

MAYOR WELCOMES THE MYSTIC SHRINERS



COUNCIL OF MYSTIC SHRINERS OPENS ITS SESSIONS WITH BRILLIANT ORATORY BEFORE LARGE AUDIENCE OF NOBLES.

THE Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America, was duly opened yesterday morning in Golden Gate Hall by Imperial Potentate Philip C. Shaffer. A splendid assemblage of local Shriners, pilgrims from temples of every State in the Union and from the Dominion of Canada, with their wives and sweethearts, were on hand to witness the opening ceremony. Before the session commenced Mayor Schmitz, in behalf of the people of this city, welcomed the Shriners to the hospitality of the Western metropolis, and Charles H. Murphy, potentate of Islam Temple extended to them the right hand of fellowship in the name of their brethren of the local temple.

The opening of the council was an impressive event. The hall had been appropriately decorated with flowers, American flags and emblems of the mystic order. Around the rails of the balcony were strung streamers of bunting which hung in graceful folds. The stage was transformed into a very forest bower, with a profusion of ferns, flowers, verdant foliage and potted palms. Across the stage and written in letters of blazing lights were the words, "Welcome to California. On the stage were seated Imperial Potentate Philip C. Shaffer, Past Imperial Potentate Lou B. Winsor of Michigan, Potentate Charles H. Murphy of the local temple, Mayor Schmitz, Rev. George C. Adams and officers of the Imperial Council. The main body of representatives to the council occupied seats in the central part of the hall.

Charles L. Field, past imperial potentate and chairman of the executive committee, acted as chairman of the meeting, and after calling the assemblage to order requested the Shriners to rise and uncover while Rev. George C. Adams asked the Great Father to bless the council and guide it in its work.

ISLAM WELCOMES NOBLES.

After prayer had been offered the Loring Club, under direction of W. C. Stadt, sang the "Bedsoula Love Song," which was received with considerable applause. Chairman Field then introduced Charles H. Murphy, potentate of Islam Temple, who made an address of welcome. He told about the beauties of the great State of California in a speech filled with flowers of language. He spoke of the following:

All over this great republic come the representatives of the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America, to visit the Mystic Shrine Temple, to visit the Pacific Ocean and the golden sands of California in anonymous glow. All over this great nation the tramping hosts of pilgrims have come to San Francisco, the metropolis of the West, to see how wonderful a State may become in a few years, and here to join the weary travelers over the sands, not only of the deserts, but of time, in commemorating the deeds and purposes of our mystic order. I have the honor of welcoming you, bidding you peace and comfort and joy in

the oasis of San Francisco, and ask that the salt of friendship may be eaten in truth, and that our hands may be clasped with heart-beats.

Life has its failures, its hopes, its joys, its care and every mystic order holds within itself the one purpose of bringing its members into that relationship which shall develop the highest and noblest in man. With that object in view you have crossed, ascended mountains, traveled the plains, and after miles of distance traversed by you, you now stand upon the grandest oasis of all the world, the beautiful, wealthy and hospitable California.

You need rest from the trials of the journey and you enter the Temple of Islam, and there expect not only friendly greeting, but repose and rest (which you will not get), and I heartily invite you and welcome you.

Here in California you will find green pastures for your camels and refreshments for yourselves.

Here you will find broad and fertile acres, watered by fine streams, hemmed in by grand and lofty, sublime and picturesque mountains.

A WONDERFUL EMPIRE.

Here you shall find a noble, intelligent and active people, who by energy and enterprise are laying the foundation of a wonderful empire where art and science, literature and law, shall rise to the standard of excellence equal to any people, ancient or modern.

Here you shall find the science of the stars, the wonderful movement of the heavenly bodies studied in the Lick Observatory, which gaze into alysmal space with the strongest eye made by the hands of man.

Here you shall find Paradise restored, and prosperity growing day by day, until the far East shall pay its tribute to the Queen City of the West, and the rainy days of Falmira and Thebes, and Carthage and Troy, shall dwindle into nothingness under the royal commercial splendor of San Francisco.

Here you shall see men and women, rich in intellectual wealth, royal in figure, noble in conduct and morals, and whose hospitable homes are welcome to you, and whose kind acts shall be memories never forgotten, lingering about the beautiful straits of music.

Here you shall see the rolling waves of the Pacific, singing their lullies in such divine strains of harmony that the whistling winds shall carry the melody across the continent and leave music in every one of your homes.

Here you shall see forests, good and noble, dating back into the dreamy past and reaching out into the beautiful future, which shall give your souls with the grandness of nature and awaken your thoughts of the mightiness of Him whose power of omnific speech created worlds.

Here you shall find climatic conditions where sunshine and shadow combine in peace, and songs are hummed and cooed in the lap of comfort, no cold, no heat, but all one heavenly ray of light and damp, making the one joy, and prosperity come out of cloud and sunshine.

Here you shall find broad fields where everything of plant or flower or fruit or grain or grass grows into the fullness of the tropics, and seeds in abundance ripen into wheat, and where farming is an occupation leading to the ease that lifts man into the place in the social scale where the arts and sciences, religion, oratory, music and all that ennobles mankind has an opportunity for growth.

Here commerce expands, energy grows, life enlarges, the noblest in man develops, and all nature smiles herself in beauty, and the spiritual within us reaches out and grows in touch with the great Over-soul of all things.

To this land of beauty and wealth and cheerfulness and honest hearts I welcome you. Again I say:

To all the glories of our oasis and to our hearts as well.

We welcome you with such good cheer as tongue lacks power to tell.

GREETED BY THE MAYOR.

After the conclusion of Potentate Mur-

phy's address Mayor Schmitz was introduced and formally welcomed the Shriners and their Imperial Council to this city. He promised that they would be treated with all hospitality and he begged them to accept their welcome in the same hearty manner in which it was extended.

The Mayor said in part:

Nobles of the Imperial Council, ladies and gentlemen: In behalf of the city of San Francisco I extend to you a hearty welcome, and when you turn your faces again toward the rising sun on your journey homeward I hope you will carry with you only the pleasant recollection of this city and its people. Once more I bid you welcome and extend to you the greeting which is so beautifully expressed in your Arabic words, "Be Salamu Aleikum."

WINSOR MAKES RESPONSE.

As Imperial Potentate Philip C. Shaffer's voice was not in condition the task of replying to the words of welcome which had been spoken fell to Lou B. Winsor of Michigan. He performed the duty in the most pleasing manner. Past Potentate Winsor on a previous occasion had been a visitor to this city and in consequence

of June witnessed great activity in all our temples scattered through this broad domain. The caravans have been preparing for this Western journey, which is the longest ever undertaken in the annals of our organization. The caravans on their long journey paused for a time to enjoy the picturesque beauty of the majestic peaks of the Rocky Mountains, the pilgrims refreshed themselves in the great Salt Lake and took their last stop before reaching this Western oasis to offer up their devotions amid the snows of the Sierra Nevada. The journey of the caravans is completed and the pilgrims are here to rest themselves beneath the date and palm trees of the oasis of Islam.

Assembled here are men from every State in the Union and from the Dominion of Canada. Whether they come from New England, the scene of the first civilization on this continent, or from Dixie land or from the domain of England's King, they are men of prominence in their home country. They are men prominent in the social, political and business world.

In behalf of the Nobles of the Imperial Council and their ladies I wish to assure you that we accept this welcome in the same hearty spirit in which it is given. Some of us already in time past had the pleasure of enjoying your hospitality. One of the proudest memories in my possession is a key to this great city which was given to me a year ago. I desire to say to those who have not yet had the pleasure of experiencing the good fellowship of the people of this city that their hospitality will prove a revelation to you. It will far exceed that about which you have read in the history of Arabia.

When Past Imperial Potentate Winsor had concluded his response, Imperial Potentate Philip C. Shaffer announced that the Imperial Council was about to commence its session and requested those who were not representatives to withdraw.

The closing week of May and the first week

IMPERIAL POTENTATE SHAFFER IS ESCORTED TO THE COUNCIL HALL IN SPLENDID STYLE BY RICHLY GARBED PATROLS.

THE Shriners parade yesterday morning served to give the people a faint idea of the magnificence of the pageant which they were to have the pleasure of witnessing in the evening. The procession was not intended as a display for the enjoyment of the spectators so much as it was designed to be an escort to the officers and representatives of the Imperial Council to their meeting place in Golden Gate Hall. Nevertheless it was a very picturesque spectacle, and one the equal of which has been seldom if ever before witnessed in this city.

The formation of the parade was effected on New Montgomery street, and hither between the hours of 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning thronged the Shriners, costumed in all the colors of the spectrum. It is the custom for the Arab patrols to act as escort to the Imperial Council. The Shriners have won fame because of the splendor of their costumes, but the Arab patrols in this respect have certainly reached the limit of perfection.

R. P. Hurbut acted as grand marshal. Immediately behind his staff rode a corps of buglers from the Presidio. Then came what in all probability was the flower of the parade, the mounted patrol of Islam Temple, consisting of twenty-four Shriners clad in immaculate white and astride coal-black chargers. They were under command of Captain George F. Nell and attracted attention all along the line of march. Thirty-three members of Islam Temple marched on foot. They were dressed in Arabic costumes. Between the mounted patrol and the Shriners on foot rode little Horace Logan, the mascot of the patrol, mounted on a grubby Shetland pony. Both Master Logan and his miniature charger were decorated in appropriate style.

Following the local delegation came Arab patrols from temples in all parts of the Union. Each patrol was arrayed in its own uniform, and it was difficult to say with justice which was the most attractive. Ararat patrol, which hails from Kansas City, was arrayed in a garb that showed all the colors of a rainbow. They wore turbans of blue, gold and purple, and their boleros were ornamented with applique work on royal purple plush. All along the line they received applause both for their dress and the precision with which they executed maneuvers. They were commanded by Captain C. H. Salmag, assisted by First Lieutenant R. S. Emmert and Second Lieutenant M. J. Gelhan.

El Malakab patrol of Los Angeles, under command of Drill Master Percy Weidner and with William Lovet right guard and Robert Wankewsky left guard, also made a very commendable appearance. They had twenty-four in line.

Other patrols in line were: El Jabel of Denver, headed by a band of sixty-five pieces; Aladdin of Columbus, Ohio; Syria of Pittsburg, Moolah of St. Louis and Zuhrah of Minneapolis. Without a single exception the patrols, with their Oriental garb, lively music and picturesque drilling, made splendid showings. The members of the Imperial Council rode in carriages.

The course of the parade was up Mont-

gomery street to California, to Kearny, to Market, to Stockton, to Post, to Powell, to Sutter, thence to Golden Gate Hall, where it was disbanded, and the Shriners entered the hall to witness the opening ceremony. All along the line of march people crowded the sidewalks and the windows and doorways of the stores to witness the parade and to cheer the pilgrims on their way.

Will Entertain Nobles.

SAN JOSE, June 10.—The Santa Clara County Improvement Club will entertain the Mystic Shriners on Friday. There will be an excursion from San Francisco on that day. A committee will meet the visitors at the depot and the Shriners will be driven about the city and county. They will be loaded down with fruit and flowers and royally entertained.

At the annual election of the Improvement Club to-day the following officers were chosen: President, V. A. Scheller; treasurer, J. E. Auzerais; secretary, I. B. McManis. The board of managers of twenty-five was re-elected.

Some Popular Shriners.

Among the most popular members of the visiting Shriners are those who compose Za-Ga-Zig Temple. They hail from Des Moines, Iowa. Frank O. Evans is potentate, Charles H. Austin recorder, George W. Macartney past potentate and Sidney A. Foster representative of the temple. This temple has given away a very handsome watch for a souvenir of the pilgrimage to San Francisco. On the fob is suspended a camel, and it is without exception the costliest and most tasteful present that has been given away.

Must Wear Badges.

It has been decided that no Shriners will be admitted to the entertainment which will be given to-day by El Malakab at the Palace Hotel unless they wear their badges. This of course will not apply to the ladies who will accompany the Shriners.

Alleged Scheme to Defraud.

Peter Alladin appeared before Judge Fritz yesterday on a charge of vagrancy. Policeman Cavanaugh, who arrested him, stated that Alladin was in the service of a pawnbroker on Kearny street and accosted people on the street with a pitiful story of suffering, showing a pawn ticket for a watch, which he would assert cost him \$50. He would offer the ticket for \$10 or \$15, and when the purchaser went to the pawnshop he got a watch of the value of about \$3. The judge ordered a subpoena issued for the attendance of the pawnbroker in court this morning, and asked the officer to also bring any of the victims into court.

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HORACE LOGAN, MASCOT OF ISLAM TEMPLE.

SCENES OF DAY PARADE AND OPENING OF IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS OF SHRINER WEEK

- TO-DAY.**
- 9 a. m.—Excursion to Berkeley.
 - 9:30 a. m.—Excursion to Mount Tamalpais, via Sausalito ferry. Additional trains for the same place at 1:45 and 5:15 p. m. Last excursionists will remain on summit all night.
 - 2 p. m.—Reception by Al Malakab Temple, Maple Room, Palace Hotel.
 - 8 p. m.—Promenade concert at Mechanics' Pavilion.
- THURSDAY.**
- 10 a. m.—Drive from the Palace to the Presidio, Cliff House and Ocean Beach. Lunch at Cliff House and drive through the Park and visit to the Park Museum.
 - 2 p. m.—Prize drill of Arab patrols for valuable trophies at the Oakland Racetrack.
 - 8 p. m.—Distribution of prizes by Islam Temple at Mechanics' Pavilion, drill by winning teams, promenade concert and reception.
- FRIDAY.**
- 8 a. m.—Shriners' "wishbone" excursion to Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home at Decoto, Palo Alto and San Jose, via Oakland ferry, returning at 4 p. m.
 - 9 p. m.—Grand ball for Shriners and the public at the Pavilion.
- SATURDAY.**
- 9:30 a. m.—Excursion on the bay, when all points of interest, including the Golden Gate, Goat Island and Mare Island Navy Yard, will be visited.
 - 8:30 p. m.—Banquet at the Pavilion.