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Announcements

Nobles and Ladies of Kazim,

In compliance with the Governor's Executive Order 53 and the Grand Masters directive, I have ordered Kazim Temple closed to all activities until April 24, 2020. Exceptions will be addressed case by case but cannot exceed the 10-person maximum assembly.

The office will operate on an 'as needed' basis. Please call or email for business purposes whenever possible. Call ahead to arrange availability if a physical presence is deemed necessary.

The Potentate's Ball scheduled for May 9th will be rescheduled for November 14th.

The Stated Meeting scheduled for May 8th will be postponed to a later date to be determined.

The Spring Ceremonial scheduled for May 8th and 9th has been canceled.

The Potentate's Trip scheduled for June 17th – 23rd has been canceled.

We will survive this pandemic and we will be stronger when it's over. Please take every precaution and stay safe and healthy.

Regards,

Ed Barker
Potentate

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Kazim Shrine Circus

The decision has been made to **RESCHEDULE** the Kazim Shrine Circus for this Fall. The new dates will be October 30 – November 1, 2020.

If you have already purchased tickets for this show don't worry!

Those who have tickets for Friday – Sunday can use the same tickets you currently have. For example, a ticket for Friday, March 20th will now be valid for Friday, October 30th (if you have reserved seats you will have the exact same seat) ... it doesn't make any difference that the ticket says March 20th, what is important is that it's the same day and that the barcode will still scan properly.



New Dates!

Fri, October 30
7:30 pm

Sat, October 31
10:00 am, 2:30 pm, 7:00 pm

Sun, November 1
1:00 pm & 5:00 pm

Circus Update continued...

If you've purchased THURSDAY tickets, we will be working with you in the near future to exchange your Thursday ticket for a Friday, Saturday or Sunday show.

If the October date doesn't work for you, we will work on a case-by-case basis to resolve your ticket issue once the public health safety concerns subside.

We do apologize for the inconvenience, but the Shriners feel strongly about doing their part to keep everyone in our community healthy and safe and they want everyone to be able to enjoy the show worry-free!





SASA Hotel Update

SASA is still scheduled for September 16–19 in Myrtle Beach. Due to unforeseen circumstance we have had to move our planned Temple Hotel of Camelot by the Sea to the Sea Crest.

Sea Crest is located at 803 South Ocean Blvd which is just a few blocks from the beginning of the parade. They have blocked rooms for us with a discounted rate and a release date of August 18th. The Carolina Music Festival which attracts thousands of people has been rescheduled for the same time period as SASA and will most likely cause a shortage of rooms as the time gets closer. Therefore, we strongly suggest that if you plan on attending SASA to make your reservations ASAP.

When calling for reservations indicate "Kazim Shriners" to get the discounted rate. They have several floor plans with different prices available to us. See list below. To make reservations call the office at 843-913-5800 or 800-845-1112.

We realize that some nobles may have already made reservations at Camelot by the Sea. If you wish to remain there that's okay. It just means you will need to travel to Sea Crest to attend the Temple party or the Hospitality Rooms. If you desire to cancel and move to Sea Crest and purchased the insurance plan that was offered you should be able to cancel with only the loss of the cost of the insurance. (\$30).



Sea Crest Room Rates

Please note that the rates listed below are for the dates of SASA (4 nights) but the rates are good before and after the dates listed.

Check-in Date: 9/16/2020 | Check-Out Date: 9/20/2020

Low Rise Room \$ 69.20

Deposit Total: \$465.95

Oceanfront Efficiency 2 Queens \$106.58

Deposit Total: \$640.13

Oceanfront Queen Junior Suite \$124.94

Deposit Total: \$720.05

Junior Suite Partial View \$106.58

Deposit Total: \$640.13

Amenities

- Two children's pools with slides (open seasonally)
- Indoor and outdoor pool (outdoor open seasonally)
- Indoor and outdoor lazy river (outdoor open seasonally)
- Two indoor hot-tubs
- Fitness room
- Convenience store open seasonally
- Starbucks café open for breakfast seasonally
- Business center
- Tiki Bar open seasonally
- Guest laundry facilities
- Complimentary Wi-Fi

For more details and photos please visit our website

www.seacrestresort.com.



Kazim Shriners Gun Raffle

The 5th Annual Kazim Sportsman's raffle is getting geared up and ready to start selling tickets. There will again be 60 prizes this year, 48 of which will be some type of firearm. In addition, we again have the John Deere Model XUV560E Gator and Hooper 6x12 trailer as our Grand Prize valued at a retail price of \$11,315.00. Plus, we still will have twelve \$100 Sportsman's Warehouse Gift Cards that will be drawn with the Blue tickets. Tickets are currently at the printers being prepared and as soon as we are able to travel and distribute tickets to our Nobles, Clubs and Units we'll hit the road. The Sportsman's Raffle drawing will be held Saturday, October 24, 2020 at Kazim Temple in Roanoke. The doors will open at 1:00 PM with the drawing to begin at 1:30 PM. Due to the situation with the Circus this year being postponed it's imperative that we all put forth an extra effort this year to sell all 7000 of the White tickets. Happy Selling!



October 24, 2020 – Kazim Shrine Center – 628 Campbell Avenue – (540) 344-9306 – Tickets \$20/ea.
Doors Open at 1:00PM | Event Starts at 1:30PM

Committee Reports

House Committee

Working around the Temple to keep the building functioning and looking good for all the members, we try to take care of those small projects such as the new "pad" at the 7th street side door and the Scottish Side. They did not meet current code for a fire exit so in addition to raising the pads, the 7th street side also got a sidewalk which slopes to ground level in the Potentates parking area.



Membership Team

As Shriners, we are part of an international organization that strengthens us individually, enhances our families and makes us part of a history of brotherhood and camaraderie. And, as Shriners, we also have the opportunity to be legacies. **The Legacy Program** helps strengthen our fraternal bonds with those closest to us, and allows members to honor the many men before us who laid the foundation of our great fraternity.

Contact us to Learn More



Uniformed Units

I look forward to a time when we will be afforded the opportunity to have a meeting, enjoy a meal and make plans for the remaining year. As soon as possible I plan on having a Uniformed Units Association meeting. We need to be looking forward to **SASA**, to our **Gun Raffle** and our **Circus**.

Best Regards,

Giles Gilley
Uniformed Units Director

Stay Safe, Clean, Disinfect and
Cover Up.





2020 IMPERIAL SESSION

July 5 - 9, 2020

Imperial Session 2020

Based on data and opinions of public health experts and community officials, Shriners International has cancelled its 2020 Imperial Session, scheduled for July 2020, in Kansas City. In determining whether the 2020 Imperial Session could be responsibly held, the perspective of Shriners International was to take a global vision with local focus. The Imperial Session is truly an annual international gathering at one physical location. The Imperial Divan, the 2020 Convention Corporation, and the staff of Shriners International closely monitored developments and worked closely with the Kansas City Health Department in planning the 2020 Imperial Session. This planning was always undertaken with the hope and expectation that the convention would proceed, as long as it was reasonably safe to do so, based upon the trajectory of the Coronavirus and governmental quarantine and/or stay at home orders, actions based upon data and opinions provided by public health professionals.

Based on the information provided by public health professionals and recent governmental extension of existing public health orders, Shriners International determined that the safety of attendees and the safety of the community could not reasonably be provided on or before the start of the 2020 Imperial Session in Kansas City and therefore cancelled the 2020 convention, due to the impossibility of safely hosting it.



Imperial Session 2020 continued...

Imperial Sir and First Lady, Jeff and Cheryl Sowder, are extremely sorry that they will not be able to personally welcome Shriners from all over the world to celebrate fun and fellowship in Kansas City. They have dreamed and planned for more than a decade to have Shriners join them for an incredible experience in Kansas City. While the worldwide pandemic prevents us from meeting in Kansas City and renewing our acquaintances, it does not prevent us from renewing our commitment to the important work of the Shrine.

Additional information related to governance issues for Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children, in the absence of the respective annual meetings of each corporation, will be provided in the near future.

In spite of our disappointment, Shriners are encouraged to stay safe, stay strong, and stay involved with everything we can do now in preparation for doing more in the future.

Yours in the faith,

Jeffrey L. Sowder
Imperial Potentate



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Suggestions to the Kazimer

We appreciate your patience as we work through some inevitable bugs and glitches with this Newsletter, but know our end goal is to help connect our **Nobility** with everything going on at Kazim. To do that it will take YOUR help to make sure we mold this into a worthwhile Newsletter for all Nobles, and Ladies, to enjoy.

If you would like to make a suggestion for any type of information to add to the Kazimer please feel free to do so as it will help us provide you, our **Nobility**, with a more well-rounded Newsletter.

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Welcome

Welcome to the new Kazimer. It's been awhile since we've been able to enjoy reading about happenings at Kazim. The year 2020 was just getting started and my Club and Unit visitation calendar was in its infancy when CV 19 basically shut us down. Hopefully we'll be able to restart shortly. Even though we've sent out email blasts and made Facebook posts it's just not the same and it's hard to get to know each other without personal contact. So, until we're allowed to get together in groups again, I trust that this KAZIMER will prove to be a welcome means of communication.

My inability to visit our Clubs and Units has made it difficult to communicate with our nobility in the personal manner that I intended. My BYOL (bring your own lunch) on Monday mornings had just begun to grow as increasing numbers of Nobles had started to attend. I hope to renew that practice as soon as possible. As I haven't been able to meet and get to know everyone and they to get to know me, please allow me to tell you a little about myself and more especially my vision for Kazim 2020.



Biography

I was born and grew up in Danville Va. I graduated from George Washington High School and the Medical College of Virginia, School of Pharmacy. I practiced pharmacy in Danville prior to transferring to Galax, VA. where I continued to practice until I retired. I married my high school sweetheart (Lady Phyllis) and we have 4 children, 12 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

I was raised a master mason and became a Shriner in 1992. I was appointed Outer Guard in 2011, Marshall in 2015, 1st Ceremonial Master in 2016 and was elected High Priest and Prophet in 2017.



Illustrious Edward Glenn Barker and Lady Phyllis

Vision

My vision for Kazim is to see Kazim grow its membership by creating a more family-oriented atmosphere.

1. I propose to offer child care for our younger families so as to overcome the issue of hiring a sitter.
2. I propose to work toward making Kazim accessible and safe for all our membership.
3. I propose to encourage greater communication among our nobles with the goal of better membership retention. Call and check on that noble that hasn't attended functions lately. He may just need to know he's missed. We all took an oath to assist our brothers as possible.

Goals

My theme for 2020 is "UNITY" and my slogan is "RX4KDZ". In unity our efforts to move Kazim forward will accomplish so much more than will be possible individually and I truly believe that Shriners are the correct Rx for our shrine children. To promote communication among our nobles I instituted the "Traveling Fez" to be passed from one club or unit to another thru visitation similar to the "Traveling Gavel" in our lodges.



Unity - RX4KDZ

Closing

I invite any Noble to let me know of a Noble that I might encourage with a phone call or a visit and I encourage every Noble to do the same.

S & F,

Ed Barker
Potentate 2020



Noble Frank Boyd, who served as Director in 2019 will serve as Captain of the Guard for 2020. Noble Frank is hard working and a great asset to the Divan and to Kazim. He and Lady Bette will again head up our Octoberfest event scheduled for October 10th. Frank was also awarded Kazim “Shriner of the Year” in 2019.



Noble Frank Boyd and Lady Bette



Noble Cole David, Lady Kristen, and baby Henry

Noble Cole David who will serve as 2nd Ceremonial Master. Noble Cole was awarded Kazim “Shriner of the Year” in 2018 and is a highly qualified IT person. He has been instrumental in getting the new Kazimer and the new Kazim website up and running.

