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ALL MASONIC Christmas Party Sunday December 3, 2017 1 to 4 pm at El Korah Shrine

SANTA arrives at **3:15 pm**. Kids get a personalized tree ornament to take home.

Want to Volunteer to Help or Donate to the Party? Call Dave or Pam Thomas (208) 405-9560 or (208) 405 1870



Need a Special gift for your Lady? The Drawing for First Lady Carol's Fund Raiser will be held at the Party and the Luck Winner will go home with a Diamond Ring!

Note: Raffle Tickets must be Purchased in Advance.

The Dinner is Great! And the Company is even Better!

El Korah is proud to host all of our Masonic Families!

By working together we all continue to grow stronger.

Have a Wonderful Holiday Season!

Remember, election of officers for 2018 will be held at our Stated Meeting on Wednesday, December 13. Please plan to be there!

2017 OFFICERS Elected Officers

Potentate	
Chief Rabban	Dave Thomas
Assistant Rabban	Garland Risner
High Priest & Prophet.	Rick Holloway
Oriental Guide	Will Votaw
Treasurer	Gary Betts
Recorder	Max Bearden

Appointed Divan

Director.....Mark Isserman Assistant Director....Jesse Laduke Chaplain ...

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

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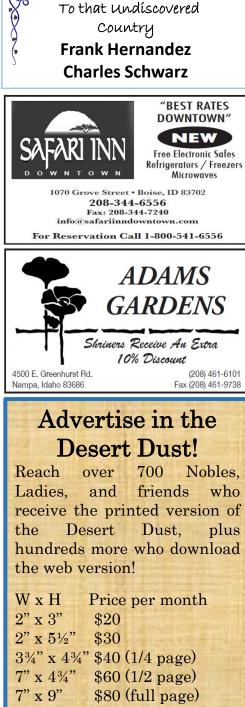
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Please submit all ads, articles, pictures, and announcements for publication to elkorahdesertdust@gmail.com or drop them in the Desert Dust mailbox at El Korah.

DIAMOND RING RAFFLE Sunday December 3rd

Ladies one carat solitaire ring set in 14K gold valued at more than \$3,000.

Drawing will be held at the All Masonic Christmas Party at El Korah on December 3rd.

Tickets are \$5.00. Call the Recorder's office 208-343-0571 or Anne VanWassenhove 208-250-1028.

Proceeds will go to help preserve the El Korah ballroom murals and for new curtains.

December Stated Meeting

The next Stated Meeting of El Korah Shriners will be on Wednesday, December 13, at El Korah. Social starts at 6:00 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm, and the stated meeting starts at 7:30 pm. The December meeting is our annual election of officers for 2018.

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Potentate's Corner By Mike Yavno

Illustrious Sirs, Members of the Divan, Nobles All and Ladies of El Korah

As my term as your 2017 Potentate is nearing an end, I would like to say thank you to all!

We have had a great year! All annual events have been accomplished in great fashion. We have bettered all results from previous years. This has happened due to your help and support of El Korah; in all ways!

Lady Carol and her Divan Ladies have also hit high note with their "Cooking From the Heart" cookbook and the Diamond Ring auction. These funds will do much for our "Kids".

As the saying goes "I am heading for the Barn." Thank you all!

Lady Carol and I wish you a joyous Christmas and a great 2018.

Mike and Carol Yavno

'PEACE"

Now the Higher Power of Peace himself give you Peace always, by all means.

May the Higher Power be with you all.

Noble Mike and Lady Carol Yavno December 2017

2018 Dues Notices

Notices for 2018 Dues have gone out. Please help El Korah and pay your dues today. You can call the Recorder's office at 208-343-0571 for assistance. Thank you!



COOKING FROM THE HEART cookbooks are here! These wonderful custom cookbooks feature favorite recipes and special stories from El Korah Shrine Nobles, their Ladies, and the Masonic Families. El Korah Ladies, Nile Ladies, Job's Daughters, and many others are busy selling the cookbooks. These cookbooks make great gifts for birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, showers, Christmas, and other special occasions.

Proceeds from the sale of COOKING FROM THE HEART will be used to send southern Idaho teenagers who have amputated limbs to Un-Limb-ited Amputee Camps. Started in 2008 at Shriner's Hospitals for Children, Salt Lake, Un-Limbited Amputee Camps give Shriner Kids an opportunity to spend a week at either a summer session or winter session where they can meet other teenagers who face similar circumstances and challenges. Find them at http://unlimbitedcamp.org

COOKING FROM THE HEART cookbooks are available for \$15.00 at the El Korah Shrine Center office 208-343-0571, or contact one of the 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



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Thank you from the Sportsmans Raffle!

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! To everyone who participated in the 3rd annual Elmer Keith El Korah Sportsman's Raffle! This event was again successful because of the involvement of SO many people! Special thanks goes out to the Nobles who sold enough tickets (15 books or more) to get their dues paid for 2018. That list is: Santa Bob Albert, Charlie Bull, Shane Curry, Alan Fox, Walt "Red" Hamby, Doug Hammond, Larry Ridenour, Garland Risner, Steve Siebers, Jim Thompson, and Seth VanWassenhove. Great job guys!!

Thanks to everyone's hard work and dedication to this cause over the past 3 years, we have enough money in hand to run El Korah for 2018 and that means that we are in a brand new era of budgeting and fiscal responsibility! Great work everyone and we'll have details for the 2018 Sportsman's Raffle out soon! On behalf of the entire Sportsmans Raffle team, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



HAPPY NEW YE The Iras Temple Dancers and Pageantry New Years Eve Party December 31, 2017 Sunday El Korah Shrine, Boise Idaho Social - 6 to 7 p.m. Dinner - 7 to 8:00 p.m. Dancing until 11p.m. **Music by Rockin Rooster** New Year Toast at 12:00 Eastern Standard Time Raffle, Raffle, Raffles & Silent Auction Tickets are \$50 & can be obtained from any Dancer and The **Recorders** Office DEC

RedNecks Get an Upgrade

Earlier this year, noble Mike Cunningham offered to do some repairs on the Redneck Culinary Club's old barbeque trailer. The trailer had been used in the past to cook for Masonic and Shrine events. Mike's motto is "Go big or go home". This is where Mike's journey began. He and his crew at Excel Equipment Company built a completely new rig for the Rednecks. The new BBQ trailer has a 10 foot long grilling area. It has a gas fired smoker and grill, including a sink with hot and cold running water. The rig has it's own generator and lights. The BBQ trailer is completely self-contained with a 60 gallon propane tank, also with tanks for fresh and gray water. This BBQ trailer ended up being 18 feet long with chrome Peterbuilt smoke stacks and steel diamond plate.

Thanks to Mike Cunningham and Excel Equipment, the New Redneck Culinary Trailer is a sight to behold!



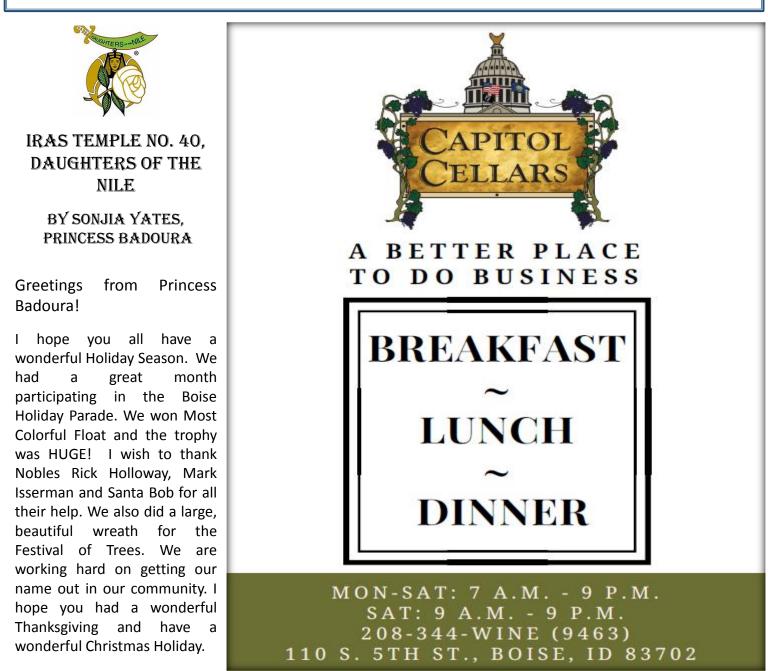


El Korah American Legion Post 100



Many El Korah members are war era veterans. As such, many of we Shriner Veterans came together to form an American Legion Post made up of Shriners who meet at the Temple. You don't have to be a combat veteran to belong, just on active duty for any amount of time during a recognized conflict. Idaho Legionnaires are very supportive of many youth programs, as well as many community activities and services. With your membership, you will be given an American Legion membership card that you can proudly show to anyone.

If you are an eligible veteran, contact Adjutant Bob Finney at (208) 559-4385 or Commander Dick Swift (208) 890-5691 to join the American Legion at El Korah Shrine. We meet on the third Friday of each month at 12:00 for lunch at El Korah. Our meeting is after lunch, and usually starts about 12:30. Last year, we won an award for largest percentage of growth in our District. Our next meeting will be January 19, 2018. We charge \$5.00 for a lunch of soup and sandwich. The yearly dues for the Legion are \$35.00 and anyone who served at the eligible time on active duty is invited to join.





Fortland Shrine Hospital Report Rick Holloway, Board of Governors

As 2017 draws to a close, the staff, physicians, and Board of Governors for the Portland Shrine Hospital thank you for your support this year. 2017 was a record breaking year in many aspects of hospital operations. Net patient revenue continues to exceed budget, and while the decrease in inpatient days reflects changes in health care delivery, outpatient encounters are nearly 20% above target through October.

Craig Patchin, Administrator of the Portland Shrine Hospital, has announced his retirement effective in December 2017. He has been a terrific asset to the Portland Hospital and will be missed. Interviews for his position will take place this month. With several Board members completing their 9th year on the Board this year, interviews were held last summer for new Board members to start in January 2018. Mike Mastropaolo, Past Potentate of El Korah Shrine, was invited to be one of the new Board members. Congratulations, Mike!

If you have any questions about the Portland Shrine Hospital, please contact Dave Triplett or Rick Holloway.



Salt Lake Shrine Hospital Report

Ray Westmoreland, Board of Governors

This time of year as we think of charitable giving, please consider giving to our Hospital. If a Club or Unit wishes to donate to Salt Lake, please make check out to Shriners Hospital for Children -SLC, and add OR lights to memo line. Our lighting is 20 years old and new LED lights will deliver unparalleled surgical lighting solutions. If an individual is making the donation please designate Wheelchair, Seating and Positioning Department. These are the two areas where the need is the greatest. It is VERY important that this donation procedure is followed or Headquarters will get the money, even though it is still used to help our Hospital as well as the other 21. Thank you El Korah and friends for all you have done this year for Shriners Hospitals for Children – SLC.



Greeters Greetings

Arthur Kilton, President

Hard to believe we are at the end of 2017. There is no general meeting this month. Our Christmas party is being held at the Riverside Hotel from 5-8 PM on Sunday, December 10th. Looking forward to seeing everyone there. Dunkley is providing organ music for your enjoyment. Should be a wonderful evening. It's been a lot of fun for me this year. Many good memories. Celebrating birthdays, our summer picnic, many great speakers during the year. Several of our members receiving special awards for long and honorable service. The Greeters helped at the Circus, the Ceremonial breakfast and many other activities. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Duners Doings

Jake Matthews, President

This year has been a fantastic year for the Sand Duners and we have had the pleasure of continued member growth. On that note, I'd like to announce the two newest members of the Duner family, Mr. Michel Cunningham and Mr. Justin Petersen.

Though it seems to be said every year, this year honestly seems to have come and gone quicker than the previous year. Though as short as it may have seemed I believe every one of us had a great Duner 17. I know many members, with me included, have had the pleasures of building new friendships. These new friendships I believe will only grow stronger with time and as a direct result of these new friendships the unit will have no choice but to flourish.

From the year beginning with the Sweethearts Auction continuing into and through the Parade season, our annual Screening clinic in October, and now closing the year out with the Holiday season. This year has truly been a blast and I know it will only be getting better in 2018! Speaking of 2018 I'd like to announce the new Sand Duner Elected Officers for 2018.

President: Jose Costa Vice President: Justin Boyer Secretary: Jimmy Hanson Parade Master: Chris Burgess Treasurer: Larry (LD) Ridenour

Lastly, as a friendly reminder, our 2018 Sweethearts Auction is Saturday, February 10. So please mark your calendars and come enjoy the evening with us.

From the Sand Duner family to every other club, unit and member, we truly hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a fantastic New Year!

65 year Shriner!

Noble Harley Fouts of Caldwell was recently recognized as a 65 year member of the Shrine! Pictured below is Noble Fouts along with PP Joe Randall, Chief Rabban Dave Thomas, and Recorder Max Bearden. Thank you, Noble Harley, for your decades of service to our mission!



Nomad News

The Nomad RV Club recently elected their 2018 officers. New officers include:

Mitch Davis – Trailboss Jay Garrett – Assistant Trailboss Warren Hill – Scout

Planning has begun for camp outings for the next season. Locations under consideration include: Hagerman RV Park in Hagerman, Hells Canyon, Nat Soo Pa Campground near Twin Falls, Challis Hot Springs near Challis, Mountain View RV Park of Baker City, Bruneau State Park near Bruneau, and Arrowhead Campground of Cascade. A final determination of camp outings and dates will be made at the next meeting on January 25th. The meeting will be held in the Tiger Room at El Korah. A potluck dinner will precede the meeting.

The Nomads welcome all Shriners that enjoy camping and the outdoors. Please contact a club officer for more information. We have fun all summer long.

December 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
26	27	28	29	30	1	2	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
All Masonic Christmas Party		Tin Lizzies US Klowns	Band Provost Guard				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
	Director/Divan Meeting Canceled	Nile Sewing/Cards	STATED MEETING ELECTIONS	Meridian SC	Sand Duners Christmas Party		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
	El Korah Clowns Payette SC	Cameleers Director's Staff	Band				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
	Merry Christmas!	Elmore SC SE Idaho SC					
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January 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
					Greeters	Installation of 2018
					Players	El Korah officers
						Pictures 2:00 pm
						Installation 4:00 pm
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Directors		Stated meeting	Band		
	Divan			Provost Guard		
	Twin Falls SC					
	Wood River SC					
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		Sand Duners				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	El Korah Clowns	Cameleers	Band	Meridian SC	Black Light Crab	Black Light Crab
	Payette SC	Directors Staff			Feed	Feed
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
	Black Light Patrol					
	Snake River SC					

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