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Kazim Shrine Circus

The Kazim Shrine Circus has been tentatively scheduled for June 4th, 5th, and 6th. This will obviously depend on how the restrictions with Covid-19 are lifted over the year, but we will be anticipating these dates happening as of now.

You will notice that we have removed the Thursday night event. This is in an effort to help our Nobles as they were asked to do many shows in the past and spread themselves thin. Hopefully having less shows will help to alleviate some of the stress and pressure.



New Dates!

Fri, June 4
7:30 PM

Sat, June 5
10:00 AM, 2:30 PM, 7:00 PM

Sun, June 6
1:00 PM, 5:00 PM

SDA

The Shrine Directors Association (SDA) of Shriners International is a organization of Director's Staffs from various temples. Each year the SDA holds a convention to promote Director's Staff activities, elect a Board of Directors and regional representatives (Board of Governors) and hold a stunt competition. Kazim Temple has been selected to host the SDA 2021 Convention. The convention will be held in Roanoke August 4th - 7th. This year marks the first time any temple in Virginia has hosted an SDA convention.





SASA Hotel Update

The 48th Annual Fall Festival for SASA is scheduled for September 16–19 in Myrtle Beach. Kazim Shrine Center will be staying at the Crown Reef Beach Resort and Waterpark.

The Crown Reef is located at 2918 South Ocean Blvd which is where the parade ends. They have blocked rooms for us with a discounted rate and a release date of **August 14th**. Assuming we do get to go to SASA that would mean there has been some relief on the Covid-19 front and it will most likely be a busy place. 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. To make reservations call the office at **844-827-2434**.

We realize that some Nobles may have already or will make reservations at other Hotels. If you wish to remain there that's okay. It just means you will need to travel to the Crown Reef to attend the Temple party or the Hospitality Rooms. If you desire to cancel and move to the Crown Reef and purchased the insurance plan that was offered you should be able to cancel with only the loss of the cost of the insurance.



Crown Reef Room Rates

9/14/2021 - 9/19/2021

\$15/Trailer (For entire stay)

VIP Plan: \$32.70

Oceanfront Standard (2 Queen Beds)

Tues-Wed: 101.70 | Thursday: 124.30 | Fri-Sat: 146.90

Oceanfront Queen Efficiency (2 Queen Beds)

Tues-Wed: 101.70 | Thursday: 124.30 | Fri-Sat: 146.90

Oceanfront King Efficiency (1 King Bed + Sleeper Sofa)

Tues-Wed: 113 | Thursday: 158.20 | Fri-Sat: 174.02

Oceanfront Queen Deluxe Suite (2 Queen Beds)

Tues-Wed: 117.52 | Thursday: 169.50 | Fri-Sat: 185.32

Oceanfront King Jacuzzi Suite (1 King Bed + Sleeper Sofa)

Tues-Wed: 128.82 | Thursday: 175.15 | Fri-Sat: 192.10

Amenities

Waterpark

Relaxing Whirlpools

Salty's Splash House (Small Children)

Explosion Tube Slide | Twister Body Slide | Kidz Twister Slide

15 Water Features (Pools, Hot Tubs, and More)

Ocean Front Lazy River

Island, Bridge, and Indoor Pool

Loco Gecko Restaurant & Pool Bar & Grill

Swirl Ice Cream & Sweet Shop

Guest laundry facilities

Complimentary Wi-Fi

For more details and photos please visit our website

www.crownreef.com



House Committee Update

As opposed the usual report from your House Committee, we felt it might be good to let our Nobles know what the Committee has been doing at building.

- Repaired sidewalk and curb
- Repaired front steps
- Replaced handrail on front steps
- Replaced treads on stairs going downstairs
- Refinished ballroom floor
- Painted ballroom walls
- Replaced broken wall mirrors in ballroom
- Replaced exterior doors on 7th street side due to swelling and unable to open
- Added sidewalks and landing pads to both side doors
- Replaced all the faucets in the main floor Men's bathroom (still have three more to be installed in the lady's restroom)
- Replaced carpet in office, boardroom, and lady's restroom lounge.
- Updated landscaping in front of building, with the removal of several overgrown trees and shrubs to improve the visibility of the building and sign.
- Removed the old concrete loading dock in the rear of building to make it safer for children and others.
- Replaced roof on the picnic shelter. (Labor provided by volunteers, overseen by Mike Henderson)
- Remodeled Arab Room (removed old paneling, plastered, and painted walls)
- Remodeled Men's and Women's downstairs restrooms
- Remodeled downstairs breakroom
- Replaced ageing and failing phone system with new system
- Added Wi-Fi to entire building and network cable to key locations in the building, including ballroom.
- Added keyless entry to the building to replace aging keysets and locks
- Replaced leaking hot water heater

- On-going project to replace all light fixtures with LEDS when possible. (LEDS installed thus far, ballroom, Arab room, boardroom, front porch, downstairs hallway, and back parking lot)
- Programable thermostats to help reduce utility costs
- Removed cable TV to unit rooms and replaced with over-the air antenna
- Currently in progress and awaiting final approval of City Permit- a new internal door
- which will allow access to another exit via the equipment room in the Northwest corner of downstairs.
- (Currently no exits on the West side of the building accessible to downstairs unit rooms)

New Items Added

- High intensity ceiling projector and 12-foot retractable projector in the ballroom

Donated Items

- Two programable spotlights (donated by Wes Wells)
- Commercial Sound system with wireless microphone (donated by Steve Nelson)
- Plus, numerous items from network switches to roofing cement, too many to count, that were donated selflessly to our fraternity.

Also, note that the kitchen was updated by the **Roanoke Valley Shrine Club**, which donated all the time and money to modernize our kitchen. While maybe not up to 21st century standards, it is at least late 20th century. A separate report should probably be done on the kitchen.

The Fund which enabled us to do the work above, plus hundreds of smaller items too numerous to list was started by a donation from the estate of Illustrious Dr. Wallace Nunley. In addition, there have been on-going donations to the fund from various clubs, units, and individuals. Including the Friday night line dances hosted and donated by Noble Steve Nelson.

It should be noted that where possible volunteer labor was used to reduce cost to the temple. To all those that donated their time, energy, money, and in some case shed blood, the temple owes you a great **THANK YOU**. We hope that **ALL** can enjoy the fruits of a combined effort in 2021.





2021 Imperial Session HOUSTON, TX

Welcome to Imperial Session 2021

This is going to be an amazing Imperial Session in 2021. Plan to join us as we welcome Shriners from around the world to celebrate our great fraternity and brotherhood.

Where

George R. Brown Convention Center
Houston, Texas

When

Sunday to Thursday
July 4 to 8, 2021

Houston Here We Come

Welcome to the official website for the 2021 Imperial Session Houston. Here is where you will find the resources you need for an amazing visit to Houston, Texas, a city filled with world class dining, arts, hotels, shopping and night life. You will find that there is so much to do, you may never want to leave. Enjoy the Texas charm and barbeque. We hope to see you at our annual Shriners Imperial Session in 2021.

Get your teams ready for a Corn Hole

Tournament you won't want to miss. Nobles and Ladies can enter as a team. The championship match will be played during the Imperial Representatives' Evening, Wednesday, July 7, 2021.



Housing Information

Are you planning on a trip to Houston in 2021? Log on to our website, <https://imperialsession.com>, and click the "Accommodations" button on the main page to find housing information and special rates for Shriners.



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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 first edition of the Kazimer for 2021. To say the least 2020 was a challenging year for us all. It's been a while since we've been able to gather at Kazim as a whole and fellowship together. Hopefully the numbers will start to turn with the distribution of the Covid vaccine. I'm looking forward to the day when we can once again move freely about the temple without concern for our health or the health of anyone else. If you look at the calendar on our website, you'll notice that there's not a lot of things listed at this point due to the fact that we are unsure when we will once again be able to hold events at Kazim. Currently the primary dates that set for 2021 are the Spring Ceremonial and Potentate Ball scheduled for April 30 and May 1, 2021. Our circus dates this year have already been rescheduled due to the fact that the circus is not traveling until after April 1. The new dates are June 4, 5 & 6. SASA in Myrtle Beach is planned for September 16-19. The Fall Ceremonial is currently scheduled for October 23rd & 24th. Once we know better when we will be able to open the temple back up to gatherings I sure the Temple Calendar will fill up quick.

Since a lot of our Clubs and Units are not meeting at this point it is not possible to visit as I would like to. Again, once things are freed up and our Clubs and Units feel safe to meet, we (The Divan) will make every attempt to visit all Clubs and Units at least once during 2021.

I am the first working (outside job) Potentate since 2015. Believe me anyone sitting in the Potentate's Chair is a working Potentate. I hope to later set up a day or two that I can be in the temple at least for a few hours during the day but keep in mind I'm on the job 24/7 no matter where I may be. If you need me call me (540-250-3971) or email me at potentate@kazim.com.



Biography

I wasn't born in Giles County but was raised there from about the age of 3. I graduated from Giles High School and attended New River Community College and Concord College. I've been in the insurance business since 1981 and have worked for the same company the entire time except for a 5-year stint that I had selling and financing cars. Lady Jackie, although we have no children together have 4 children between us. 2 Boys and 2 Girls and 4 Grandchildren

I was raised a Master Mason January 1986 and became a Shriner in May of 1988. I was appointed Outer Guard in 2015, 2nd Ceremonial Master in 2016. Then elected as Oriental Guide 2017, High Priest and Prophet 2018, Assistant Rabban 2019 and Chief Rabban in 2020.



Illustrious Bill David and Lady Jackie

Looking Forward

I'm continuing Illustrious Ed's theme for 2021 of "UNITY" and my slogan is "Insuring our Children's Future". The best way for us to insure our children's future is to make sure that as Shriners we are always here to support and promote the "Greatest Philanthropy in the World", Shriners Hospitals for Children. What this means is we need to be constantly and vigilantly prospecting for new Shriner members. Remember Nobles although you cannot ask a man to become a Mason, you can and should ask every Mason you know to become a Shriner. If we all found just one Mason to take our place Kazim could double our membership in a very short period of time.

You'll notice on my lapel pin this year that I've placed the "Roadrunner" in a very prominent position. Too many times our "Roadrunners" are our forgotten heroes. I wanted to take this year and bring them to the forefront. These men and women that travel the roads with our children are truly our Goodwill Ambassadors.



Closing

Nobles think back to when you first became a Shriner. Remember that excitement and enthusiasm you once had and look inside yourself to find that fire and desire again. When we are able to safely open the temple up again, I look forward to seeing everyone once more. When we are able to do so safely, I invite you and your Lady to come and fellowship with us once again and put the "FUN" back in the Shrine.

If you need me or I can be of assistance to you please contact me directly at 540-250-3971 or through the Kazim office. You can email me at potentate@kazimshriners.com.

S & F,

Bill David
Potentate 2021



2021 New Divan Appointments

Noble Brian Brabham will serve as 1st Ceremonial Master. Noble Brian has served, and continues to serve, various Clubs and Units throughout Kazim in many capacities as an Officer and Event Organizer.



Noble Gary Huffman will serve as 2nd Ceremonial Master. Noble Gary has previously served as Kazim Recorder and also serves currently as the Grand Senior Deacon for the Grand Lodge of Virginia. We look forward to seeing him and Lady Paula at Kazim during the upcoming year.



Noble Jim Bradbury will serve Kazim as Director in 2021. Noble Jim is also President of the Directors Staff for 2021. We look forward to having Noble Jim with us on Kazim's Divan for the year and having both he and his Lady Karen at various Shrine functions at the Temple.



Noble Kyth Banks will serve as Captain of the Guard. Noble Kyth has been the go-to Transportation contact for Kazim in S.W. Virginia and he has been a Roadrunner for many years assisting our Children to get to Greenville. We welcome Kyth and Lady Debra to the Divan.



Noble Trey David will serve as Outer Guard. Noble Trey is a member of Giles Shrine Club and the Kazim Misfits. We look forward to seeing his Lady Lauren and their two children at many Shrine events in the upcoming year.



Noble C.P. Lockhart will serve as Chaplain. Noble Clarence Preston "C.P." Lockhart has served Kazim in many jobs over his 42 years with Kazim and has been an essential contributor in the Circus for many years. We appreciate his and Lady Carol's service to Kazim.

