

HILLAH'S HISTORY OUTLINED

W. H. Day, Recorder, Tells History of Temple—Was Chartered in 1908—Initial Ceremonial Staged in 1909—Temple Has Held 25 Ceremonials During 20 Year History.

(By W. H. Day, Recorder)

The genesis of Hillah Temple had its inception in the fall of 1903, when "Al Kader" Temple, of Portland, "came down," we are told, "and its cohorts were gleaming with purple and gold," holding a ceremonial session on its own account, at Gaudard's Opera House, Ashland, the Theban center of that day and generation, a structure well-nigh as historic in the annals of the town as the ancient Hotel Oregon of the medieval epoch. Although this ceremonial was staged by "Al Kader," it being the only Shrine temple in Oregon at that time, nevertheless the inspiring event gave impetus to a movement which resulted in the founding of "Hillah" Temple, it being decided that the logical thing to do would be to have a Shrine organization in southern as well as northern Oregon. Records are rather dim as to the exact time when this agitation began, but it culminated in 1908, the Temple having been chartered in 1909, the exact date of this formidable document being June 8. It having required about a year to perfect all arrangements under a period of dispersion.

The earliest formal minutes available are of date Oct. 16, 1909, which certify that elective officers were chosen, as follows: E. A. Sherwin, potentate; E. V. Carter, chief rabban; D. B. Grant, assistant rabban; E. D. Briggs, high priest and prophet; G. W. Dunn, Oriental guide; C. H. Vaupel, treasurer; E. T. Samples, recorder. Appointive officers: Alex. Livingston, 1st ceremonial master; G. S. Butler, 2nd ceremonial master; G. K. Calhoun, director; G. J. Walton, marshal; P. W. Paulson, captain of the guard; Alex. McLeod, outer guard; W. A. Pearson, chief electrician; and electricity seems to have been supplemented by other weird and mysterious agencies, for T. K. Bolton was chief alchemist, Charles Sivane and J. H. Hasbain having been bracketed as assistants in this classification. Dr. E. G. Swadenburg rendered "first aid" as medical director; C. F. Shepherd was musical director, and E. D. Wagner, historian. It is conceded that the terrors of the inquisition terminated ages since, yet Clarence L. Reames wielded despotic powers as "inquisitor." The deputation from Portland which installed officers of Hillah Temple included Deputy Imperial Potentate Lewis G. Clarke, Deputy Imperial Marshal William Bristol, and Past Potentate J. G. Mack. The list of charter members numbered 57 on Nov. 14, 1908, and on May 21, 1909, the membership was 114.

The initial ceremonial staged under Hillah Temple auspices covered a period of two days, April 23-24, 1919. The first candidates initiated were C. W. Wolters and Charles Danford, April 23, and 15 others were initiated the day following. E. T. Samples and E. D. Briggs were appointed representatives of the temple to attend the imperial council sessions at Louisville, Ky., the first delegates to serve Hillah in this capacity, the session being held in June, 1909; and at a meeting of the temple, held May 21, 1909, the potentate was authorized to procure 5000 souvenir badges for distribution at that imperial gathering. Although the minutes of the session in question do not specify the type of badge ordered, tradition has it that the souvenirs bore representations of southern Oregon fruit, particularly the variety raised in Ashland's "Peachblow Paradise."

About 25 ceremonials have been held by Hillah Temple during the 20 years of its history. In point of number of candidates secured, the one held at Eugene, March 8, 1920, led the procession, 114 members having been enrolled at that gathering. Several building projects have been under consideration from time to time, but without results. One, entertained in 1918, involved purchase of the old opera house corner, and another implied reconstructing and remodeling the Ashland Chauquaqua building. With enlargement of Masonic Temple, all plans for a specific Shrine mosque are deemed unnecessary. Dues of the Temple, originally fixed at \$2, have been successively raised to \$5 and \$7 per year, and with the advent of the children's hospital, were fixed at \$12 in 1925, remaining at that figure. However, some special assessments of \$5 each were levied earlier in the temple's history.

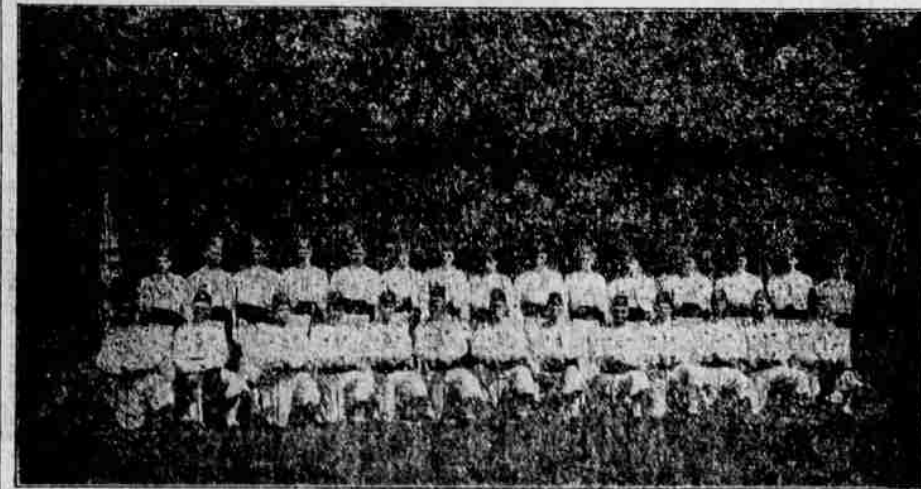
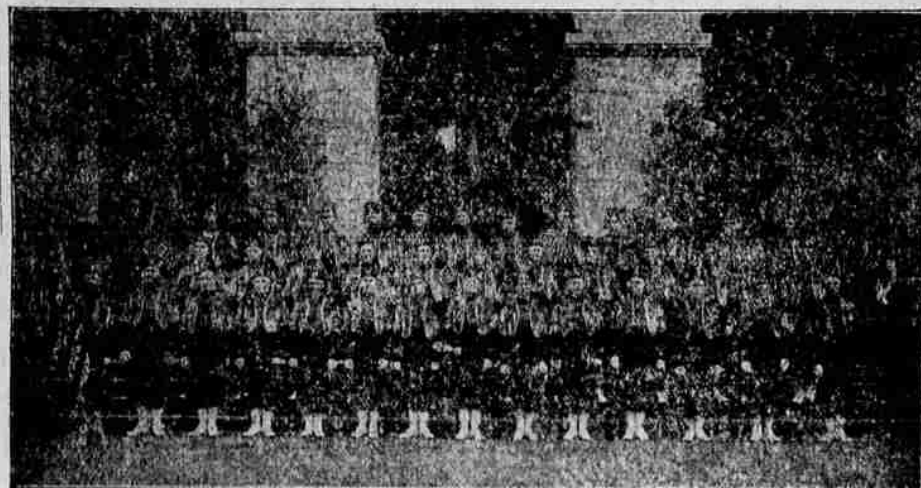
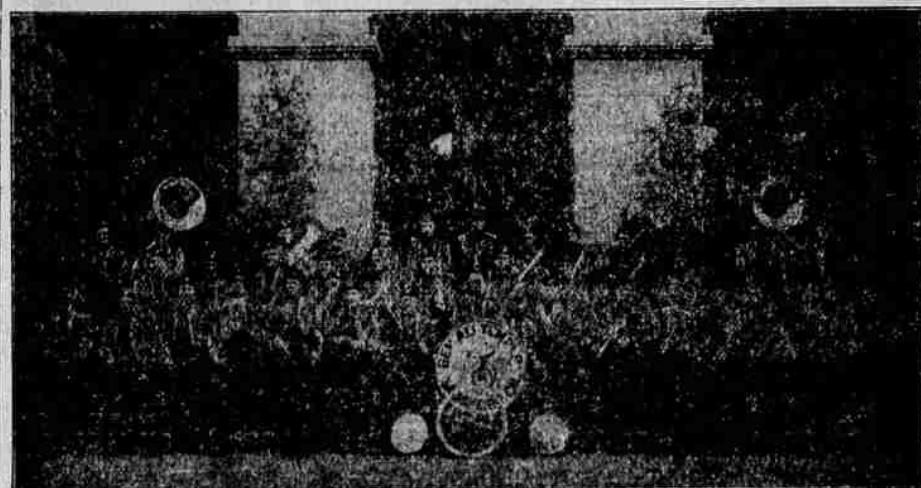
In the way of tenure of office, C. H. Vaupel leads, he having served as treasurer ever since the temple was instituted. E. A. Sherwin was the temple's first potentate. For years he was secretary, recorder of the several Masonic orders previous to the institution of the Shrine, and it was primarily due to his untiring efforts that a charter was granted to Hillah Temple. Four recorders have served in that capacity—E. T. Samples, E. A. Sherwin, W. H. Mc-

Hillah Temple's Patrol and Drum Corps Will Journey to Los Angeles



Hillah Temple is proud of its patrol and drum and bugle corps. The former is composed of Rogue River valley men, while the drum and bugle corps is made up of Klamath Falls Shriners affiliated with Hillah Temple. The accompanying photograph shows the patrol. (Back row, left to right) Stanton Rowell, Wm. Young, R. E. Swan, Harry Nordwick, Carl Hammerbacher, C. A. Hansen, Loyal Heath, H. A. Thompson, Thos. Vernon, Wm. H. Fluhrer, R. E. Phillips, Jas. Thompson, W. W. Walker. (Front row, left to right) Jud Rickett, G. R. Chapman, John Lawrence, L. A. Early, Sam Stinebaugh, second lieutenant; Rex Barnett, captain; Paul B. Rynning, first lieutenant; L. P. Older, business manager; Sam Houston, Ralph Woodford, J. P. Jester, R. E. Sweeney, Bert Peasley. The patrol and drum corps will journey to Los Angeles in June to help represent Hillah Temple in the Shrine conclave. A special train will be chartered for the trip.

Patrols and Bands to Parade Here Today



Medford people will enjoy two Shrine parades today, one at 4:30 and the other at 7:30. The parades will form at the Hotel Medford and will especially feature the various uniformed bodies of Ben All Temple. Top view shows Ben All's Temple band, one of the finest Shrine bands in the west. Center view shows the Ben All Arab patrol, and lower view is the Egyptian patrol of Ben All Temple. Ben All's band and patrols will entertain Shrine nobles at the ceremonial opening this evening at the Medford armory.

Nair and W. H. Day, the present incumbent, since 1920. Pertaining to outer guard's duties, four officers in said classification have served the local Shrine. Heaton Fox was the original one, serving the temple during the "dispensation" period, followed by Alex. McLeod and Chris Welschberger in succession. The job is an important one, as it involves the duties not only of "guarding the doors of the tabernacle," but also serving as custodian of the paraphernalia, steward of the dining room, and a multiplicity of other activities. Welschberger, until lately, mascot of the Shrine patrol, is revisiting familiar scenes in Ashland and vicinity, after a sojourn with relatives in southern California on the "retired list." John Olson is the present tyler-sentinel-care-taker combined.

Those following have served as potentates of Hillah Temple in succession: E. A. Sherwin, E. V. Carter, D. B. Grant, W. M. Colvig, E. D. Briggs, G. W. Dunn, T. K. Bolton, C. W. Nims, W. E. Newcomb, Geo. T. Collins, H. C. Sparr, Stuart Saunders, W. H. McNair, J. Newman, T. H. Stinson, E. B. Herman, Emil Britt, F. D. Wagner, Sam H. Baker, P. K. Hammond. Of this number Sherwin, Bolton and Nims are deceased. Hillah Temple has concurrent jurisdiction with Al Kader Temple

of Portland, throughout Oregon; Jackson and Multnomah counties being the only territory exclusively reserved in behalf of each temple respectively. In the naming of temples, it is customary to employ terms suggestive of either Arabic or Egyptian etymology, and in quite a few instances even the language of the "Unspookable Turk" is resorted to. In this instance, however, a new departure was adopted according to the chronicles of local history, Ashland being so picturesquely situated among the hills, that it could be more appropriate than to name the new temple "Hillah," and this was done forthwith officially. Moreover it was accomplished in a double sense, for the application of the term not only applies to the location of the town, nestled among the hills, but it also smatters enough of the "gum" Arabic to entitle the name to be classified in "Who's Who" of the orthodox Moslem calendar.

Temple Officers
The temple's officers for 1929 are: Illustrative potentate, E. C. Jerome, Medford; Chief rabban, R. E. Detrick, Ashland; Assistant rabban, Carl Tengwald, Medford; High priest and prophet, O. R. Chapman, Gold Hill; Oriental guide, A. K. Cass, Grants Pass; Treasurer, Charles H. Vaupel, Ashland; Recorder, Wm. H. Day, box 248, Ashland; First ceremonial master, Jos. H. Hardy, Ashland; Second ceremonial master, V. H. Vautier, Medford; Marshal, F. Hill Hunter, Klamath Falls; Captain of guard, William F. Loomis, Ashland; Outer guard, David H. Jackson, Ashland; Director, L. P. Older, Medford; Grator, Geo. W. Dunn, Ashland; Trustee, W. H. McNair, Ashland; P. B. Herman, Grants Pass; H. E. Sweeney, Medford; Representatives to Imperial Council, E. C. Jerome, Medford; W. E. Newcomb, Grants Pass; R. R. Compton, Roseburg; Shrine Patrol: Rex Barnett, captain, Grants Pass; Paul B. Rynning, first lieutenant (Medford); Sam Stinebaugh, second lieutenant (Grants Pass); L. P. Older, business manager (Medford); Geo. H. Chapman, provost marshal and quartermaster, (Gold Hill); Grants Pass contingent: H. Sordy, Karl Hammerbacher, W. W.

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JUGO-SLAVIA TO TRY AND QUASH CIRCLE OF HATE

BELGRADE.—(AP) A diplomatic drive by the new Jugo-Slavian government against the misundersandings and disputes which have made the country appear as if surrounded with enemies, is under full headway. Already agreements have been reached with Bulgaria and Greece on outstanding problems and negotiations have been started with Rumania. Relations with Albania have improved, one factor being the action of Serbian clergy in supporting a movement to establish an independent orthodox church in that country. There seems too to be a good chance for settling a dispute with Hungary over state domains, since Hungary withdrew the question from the agenda of the council of the League of Nations. The recent agreements with

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Greece gave Jugo-Slavia the additional privileges which it wanted in the use of the port of Salonika and the railroad leading to the sea. This was followed by a general pact of friendship. The Bulgarian understanding resulted in opening the frontier of that country, and a lot of friendly intercourse and trade is expected to result. Bulgarians and the south Slavs have been traditional Balkan enemies since the days of the old Serbian kingdom, and the rapprochement has been hailed as a big step in clearing the atmosphere of southeastern Europe. The negotiations with Rumania are proceeding in a big way through the Rumanian minister, N. Plodor. They include such questions as the navigation of the Danube, drainage of frontier lands, administration of frontier areas, settlement of old debts, taxation in the former Austro-Hungarian districts that were divided between Jugo-Slavia and Rumania by the treaty of Trianon, and right of workers to exercise their craft on either side of the boundary. In addition beginnings have been made for a new commercial treaty which is needed because Rumania is about to put new tariffs into effect. The Rogue River Valley—the Paradise of the World.

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