORB/GR 6:30 PM SAJ MEMORIAL LODGE/LR	<i>12</i> 9:00 AM LOH/ DECORATE 7:00 PM SOLIDARITY LODGE/LR	<i>13</i> 8:00 PM LOH ML BALL GOLF PLAYDAY
<i>14</i> 5:00 PM BOW/ ARMDILLA I	<i>15</i> 6:00 PM FOOD/7:00 PM TEMPLE STATED MTG RSVP	<i>16</i> 11:30 AM LUN/GR 6:00 PM LOS/ TAP PRACTICE/LR 6:30 PM FEZ/ GRNRM 6:30 PM GUL 7:30 PM CLJ/GR	<i>17</i> 6:30 PM 1ST CIRCUS REPORT MTG/GR/ RSVP	<i>18</i> 6:30 PM LAH 6:30 PM LUF 6:30 PM NAS 6:30 PM TOM MEMORIAL LODGE/LR	<i>19</i> 6:00 PM DRC 7:00 PM SOLIDARITY LODGE/LR	<i>20</i> 6:00 AM LINEUP TOM-BALL PARADE/ OFFICIAL/ RSVP
<i>21</i> 5:00 PM BOW/ ARMDILLA I	<i>22</i> 6:00 PM BAT 6:30 PM PAT/GR	<i>23</i> 11:30 AM LUN/GR 6:00 PM LOS/ TAP PRACTICE/LR 6:30 PM BOW 6:30 PM MGC	<i>24</i> 6:30 PM BRA 6:30 PM BRE	<i>25</i> 7AM LINEUP HEB THANKS-GIVING DAY PARADE	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i> 5:00 PM BOW/ ARMDILLA I DECORATE CHRISTMAS TREES	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> 11:30 AM LUN/GR 6:00 PM LOS/ TAP PRACTICE/LR				

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at a luncheon honoring  
**FIRST LADY PHYLLIS ELLIS**

**Saturday, October 30, 2010**  
**The Aquarium Restaurant**  
**3rd Floor Banquet Room**  
**#11 Kemah Boardwalk**  
**Kemah, Texas**

**Reception: 11:00 am      Lunch: 11:45**

**PLEASE R.S.V.P. WITH \$30 CHECK TO: UNIT OR CLUB PRESIDENT'S LADY  
OR BETTY WEBER 713-899-0404 BY OCTOBER 20, 2010**