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The Iras Temple Dancers & Pageantry New Years Eve Gala **The Great Gatsby Darty** December 31, 2018, Monday El Korah Shrine, Boise, Idaho

Social - 6 to 7 p.m. Dinner - 7 to 8:00 p.m. Dancing until 11 p.m., Music by Rockin Rooster New Year Toast at 12:00 EST Dressing for the times is encouraged but not mandatory

Raffle, Raffle, Raffle & Silent Auction

Tickets are \$50 & can be obtained from any



Dancer and the Recorders Office ALL MASONIC CHRISTMAS PARTY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018 EL KORAH SHRINE 2-4 PM SANTA WILL BE THERE AT 3:15!



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Assistant Rabban	Rick Holloway
High Priest & Prophet	Will Votaw
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2 nd Ceremonial MasterRaymond Schild
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Please submit all ads, articles, pictures, and announcements for publication in the Dust to elkorahdesertdust@gmail.com or drop them in the Desert Dust mailbox at El Korah.

2019 Dues

Dues notices have been sent out for your 2019 Dues for El Korah. Please help your Shrine stay strong! You can call the Recorder's office at 208-343-0571 for assistance. Thank you!



December 2018 Stated Meeting

The next Stated Meeting of El Korah Shriners will be on Wednesday, December 12, 2018. Social hour starts at 6:00 pm, dinner will be at 6:30, and the meeting will start at 7:30 pm. This meeting is Election of Officers for 2019!!

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Potentate's Page By Illustrious Sir Dave Thomas

From Lady Pam and I, many thanks to all the Nobility for the honor bestowed upon us to serve as YOUR Potentate for the year of 2018. With the help of everyone, we accomplished many of my personal milestones, unfortunately membership wasn't one of them, but you can't win them all. So what did we get done? Top on the list was Video-conferencing with our Eastern Idaho and Twin Falls Nobles, many thanks to the Tech Club for setting it all up. Our Spring Ceremonial turned into a Spring Cold Sands Ceremony which consisted of all the trimmings except the games.



The banquet that evening was quite a change, the Black Light Patrol built the arches, the Candidates were fezzed and then the fun began. Jimmy Buffett set the tone, Palm Trees, Island dress, a Low Country Boil, all followed by music and dancing. Moving the Circus out of Century Link Arena to the Idaho Center was a major accomplishment, what was a logistics nightmare at Century Link, became a piece of cake at the Idaho Center. Lastly was bringing back the Honored Ladies Luncheon, they are our legacy, lots of stories and visiting with dear friends set the tone. That's about it, thanks to all who helped make it happen.

November was pretty relaxed, Honored Ladies Luncheon was a home run, step-up meeting went pretty long, Garland and I ended up buying drinks for the Nobles that suffered through it. Finally, the E-W Game at Thunder Stadium, a bit damp but a hardy crowd that weathered the storm, once again West prevailed.

Coming up in December:

December 2nd - The All Masonic Christmas Party, this is a great opportunity to show off our Temple, please join us, we always need help moving food and answering questions about our fraternity, Bring Your Fez! December 12th – Stated meeting/ election of officers for 2019: Social at 6, dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30.

January 5th – Installation of El Korah's 2019 Officers!

That's All Folks!

Nobles, Dazzle is languishing away in the Circus Office and his chariot is gathering dust in my machine shed, someone please step up and rescue him.

See you all at the Temple!

Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the year ahead!

Yours in the Faith, David E. Thomas, Potentate 2018 and Lady Pam

Imperial Sesssion 2019!!

El Korah has a block of rooms reserved at the Hilton Garden Inn for the Imperial Session in Nashville, TN, June 30 – July 4th in 2019. We have a few rooms left and still have time to get more. Imperial Sir Jim Cain and his lady Patsy have promised to roll out the red carpet for El Korah. We'll have a hospitality room and plenty of fun activities for this once in a lifetime opportunity in a great city. Stay over for the 4th of July for one of the best fireworks displays in the United States. If you are interested in joining the party in music city, please contact Garland 208-866-9411 or Sue Risner 208-860-2291.



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The El Korah Divan wishes you and yours a happy Holiday season!

If you enjoy history, you may enjoy: A Musician in the Great War

Diary of a WW1 Soldier By Adolph Kuellmer and

Joanne Kuellmer Franklin

This book features Joanne's grandfather's diary kept while he was serving in France during WW1 including time in the trenches, Adolph's photos before, during and after the war, a roster of his regiment, and an introduction written by Joanne.

Copies available on Amazon (by title), or from Joanne. Email Joanne for more information at joannekf@gmail.com

From the Recorder's Desk

Hello, my name is Ray Westmoreland, Past Potentate 2011 and I am the new Recorder. I am also known as your SHC SLC rep, Cameleer, and popcorn popper. I have been at the job for one month.

What I have learned so far...

- Kim is very very valuable to El Korah and all Nobles and Ladies should strive to make her job easier. Do not ask for favors from her on Monday's, especially after a weekend event. She is buried in mail, phone calls, Patient Travel requests, and folks wanting to chat.

- Noble Brother Jimmy Hansen has many talents. He is the event co-coordinator, and building maintenance person. Jimmy sets up for events, makes sure things are clean and working, paints when time is available and will unlock the building if needed.

Our last Stated Meeting was lead by Chief Rabban, Garland Risner as it was Chief Rabban night. We elected 3 new Nobles, received a wonderful "thank you" card from the Jobs Daughters AND a check for \$500. We also got a check from the Snake River Shrine Club towards our Football game.

So far, I love the job. Tell Kim how much we appreciate her because when Kim is happy I am happy.

Boise Holiday Parade



IRAS TEMPLE NO. 40, DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE BY SALLY SABINO PRINCESS BADOURA

Aloha and Greetings! I'm sitting on my deck looking at the Honolulu skyline writing this article reminiscing about my gratitudes of your many unselfish hours for the Shrine hospitals and children. The collaboration of our two organizations is amazing.

Queen Jackie and the line officers marched and were joyously welcomed in Boise in the Veterans and the Holiday parades..

Our Annual Fashion Show was filled with holiday fashions to wear, complete holiday decor and good food. There was music, Santa and a special holiday feast for a special table on stage that was bid by several of our Shriners and guests. The event was a tremendous success and funds raised were well over our expectations. Thank you to everyone.

Dates to remember for 2018:

December 11th is Sewing & Cards - El Korah Shrine 9:30am 11:30am lunch December 20 Luncheon(POTLUCK) 12:00 noon with Stated Session 1:30 P.M. December 31st is New Years Eve Dinner & Dance

Merry Christmas and we hope you have a Beautiful New Year!

Veterans Day Parade





Portland Shrine Hospital Report

Rick Holloway, Board of Governors

The Portland Shriners Hospital is proud to announce Dr. Robert Bernstein, MD, has taken over as Chief of Staff. We look forward to a very productive and positive future with Dr. Bernstein leading the team of amazing surgeons and medical staff at the Portland Hospital. Look for more updates in the coming months!

Our Public Relations staff have had remarkable results in getting the word out on the Portland Hospital. We are now seeing 4,500 hits per month on Facebook, 800 hits on Twitter, and increases in hits on Instagram and Linkedin.

We also were notified that the Portland Hospital won the prestigious Press Ganey Award for Outstanding Nursing Quality! This annual award is given to the top performing organizations in each of seven categories, with the highest ranking hospital in each category receiving the award. The Portland Shriners Hospital was the winner in the pediatric hospital category. Congratulations to the Portland team and thank you for all you do, every day, to fulfill our mission and care for the kids.

We want to thank all of the Nobles for their support of the mission our wonderful staff carries out each day to care for the children!



Salt Lake Shrine Hospital Report

Ray Westmoreland, Board of Governors

Walk for Love final numbers are in! 941 registered, 140 were patients, \$70,000 in donations, 4 teams raised over \$1000, 755 donors. Applause!!!

POPS – Collected \$1.5 million in net revenue YTD that covered 94% of our expenses. We are fitting more "high activity" feet as an added expense. We continue to have the highest collections in the POPS system and second highest in charges, all without a functional c-fab and only one technician.

Environment of Care (Our word for Building Services) – Patient comments this month include "Everything was very sanitary and organized. Cleanliness wasn't an issue at all"

"The personnel treated us with respect, kindness, and knowledge. The service was excellent"

"Front desk was more than helpful when I was unsure where to go"

"My kids loved the fish tank"

HR – SLC is once again a Top Workplace. This is 4 years in a row!

November 4-10 was National Compliance and Ethics week. November 7th was recognition day where a table was set in the cafeteria. Word search puzzles, compliance cards, pens, and code of ethics cards were handed out during lunch.

Hearts and Hands Award – our incredible leader, Board Chairman Scott Andersen has been nominated for this award for his outstanding work as a volunteer for Shriners Hospitals for Children – Salt Lake City. The award will be part of the Utah Philanthropy Days Celebration. Scott travels with our kids to the Unlimbited Camps.

Music Therapy – 15 kids got 12 hours of Music Therapy. Ukuleles arrived in September FREE through MyRxMusic.org Foundation.

Screening Clinic – Nevah from Business Development traveled to Boise to participate in our screening clinic. She also made 5 office visits to establish a relationship with our local doctors to educate them about our lines of service and travel assistance provided by El Korah. She also discussed hospital talking points, patient acquisition, and marketing ideas with this year's awesome screening clinic chairman, Justin Peterson



El Korah American Legion Post 100



Dear Veteran,

December 2018

The Post has been continuing to meet at El Korah, and the December will be held on the 21st (always the 3rd Friday of the month). As usual, we will have a lunch at 11:30 a.m. in the El Korah's Oasis followed by a meeting at noon. Our meeting location is 1118 West Idaho Street downtown Boise.

Last year was a good membership year, finishing well above 100%. We have recently begun a new membership year and the challenge for another 100% year is ahead of us. It is achievable with everyone's help. So when you meet someone new, ask them if they are a veteran, then when did they serve? If they qualify for membership, ask them to join our American Legion Post. It is that easy, and with this approach, we can again be a 100% Post in 2019.

I hope to see many of you again at our December meeting.



Nomads News Warren Hill, Scout

The Nomads RV Club have set the following camping schedule for 2019:

April 29-May 2 - Ambassador RV Resort, Caldwell

May 24-26 - Hagerman RV Village, Hagerman

June 9-11 - McCall RV Resort, McCall

August 1-3 - Mountain View RV Park, Baker City, Oregon – East West Shrine Game weekend

August 23-25 - Challis Hot Springs, Challis – Idaho Masonic Picnic weekend

September 16-17 - Mountain Home RV Park, Mountain Home

Nomads RV Club welcomes all Shriners who enjoy the outdoors to join us for fun and fellowship. You don't have to own an RV to participate as many of our outing locations offer cabins or have BnB rooms available. Those that have "retired" from pulling or driving their RV can join us for summer fun.

Contact a Nomad officer for more information: Trailboss Jay Garrett (208) 707-4397, Assistant Trailboss Dave Thomas (208) 405-9560, or Scout Warren Hill – (208) 994-6596.

Players Playbill

It's coming up fast! Melodrama 2019 will be here in a few short months. This year's play is "The Treasure of Shiver River" and we will be starting rehearsals next month. Information on tickets and times is listed to the left. We look forward to a terrific Melodrama in 2019!



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El Korah Shrine

Boise, Idaho



The Potentate, Board of Directors, and Divan Cordially invite you to the 120th Installation of Officers for 2019

Saturday, January 5, 2019

4:00 pm 5:00 pm Installation-Ballroom Reception-Downstairs

Please join us as we begin the New Year at El Korah Shrine with Nobility Night, including dinner and a Casino Night following the Installation

> 6:00 pm 7:00 pm

Dinner-Tiger Room Casino Night-Ballroom

Join us as we begin the new year at El Korah Shrine! Come and mingle with the newly installed Divan as they will be staffing the gaming tables. Please RSVP by 12/28/18 for dinner by calling 208-343-0571. More information to follow, but we are planning on a rib eye steak, baked potato, and all the goodies including dessert, all for \$25 per person. This is your first opportunity to meet the 2019 officers and join us for the first party of the year!





Duners Doings

Jose Costa, President

First I have to thank all the Duners for a great year!! We are done for this parade season and I really have to say that the holiday parade was one of the most fun filled parades we have done this year, don't get me wrong they are all equally amazing but there is something about doing a parade back home. Our buggies did great this year and our Parade Master Chris had us moving, so thank you Chris for that. I would like to also say thank you to Mike Cunningham for lending us his time, expertise and place for the benefit of the group. Again thank you to all the Duners that help me this year, for your time and for all you do for the benefit of the group and to Jimmy as well for all you did to help me out.

As we wrap up this year, elections went pretty smoothly!! We have Santa Bob Albert as our new President, Justin Boyer (Vice President), Jimmy Hansen (Secretary) for a second term!!, Doug Blandford (Treasurer) and Shane Curry (Parade Master). Thank you all and congratulation on this upcoming year, wish you all the best. As for me, I say farewell to my year as the president but before I go I want to remind everyone about our Sweethearts Auction. This year, it will be held on February 9th at El Korah, and this year's theme will be "Speakeasy." Last year, we had a blast with the Masquerade Ball, therefore we want to keep it going. We will have great surprises and as always great items for auction. This event is to help the Sand Duners with the Screening Clinic, so come join us and spend a great night with us. Tickets will be on sale soon. Please contact me, Jose E Costa, at 208-807-6056 or ask any Sand Duner for information. Thank you again for a great year Duners, this is me signing off as Mr. Spock would say "live long and prosper"

Below are some pictures from the Duners' participation in the Boise Holiday Parade! Standing at their carts from left to right is Jose Costa, Chris Burgess, Jimmy Hansen, Seth Van Wassenhove, and Will Votaw. The carts are always a hit at the parades, and this year was no exception.



El Korah Shrine Band

If you play or have played a musical instrument, your El Korah Band could use your talents!

Call Max Bearden at 208-376-6470 for more information or to join the Band!



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103 Years Ago... Forty-Nine Wend Tortuous Way O'er Blistering Sands to Reach Haven

El Korah Shrine Scene of Impressive Ceremonies when Initiation Takes Place

Forty -nine pilgrims wended their tortuous way across the burning sands of the desert to reach far famed Mecca on Saturday evening, and when at last the glint of the evening sun shone on the turrets and pinnacles of the mosque, and when the weary plodders found within meat and drink with which to cheer the tired souls, there was a great rejoicing. Voices were raised on high to give thanks, and tinkling cymbals slammed out the news that 49 new Shriners had arrived to be added to the list of Fez wearers in southern and eastern Idaho

It was some ceremony. Visiting Shriners were there from far off places, West Virginia, Washington D.C., Philadelphia, New York and other cities. More than 300 sat for the meal when the impressive ceremonies were over, and more than 300 testified that the initiations were the most successful ever conducted by the officers of El Korah Shrine, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Special cars came from Idaho Falls, Pocatello and Twin Falls, bearing candidates for the awful ordeal which would lead them to their cherished goal. But they stood it bravely. There was not a novitiate in the whole bunch that quailed before the torture, or who complained that his feet hurt after having pressed the smarting sands from which arose shimmering heat waves withering in their density. Everyone was game.

Illustrious Potentate Byron Hyatt, in whose hands was the magic wand that brought about the transformation scenes, was more illustrious than ever, and then came Chief Rabban Frank Wyman, Assistant Rabban Franklin Coates, High Priest and Prophet Hugh McGirr, Oriental Guide Charles Callard, First Ceremonial Master Charles Harkinson, Second Ceremonial Master Sydney C Fuld, Outer Guard Howard Stein, Captain of Patrol Chares Kutnewaky, and Recorder Charles O. Nelson. From inside circles comes the information that all played well their parts.

The traditional banquet was served at 10:30 in the mosque. Plates were laid for 300, and there were no vacant places. Promptly at 12 o'clock the High and Mighty Thumper of the Cymbals announced that another day had dawned, whereas the wearers of the fez wiped their chins with their napkins and dispersed. Everyone said a good time was had.

Submitted by Mitch Davis from an Idaho Statesman archive

2019 East-West Shrine Game



The 94th East-West Shrine Game will be played on Saturday, January 19, 2019, at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Florida, and will be broadcast live on NFL Network. Special ticket packages are available for Shriners and their family and friends.

Contact <u>eastwestshrinegame@shrinenet.org</u> or 813-281-8686 for more information.

From the Twin Falls Shrine Club



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Black Light Patrol By Bert Miller, Past Potentate

The Black Light Patrol continues to have a banner year in support of El Korah and Shriners Hospitals for Shrine Children. The Patrolmen have participated in all Shrine events with our time and treasury. The All-Star Football Game played on November 23 was another success, with the Black Light Patrol providing the Colors, Banquet Personnel, and funds to help with the food costs.

The members of the Black Light and our loyal volunteers are diligently preparing to produce another record event in our 22nd Annual Crab Feed, this coming January 25-26, 2019, at the El Korah Shrine Center. If you know of or have raffle sponsors who would like their contributions advertised in this Major Event, please let Bert or any patrolman know so they can recognized and benefit from this great exposure.

Remember that the Black Light Patrol also helps our Blue Lodges with the 2nd degree of Freemasonry, under the black lights, when asked. We continue to promote Masonry in this way for the benefit of the entire Masonic Fraternity!

The Black Light Patrol continues to seek dedicated Shriners to work improve our Fraternity and Support our Children's Hospitals. Just ask for a Petition!

Black Light Patrol getting ready for the Holiday Parade!

Above left: Ill. Sir Dave Thomas, Ray Westmoreland, PP; Merle Mews, Steve Priest, Bob Julian, Ric Bobier, and Will Votaw. Above right: Merle Mews, Steve Priest, Bob Julian, and Ric Bobier preparing for the parade!

Greeters Greetings By Bill Sawyer, President

The Greeters held their November meeting at El Korah on Friday, November 2nd.

After an excellent Roast Beef Dinner by Ronda, we were entertained and educated by Jeff Rosenthal DVM, Executive Director of the Idaho Humane Society. He gave us an "in depth" explanation of the operation of the existing animal shelter as well as a preview of the new state of the art facility they are building on Overland Road, near Walmart. He told us that small breeds of dogs are very adoptable in Boise, and they sometimes take Chihuahuas from California and easily find homes for them here. Large dogs and cats are more difficult to find homes for.

Sincere thanks to all who donated to our "spur of the moment" collection for pet food. We raised \$136.00 to help feed the many hungry mouths at the animal shelter.

Thanks too, to all who showed up to greet at the Sportsman's Raffle. My apologies for the short notice, the response was deeply appreciated!

Our next meeting will be our Christmas party on December 9th at The Riverside. The Riverside will provide excellent food and ambiance, Dunkley Music will once again provide organ music for the season, and your presence will provide holiday fellowship as we enter the holiday season. Don't miss this one! Invitations are in the mail, please RSVP as soon as possible so that we can give the Riverside a timely, accurate head count.

December 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
All Masonic Christmas Party		Tin Lizzies US Klowns	Band Provost Guard		Greeters Players	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Divan Meeting Twin Falls SC	Nile Sewing/Cards	STATED MEETING ELECTIONS	Meridian SC		Sand Duners Christmas Party
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	El Korah Clowns Payette SC	Cameleers Sand Duners	Band			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		Merry Christmas!				
30	31	NOTES				
	Nile Dancer New Year's Eve Party					

January 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		Happy New Year!	Provost Guard Band	Taco Night 5-7 pm	Greeters Players	Installation of 2019 El Korah officers Installation 4:00 pm Casino Night 7:00 pm
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Directors Divan Twin Falls SC Wood River SC		Stated meeting			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Payette SC El Korah Clowns	Sand Duners Cameleers High Country SC	Band			93rd Annual E-W Shrine Game-FL
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	El Korah Clowns Payette SC Black Light Patrol MLK Day	Southeast ID SC	Caldwell SC Sutary Klowns Red Neck Cul Club Band	Meridian SC Nomads	BLP Crab Feed Upper Snake Rvr SC	Black Light Patrol Crab Feed
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
	Snake River SC			Lunch in Oasis 11-1		

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