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The Mohammed Shriner

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From the Potentate



Greetings Nobles and Ladies:

I am honored to have been elected Potentate for Mohammed Shrine, I thank everyone for your support and encouragement. Covid-19 has wreaked havoc with several Shrine activities this past year, and starting off this year as well. As many of you may know I made the hard decision to cancel the open Installation of Officers this year. My lady Leanne tested positive for Covid-19 over New Years, and then my oldest son tested positive, my test was luckily negative. I could not risk the health of anyone, after I made the announcement to cancel, Illustrious Sir Jim Smith contacted me and agreed the cancellation was the right decision.

Even with Covid-19, we are still planning to have fun in 21! Illustrious Sir Jerry McDaniel has organized an indoor softball tournament over the March 19-21 weekend. We also have an outdoor tournament scheduled over the June 4-6 weekend. This is a great opportunity for Mohammed to get out in the public. We will need help taking money at the gate, please let us know if you would be able to help.

Mohammed will be taking orders for Vidalia onions starting now going until the first week of April, with an expected delivery the first weekend in May (depending on the growing season). Any questions please contact Illustrious Sir Jack Hartwig. Thank you Sir for heading the Onion sales once again.

In keeping with Imperial's **Havin' Fun in 21!** theme, our Temple will host an Adult Easter Party on April 3rd.

I was asked, "What was my inspiration behind my Potentates Pin design?" A few years ago, I was given the opportunity to purchase a 1947 Ford 2N utility tractor. Well not just any tractor, my great uncle Deeva (Deev) Bishop, purchased this tractor new in 1947. Uncle Deev, was a Noble of Mizpah Shrine in Fort Wayne Indiana. I purchased the tractor from Uncle Deev's daughter Mona with a promise, I would never sell it outside of the family, and I could not change the tractors name (Fezziwig). I agreed of course, but could not understand the Fezziwig name, Mona just said you will know when you know. While watching Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol" I heard the name Fezziwig. I said to myself "I know". According to Dickens, Fezziwig symbolizes all that is charitable and good within humankind. That is exactly what being a Noble of the Mystic Shrine means to me.



Rob Bishop
Potentate 2021

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Mohammed Shrine Center “Editorial Without Words”

The landscaping project at our Shrine Center has continued to enhance the appearance of our building and also ties with our past. Consider purchasing a paving brick engraved with up to 3 lines of information. This can be in remembrance of a Noble or possibly to show your Unit and Club support.



Price is only \$50 per brick with up to three lines wording.

Please contact Mohammed Shrine if interested, or drop your check in the mail to the Temple with your lines of text included. Please help the enhance the beauty of our facility.

It is with deep sorrow that I inform you **Illustrious Sir Parker L. Hacker**, Past Potentate (1990), was taken by the Black Camel Saturday, December 12, 2020 in Peoria, IL.

He was born on September 21, 1927, in Peoria, the son of Parker Roy and Helen Marie (Reempts) Hacker. Parker married Sandra Marlene Jacob on December 18, 1954, in Peoria. She preceded him in death on February 24, 2006.

He proudly served his country during the Korean War. Parker enlisted into the Marine Corps Reserve, U.S. Army and the U.S. Navy. Serving for a total of 7.5 years. Later, he worked as an Stationary Engineer, as well as a Business Agent, for the INTL Union of Operating Engineers, Local 399. He was also a police officer for Peoria Heights and Bartonville Police Departments and a Peoria County Deputy. Parker later served as a Director of Sales for the Proctor Endowment Home.

Parker is survived by three daughters Janice Hacker of Bridgeview, Ill., Susan (Mike) Lewis of Peoria and Joan L. (Ron) Coleman of Washington; five grandchildren, Travis, Stephanie, Steven, Ty and Tanner; and six great-grandchildren, McKayla, Anna Bella, Oliva, Anthony, Alexis and Jeremy. He is also survived by a special friend, Loretta Kerr.



He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Orville L. Hacker; and one sister, Edna A. Wiley.

Parker was a member of Richwoods Christian Church. He was a member of Grandview Masonic Lodge, Valley of Peoria Scottish Rite and Mohammed Shriners.



Passing Through the Unseen Portals *"Es Selamu Aleikum"*



It is with deep sorrow that I inform you **Illustrious Sir C. Walden "Wally" Crouch**, Past Potentate (1999), was taken by the Black Camel Wednesday, December 9, 2020 in Normal, IL.

Wally was born on July 29, 1930 in Bloomington, a son to Nellie Tipping Crouch and Claremont Crouch. He married Mabel Allen on October 15, 1949 at First Presbyterian Church in Normal. She preceded him in death on September 18, 2017.

Surviving are his children: Steve (Charlotte) Crouch of Rockford, Cinda "Cyn" Clawson of Normal, and Becky Ayers of Normal; seven grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; five-half sisters, Sandy Spence, Margie Pasternoster, Judy James, Lorna Linnell, and Evelyn Dodge.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Royce Crouch, and sister, Claire Bryant, son-in-law, Clayton Ayers, and half-brother, Larry Hummer.

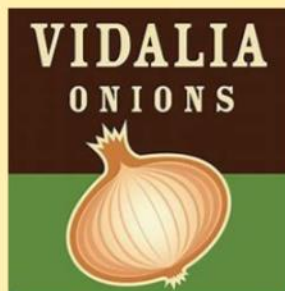
Wally was employed at the Normal Theater and Felmely Dickerson Company, retiring in 1996. He loved all and helped so many. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Normal, Masonic Lodge 673, Shriners, Scottish Rite, Elks, Jesters, Tin Lizzies, Scottish Rite Camping Club, Kiwanis, Passion Play, Scout Leader, and more.



Wally will be deeply missed by all who knew him. His friends and family remember him with love, respect, and admiration. As Wally would say: "Love and so long." Our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.

Mohammed Shrine Vidalia Onions

*the original Jumbo
Onion*



*Vidalia Sweet
Onions*

Mohammed Shrine is selling Georgia's renowned Vidalia Sweet Onions. The onions will be hand harvested and hand graded original JUMBO

Each ten (10) pound bag sells for \$10.00. Orders may be placed with directly with the Onions committee, select Mohammed clubs and units or the business office. Deadline is March 31, 2021. (possibly later if the growing season is late)

Onions will be available for pick up the first week May. Deliver locations and date will be announced closer to harvest. The harvest is dependent on weather conditions.

Please support Mohammed Shrine by placing your order NOW. Vidalia onion sales is the primary fundraiser for Mohammed Shrine.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, St., Zip: _____

Contact Phone: _____ email: _____

Number of bags desired at \$10.00 per bag: _____

Return order for the Mohammed Shrine at 4201 Industry Dr., Bartonville, IL 61607

Or contact the Onion Committee, Shrine office or any Divan member.

Chairman, Ill. Sir Jack Hartwig 309-370-5474

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Note: Purchases are not tax deductible as charitable contributions



**Illustrious Sir
Dave
Luckenbill**

As this year comes to a close, I would like to say what an honor and privilege it has been for my Lady Amy and myself to represent all of you as your Potentate and First Lady. Our goal at the beginning of the year was to try each day to make our fraternity a little better than it was the day before. We had worked very hard to, hopefully, make that happen. We thank each of you for all the courtesies extended to us during our time as your leaders. We regret that our meetings and events were cut short because of the COVID-19 issues; but we did what was necessary to protect everyone and help ensure that we all stayed healthy. We pray that each of you are well and that the virus did not harm you or your family. Amy and I wish Potentate Robert Bishop and his Lady all the best in the new year, as they take on new roles and responsibilities.

Yours and the Faith,

David Luckenbill

Potentate 2020



Softball Tournament

On March 19—21, Mohammed is hosting our second girls indoor softball tournament. For many years we have hosted an large outdoor tournament, which is still occurring in June, but with recent COVID restrictions being relaxed, there has been a pent up demand to play ball.

We have over 30 teams competing over the weekend indoors under the bubble. The tournament committee is asking for assistance from any Nobles, their family and friends. Ticket takers, tournament bracket scribes, game monitors and as needed. We are looking for people to

help out for 3-hours shifts,

Friday 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Saturday 5:45 am thru 10 pm.

Sunday 5:45 am thru 2 pm.

If you can assist, please contact Gary McDaniels, PP

309-645-1927

macdaddy512004@yahoo.com



Adult Easter Party April 3, 2:00 pm

Join us on April 3 for our fourth annual Adult Easter party. This has always been a raucous fun time for the Nobility and guests. Always fun games, food and drinks (Camel’s Milk, Zim Zim water, and sarsaparilla)



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Upcoming Dates

March	Onions sales	Apr 13	Stated Meeting 6:30 pm. Meeting subject to cancellation due to COVID-19
Mar 9	Stated Meeting 6:30 pm. No meal served Meeting subject to cancellation due to COVID-19	May 11	Stated Meeting 6:30 pm. Meeting subject to cancellation due to COVID-19
Mar 19-21	Indoor girls softball tournament Pekin Avanti’s Dome	May 16	Bass Tournament @ Banner Marsh
Apr 3 2:00 pm	Adult Easter Party @ Shrine Center	June 4-6	Girls Softball Tournament—Pekin Avanti’s fields

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11:00 am**

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Mohammed Shrine Drill Patrol

Meets 3rd Monday of each month
Captain, Dennis Caughey
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OTHO Temple No. 36

Daughters of the Nile
Monthly Session
2nd Thur. 1:00 pm
Mohammed Shrine Center



El Bon Shrine Club

Galesburg, Illinois
Jeff Brock, President
2nd Thursday

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