

PORTLAND, OREGON, SUNDAY MORNING, JUNE 20, 1920.

OFFICERS OF AL KADER TEMPLE AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN IN CHARGE OF PORTLAND CONVENTION ARRANGEMENTS



History of the Shrine

TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-TWO years ago Arabia was overrun by bands of lawless men, while officials of the law protected them just as lawlessness was protected 151 years later when the gold seekers rushed to California and the mining camps of the Pacific coast. At San Francisco and in the mining camps of those days, decent citizens were compelled to take the execution of law into their own hands. They organized the Vigilantes, and law was restored to the land.

It was so in Arabia. But instead of calling the law-enforcing organizations Vigilantes, they were known as the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine; they resorted to tortures and unusual methods of inquisition to force truth from the lips of their victims and thus to trace out the ramifications of the conspirators who were preying upon society.

All this is written in history, where it is also made known that the order was founded by Louis Marracci. In Arabia the Shrine is yet in existence.

But for the purpose of this history a few years shall be omitted. No one cares much about what happened in Arabia, anyway, except to know that the Shriners cleaned up the thugs and outlaws of early days and made the country fairly fit for an Arabian to live in, and a fine place for a white man to stay away from.

Then in 1871, William J. Florence, good, old laughter making "Billy," drifted to Mecca. We don't know whether he was playing "An American Citizen" for the Arabs or not. Maybe he went as a tourist and was hailed before the Shrine on suspicion, but when he came back he was wearing the emblem of the Shriners, had a ritual in his pocket and the glimmering of an idea that by burlesquing the tortures and methods of the Arabs, a lot of good fun could be had. Being a thirty-third degree Mason, Noble Florence had no trouble in convincing the temple at Aleppo that all Knights Templar and Scottish Rite Masons of the thirty-second degree were of the best quality of citizenship, and that they should form the membership for the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in America.

Dr. William F. Fleming, eminent commander of Columbia commandery, No. 1, K. T.; Noble William J. Florence and George F. Loder are said to have called a meeting of Masons of the high degrees named, and out of that meeting came the organization of Mecca temple, No. 1, of New York city, founded on the twenty-sixth day of September, 1872, and yet a potent factor in Shrinedom. Through all the years "Mother Mecca" has had the love of her daughter temples, and is represented here at the forty-sixth annual session of the Imperial council of the order by a forceful delegation. Today there are 147 temples of the Mystic Shrine, having a membership of more than 300,000 and assets amounting to many millions of dollars. Americans of highest standing wear the emblem of the order with pride and are glad to give of their time to its progress and development.

Shrinedom has its serious side as well as its mirth.

Its members are from those who have withstood the tests of Masonry, the greatest of all secret orders. It demands clean hands and clean records as a prerequisite for membership and it hand-picks its candidates.

It is a high honor to be able to wear the emblem of Shrinedom, and the emblem must never be disgraced.

When the average man goes home at the end of the day he takes off his coat and prepares to cut-up with the kids. He can relax without danger of criticism. When a Mason reaches the Shrine he does the same thing.

Vermont Has Two Shrine Temples

Cairo temple at Rutland, Vt., was organized in July, 1903, and has a membership of about 700. It is one of two temples in the state of Vermont, the other being Mt. Sinai of Montpelier, which is the third oldest in the United States.

El Maida Located On Mexican Border

El Maida temple at El Paso, Texas, is 10 years old and has more than 4000 members. El Maida is located just across the line from Juarez, Mexico.

Big Noise Due From Des Moines

Za Ga Zig temple of Des Moines is coming with a special train of nine cars, a band, patrol, drum and bugle corps and as many of the nobility as the train will hold. The temple is going to campaign for Earl C. Mills of Za Ga Zig for imperial outer guard.

Temple at Denver Owns Its Quarters

El Jebel temple at Denver, Colo., was founded December 1, 1887. It now has 3715 members, and owns its own building, which it erected in 1906.



Official hosts to visiting Shriners: 1—W. J. Hofmann, representative, general chairman; 2—Frank S. Grant, chief rabban, decorations; 3—Emory Olmstead, budget and auditing; 4—Herman von Borstel, captain of the guard; 5—Hal T. Hutchinson, high priest and prophet, headquarters building; 6—J. A. Cranston, traffic; 7—Ivan Humason, oriental guide; 8—Ralph W. Hoyt, music; 9—Dr. S. M. Strohecker, Red Cross and medical; 10—J. P. Jaeger, hotels and housing; 11—C. D. Bruun, reception; 12—Ira F. Powers, automobiles; 13—Charles F. Berg, entertainment; 14—Julius L. Meier, banquets; 15—Rufus C. Holman, public safety; 16—Harry E. Cowgill Jr., baggage; 17—Mark Woodruff, secretary; 18—Franklin T. Griffith, grandstands; 19—Hugh J. Boyd, recorder, registration; 20—Dean Vincent, marshal, treasurer; 21—A. H. Lea, illustrious potentate, representative imperial divan and imperial ladies; 22—George L. Baker, representative, second vice chairman, parades; 23—George W. Stapleton, representative, first vice chairman; 24—William Davis, patrols; 25—A. L. Tetu, assistant rabban, hospitality; 26—Joseph R. Bowles, finance; 27—O. W. Mielke, guide; 28—Phil Metschan Jr., second ceremonial master; 29—Harvey Wells, first ceremonial master, outside membership; 30—L. R. Bailey, information; 31—A. M. Brown, treasurer Al Kader temple; 32—J. L. Hammersly, director; 33—P. P. Kilbourne, outer guard; 34—F. D. Hunt, sightseeing street cars.

PORTLAND TO HAVE FORTY-SIXTH MEET OF SHRINE ORDER

First National Shrine Convention Was Held at Masonic Hall, New York City, June 6, 1876.

The Portland convention is the forty-sixth national session to be held in Shrine history. The first annual convention was held back in 1876 on June 6, at Masonic hall in New York city. Each year since then the Shriners from all parts of the United States have assembled together. In 1880 they met twice.

Following are the dates and places of meeting of previous conventions: June 6, 1876, Masonic hall, New York; February 6, 1877, Masonic hall, Albany, N. Y.; February 6, 1878, Masonic temple, New York; February 5, 1879, Masonic temple, Albany, N. Y.; June 2, 1880, Temple hall, New York; June 3, 1881, Temple hall, New York; June 7, 1882, Masonic temple, New York; June 6, 1883, Masonic temple, New York; June 4, 1884, Masonic temple, New York; June 14, 1885, Al Koran temple, Cleveland, Ohio; June 20, 1887, Murat temple, Indianapolis, Ind.; June 25, 1888, Ramez temple, Toronto, Canada; June 17, 1889, Medinah temple, Chicago, Ill.; June 23, 1890, Syria temple, Pittsburgh, Pa.; June 9, 1891, Masonic hall, Niagara Falls; August 15, 1892, Masonic hall, Omaha, Neb.; June 11, 1893, Scottish Rite cathedral, Cincinnati, Ohio; July 24, 1894, Masonic temple, Denver, Colo.; September 2, 1895, Rockland house, Nantasket Beach; June 23, 1896, Masonic temple, Cleveland, Ohio; June 8, 1897, Masonic temple, Detroit, Mich.; June 14, 1898,

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 forty-sixth 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 the many blessings we have received collectively and individually through his gracious kindness.

Yours in the faith,

D. W. FREELAND KENDRICK,
Imperial Potentate.

opera house, Dallas, Texas; June 14, 1899, German-American hall, Buffalo; May 22, 1900, Columbia theatre, Washington, D. C.; June 11, 1901, Strand theatre, Kansas City, Mo.; June 10, 1902, Golden Gate hall, San Francisco; July 8, 1903, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.; July 13, 1904, Marine hall, Atlantic City, N. J.; June 20, 1905, International theatre, Niagara Falls; June 12, 1906, Medinah temple, Chicago, Ill.; May 1, 1907, Scottish Rite hall, Los Angeles; July 14, 1908, Auditorium, St. Paul, Minn.; June 8, 1909, Scottish Rite cathedral, Louisville, Ky.; April 12, 1910, Scottish Rite cathedral, New Orleans; July 11, 1911, Convention hall, Rochester; May 7, 1912, Scottish Rite cathedral, Los Angeles; May 12, 1913, Scottish Rite cathedral, Dallas, Texas; May 12, 1914, Lyric theatre, Atlanta, Ga.; May 13, 1915, Moore theatre, Seattle; July 11, 1916, Majestic theatre, Seattle; June 25, 1917, Orpheum theatre, Minneapolis; June 4,

400 Nobles Coming From Los Angeles

About 400 nobles from Al Malaikah temple at Los Angeles, together with their famous California Shrine band, patrol and chanters, will attend the convention in Portland. It is intimated that the California delegation will bring along a treat of oranges as they did at the Indianapolis convention. Among those who will attend from Al Malaikah are Noble Leo V. Youngworth, imperial outer guard or North America, and F. B. Silverwood, composed of "I Love You, California," and who has this year written a new song for Nile temple at Seattle.

1918, Steel Pier, Atlantic City, N. J.; June 10, 11, 12, 1919, Indianapolis, Ind.

3000 AL KADERS HAVE SET STAGE FOR GREAT WORK

Portland "Sold" to Shriners; No Politics Used in Obtaining the Shrine Convention of 1920.

Al Kader temple was organized back in 1888 after the agitation of Noble James W. Cook of Aleppo temple in Boston. The dispensation was granted by illustrious Noble Sam Briggs on January 3, 1888. On February 5, 1888, the first meeting under the dispensation was held and the order was communicated to the petitioners by Nobles James W. Cook of Aleppo temple and A. F. Gunn of Islam temple.

The first officers were: I. W. Pratt, potentate; R. P. Earhart, chief rabban; F. N. Shurtliff, assistant rabban; P. S. Malcolm, high priest; D. W. Taylor, Oriental guide; John R. Foster, treasurer; B. G. Whitehouse, recorder; D. C. McKeeher, first ceremonial master; Andrew Roberts, second ceremonial master; Christopher Taylor, marshal; J. C. Spencer, captain of the guard; Charles E. Sifton, outer guard.

Louis G. Clarke, the fifth man to fill the position as potentate of Al Kader temple, was the first candidate to be admitted to the new temple by initiation. He was given the order of the Mystic Shrine on May 15, 1888. The second oldest Al Kader initiate is James P. Robinson.

Of the original divan of Al Kader, P. S. Malcolm, high priest and prophet, is the only member still living.

The present membership of Al Kader is 3000.

Roster of Shrinedom

IN THE 49 years of its existence, the Shrine has granted charters to 148 different temples, scattered throughout the United States and Canada. With their rank according to the date of granting of their charters, the temples are as follows:

Mecca, New York, N. Y.
Damasus, Rochester, N. Y.
Mount Sinai, Montpelier, Vt.
Al Koran, Cleveland, Ohio.
Cyprus, Albany, N. Y.
Oriental, Troy, N. Y.
Syrian, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Pyramid, Bridgeport, Conn.
Syria, Pittsburg, Pa.
Ziyara, Utica, N. Y.
Kaaba, Davenport, Iowa.
Moslem, Detroit, Mich.
Aleppo, Boston, Mass.
Medinah, Chicago, Ill.
Islam, San Francisco, Cal.
Lu-Lu, Philadelphia, Pa.
Murat, Indianapolis, Ind.
Boumi, Baltimore, Md.
Kdsair, Louisville, Ky.
Tripoli, Milwaukee, Wis.
Jerusalem, New Orleans, La.
Osman, St. Paul, Minn.
Zuhrah, Minneapolis, Minn.
Almas, Washington, D. C.
Palestine, Providence, R. I.
El Kahir, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
Saladin, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Moolah, St. Louis, Mo.
Aecia, Richmond, Va.
Ostris, Wheeling, W. Va.
Abdallah, Leavenworth, Kan.
Isa, Salina, Kan.
Rameses, Toronto, Canada.
Hella, Dallas, Tex.
Balut Ahyad, Albuquerque, N. M.
Sesostris, Lincoln, Neb.
Kismet, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Ismailia, Buffalo, N. Y.
El Jebel, Denver, Colo.
Molla, St. Joseph, Mo.
Ararat, Kansas City, Mo.
Al Kader, Portland, Ore.
Al Malaikah, Los Angeles, Cal.
Algeria, Helena, Mont.
Morocco, Jacksonville, Fla.
El Riad, Sioux Falls, S. D.
Afrit, Tacoma, Wash.
Sahara, Pine Bluff, Ark.
Tangier, Omaha, Neb.
Alhambra, Chattanooga, Tenn.
Yaarab, Atlanta, Ga.
El Zagel, Fargo, N. D.
El Kalah, Salt Lake City, Utah.
El Katif, Spokane, Wash.
Zem Zem, Erie, Pa.
Zamora, Birmingham, Ala.
Meda, Watertown, N. Y.
Al Chynia, Memphis, Tenn.
Ben Hur, Austin, Tex.
Kora, Lewiston, Me.
Hamasa, Meriden, Miss.
Rajah, Reading, Pa.
Naja, Deadwood, S. D.
India, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Mohammed, Peoria, Ill.
Aladdin, Columbus, Ohio.
Ahmed, Coquette, Mich.
Tebala, Rockford, Ill.
Koreia, Ravenna, Wyo.
Oasis, Charlotte, N. C.
Irem, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
El Zaribah, Phoenix, Ariz.
Sphinx, Hartford, Conn.
Alee, Savannah, Ga.
Al Koran, Boise City, Idaho.
Beni Kedem, Charleston, W. Va.
Melha, Springfield, Mass.
Antioch, Dayton, Ohio.
Zenobia, Toledo, Ohio.
Kalurah, Birmingham, N. Y.
Karnak, Montreal, Canada.
Za-Ga-Zig, Des Moines, Iowa.
Aloha, Honolulu, H. I.
El Mina, Galveston, Tex.
Gizeh, Victoria, B. C.
Salam, Newark, N. J.
Abba, Mobile, Ala.
Luxor, St. John, N. B.
Albou Ben Adhem, Springfield, Mo.
Jaffa, Altoona, Pa.
Cairo, Rutland, Vt.
Zembo, Harrisburg, Pa.
Yeldus, Aberdeen, S. D.
Crescent, Trenton, N. J.
Khartum, Winnipeg, Canada.
Al Anim, Little Rock, Ark.
Bekdash, Concord, N. H.
Aard, Duluth, Minn.
El Haas, Ashland, Ky.
Elif Khurafah, Saginaw, Mich.
Kalfi, Sheridan, Wyo.
Anesha, Mexico City.
Kerak, Reno, Nev.
Omar, Charleston, S. C.
El Maida, El Paso, Tex.
Abu Bekr, Sioux City, Iowa.
Calam, Lewiston, Idaho.
Al Ashar, Calgary, Canada.
Mocha, London, Canada.
Oleika, Lexington, Ky.
Nile, Seattle, Wash.
Rishpa, Madisonville, Ky.
Hillah, Ashland, Ind.
Orak, Hammond, Ind.
Hadi, Evansville, Ind.
Mispah, Fort Wayne, Ind.
Kem, Grand Forks, N. D.
Khadya, Norfolk, Va.
Mirza, Pittsburgh, Kan.
Zorah, Terre Haute, Ind.
Midian, Wichita, Kan.
Aahmes, Oakland, Cal.
Al Sihah, Macon, Ga.
Wa-Wa, Regina, Canada.
Bagdad, Butte, Mont.
Akdar, Tulsa, Okla.
Philia, Halifax, N. S.
Bedoun, Muskogee, Okla.
Wahab, Jackson, Miss.
Al Bahr, San Diego, Cal.
Almad, East St. Louis, Ill.
Al Menah, Nashville, Tenn.
Nemesis, Parkersburg, W. Va.
El Karubah, Shreveport, La.
Alcazar, Montgomery, Ala.
Ansar, Springfield, Ill.
Moshah, Fort Worth, Tex.
Kerbela, Knoxville, Tenn.
Arabia, Houston, Tex.
Akshar, San Antonio, Tex.
Kazim, Roanoke, Va.
Sudan, New Bern, N. C.
Abou Saad, Canal Zone.
Egypt, Tampa, Fla.
Tehama, Hastings, Neb.
Hejla, Greenville, S. C.
Karem, Waco, Tex.