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**Adrian Fannin . . . . . 3/14/2020**

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Email submissions to [elkorahdesertdust@gmail.com](mailto:elkorahdesertdust@gmail.com). However, they can also be dropped in the Desert Dust mailbox at El Korah, if necessary.

Be sure to double check your submissions for grammar and spelling. Each pictures should include a caption, as appropriate.

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**April Stated Meeting**

**Has Been Cancelled**

## Potentate Message by Ill. Sir Rick Holloway



What a way to usher in Spring—dealing with the COVID-19 outbreak and protecting everyone from contracting the virus.

On March 17, 2020, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Idaho Steve Hall issued an edict to immediately suspend all Masonic

meetings or gatherings to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Our obligation requires us to adhere to all edicts of the Grand Master, and the health and safety of our members is of the utmost importance. Accordingly, there will be no meetings or gatherings at El Korah until further notice. Additionally, on Thursday, March 19, the Mayor of Boise required all restaurants and bars to be closed to prevent the spread of the virus.

Therefore, there can be no meetings of clubs, units, or any other gathering in El Korah or any Masonic Lodge in Idaho. Nobles, Brethren, and Ladies, please pay close attention to this restriction. Let's stop the spread of this virus so we can get back to having fun and helping kids.

On March 25, the Governor of Idaho issued an emergency declaration that requires only "essential" businesses and workers may stay open across the entire state. This is in effect until April 14 but may be extended if the outbreak is not contained by then.

The Melodrama ended on March 14 with a large crowd and a terrific performance. The Players Unit wishes to thank the Provost Guard for managing the tickets, the Cameleers for providing popcorn, the Daughters of the Nile for having delicious pie available at intermission, the band for their nightly playing, and the many people who worked so hard to put on the show.



Treefort 2020 has been postponed until September, DeMolay Conclave has been canceled, the Daughters of the Nile Installation is canceled, and so has the Dancers Oyster Feed and Provost Guard wine tasting. I will continue to have updates in the Monday Message that has been distributed each week so you will know when we can get back into our normal activities.

The 2020 Directories are available so feel free to stop by the El Korah office to pick up your copy.

Practice social distancing, wash your hands repeatedly, and stay home if you are not feeling well. Thank you again for your support of El Korah. We will get through this. Take a few minutes and call your fellow Nobles.

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## Duners Doings

by Santa Bob Albert, President

Greetings from the Sand Duner Parade Unit. We had our 1st tech day and it went great, we replaced 3 motors, 3 belts and a few odds and ends here and there, plus did full safety checks to get the buggies ready for our 1st parade.

We still need to work on the Mother Buggy, but we should be ready when the country gets back on its feet.

On a very sad note, we lost a great Member of ours, Adrian Fannin. He passed away on March 14, 2020. Adrian had been a member since 1982 and was still very active in the unit until his death. He will be missed very much, he was always there to be a part of everything.

With everyone being on self-quarantine, we will be anxious to get out and Parade, so come out and yell and say "HI" as we zoom by!

### Salt Lake Shrine Hospital Report

by Ill. Sir Ray Westmoreland, P.P.



In today's time, this message will be outdated by the time you get it.

Currently, SLC is still seeing patients. Elective surgeries are being postponed. Our

goal is to reduce exposure to staff, patients, and their families and to reduce use of critical medical supplies and to be ready for potential over flow of non-critical patients thus freeing up space for acute care beds in other Hospitals.

Our Recorders office still sent checks to about 10 kids for treatment there last week. Prescreening starts when you enter the parking lot, then another one outside the front door.

And then we had an earthquake. It was 5.7 in magnitude but caused no structural damage.

The Recorders office is currently open our regular hours, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

### Portland Shrine Hospital Report

by Ill. Sir Rick Holloway, Board of Governors



The Portland Shrine Hospital leadership team is collaborating with state health care leaders in developing and implementing measures to control the outbreak of COVID-19. The safety of our patients, families, and staff is of the utmost importance.

The March Board of Governors meeting was the first in many years where no Board members attended in person so that contact with patients and hospital staff could be minimized.

The visit by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) to assess our qualification to achieve ACS Musculoskeletal Certification has been postponed.

As a reminder, there are up to three openings on the Portland Board of Governors at the end of this year. If you are interested in serving on the Board and have questions about what it takes to be a good Board member, please contact Dave Triplett, Mike Mastropaolo, or myself. Nomination packets are now available from the Recorder's office and are due to the Portland Hospital in May.

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### Players Playbill *by Wayne White, President*

The 2020 Melodrama is now in the books and the Players want to thank the cast and crew, as well as many others for their hours and hours of hard work to make it a success.

This year, the Melodrama proceeds will be used to replace some of our outdated wireless mic sets. On July 13, 2020, the FCC will reallocate several frequency bands that venues like ours have been using for their wireless mic systems. These frequencies are needed to make room for the ever-increasing broadband usage. Six of our wireless mic sets are affected and will be illegal to use after July 13th.

The upcoming Spring Ceremonial has been cancelled or possibly postponed to a later date. Either way, it won't be happening as scheduled in April so keep alert for updates from Rod Horn, our Ceremonial Director, about any revised plans. Keep working on your parts as we want to ensure that the 3rd Section is a positive experience for our new Nobles.



**Players**  
"Just for the Fun of It"



## Daughters of the Nile

by Linda Gray, Princess Badoura

Greetings and wishes for your good health and safety. As our Temple No.40 comes to a close for 2019-2020, we hope all are well and staying safe. We had a very successful Murder Mystery Melodrama. many many thanks to all who participated, performed, and came to this event. For our temple this was the final event for our 2019-2020 year. Thanks and much appreciation for all the hard work and love!

As we move forward our Queen Carol McGinnis has cast the elective ballot for all of our elected officers who have consented, and are uncontested, to move forward in the line, as per our Supreme Queen, Dale Obernalte's instruction. These are: Queen elect, Sonjia Yates; Princess Royal elect, Laura Otto; Princess Tirzah elect, Linda Gray; Princess Banker elect, Mary Baldwin. When safe we intend to hold a special stated session to determine our remaining elective officers, Princess Badoura and Princess Recorder.

We are working diligently to reschedule our upcoming events. For example, the fashion show "Roses, Pearls, and Hats", has been rescheduled for July 18, 2020. Soon we hope to reschedule; Installation, for all officers, the Dancers, Oyster Feed, the Guards, Buncko and many others.

We are moving forward with "SMILES" on our faces, love and concern in our hearts, and appreciation in our thoughts.

Communication is so important, SO LET US COMMUNICATE !! We have many safe ways to keep in touch with one and all. We have that unused telephone, cell phones, text messaging, Email, group emails, cell phone conferencing, maybe even video conferencing, our social media, Constant Contact, Facebook, Google, and then there are those those good and reliable Cards and Letters, which we love getting but maybe we aren't so quick to send.

My Thanks to all for allowing me this opportunity to share with all of you on Desert Dust, as Princess Badoura.

Smiles, good wishes and stay safe.

### El Korah Parking Options

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### Black Light Patrol News

by *Mischa Brady, Vice President*

The Black Light Patrol has started 2020 running with a successful Annual Crab Feed. The Black Light Patrol would like to thank its loyal members and volunteers for making this year's Crab Feed successful. Black Light Patrol donated money and transportation funds to get the new barrel chairs down in the Oasis.

The Black Light Patrol helps the Blue Lodges with 2<sup>nd</sup> degree of Freemasonry, under the black lights, when asked. Let a Patrolman know if you would like us to make this possible for your lodge!

Black Light Patrol continues to seek out dedicated Shriners to join El Korah and support our Children's Hospitals. Just ask for a petition.

We are in the process of modifying our bylaws and making shirts for our ladies in the Patrol.

### Chaplain's Corner

by *Santa Bob Albert, Chaplain*

Fellow Nobles and Ladies, The Black Camel Caravan has passed through our Oasis and collected some Nobles to travel with them:

**Adrian Fannin:** 11/9/1936 - 3/14/2020

Wife: Jocelyn

Children: Greg, Connie, Angela, Kevin

Adrian became a member of El Korah in 1982 and was a very active member of the Sand Duners until his death.

As your Chaplain of El Korah, I want to remind you to take care of your Brothers and Sisters, along with your neighbors, a personal visit may seem nice, but the elderly in particular are extremely vulnerable to this virus and we don't want to unknowingly spread it to others in this time of crisis. Please call them and make sure they have what they need, in this time of the Pandemic, and just let them know we are there for them. I know this doesn't need to be said, but if you don't feel 100% please don't go visit them, just call them and check in.

Remember we are all Masons and this what we do for our Brothers and mankind.

With your help we will get through this together.



by *Max Bearden*

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### Spring Ceremonial Schedule

by *Jimmy Hansen, Director*

#### Symposium - Friday, April 24th

- 5:30 pm Social (Hosted Bar) . . . . . Dance Floor
- 6:00 pm No Host Dinner . . . . . Tiger Room
- Introductions
- 7:45 pm Clubs & Units Introductions . . . . . Ballroom
- 9:00 pm Evening Social (Not Hosted) . . . . . Ballroom

#### Ceremonial - Saturday, April 25th

- 6:30 am No Host Breakfast . . . . . Oasis
- 7:00 am Novice Registration . . . . . Tiger Room
- 8:30 am Band Preliminary . . . . . Ballroom
- 9:00 am Public Open House . . . . . Ballroom
- 10:00 am Public Open House 1st Section . . . . . Ballroom
- 10:40 am Ceremonial 3rd Section (Lodge Tiled) . . . . . Ballroom
- 11:00 am Public Luncheon . . . . . Tiger Room
- 11:30 am No Host Lunch . . . . . Oasis
- 12:00 pm Ceremonial 2nd Section (Lodge Tiled) . . . . . Ballroom



- 4:30 pm Novice/Lady Meeting . . . . . Gold Room
- 5:00 pm Social (Hosted) . . . . . Ballroom
- 5:45 pm Evening Ceremonial Program . . . . . Ballroom
- Arches and Old Red Fez Ceremonies
- Introductions and Fezzing
- 7:30 pm Ceremonial Banquet . . . . . Ballroom
- 9:00 pm Dance the Night Away . . . . . Ballroom

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## Twin Falls Shrine Club

*by Bob Cannon*

April 2020. Due to the health concerns, we have decided to **Cancel all Masonic Activities** and put them on **HOLD**.

As soon as we know anything at all we will let you know.

## Past Dues Reminder

*by David Bennett, Oriental Guide*

March is over signaling that we are a quarter of the way through the new year and, What a ride it has been! Events have been postponed or canceled and our lives have been disrupted and impacted in many ways.

With all this going on, it's easy to overlook some or forget some things. I've noticed that there are still a few nobles that have not paid their El Korah dues for 2020. If you are one these folks, please take a moment and send in your dues payment. If you are having difficulty making your dues payment, please contact the Recorder's office or any of the Divan members. We will do what we can to help.

Stay Well!

## Provost Guard

*by John Kinney*

Wow, what a year we are having in the world! The Provost Guard has delayed our annual wine tasting until October 10th. We hope to have at least one new winery at the tasting in the fall. The Guard hopes to resume our usual activities soon! The Provost Guard is hoping to be present at the next Ceremonial and encouraging the new Nobles to join our Unit.

Our President, Mark Isserman, has some great ideas for our unit's participation in the Shrine and for our membership! We plan on making some donations to our Hospitals after a successful Wine Tasting. We are social distancing, postponing meetings, working from home, staying at home and doing our best to keep up our membership informed!

Please remember to keep in touch with one another, family, friends and our Senior members of the Shrine. Remember to keep washing your hands and staying healthy! If the Provost Guard can be of any assistance please let Mark Isserman or John Kinney know.

The Provost Guard is looking forward to the remainder of this year!



Setting up for the 2019 Wine Tasting



# April

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> Provost Guard Band	<b>2</b> First Thursday	<b>3</b> Greeters Players	<b>4</b> Scottish Rite Crab Feed Ballroom Dance Competition
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Directors Divan Meeting	<b>7</b> Tin Lizzies	<b>8</b> <b>STATED MEETING</b> Woodworker's	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Dancers Oyster Feed	<b>11</b> Provost Guard Wine Tasting
<b>Events in RED are Cancelled or Postponed</b>						
<b>12</b> Easter	<b>13</b> Twin Falls SC	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Scottish Rite Reunion
<b>19</b> Scottish Rite Reunion	<b>20</b> Payette SC El Korah Klowns	<b>21</b> Cameleers Sand Duners High Country Sidewinders SC	<b>22</b> Caldwell SC Sutary Klowns Red Neck Culinary	<b>23</b> Baker Player Appreciation Dinner at Ontario Elks	<b>24</b> Symposium	<b>25</b> Ron Scott Memorial Ceremonial
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Black Light Patrol Snake River SC	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		

# May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>31</b>					<b>1</b> Greeters Players	<b>2</b> DON International Night
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Tin Lizzies	<b>6</b> Provost Guard Band	<b>7</b> First Thursday	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Potentate's Ball
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Directors Divan Meeting Twin Falls SC	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>STATED MEETING</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
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<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Black Light Patrol Snake River SC N/S Football in Twin Falls	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Caldwell SC Sutary Klowns Red Neck Culinary	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>