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EL KORAH SHRINERS



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Saturday April 8th, 2017 at El Korah Shrine

Attire: Tuxedo or Dark Suit



2017 Potentate Mike Yavno and Lady Carol

1730 hrs (5:30 pm) Hosted Cocktails
1830 hrs (6:30 pm) Introductions
1900 hrs (7:00 pm) Dinner
2000 hrs (8:00 pm) Dance to Rock 'N Rooster

Prime Rib or Tarragon Basil Chicken by Big Sky Catering

\$35 per person

RSVP Required

by March 31st Recorder's Office 343-0571 No Tickets at the Door

OFFICERS Elected Officers

Potentate	Mike Yavno
Chief Rabban	Dave Thomas
Assistant Rabban	Garland Risner
High Priest and Propl	hetRick Holloway
Oriental Guide	Will Votaw
Treasurer	Gary Betts
Recorder	Max Bearden

Appointed Divan

Director.....Mark Isserman Assistant Director....Jesse Laduke Chaplain....Stan Barker 1st Ceremonial Master..Ken Beaudreau 2nd Ceremonial Master.....Dale Rutter Marshal....Seth Van Wassenhove Captain of the Guard.....Justin Boyer Outer Guards....Santa Bob Albert Bob Cannon, Jim Hansen, Bob Nelson

Aides

Chief Aide.....Dick Swift Chris Burgess, Bob Carleton, Bill Curtis Bruce Drewes, Jack Gardner, Rod Horn Gene Strate

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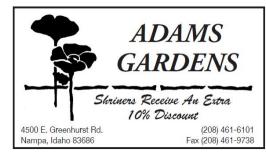
Jo that Undiscovered Country William Newbry Donald Girard Howard Hill Arden Lee Clayton Hurless (2015) Have you seen the El Korah website?

it, along with links for useful

There's lots of information on

products and services.

elkorahshrine.org





Have you paid Your 2017 Dues?

Please check your wallet! If you haven't paid your 2017 Dues yet, please do so today. You can call the Recorder's office at 208-343-0571 for assistance. It is important to you, your community, and your hospital program!

Editor Notice

The Desert Dust is published monthly except July and August by El Korah Shriners at 1118 West Idaho Street, Boise, Idaho 83702

All articles, events, unit activities, announcements, and pictures must be in the hands of the Editor by the 20th of the month preceding the publication month in order to get them in the Dust.

Please submit all articles, pictures, and announcements for publication to <u>elkorahdesertdust@gmail.com</u> or drop them in the Desert Dust mailbox at El Korah.

April Stated Meeting The next Stated Meeting of El Korah Shriners will be on Wednesday, April 12, at El Korah. Social starts at 6:00 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm, and the stated meeting starts at 7:00 pm. There will be a Ladies program so bring your Ladies!

Potentate's Corner By Mike Yavno

We held our March Stated meeting in Twin Falls. This allowed us to share our meeting with our Noble Brothers in eastern Idaho. We also elected Noble Will Votaw as our El Korah Oriental Guide for 2017 at this meeting.



The 2017 El Korah Melodrama was attended by several hundred Nobles and people from our community. Attendees had great fun and a wonderful meal. We look forward to next year's play and festivities. We also hosted approximately 40 El Kalah Shriners and Ladies from Salt Lake City at this event.

El Korah was a favorite venue at the 2017 annual Treefort Music Festival. Our El Korah Treefort Chairmen, High Priest and Prophet Rick Holloway and El Korah Director Mark Isserman led our Treefort Team and volunteers to earn over \$50k. These monies will support our Temple operations for the next few months. We especially thank Lady Jackie Holloway and Lady Sue Risner for their help in making our event so successful.

Our next major event will be our 2017 El Korah Shrine Circus. This event will be held during the June 19th through 25th time frame. We will need our Nobles and Ladies to help hand out and collect tickets. We will also need help to man our travel Team to be at the various venues in Boise and Eastern Idaho. Details and requests to the Nobles will be forthcoming.

El Korah will also be holding a Cold Sands event on Saturday April 15th. All Nobles are invited to attend and welcome our new Shriners. Please see the flyers for this event.

Your Divan is planning a May 10, 2017 Stated Meeting at the Temple, where all Nobles and their wives are invited to attend. We are planning a fun night, as well as, a brief presentation from the Portland Hospital Staff.

Lady Carol and I wish all our El Korah Nobles and Ladies a most Happy Easter.

Fraternally, Michael G. Yavno (& Lady Carol) Potentate 2017 El Korah Shriners

Chaplain's Corner

By Stan Barker, Chaplain

We are now in our fourth month of 2017, and we can feel that spring is all about us. All the snow which we had is now a memory. Another sign of spring is Daylight Savings Time.



Another sign of spring is all the activities of El Korah Shrine are coming to life. Our Potentate, Mike Yavno and the Divan are all busy implementing the programs which have been outlined for 2017.

The main activity for the month of April is the POTENTATE'S BALL which is scheduled for April 8. This will involve all the Nobles and their Ladies to carry out. We all pray for good weather for the weekend. Some will be traveling to be with us.

Many of us will be observing Easter on April 16.

"April" by Helen Steiner Rice.

April comes with cheeks a glowing. Silver streams are all a-flowing. Flowers open wide their eyes, In a rapturous surprise. Lilies dream beside the brooks. Violets in the meadow rooks. And the birds gone wild with glee. fill the woods with melody

SHALOM

In the Oasis Come sing with Gayle Chapman on the piano Every Tuesday night 6-8 pm

Oasis is open M-F 4 pm to 8 pm Socialize with your fellow Nobles!



Portland Shrine Hospital Report

The Portland Shrine Hospital had another strong month in February, with 50 percent more inpatient days in 2017 than 2016. Total surgeries year to date are equal to last year, with outpatient visits remaining just over 1,000 per month. The cost of supplies are over budget due to an increase in spinal implants and instruments plus an increase in pharmaceutical costs for this year. The average cost of a spinal implant is \$15,370.

We recently held an outreach clinic in Bellingham, Washington and will be holding another in Pendleton on May 19.

Baron's Car Show

Nobles,

It's that time of year again for another great Barons Shriner Car Show event to support the Patient Travel Fund. This year, we will be holding the event on May 21 from 9:00 am until 2:30 pm at the Shrine parking lot just like last year.

In order to help make this another great success, we are requesting a CALL TO ACTION asking each Noble to help out where possible for the following activities. We need help with:

- Setting up in the morning starting at 7 am and breaking down in the afternoon at 2:30 pm on May 21
- Finding a sponsor-there will be some sponsor packets in the Recorders office
- Provide a donation item for the auction

Please let me know if you can help out by emailing me at krufesr@gmail.com or calling me at 208-906-9590.

Yours in the Faith, Ken Rufe



Gold Rush Shrine Club

I want to thank all the Nobles and their lady's for coming to Idaho City for our March 19th Gold Rush Shrine Club meeting. We had 41 in attendance for good fellowship and a short meeting. Our next Gold Rush Shrine Club meeting will be in Garden Valley at the Terrace Lakes Golf club house. Noble Hal England and Noble Dale Rutter are working on making this an excellent outing. So please mark your calendars for May 21st. Gold Rush Shrine Club is a unique organization that only meets 4 times a year, has a \$10.00 initiation fee and dues are \$10.00 per year.

Noble Gene Strate 2017 Gold Rush Shrine Club president



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El Korah Divan Ladies

The Divan Ladies are preparing a wonderful custom cookbook featuring favorite recipes from all El Korah Nobles, Ladies and Masonic Family. The cookbook will be professionally published and is certain to be a special remembrance for everyone to enjoy.

Please submit 3 - 5 of your favorite recipes so you can be represented in the El Korah Cookbook. You have the option of mailing them to El Korah, emailing them to one of the committee members, or logging on to <u>www.elkorahshrine.org</u>, clicking on the link to the El Korah Ladies Cookbook and upload your recipe to the website. The instructions to upload are easy to follow. Your name will be printed with each of the recipes and you can add personal notes about why the recipe is special to you.

Please include with every submission the Contributor Name, Title, Primary Unit/Club/Masonic Organization

To email your submission or if you have questions, please contact one of the following Committee members:

Anne VanWassenhove ann.van@icloud.com 208-250-1028 Jackie Holloway rjholloway2010@gmail.com 208-221-3647 Sue Risner susan.risner@yahoo.com 208-860-2291 Deadline for Submissions is April 20, 2017



Treefort 2017!!

The Treefort Music Festival took over the City of Boise from March 22-26 and, as usual, our own El Korah Shrine was one of the top venues for the performances. Final numbers will be presented at our April stated meeting. Mark Isserman and Rick Holloway, co-chairs for the event, wish to thank the many volunteers who helped make this year the most successful Treefort we have ever had!

2017 EL KORAH CIRCUS UPDATE

YES, the 2017 El Korah Circus program is underway. To-date, all venues in eastern and western Idaho are booked. The 2017 Circus Contract is signed with the Jordan Circus Team. Jordy Jordan is bringing all animals and some new acts to our Circus in June. We are currently confirming the team of Circus Chairmen who will be making the 2017 El Korah Circus a great success. Later on, we will be asking for more Nobles and Ladies to be part of the Travel Team and to help us here in the Boise area. We are planning on using the Membership Story Board at these events. This means we will need Masons and Shriners to help us man the Story Board and tell Circus attendees about our history and mission. More details and progress reports will follow.

The Circus Dates are:

Sunday	June 18th, Travel Day (Travel Team) to Idaho Falls		
Monday	June 19th Circus in Idaho Falls		
Tuesday	June 20th Circus in Pocatello		
Wednesday	June 21st Circus in Twin Falls		
Thursday	June 22nd Load-in at Boise at Century Link Arena		
Friday****	June 23rd. Circus in Boise at Century Link Arena		
Saturday	June 24th Circus in Boise at Century Link Arena		
Sunday	June 25th Circus in Boise at Century Link Arena, Show Close		
*** Meridian Dairy Days Parade Friday Evening in Meridian			

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Duner's Doings

It's officially Spring, so what do you do if you are a Sand Duner? First, you grab your fez and book it down to the Temple, with your lady, for a music fix at Treefort. What a wonderful volunteer event to support the Temple. Thank you to everyone who helped out this year. Now that our ears have stopped ringing, for those who forgot earplugs, it's now time to start planning for parade season.

We have scheduled our first buggie tech day for April 22. Parade Master, Noble Chris Burgess will be sending out details. If you are not a Duner but are interested in helping out, give him a shout – we always welcome Shriners and those interested in buggies on tech day. Our first parade will be June 17th in Emmett, so mark your calendars.



From a staff member of a local Assisted Living Facility on the Melodrama

Sonjia,

I wanted to thank you on behalf of Touchmark and the residents on an outstanding afternoon of enjoyment and camaraderie. The residents talked about it to their family members and they were happy to know that there are options like this in our community to get together with other seniors and to enjoy a Melodrama.

Everyone in the production was so accommodating and made us feel very welcome. From the moment we pulled up front in our two buses, we were greeted and welcomed by the cast members and then helped to the elevator and in to the auditorium. We couldn't believe the service with the soft drinks and snacks. We loved every minute of this beautiful afternoon filled with fun from the Melodrama, and it was great to see the interaction of cast members making light of their lines and even laughing along with the rest of us.

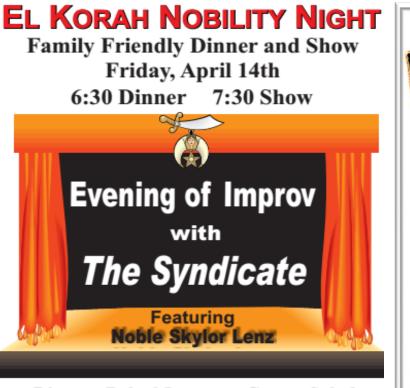
When the residents got back to our community, they continued talking about this event during dinner.

Thank you again for including us in the wonderful event. I hope we can be included next year.

Respectfully,

Lila J. Fladwood, CCSI | Life Enrichment Assistant Touchmark at Meadow Lake Village

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Dinner: Baked Lasagna, Caesar Salad Garlic Bread and Dessert Prepared by our own Chef Baron

\$15_{per person} \$25_{per couple} *Kids under 12 free!*

RSVP Required! by April 12th Recorder's Office 343-0571

From the Recorder's Office

We are still having a problem with Imperial regarding dues cards. Some members have received them and some have not. In addition, the 2017 stickers have not been mailed in a timely manner. If you have not received a dues card or a 2017 sticker for your card, please call Kim or myself at 208-343-0571.

What is a Shriner worth? Look at the number of kids who went to the Salt Lake Hospital in 2016? Scoliosis: 120, Valgus deformity: 117, Congenital deformities of the hip: 77, muscle contracture: 75, flat foot: 63, limb deformities: 53, club foot: 51, cerebral palsy: 49, fracture: 41, congenital deformities of the foot: 34, unequal limb length: 33, limb loss/amputation: 27, Legg-Cave perthes disorder: 21, short Achilles tendon: 20, multiple congenital exostosis: 14, removal of internal fixation device: 12, osteogenesis: 11, others: 19. So when you think about your membership, think about these kids!



This year's 2017 Fun Run event to help the Patient Travel Fund will be held on April 15th at Cycle Addiction in Nampa (1732 Garrity Blvd, Nampa, ID 83687 - Phone: (208) 465-6730). We are again looking for support from our Nobles and their ladies to help set up at Cycle Addiction and to be at a few locations throughout the valley plus clean up at the final location in Melba.

We are looking for a few Shriners and their Ladies, if possible, to be at the locations listed below:

- * Starting location Cycle Addiction from 9:00 to 11:30 for set up and sell raffle tickets
- Victor's Hogs and Horns in Caldwell starting around 11 am to 12:30 pm
- Last Chance Saloon in Homedale starting around 11 am to 1:30 pm
- * Final stop where the auction and food will be served is Buck's in Melba starting at 2 pm until 6 pm. At 6 pm we need help for clean up.

Please contact Ken Rufe to volunteer or for more information at krufesr@gmail.com or 906-9590

Did You Know?

EL KORAH SHRINERS COMING EVENTS APRIL 2017 April 7: Dancer's Oyster Feed April 8: Potentate's Ball April 12: Stated Meeting April 14: Nobility Night April 15: Cycle Addiction Ride April 15: Cold Sands Ceremony

This notice will be will be sent out regularly so our Nobles may know of events and activities going on at El Korah.

If in doubt about an event, please call the Recorder's office at 208-343-0571. Remember to book events with the Recorder at least 60 days in advance of the event date.

Please note the dates for the Imperial Session are Saturday July 8 to Thursday July 13th. This year's Imperial Session will be held in Daytona Beach Florida. More details will be forthcoming.

The Potentate's Trip is tentatively scheduled for Friday September 15 thru Sunday September 17th. This trip will be scheduled in conjunction with "Walk of Love" to be hosted by the Salt Lake Shrine Hospital. Nobles Ray Westmoreland, PP and Rick Holloway High Priest & Prophet, will be making the arrangements for this weekend in September. We are planning on a Bus trip to Salt Lake City for this event. More details will be forthcoming as we approach the month of September.

<u>Greeters Greetings</u>

We've begun a new year, and we are off to a great start. It's already late March and the year is slipping away fast. Our April meeting date is scheduled for March 31st. We hope to see everyone there. We'll have a fun and interesting speaker, Todd Sawyer, owner of Boise Orkin Pest Control, to share information about Boise Bugs. I'm sure everyone will have a question or two during the Q and A.

At our March meeting, Doctor Karl Watts, M.D., spoke about America's combination of too much and too little government health care. His speech was well received. Questions kept the meeting going longer than anticipated. Dr Watts was quite willing to respond. I hope the information was informative and helpful.

A few of our members were in the cast of the Melodrama. They had a lot of fun, as did the audience. If a line was forgotten, the audience howled with delight. Laughter was ever present. Food and drink were excellent. Greeters manned the cocktail bar. Members of the Black Light Patrol provided the beer. Desserts were especially good. The several nights of the Melodrama were well received by each audience.

Greeters future programs have not been finalized, but we will work diligently to have high caliber speakers for each meeting. We'll also have a quality meal prepared. Hope to see everyone there!

Enthusiastically, Noble Arthur Kilton, President

Players Playbill

The annual Melodrama recently concluded, with more laughs and good times than should be allowed! This year's production was full of the usual heroes, heroines, and villians. Ma (Jan Booe) was trying desperately to pay off the mortgage to the evil Banker Overbarril (Tom McClung) on their home and the blacksmith shop run by her son Clem Chowder (Rick Holloway), even though the hired help Buck (Ray Westmoreland) isn't much help. When a rash of horse thieving begins (maybe if they had an ointment?), Clem comes up with several questionable plans to catch the horse thieves, while his love interest Philodendron Parsnip (Jackie Holloway) tries to help the not-too-bright Clem in catching those responsible for not only stealing her horses but her Pappy who was dressed up as a horse. Undercover detective Madame Roseola (Shauna Dillon) arrives in town to investigate the recent gold thefts in the area. Sheriff Slidell (Art Kilton), who is smitten with Philodendron and is bent on hanging Clem to get him out of the way, "dresses up" to catch the horse thieves but has the desperado Blackjack Gulch (Dick Swift) to deal with too. Along came Marshall Penny (Rodney Horn) to help in the investigation. The fair is in town, complete with baking contests, shooting matches, the introduction of a new game called baseball, and of course, the hanging! With several other cast members participating in the action, Clem finally figures out who is responsible for the gold stealing and the horse thieving, and the Sheriff and Banker Overbarril, who were colluding on the evil plan, end up in jail. Help from the stage crew, sound and lights, and great music by the El Korah Band made this year's performance memorable for all. And if you missed the Players St. Patrick's Day dinner of corned beef and cabbage this year, make plans for next year to enjoy a terrific meal for the Irish in all of us!



IRAS TEMPLE NO. 40, DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE BY SONJIA YATES, PRINCESS BADOURA

We have just finished a wonderful year with Queen Pam Thomas! March is the month of our election of officers. At our stated session on the 16th of March we elected our new officers:

Jenny Isserman, Queen Jackie Holloway, Princess Royal Carol McGinnis, Princess Tirzah

Sonjia Yates, Princess Badoura Cyndie Bollar, Princess Recorder Mary Baldwin, Princess Banker

We had a beautiful Installation on March 25! Thank you to all our Shriners, members, and friends who came to support Iras Temple No. 40.

Iras Temple Dancers and Pageantry are having their annual Oyster Feed on April 7, 2017 at 5:30 pm at El Korah. Please contact one of the Dancers for more information and tickets. Second, our next Stated Session is April 20. The Annual Silver Tea is May 20 at the home of Princess Norma Randall from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. We invite you to bring a friend and join us for an afternoon of fun.

We wish you all a wonderful spring! Don't forget to smell the flowers and enjoy the green grass and beautiful city we live in.



April 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
					Greeters	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Tin Lizzies US Klowns	Band Provost Guard		Players Dancers Oyster Feed	Potentate's Ball
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Director's Meeting Divan Meeting Twin Falls SC	Nile Sewing/Cards	STATED MEETING		Nobility Night	Cycle Addiction Ride Cold Sands
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Payette SC	Cameleers Director's Staff Sand Duners		Meridian SC	Kiwanis Murder Mystery Dinner	Kiwanis Murder Mystery Dinner
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Black Light Patrol Snake River SC	Elmore SC SE Idaho SC	Caldwell SC			
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May 2017

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

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