

EL KORAH SHRINERS

DESERT DUST

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Potentate's Ball

Saturday April 14th, 2018

at El Korah Shrine

Attire: Tuxedo or Dark Suit



**2018 Potentate
David Thomas and Lady Pam**

5:30 pm Hosted Cocktails

6:30 pm Introductions

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Ladies Luncheon at Ceremonial

Lady Pam Thomas cordially
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Korah Ceremonial on April
28. The Luncheon will be
held at 11:30 am and is \$15
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to get your tickets. See you
there!

April 2018 Stated Meeting

The next Stated Meeting of El Korah Shriners will be on Wednesday, April 11, 2018. Look for more information on meeting plans and dinner coming soon!

Potentate's Page

By Dave Thomas



Must say this month flew by, thanks Rick and Justin for not bugging me to get this ready for press, perhaps they are as busy as I am, anyhow here's what happened and here's what's happening.

March 3rd, Icebreaker at Twin Falls put on by the T.F. Shrine Club, 9 bars, 9 holes of creative(?) miniature golf, fortunately for me, Wayne "Mo" Moberg, 4th hole Marshall, tripped over a cord and cracked his noggin, Lady Betty accompanied him to the emergency room, so Lady Pam and I took over his duties, saving me from a potential hangover. "Mo" survived the fall and came back later that afternoon

March 14th was our stated meeting in Pocatello, we had eleven Nobles from our end of the state in attendance, the dinner was great and the meeting informative, thanks SE Idaho Shrine Club for hosting.

It's alive! After the club and unit meeting in Idaho Falls, we delivered the remote Video conferencing equipment to the Eagle Rock Lodge. On March 16th, the Tech Club shook hands with the Nobles in Idaho Falls, and they will be joining us at our stated meeting on the 11th of April, what an accomplishment thanks Nobles.

Probably one of the best Melodramas ever, many thanks to the Director Jan Booe and her cast of misfits for putting it all together.

We now have a new caterer, Ronda Degiorgio, Roosters Catering, her team showed their stuff during Treefort, the food was outstanding, welcome to the team Ronda!

Treefort 2018 is in the books, we should have a report later this month, initial numbers indicate we had the best year ever, thanks to all the nobles, ladies, bartenders and volunteers for making it happen.

Princess Jackie Holloway is the newly installed Queen of D.O.N. Congratulations Queen Jackie, Noble Rick, if you think you were busy before, you ain't seen nothing yet!

Now for what's happening this month: Scottish Rite Reunion will be at El Korah April 6th through the 8th April 11: Stated Meeting. Roosters Catering will provide the meal, come join us in saying hello to our Eastern Idaho Nobles via Video conferencing.

April 14: POTENTATES BALL, please join Lady Pam and I for a fun filled evening of great food and dancing, reservations and tickets are available at the office.

April 20: Dancer's Oyster Feed, get a hold of your favorite Dancer for tickets before they sell out.

April 27th and 28th kicks off Spring Symposium and Ceremonial, we already have 4 new candidates, this is a good time to get that Lodge Brother to pull the trigger and join us at El Korah. This year's theme will be a Parrot Head Party, Jimmy Buffet style. Food will be a "Low Country Boil" by Roosters Catering, plenty of Lei's, Hawaiian Shirts, Boat Drinks, Margaritas, etc. Come join the fun in welcoming our new nobles to the Shrine.

May 5: Provost Guard's Wine Tasting, come get educated on some of Southwest Idaho's best wines.

Still have 2018 Directories and pins, stop in at the Recorder's office and pick one up. If you already have a Directory, please check it for errors/ omissions, let me or Art know so we can correct them for the next printing. Ties are pretty nice, \$20 gets you one, we have XL lengths also.

Recorder Art is emailing his weekly Temple update, Divan Reps/ Ambassadors please use this for Club/ Unit Talking Points. Noble Art puts a nice twist on what's going on at the Temple, be sure to check it out for an up to the minute picture of Temple happenings.

For our Clubs and Units, if you have an idea for a future Nobility Night, bring it on! We're always looking for new events.

Yours in the Faith,

David E. Thomas, Potentate 2018 and Lady Pam

Greeters Greetings

By Bill Sawyer, President

March has, again, been a busy month for the Greeters.

At our meeting on March 2, Rebecca Hubb spoke about our loss of the F-35 project and airport related subjects. Her talk was both educational and entertaining. Dinner was good, as usual, but in spite of that, attendance suffered a bit.

Many of our members, including Judy and myself, journeyed south in an attempt to to escape winter. Spring is now on the way, though and we will be happy to see our "snow birds" as they return.

Greeters manned the upstairs liquor bar for all four productions of the Melodrama. Many thanks to Randy & Carrie Welborn, Jim Franklin, Hal Piel, Mitch & Sue Davis, and everyone else who helped in this effort.

Our speaker for April will be Pat Rice, Executive Director of the Greater Boise Auditorium District. Pat will explain how he, and his colleagues at GBAD are putting Boise on the nationwide map of desirable locations for conventions and meeting of all sizes.

Dinner for April is undecided at this writing but it will be good, I'm sure. I'm looking forward to seeing a good turnout on April 6th. Be sure to RSVP Clarence Jones if you are coming so that we have a place (places) set for you.

Players Playbill

The 2018 Melodrama is now in the books and was successful because of the help of many other Units and individuals. This year, Barbara Seville (Jackie Holloway) is struggling to pay the bills at the Waldorf, Eh! Inn. Coop, her father (Art Kilton) tries perhaps too desperately to help her by selling tickets for the public to see a "man eating alligator" with less than favorable results. The evil banker Lynden Renege (Tom McClung), together with his sidekicks Cy Clops (Dick Swift) and Mack DeKnife (Brandon Martwick), wants to foreclose on the inn so he can turn it into a casino. A directionally challenged Boy Scout Asa Hearts (Rick Holloway) arrives in Canada (or was it Cuba??) to defend Barbara from Lynden, but is pursued by Pearl Unyon (Maggie McCowin) with her outrageous French accent. A stagecoach driven by Winchell Wiper (Jack Gardner) arrives full of quilting women who are more interested in pursuing men than quilts, but his stagecoach is tip-stolen. Along with maid Dinah Sklub (Shauna Dillon) and handyman Moe Lassus (Ray Westmoreland), all seemed lost until Teddy Roosevelt (Santa Bob Albert) catches the stagecoach thieves and turns them over to Ty Dupp (Mark Isserman). With the help of his investigative daughter Tori Dupp (Jenny Isserman), the quilter's money was returned so the inn could be saved.

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**BY SALLY SABINO,
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Greetings to all,

We had a beautiful installation of officers on Saturday, March 24 when Princess Jackie Holloway was crowned Queen. We had approximately 150 people in attendance for the installation. We thank you for attending and the ongoing support we receive throughout the year. Queen Jackie has a busy year planned and we look forward to continuing to support the Shrine Hospitals. Mark your calendars for the annual Silver Tea to be held on May 19!

From the Recorder's Desk

We are here to assist in any way we can. Nobles are encouraged to keep us informed about your activities. Please tell us about upcoming Unit and Club meetings, Concerts, Wine Tasting's, Masquerade parties, picnics, golf games, and whatever else you are planning. We'd like to get the word out for you. Communication is difficult at best and we want to do our part. Our Illustrious Sir, Potentate David Thomas, is anxious to improve fun activities for Nobles and their families. That is best done through good communication. We keep an annual and monthly activity log in the Recorder's Office and want it to be accurate (and full). Let's hear from you.

A special note from Santa Rosa, California. El Korah Noble Arthur Janssen is celebrating 107 years of life. Born in October 1909, he says he's shooting for 132 years. That ought to be some kind of record. His cardiologist is delighted by his very positive outlook and love of life.





Portland Shrine Hospital Report

Rick Holloway, Board of Governors

The March Board meeting was held on the 26th, and included a great summary of 2017 metrics from the Portland Shrine Hospital.

In 2017, there were 2 more orthopaedic surgeons added to the staff, bringing the total number of surgeons to 12. We had 13,360 patient visits from 6,192 patients, 3,156 surgical hours from 1,173 surgeries, 3,811 specialized prosthetics and orthotics made, 8,423 radiology procedures, and 16,475 therapy visits. A total of 400 patients were treated at outreach clinics, with 128 in Anchorage, 21 in Bellingham, 233 in Medford, and 18 in Pendleton.

We are fortunate to have so many surgeons, therapists, nurses, and support staff at the hospital who continue to work to support our mission. Each month, the trip to the Portland hospital gives the Board members a chance to visit with patients, families, staff, and other Board members and see first hand the incredible things that are done for patients without regard for their ability to pay. If you have any questions about the Portland Shrine Hospital, please contact Dave Triplett, Rick Holloway, or Mike Mastropaolo.



Salt Lake Shrine Hospital Report

Ray Westmoreland, Board of Governors

The Walk (and Roll) for Love is September 15th. Please consider traveling to one of our Hospitals to participate in the great event. We raised more than \$50,000 and 1200 attended!

Our Board was updated on compliance by Meric Bloch from Tampa at our last meeting. We were reminded that culture is king. We need to be transparent, consistent and credible. Our culture is formed by 1/3 moral values, 1/3 peers, 1/3 what the boss does. When a company like United Airlines receives bad publicity, it can be traced to culture.

Our Hospital leadership is now spending 2 to 4 hours in various departments learning about problems or situations that otherwise would not be discovered, sort of like "Undercover Boss". While we have scored high on the Press Ganey reports – customer service – it was found that among staff, 69% had confidence in senior leadership and 57% said communication between departments was good, hence the department visits.

Our Travel fund is now fully funded due to donations and Southwest Airline free tickets. Lighting for the OR is now a priority for monies received from Shrine organizations. Non Shrine groups are encouraged to donate to our wheel chair department which requires \$400,000 per year.

Health fairs have been found to be as effective as screening clinics in finding new patients.

Telehealth is being considered now for Phoenix. Besides Idaho Falls and Rock Springs Wyoming., we are setting up in Elko, Nevada.

Healthcare delivery is changing rapidly now, with more and more treatment being provided in an outpatient setting rather than inpatient. The need for burn treatment is diminishing with greater education. The Shrine Hospitals continue to adjust to these changes.

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El Korah Tiger Room

5:30 pm Social, 6:30 pm Dinner



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Black Light Patrol

By Ray Schild, President

The Elite Black Light Patrol is pleased to report a wonderful function held in Payette on Saturday, March 17, 2018. The Patrol had the privilege of putting on a FC Degree for Washoe Lodge #28. The Nobles were in full uniform and the degree ceremony was strikingly enacted under the black lights. Scotty presided as Worshipful Master for the ceremony, Bert gave a wonderful lecture and Illustrious Sir Dave himself served admirably as Junior Deacon guarding the lodge from interlopers and seeing it well tiled. The candidate was gratified and impressed and there was a strong brotherly bond obvious with our Brothers from #28. It was a wonderful display of Masonic spirit and well appreciated. I heard three or four serious inquiries being voiced about possible membership in the Patrol and in El Korah generally. As Noble Steve has noted, and it was proven correct, one of the best things we can do is support the Blue Lodges and keep a presence there to help our membership and in turn increase our effectiveness and resources to Help The Kids which is bottom line what we are about.

I was so proud to be a Mason, a Shriner and a Patrolman. I urge everyone to conceive, believe and achieve the same.

The Patrol is also proud to announce that we are in the process of gearing up to revive it proud heritage of being the Shrine's marching corps. At the request of the Divan, it's in the works to "Get the Band Back Together," try to fit into those uniforms, and re-institute The Drill under the black lights. More on our progress later, and we look forward to carrying our colors and those of El Korah, the State and this great Nation. Anyone who thinks precision marching with a band of Brothers sounds like fun, Patrolman or not, is very welcome. Contact anyone at the Patrol or show up at 7:30 pm at the Shrine the fourth Monday of the month.



Spring Ceremonial

Saturday April 28th

Candidates will start their fun at 8:00am

Candidate Fezzing with Arches by the Illustrious Black Light Patrol 4:30



Hosted Social Hour 5:30-6:30

\$30 per person Low Country Boil Dinner 6:30



Dancing with Jimmy Buffett music 8:00



This will be an Islander Motif, full of Fun and Frolic please dress appropriately

Provost Guard

By John Kinney

The Provost Guard held our March meeting on the 7th. The Guard had the opportunity to meet our divine Divan Rep. Jimmy Hansen. Our meeting included several upcoming events, Melodrama, Treefort, but most of our discussion was on our upcoming wine tasting.

The Provost Guard 11th annual wine tasting will be held on May 5th from 6:00 until 9:30. This is a relaxing event where about 6 wineries will bring their wines to be sampled. There will be a sampling of fruit, bread, ham, and cheese. You will be able to purchase wine from the wineries, socialize with your friends, and enjoy a relaxing evening. The "Grapeful Dead" band will be providing music for your pleasure. Tickets will be available from any Provost Guard member or in the Shrine office. For the price of \$20 for one person, or \$35 for two people, you will receive a complimentary wine glass and a relaxing evening with food and drink. There will be door prizes available throughout the evening. There will also be a number of silent auction items for your bidding pleasure. You must be there to enjoy all items available.



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Many of El Korah Shriners are war era military veterans. As such, many of us Shriner Veterans came together to form an American Legion Post made up of Shriners, that meets at our Temple. We meet in the El Korah Oasis the third Friday of the month. We begin with a lunch followed by a Post 100 meeting. You don't have to be a combat veteran to belong to the American Legion, just on active duty for any amount of time during a recognized conflict. Idaho's Legionaries are very supportive of many youth programs, as well as many community activities and services. We are not an expensive organization to belong, just \$35.00 per year. With your membership, you will be given an American Legion membership card, that you can proudly show to anyone. If you would like to become an El Korah Legionnaire, please contact either Commander Dick Swift (208) 890-5691 or Adjutant Bob Finney (208) 344-9145. We are a very cordial and social group of Legionaries, who get great pleasure in the company and the social interaction of each other. Therefore, I encourage your participation in our activities. With March behind us, it is now time to look to April's activities. El Korah Stated meeting is 11 April, the Potentate's Ball is the 14th, with the Symposium and Ceremonial the 27th and 28th.



TREEFORT 2018

El Korah was one of the premier sites for Treefort 2018, with several bands each night lighting up the ballroom much to the delight of sell out crowds each evening.

Many thanks go to the several Nobles and family members who worked well past midnight each evening to make this event a huge success for El Korah. A full report on Treefort will be provided in the April stated meeting.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Easter April Fools Day	2	3 Tin Lizzies	4 Band Provost Guard	5	6 Greeters Players Scottish Rite Reunion	7 Scottish Rite Reunion
8 Scottish Rite Reunion	9 Divan Meeting Twin Falls SC Wood River SC	10	11 STATED MEETING	12	13 Tech Club	14 Potentate's Ball
15	16 Payette SC El Korah Clowns	17 Sand Duners High Country SC	18	19	20 Dancers Oyster Feed	21
22	23	24 Elmore SC SE Idaho SC	25 Caldwell SC Sutary Klowns Red Neck Cul Club	26	27 Symposium Upper SR SC Tech Club	28 Ceremonial
29	30 Snake River SC	1	2	3	4	5

May 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	1 Tin Lizzies US Klowns	2 Band Provost Guard	3	4 Greeters Players	5 Provost Guard Wine Tasting
6	7 Divan Meeting	8 Nile Sewing/Cards	9 STATED MEETING	10	11	12
13	14 Black Light Patrol Payette SC El Korah Clowns	15 Cameleers Director's Staff Sand Duners	16 Band	17 Meridian SC	18	19 Nile Silver Tea
20 Barons Car Show Gold Rush SC	21 Snake River SC	22 Elmore SC SE Idaho SC	23 Caldwell SC	24	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day North/South Football Game- Burley	29	30	31	1	2

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