

CHICAGO PREPARING OPEN DOOR POLICY FOR SHRINERS

Steadily progressive plans for a crowning celebration in Chicago by Masons of every degree from every section of the United States have already developed into a definite and fixed form. During the week of Aug. 11 to 17, 75,000 delegates will meet for the 30th annual session of the Imperial council, Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of Mystic Shrine, and the triennial session grand encampment Knights Templar of the United States; Grand court, Daughters of Isis; international conference of grandmasters and grand secretaries; international Order of Eastern Star; Holy Grand chapter of Royal Arch Masons; the national order Heroines of Templars Crusades, and other appendant Masonic bodies.

Gorgeous Decorations Promised

Arrangements for the reception of the Masonic family are in the hands of a committee of 75 diligent workers, under the supervision of Wallace L. Johnson and his staff of efficient executives, Fred Hardin, Elizabeth Graves, Allen H. Brantley, Grant F. Hayes, James H. Walker, A. A. Neal and George Fort, secretary. Their activities, which began a year ago, are gaining momentum with the approaching national jubilee occasion. The City of Chicago, through the influence of Alderman Robert R. Jackson, will place appropriate decorations on the street in honor of these conventions. The committee on conventions of the city council is cooperating with the local committee in charge of the affairs to make complete the welcome to be accorded the visitors and delegates who will use the Windy city for a playground for a full week in August.

A Feature Attraction

The Imperial Council of Shriners will be the guest of Arabic temple No. 44, local Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of which A. A. Neal, grand representative of the Knights Templar of Illinois, is grand illustrious potentate. The gayety of 70,000 Desert Sons in "whoopie" colors and a bedlam of noise will give the annual session of their order a real Oriental aspect. Sessions of the Imperial council, scheduled to eclipse those of previous years, will be held in the

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SHRINERS TO GET WELCOME IN BIG STYLE

Chicago Planning for National Session

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auditorium of the Pythian temple, 37th and State Sts.

One of the most ambitious plans of the Shrine convention has been proposed by the imperial head of the order, Caesar R. Blake Jr. of Charlotte, N. C., who asks that every Shriner be in attendance at the Chicago meeting and demonstrate their appreciation of their rights to use the emblems and insignia of the order. The Shrine Jesters, the organization which develops the comic rites for the convention, will be a spectacular attraction throughout the jubilee week. They will sing and rejoice and give praise to "Allah," with harmonies of liberty granted through a United States supreme court decision.

The general headquarters in Chicago for the 30th annual session of the Imperial Council of Shriners are located at 3529 Indiana Ave., under personal direction of Wallace L. Johnson, general chairman. George Fort is the secretary. A local committee of the women's auxiliary, Daughters of Isis, with headquarters at 4726 South parkway, is working jointly with the Shriners for the success of the convention. Mrs. Anna Powell is chairman of the committee of women. The grand court, Daughters of Isis, will be guests of Arabic court No. 21, local organization, Mrs. Catherine Johnson illustrious commandress.

Sandy W. Trice, imperial chairman of transportation, chief of the Illinois Central Railroad ushers at Chicago, has secured railroad rates at one and one-half fare for the round trip on the certificate plan. The housing committee is perfecting arrangements to accommodate all visitors, according to information given this writer, who conferred with the general committee Monday.

Guest of Local Shriners

In order to become thoroughly familiar with the arrangements being made for the reception of Shriners for the 1929 convention, it became necessary for this writer, as imperial publicist of the order, to visit in Chicago and survey the situation. Through the courtesies of the imperial chairman of transportation, Sandy W. Trice, and the illustrious potentate of Arabic Temple of Shriners, A. A. Neal, we were able to make immediate contact with executive of the 1929 general committee, George Fort, local secretary, Steward C. Jefferson and Chester A. Wilkins were a committee detailed to give us personal attention for the purpose of securing convention copy for publication.

Shrine activities here include jubilee day ceremonies this Sunday, conducted by Arabic temple No. 44, when, like their brethren throughout the United States, they will rejoice and be happy because of their restoration to citizenship rights.