

Imperial Divan Personifies Wise Men of East Who Lead Caravan in Perilous Pilgrimage.

Anointed of Allah--May Their Tribe Increase--Make Journey in Caravan of Steel to Modern Mecca--Greetings, O Brethren, Greetings, All We Have Is Thine



W. Freeland Kendrick, Imperial Potentate.



Clarence M. Dunbar, Imperial Marshal.



Frank C. Jones, Imperial Captain of Guards.



Conrad V. Dykeman, Imperial High Priest and Prophet.



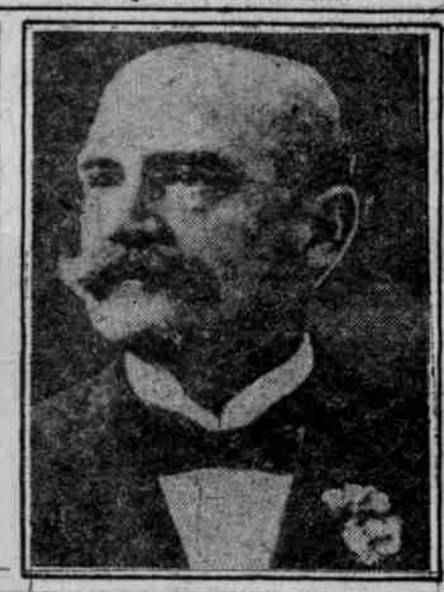
Ellis Lewis Garretson, Imperial Deputy Potentate.



James E. Chandler, Imperial Oriental Guide.



James S. McCandless, Imperial Assistant Rabban.



Benjamin W. Rowell, Imperial Recorder.



Leo V. Youngworth, Imperial Outer Guard.



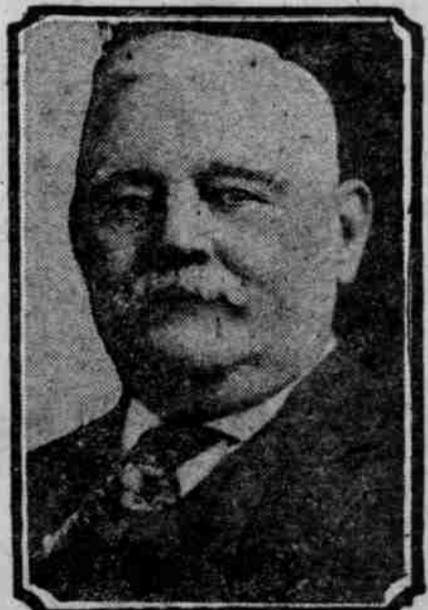
James C. Burger, Imperial First Ceremonial Master.



David W. Crossland, Ceremonial Master.



Ernest A. Cutts, Imperial Chief Rabban.



W. S. Brown, Imperial Treasurer.

WHEN the imperial council of the mystic Shrine meets in Portland tomorrow, the Marston and Shrine career of W. Freeland Kendrick, imperial potentate, reaches its highest point. He will preside at the sessions of the deliberative assembly.

Before the session ends, Ellis L. Garretson, imperial deputy potentate, will be elected imperial potentate and Noble Kendrick will be a past imperial potentate.

Potentate Kendrick began his Shrine career in 1901 and first ascended the imperial divan in 1910, when he was elected outer guard at New Orleans.

It was for this reason that New Orleans was so anxious for the convention to be held there this year that it might have the distinction of seeing Noble Kendrick's initiation into the divan and his presiding over the council.

Kendrick 33d Degree Mason. Noble Kendrick is a 33d degree Mason, that honor having been bestowed by the Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in 1915.

At the imperial council session here, as at every session of the imperial council, there will be elected a new outer guard, and it is a Shrine tradition that the outer guard is elected yearly to a higher honor until he eventually becomes imperial potentate, while all past potentates are ex officio members of the imperial divan.

One dozen or more members of different temples are avowed candidates for the position of outer guard and the balloting promises to be long and keenly contested.

Noble Kendrick has been the most spectacular figure Shrinehood has ever known. Each year that has marked his promotion in the divan has been featured by some extraordinary procedure on his behalf that has set him apart as a man extraordinary. Shrinehood loves to honor him.

Masonic Career Told. His Masonic and Shrine career follows: University lodge No. 510, Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania; Received Entered Apprentice degree January 10, 1896; received fellowcraft degree February 17, 1896; received master Mason degree, March 25, 1898; elected junior warden December 22, 1898; elected senior warden December 22, 1899; elected worshipful master November 28, 1900.

generalissimo March 4, 1905; elected eminent commander March 5, 1906. Appointed division commander 1st division Knights Templar of Pennsylvania May, 1918; re-appointed division commander 1st division, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania May, 1919, May, 1917; May, 1918; May, 1919. Philadelphia consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, N. M. J. Received degrees in Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection October 16, 1903; received degrees in De Joville council, Princes of Jerusalem November 21, 1903; received degrees in Ellington chapter, Rose Croix December 18, 1903; received degrees in Philadelphia, sovereign consistory January 15, 1904. Supreme council Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, N. M. J. Received the thirty-third and last degree in Boston, Mass., September 21, 1915.

Shrine Progress Steady. Lu Lu temple Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America; Initiated December 4, 1901; elected oriental guide December 7, 1904; elected potentate December 6, 1905, to serve for the year 1906; re-elected successively to serve for the years 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917 and master at Los Angeles, Cal., 1918; 1919; 1920; elected representative to the imperial council for North America December, 1904, to serve for the year 1907; re-elected successively to serve for the years 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920.

Garretson Succeeds Kendrick. Ellis Lewis Garretson, imperial deputy potentate, was born in Victor, Ia., June 25, 1876. Mr. Garretson was educated in Boston, Mass., and for the past 25 years has been practicing law. He came to Washington in 1888. Mr. Garretson's Masonic record is

an enviable one. He became a Mason, joining Lebanon lodge in 1902, becoming worshipful master of that lodge in 1907; high priest in Tacoma chapter, R. A. N., 1907-8, and was presiding officer in all Scottish Rite bodies of Tacoma; potentate Afifi temple, 1907-8-9-10-11; intendant general Red Cross of Constantine, and a member of St. Albans chapter of Tacoma; member of the imperial council since 1908, and elected imperial captain of guard by acclamation at Rochester, N. Y., 1911.

He resides at his country estate, Gravelly lake, Tacoma. Has never been in politics and has confined his activities to a large law practice and Masonic activities.

He is also a prominent club member and very active in civic affairs. For nearly 20 years he has been trustee and secretary of the Tacoma General hospital.

Shrine History Told. The ancient Arabic order of the Mystic Shrine is 222 years of age. For nearly 200 years it lay more or less dormant, but 48 years ago its ritual and traditions were brought to America and since then have become part of the national life.

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So the good Masons of Arabia decided this was a condition that could no longer exist. Determined to purge their good country from evil, the ancient order of the Shrine was inaugurated. It promptly resorted to inquisitions and unusual methods of torture to force truth from the lips of their victims and thus trace out the ramifications of the conspirators.

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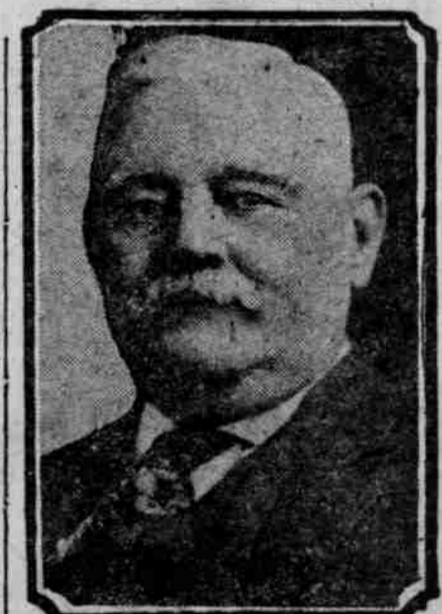
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and the wives of imperial representatives on Wednesday. Two launches will leave from Stark street landing at 10:30 A. M. and on the return trip will stop off at the Oaks, a river amusement park and beauty spot, where a sea food luncheon will be served. Al Amin board of Little Rock, Ark., will be on board one of the launches and will play also at the Oaks.

Music, dancing and other amusements will follow, as at the same time the members of all unformed organizations will be guests with their ladies at another sea food luncheon at the same place.

SHRINE MOVIE PROMISED. Complete Pictorial Record of Parades to Be Made. An official motion picture record of all the parades to become a permanent record and, in all probability, to be exhibited at every Shrine in the country, will be taken during the sessions of the imperial council.

LUNCHES AND DINNERS ARE ARRANGED FOR SHRINE WOMEN. River Trip, Sea-Food Luncheon, Dancing and Other Amusements in List of Special Entertainment Features Planned. In addition to the features on the programme, to the great majority of which women visitors, of course, will be welcomed heartily, the general committee of the Shrine has arranged a number of special events for women only. The first of these will be for the wives of the Jesters, who will be dined tonight at the Hotel Portland, while their husbands are similarly engaged at the B'nai B'rith club. The wives of members of the imperial divan will be guests at a dinner Tuesday night at the Benson hotel to be presided over by Mrs. A. H. Lea, wife of the illustrious potentate of Al Kader. Wives of official representatives will be guests at two luncheons, Tuesday and Thursday, when Mrs. W. J. Hofmann, wife of Al Kader's general imperial convales chairman, will be the official hostess. These luncheons will be held at the Mulnomah. A river boat trip has been arranged for the wives of the imperial party

IMPERIAL POTENTATE SENDS GREETINGS TO ALL NOBLES.

To the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America: Es Selamu Aleikum: greetings and congratulations: The past year has been the greatest in the history of our beloved order, for which we are grateful to Allah.

Our gallant members from Canada, as well as those of our own beloved country, who fought for liberty and humanity, have returned to their homelands and will march with their brother nobles in the great caravan now assembling in the fair city of Portland, where this 46th annual session of the Imperial Council for North America will be held.

To the 148 subordinate temples and the 400,000 nobles that make up our membership, your Imperial Potentate sends affectionate regards and abundance of good wishes. I am looking forward with delightful anticipation to meeting the great assemblage in the City of Roses, where our splendid hosts have labored long and diligently to arrange for us a welcome typical of the great northwest.

We trust that our sojourn in the oasis of Portland will leave pleasant memories, for we will carry back to all parts of North America fond recollections of our visit. With the assurance of my grateful appreciation of the honor you have conferred upon me, I also acknowledge with reverence and gratitude to the One above for the many blessings we have received collectively and individually through his gracious kindness.

Yours in the faith, W. Freeland Kendrick, Imperial Potentate.