

The Anahgram Newsletter



2021 Potentate Don Gordon & First Lady Gail

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We are trying to keep our ANAHGRAM published but with the COVID-19 we are sending you a newsletter instead trying to keep the news out there for you. This will help with costs of the publication and mailing; we need to send a thank you to Rich Armstrong and Ben Pollard from Snowman's Printing with making this newsletter possible.

Anah Shrine is ANAH STRONG! and will make it through this staying safe and staying your distance. I know it is hard to put a hold on your life, but we will make it better and by helping all our advertisers when they are open you will help your Anahgram with future editions.

I know some can see The Anahgram online, but this publication is important to all that don't have access to the internet or even a computer. Please make sure you let the advertisers know we are shopping with them to Thank them for helping make The Anahgram a successful Shrine magazine that survived the 2020 Coronavirus. Being Shriners and Masons make you better men and your generous contributions will help us make this a successful year. Thank you for all you do for making the life of a child better. When you see a child smile because they can get their burns healed, walk or catch a ball for the first time. That is why we are here. Thank you to all the Ladies and your family members that stand by your side to make Anah Strong!

We will have dates and events soon to make everyone busy with the Shrine get-togethers that will help us donate to the Shrine Hospitals. The Anahgram will survive this and come out stronger along with all of you.

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Illustrious Sir, Tim Dutch. Potentate Anah Shrine 2020

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POTENTATES MESSAGE

Don Gordon, Potentate



I am pleased and humbled to have been installed as Potentate for Anah for the year 2021.

The year may not be starting out on a practically good note with the current pandemic.

My philosophy is during these times lets think outside of the box and get together as best we can either with small gatherings where we can meet safely or through virtual means such as zoom and YouTube. I did hear that there were some minor issues with sound on YouTube during the public section of the installation. Those can and will be worked out before the next session. I do want to thank all that were involved with the virtual installation, from the planning stages through to completion; your hard work is appreciated by myself and Lady Gail.

There is in the works a virtual mini-ceremonial to be broadcast from Anah to remote locations in Aroostook County, Washington County and Waldo County. The new membership co-chairmen are working hard on this endeavor. It is felt that by doing the virtual ceremonial we have the potential to initiate members that want to join but cannot travel to locations where Anah is having a full ceremonial.

My slogan for 2021 is changing lives together as reflected on the new Potentate Pin. This is a continuation of sorts from the 2020 pin and answers the question of remember why. The circus tent in the background is a reminder of my past years on the circus committee with the last 7 being Circus director. The silent messenger reminds us that when we work together we really do change lives.

Lady Gail and I would like to thank Illustrious Sir Tim Dutch and Lady Jean for their leadership throughout 2020 and dealing with the pandemic. Your hard work and being able to adapt was amazing and appreciated.

We will have fun in 21.

"FROM THE RECORDER'S DESK" Charlie Pray



Greetings from the Recorder's desk:

In keeping with the current way of life, we hope that anyone who attempted to sign into the zoom business meeting over the weekend of what would have been our usual January Ceremonial celebration, was able to do so with little issue. With that, we would like to acknowledge the fact that we realize the "You Tube" video coverage of the Black Camel, as well as the installation of your new slate of officers, was at the very least, troublesome.

The Divan has set forth as a priority, the need to upgrade our audio visual capabilities along with the current focus of work dealing with out internet capabilities. As has been noted in the past, the temple has been the recipient of a most generous donation from the estates of both Illustrious Sir' Harold Wright (Potentate 1980) as well as his lovely lady, Marion. The bequeaths of these two most philanthropic individuals has been earmarked for both the internet as well as the audio visual capabilities of our wonderful facility.

Many of you I am sure are aware of the recent change to our phone and internet provider. Last month, Anah Shriners switched from our previous supplier to a much faster and more dependable provider. Along with the attributes noted, the Shrine Center is realizing nearly a 75% decrease in costs all the while enjoying the benefits of more than quadrupling our internet speeds and quality phone service. In an economic environment such as it is, it's not often that you can greatly improve upon your service and dramatically decrease your costs at the same time...

Regarding our membership: Your Divan members are proud to announce that Anah Shriners have just experienced the smallest number of "End of calendar year" member suspensions (due to non-payment) in recent memory. It should be noted that the hard work and dedication of your regional divan members made history with the fact that as of the turn of the new year, we lost only 27 members to suspension (Since that time, 5 of those have been restored). All in all, Anah Shrine is off to a wonderful start to the new year. Think Membership!!!!

Speaking of new members, your Potentate, Illustrious Sir Don Gordon, along with the help of the membership committee has begun putting into place, a mini ceremonial for the weekend of March 13th. The crux of the work will take place here at the Shrine Center in Bangor, but plans are being implemented to utilize the

virtual capabilities of the Aroostook County and Waldo County Shrine Clubs along with other off site regional facilities in Hancock and Washington Counties. Please look for additional information on this event in upcoming notifications from your Public Relations team as well as next month's Anahgram.

In closing, we wish everyone safe travels as we hopefully wind down this terrible pandemic.

Remember: Stay Safe, Be Positive & Test Negative!

Faternally,

Charlie

THE BLACK CAMEL

HONORING THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US!

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Raised 5/10/68 Created Anah 1/17/1998

Robert E. Farrington Medway, Maine
Sept. 17, 1934 – Dec. 31, 2020

Pine Tree Lodge #172
Raised 4-25-63 Created Anah 6-16-1973

Alan J. Goodridge Newport, Maine

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Meridian Splendor Lodge #49
Raised 11/19/1970 Created Anah 6/14/1975

Anthony T. Dietrich Ellsworth, Maine

Aug. 18th, 1928 – Jan. 5th, 2021
St. Andrews Lodge #83
Raised 3/17/1975 Created Anah 6/19/1976

David A. Johnson Belfast, Maine

June 20th, 1938 – Dec. 22, 2020
Belfast Lodge # 24
Raised 11/25/1968 Created Anah 6/5/1982

Glenn E. Reed Ellsworth, Maine

Sep. 13th, 1970 – Dec. 24th 2020
Lygonia Lodge #40
Raised 3/2/2006 Created Anah 6/10/2006

Robert E. Smalley Lincoln, Maine

June 12, 1924 – Oct. 8th, 2019
Horeb Lodge #93
Raised 11/2/1954 Created Anah 6/21/2003

Lance E. Collins Ellsworth, Maine

Nov. 29th, 1957 - Oct. 8th, 2017
David Hooper Lodge #201
Raised 12/16/2002 Created Anah 6/23/2007

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 IMO Marilyn Baggett • Dec-22
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 IMO Richard H. Bagley,PP.1978 • May-23
 IMO Albert"Bucky" Bishop • Jul-21
 Blinn & Joan Boone • Jul-21
 Richard "Dick" Carlisle • Feb-21
 Galen Call • Feb-23
 Kim & Dick Carlow • Jan-22
 Roger Chesley & Carol Jean • Nov-21
 IMO Kenneth "Kenny"Cirone • Feb-22
 Bruce & Trudy Clarke • May-23
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 Maurice & Bonita Day • Oct-21
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 IMO Thomas E. England • May-22
 John & Donna Farrington • May-21
 IMO Robert Farrington- N.P.S.C. • Feb-22
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 IMO Wally Fenlason • Jul-25
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 Ronald & Carol Jean Forrest • Apr-21
 IMO Hugo Frati • Mar-24
 Orlando Frati • Apr-21
 Peter Frati • Mar-21
 Joseph F. Friedman • Jun-23
 John C. Fuller • May-21
 Clinton & Sandra Fulton • Feb-26
 IMO George D. Gaddis • May-23
 Howard W. Giberson • Feb-21
 Paul & Diana Giles • Jul-21
 Goody & Roz Gilman • Oct-33
 IMO Carroll I. & Gerry Goodwin, Jr. • Jun-25
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 Donna & Kenneth Hanscom Jr. • Sept-21
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 Wallace & Jeanette Harvey • Dec-21
 Theresa Hatch IMO Dale"Slapshot" Hatch • Nov-21
 IMO Norman "Hoopy Scoopy" Hatch • Sep-21
 Maggie Hill • Jan-21
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 Skip & Jane House • Feb-22
 Jerry & Lois Hutchinson • Sep-21
 IMO David L. Ireland • Aug-25
 Rich & Cindy Johnson • Jul-21
 Steven and Jaclyn Averill Jones • Nov-21
 Walter & Claire Kennedy • Dec-23
 Ellen Kenney-IMO- Alton Kenney • Jul-21
 Brian & Diane Ketchum • Nov-21
 Robert & Rae Jean Knowles • Oct-24
 P.P. Lee Kaufman & Lady Peggy • Feb-23
 IMO Ernest "Bud"Larson • Feb-22
 Larry & Gail Larson • Aug-21
 IMO Floyd Lenfest,Sr. • Dec-22
 Floyd R.Lenfest, Jr. • Dec-22
 Robert & Sandi Look • Feb-24
 IMO Donald (DeeDee)Lyons,Sr. • Jul-22
 Francis & Winston Mackay P.P.Luxor 1997 • Oct-21
 IMO Robert Macleod • Jan-23
 Roy Martin • Oct-25
 Bert & Don Maxim P.P.2000 • Apr-21
 IMO Frank B. Maxwell • Apr-24
 Welman & Natalie McFarland • Aug-21
 Lorraine McGown-IMO Alan McGown • Jun-21
 IMO Tom (Pig Farmer) McKinney • Feb-21
 Bob & Mary McReavy • Dec-20
 Jerry & Cindi Merrithew • Oct-21
 Jim & Mae Merrithew • Oct-21
 IMO Gordon C.Moreside • Aug-21
 IMO Wesley Nash - N.P.S.C. • Feb-22
 Richard & Berry Nevers • Dec-25
 David O'Donnell • Dec-22
 Warren & Velma Orcutt • Oct-21
 Robert"Boomer"Palmer,Jr. & Julianna • Nov-22
 Ed Pellon,P.P.1998-IMO Esther Pellon • Jul-23
 Martin"Fou"& Dara Perfit • Oct-25
 Joyce & Rod Pinkham P.P. 1997 • Oct-22
 Don & Linda Potter • Oct-21
 Cliff & Nancy Pottle • Jan-23
 Charlie Pray, Recorder Anah Shrine • Apr-21
 IMO Frank O. Pray,Sr. • Apr-21

Bud & Kathy Prouty • Jan-21
 IMO Bob Pushard, Sr. • Aug-21
 Martin E. Ray • May-21
 IMO Stanley L. Reed, Sr. • Feb-22
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 IMO Keith B.Roberts • Sep-24
 Tim & Diane Robinson • Oct-21
 IMO Sumner Rogers • Apr-21
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 Derward & Betty Shedd • Oct-22
 Roger Smith - IMO Pat Smith • Dec-21
 IMO Thomas M.Smith • Jan-22
 IMO Vernon Smith • Jun-21
 Edward & Lisa Snow • Feb-22
 IMO Ed Sprague, PP • Apr-21
 Kerry"Spiffy" & Pam Spofford • Jul-21
 IMO Robert"Bob" Strout & Elaine • Jun-21
 Mr.& Mrs.Gary Sudsbury-IMO "Our Scooby" • Sept.-25
 Elliott & Joyce Tarbell • Jun-22
 IMO Betty Tarr • Jun-21
 Dale & Karen Tarr • Jan-24
 Daniel L.Tarr • Jun-21
 Wilbert & Joan Terry • Jul-21
 Bill Thibodeau • Mar-21
 IMO Alexander R. Theodore • Sept-21
 Brenda & Jesse Thomas,PP.2015 • Sep-21
 Ronald Thornton • Oct-21
 Tim & Ann Thornton • Feb-22
 Al & Pat Trask • Jun-21
 Esther & Bourke Trask • Apr-25
 Lance Trundy • Feb-22
 Alan Tweedie & Heidi • Oct-21
 Arthur "Coota" & Phyllis Watson • Jun-22
 Burt & Jackie Weed • Nov-21
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 Buddy & Caryll Wheeler • Sep-24
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 Donald & Felicia Wiswell • Feb-23
 Will & Maren Whitlock • Sept-22
 Bob & Norma Winglass • Aug-23
 IMO Donald K.Wright Sr. • Sep-22
 IMO Douglas Yost • Dec-21
 Donald "Bo-Bo" & Janice Young • Jun-21
 Duane "Div-it" Young, IMO Karen Young • Aug-23

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Potentate Don Gordon was born August 03, 1951 in the Town of Skowhegan, Maine. He was brought up in the Upper Kennebec Valley Town of Bingham. He graduated from Upper Valley Memorial High School in 1971 and moved to Bangor in 1972.

Potentate Don Gordon was raised a master mason by his father Douglas Gordon in 1984 at Lynde Lodge Hermon, Maine. He joined the line of officers soon after that and was Master in 1992 +/- . Don was initiated into the Shrine in 1984, and shortly after that joined the Provost Guard and was Provost Marshall in 1990 and 1991. He joined the Circus Committee as an assistant chairman in 1991 and became Circus Director in 1999 he retired as Circus Director at the end of 2006. He was appointed Outer Guard in 2011.

He is married to the former Gail Ramoska and has three children, Jamie West, Nathan Gordon and Sarah Morris. Don and Gail have three grandchildren, Bryce, Molly and Owen.

Professionally Don has been employed by Jordan Gorrill Associates as a soils mechanics lab technician and field inspector. He then was employed by E.C Jordan in the same position. He also was employed by SW Cole Engineering as a field technician and as the manager of the soils mechanic laboratory. In 1988 he left SW Cole engineering and became employed as a real estate appraiser and was trained by Illustrious Sir Guy Chapman. He then went on to form Maine Appraisal Services with a partner and eventually founded Gordon Appraisal Services he is still self employed as a real estate appraiser and is certified as a State of Maine General Appraiser and specializes as a residential appraiser.



CLUB NEWS

SPRINGFIELD HOSPITAL REPORT

I almost missed the deadline for this article. My concept of time is skewed with everything being closed and the turmoil we face. A couple weeks ago I spoke with our administrator Lee Kirk. He assures me we are in very good standings. As most of you know not only has Maine's Covid19 rate gone up but so has most all the area the hospital serves. Massachusetts has taken quite a tick up and that makes it even harder for the hospital to keep everyone connected to the hospital safe and well due to the staff being local and all services and vendors being local. The numbers for the hospital has been amazingly low. Our staff is using every protective means and that seems to be our shield. The first round vaccines have been given and the second wave will be coming soon.

Our liaisons are keeping in touch with local hospitals and doctor's offices to assure them we are still available for service. Our donor relations department assures me Anah is doing a good job with monetary donations and that is greatly appreciated.

I will bring this to a close by saying if we stay the course we will do well. The other end of this pandemic will certainly be a new normal but the care of kids will remain paramount. Hope you all have a good 2021 and you escape the dark side of our current situation. God Bless, Bob

ACADEMICIANS

Hello Fellow Academicians and Ladies

The next stated meeting will be online Wed. March 31st at 6:30pm.

It is 2021 dues time. If you have not already done so, please make checks for \$10 payable to Anah Academicians, and send them to Anah Academicians C/O Ron Bilancia 59 Allison Park, Brewer, ME 04412. The more we receive this way means the less we have to spend on postage and envelopes and the more we can donate to the hospitals and our other fraternal causes. (If you need to check to see if you are already paid up for this year, please send me an email as some members have paid ahead.) By the time you read this, our online raffle fundraiser will be underway. We look forward to this being a success. Also, by the time you read this, we should have the special ceremonial plan in place, and you will have hopefully received other communications about it since as of this writing that plan has not been finalized.

From The Wonderful World of Donnie (* not Disney but often just as imaginative): "News from Hungry Hollow is that we enjoyed an appropriate Holiday Season. Church was online etc. Without being able to dine up we "pigged out" here. So please stay safe, 'n one day we will again get to a new normal 'n enjoy Shrineing."

Well that's all folks, for now. Remember, never hesitate to contact me with any news, questions, concerns, gossip, nonsense, or just plain outright lies you would like to generously share with the rest of our Academicians family and Shrinedom in general. I can be contacted via email at rbilancia@roadrunner.com or by phone at 207-989-2617.

CONVERTIBLES

We are now two months into the new year. Is it getting any better for any of you? It certainly has been a long haul. After the January mess at the U.S Capital building, we've sure gotten on a rocky start. By the time you read this, regardless of your

politics, I hope that things have calmed down.

Not much in the way of new and exciting news to report at this time except that we are one month closer to going topless. At least those of us who didn't go south. Hopefully we are another month closer to going maskless as well. I guess with patience, that will get here as well and we all can get back into the swing of having fun for the kids, which is what it's all about!

Bill Fernald is the only member blowing out birthday candles this month. Ruth, please have a fire extinguisher or two handy. I know it's a lot of candles. Have a happy day Bill and be careful. Too cold for any anniversary celebrations this month!

That's all for February. Hang in there, it's bound to get better. Sooner rather than later I hope. Please remember to keep all of our Shrine family and friends in your thoughts and prayers. Be safe, be happy and stay healthy!

Reporting for the convertibles, Gaylord E. Sundt

TRI-COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

Tri-County Shrine Club did not have a regular meeting in December. We had a Directors Meeting, which was attended by 5 Directors. No Social Hour, No Meal. We voted to send our donations for the Parade of Checks at the January Ceremonial. We are having a Gun Raffle. For tickets contact the President or Secretary for details. Other Nobles have tickets also. We will be trying to have a meeting in January. An email went out to the Membership with details. There was talk of Tri-County having a virtual Christmas Tree Raffle in 2021. Time will tell if we can go back to meetings as before. As we continue to battle this Covid-19, please be safe and ANAH STRONG.

KAMPERS KORNER

Hope everyone had a safe and merry Christmas and happy New Year. Sorry that we couldn't attend the ceremonial but hopefully things will get back to normal soon.

Please note: our new treasurer: David Keezer, 391 Lincoln Street, Bangor, Maine 04401, email: dwkeezzer@gmail.com and phone number: 949-1140. We wish to thank Don Wiswell for his years of service to Kampers Club. Please submit your dues to David.

Happy Birthdays February: Edwin Dewitt, Carole Green, Connie Pooler, Keith Pooler, Betty Shedd, Jesse Thomas.

Happy Anniversaries February - David & Betty Bowen, Dale Nelson & Carol Miller.

If you have any news to report, please contact Irene Blood - iblood64@yahoo.com or 323-9742. Any concerns or questions, please contact Walter Ash - 322-4131.

Stay safe - weather wise, we have had a good winter so far.

Sincerely,
Irene Blood
Secretary

WIDOWS CLUB

Congratulations to the new Potentate, Donald Gordon and First Lady Gail. We hope your year will go smoothly and this virus will soon leave us. We have not been able to get together for almost a year.

We have all missed seeing each other and joining together in a meal and activities at the Shrine building.

I will keep it short but I do pray that you are all staying well and virus free. Let us hope that the vaccine will reach us soon and life will return to a more normal as we knew it before all this has taken over our lives.

Don't hesitate to call me should you just want to talk. Stay well and safe,
Lorena

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

Life goes on with the Covid-19 pandemic ruling our lives to keep all well. Hopefully things will begin to come back to a more normal way of life once people get the vaccine and the spread of the virus lessens. Unfortunately too many lives have been taken by this virus. One of our own, Jerry McClean, was the first member of Anah to lose his life to this horrible virus. Many other members and friends have had it and fortunately survived.

Sue Smith, wife of Buddy Smith, just completed her last chemo treatment. Both she and Buddy have been having regular appointments to Cancer Care of Maine for the past several months. We are all praying that these treatments have done what the doctors wanted them to. Carolyn Wright, widow of Donald Wright, has recently been a patient at EMMC but back home again. We wish her improved health. Walter Merritt is another WCSC member who is dealing with some health issues and we all wish him well.

Our condolences goes out to other Shrine families on the passing of their loved ones: Lorraine McFarland, Lloyd Day, Dickie Dunham, to name a few.

It certainly seems funny not to be attending the annual January Ceremonial for Anah, which is on the third weekend of January each year. A limited number of people (50) will attend in 2021 to conduct needed business at the event.

No meetings have been set up for WCSC for 2021. When we are able to schedule one, it will be on the Facebook page and sent out on Calling Post prior to the scheduled meeting date (1st Thursday of the month).

The fuel raffle tickets are on order and once they are received they will be mailed out with our yearly membership dues announcement. We have done very well with this raffle in the past and hope that members will either purchase or sell their tickets when received. Fundraising has taken a back seat for the last year and we need to build up our monies in support of Anah and the Shrine Hospitals.

Birthday wishes go out to Carl Addler, Joyce Bradley, PP Guy Chapman, Dawn Degenhardt, Thomas Fernald, Sidney Foss, Gus Francis, Sandy Gawkowski, PP Albert Gibson, Jeanine Haskins, Gary Huntley, Linda Leighton, Keith Lentovich, Roger W. Mathews Jr., Renee McGuire, Sheila Mitchell, Stanley Mitchell, Ann Quimby, Marilyn Schevenius, Olivia Spencer, PP Jesse Thomas, and Pauline Wood.

Anniversary bells for Raynard & Candace Alley, Todd & Sandy Alley, Mark & Lori Cote, Jason & Andrea Faulkingham, Brent & Renee McGuire, Warren & Velma Orcutt, Lee & Rebecca Sinford, and William & Maren Whitlock.

If someone is listed on the birthday/anniversary lists that you know is wrong, please let me know. Until next month.....keep well, follow the CDC Guidelines: wear a mask, wash your hands, use hand sanitizer and social distance.



Noble Richard Johnson was born in Dover-Foxcroft, August 6, 1964 to parents Frank and Charlene Johnson. He grew up in Dover-Foxcroft and graduated from Foxcroft Academy in 1982. Following two years of tech school, he went to work for a concrete construction company and shortly thereafter, established his own concrete foundation business offering both commercial and residential services. His work spans from the rocky coasts of Maine up to the most northern points of Maine. He is currently corporate president. Rich and his wife Cindy have been married 34 years and reside in Dover-Foxcroft. They have two sons, Colby and Conner, both employed by the Corporation.

He was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by Phil Lovell and Dennis Dyer in the Mosaic 52 Lodge. He became a Noble of Anah Shrine in June 2011 and later, in December 2016, a Permanent Contributing Member of the National Hospitals for Children and a member of the 100 Million Dollar Club.

In his personal life he is known for his support to UMaine, Center Theater, Maine State Police, Maine Firefighters, Central Hall for Senior Citizens, EMMC Cancer Care, Acadia Hospital Children's Unit, Anah Shriners, Daughters of the Nile, Maine Game Warden Association and Maine Wrestling Association where he received the Family of the Year Award for helping children succeed not just within the state of Maine but in New England so our Maine kids would have the same opportunities to compete at collegiate and national levels. He has also served as head coach for youth football.

Under community achievements, he was President from 2017 to 2019 of Tri-County during which he established the Traveling Silent Messenger to encourage clubs to come together to support one another. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for Tri-County Club. He was also Director of Anah Shrine's Second Section in 2020 and Secretary of Anah Shrine Second Section from 2017 to 2019. In 2018 he was awarded the Bob Mott award for outstanding service. He is also a member in goodstanding with the Order of the Quetzalcoatl Teocalli #869 and the Royal Order of Jesters by Local Court 150 in 2017.





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