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Unit and Club Meeting

February 2, 2019 8:30 am to 2:00 pm

El Korah Shrine

This is the chance for you to get to know what is going on in El Korah for 2019. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 am with lunch at noon.

Our Stated Meeting will be held on February 13, 2019 at El Korah Shrine. Social: 6:00 pm Dinner: 6:30 pm Meeting: 7:30 pm

We hope to see you there!



EL KORAH SHRINE 2019 OFFICERS Elected Officers

Potentate	Garland A. Risner
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Assistant Rabban	Will Votaw
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Oriental Guide	Ray Schild
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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!



February 2019 Stated Meeting

The next Stated Meeting of El Korah Shriners will be on Wednesday, February 13, 2019. Social hour starts at 6:00 pm, dinner will be at 6:30, and the meeting will start at 7:30 pm.

Potentate's Page By Garland A. Risner, Potentate

We're off to a great start this year. Thank you to everyone who attended the Installation of our 2019 officers. The final count was 116 dinner afterwards. The party moved upstairs for a casino night where folks played Blackjack, Poker, Craps and Roulette and all reported they had wonderful time. Thank you Illustrious Sir Jon Lind and his lady Sue for coming from El Katif in Spokane!

The January stated meeting concluded in less than an hour and we voted in a new Noble. There are rumors that there may be upwards of four or five petitions to vote on at our February meeting! !! That gets us half way to the ten we need to justify a full Ceremonial. The elected Divan is currently meeting twice monthly as there are a number of items and new initiatives we are working on for 2019.

As usual the Elite Black Light Patrol knocked the cover off the ball with their 22nd annual Crab Feed. The place was packed both nights and as always people were into the spirit of eating crab and generally having a wonderful time. Sue and I had a great time visiting with everyone on both evenings and did our best to see everyone.

Our Club and unit meeting is Saturday, February 2nd and the Divan is feeding all attendees breakfast and lunch. We're encouraging everyone to RSVP so we have an accurate count for the meals so if you call and let us know you're coming the meals are free. It sure helps the planning process if we know how many to plan for. We're changing this meeting up a bit and also inviting and including the ladies. First lady Sue and the Divan ladies will have a break out session for part of the program. El Korah has a significant agenda for membership and fund raising this year and we want to make sure everyone is informed and on board with all the things going on with the temple, Divan, clubs and units as well as our major fund raisers. You needn't be a club or unit officer to attend this meeting, give the office a call at 208-343-0571 and give them the names and count for how many are coming. We're happy to have anyone interested attend. Our directories are available and will be handed out first to the attendees and they will be available in the office starting that next Monday.

The elected Divan line officers and the membership chairman will attend PNSA in Portland, OR the 7th – 9th of February. We're looking forward to seeing Imperial Sir Jim Cain and I.S.'s Kenny Craven and Ed Stolze Jr.. We'll come back with additional details on summer PNSA and also some new exciting ideas for membership development. The Sand Duners Sweetheart event is on February 9th and this year's theme is a 1920's speakeasy. The preliminary information sounds like this will be an epic event in 2019 and one you won't want to miss. See the February cover for more details and see any Sand Duner to get tickets.

Sunday the 10th brings the Greeters Valentine Brunch at the Riverside. The following weekend the entire Divan will be attending a strategic planning session to brainstorm ideas and develop a 5 year plan. We're working diligently to increase consistency in our leadership. We'll finalize our committees and our short, intermediate and long-term action plans.

The Board of Directors are sponsoring a "Counterparts Meeting" on Saturday February 23rd at 9:00 in the Tiger Room for the local lodge Worshipful Masters and the Wardens and others interested in attending. It is my hope that we can establish some unity with our approach to membership in retention, restoration and recruitment. The El Korah membership team is gathering some best practices from other areas in the nation and we will introduce some ideas and determine if there are some approaches we can adapt locally. Those blue lodges are always our foundation and we must support them and there's no better way than membership and our participation.

The monthly Thursday lunch on January 31 was well attended by over 30 people. Our next lunch in February is on the 28th, so bring some friends and enjoy a great lunch at El Korah!

As always, if you have ideas and suggestions, bring them to our attention with your plan of how to execute. February offers plenty of opportunities to get involved to make a difference in the future of El Korah.

Chaplain's Corner by Santa Bob Albert, Chaplain

I am very honored and proud to be appointed Chaplain of El Korah for this year of 2019. At our first gathering I opened with a prayer from our Chaplain Emeritus Stanley E. Barker, which I will continue to do throughout the year, with respect for the great Noble he was.

I must sadly report the passing of these Nobles: Cal Bowen, a 56-year Shriner, Robert Corrie, a 36 year Shriner, David Jones 38 year Shriner and David "Jerry" Elliott 22 year Shriner. May the Black Camel Caravan take them to their final Oasis.

If you know of any Noble that needs a visit or has passed away. Please contact me through email: redsuitman@yahoo.com or phone: 208-353-1503 and be happy to assist when I can.



Portland Shrine Hospital Report

Rick Holloway, Board of Governors

The Portland Shriners Hospital finished 2018 second in the Shrine Hospital system in terms of net patient revenue. The number of procedures and visits continues an upward trend that we anticipate to be repeated in 2019.

Dr. Robert Bernstein, MD, continues to settle in as our new Chief of Staff. He has been a great addition to the leadership team at the Portland Hospital and his positive, energetic efforts are greatly appreciated.

We have three new Board members who started their service to the Portland Hospital in January. Zachary Blalack is a local Shriner from Al Kader, while John Rall hails from Hillah Shrine and Harold Wallace has replaced Len Wylie from Gizeh Shrine in Canada. Three members of El Korah continue on the Board for Portland. David Triplett is beginning his fifth year on the Board, while Rick Holloway and Mike Mastropaolo just began their fourth and second years of service, respectively.

As we enter 2019, we continue to look for new affiliations with other health care providers, insurers, and other players in the health care delivery system. As always, quality, financial viability, and meeting the mission of Shriners is our top priority.

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

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.



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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El Korah American Legion Post 100



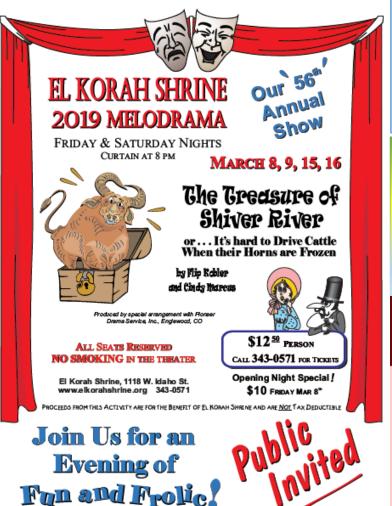
Dear Veteran,

February 2019

The Post has been continuing to meet at El Korah, and the February meeting will be held on the 15th (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 February 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 month. This year's play is "The Treasure of Shiver River" and rehearsals have been going on for a month now. Information on tickets and times is listed to the left. We look forward to a terrific Melodrama in 2019!



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Duners Doings

Santa Bob Albert, President

Hello from El Korah's Sand Duner Unit! As of this writing, we are only 17 days away from our Sweet Hearts Auction Feb 9, 2019 - 5:30 pm -11:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased at the Recorders Office or call Santa Bob at 208-353-1503. This year, it's a "SPEAKEASY" theme so come and enjoy an evening of that era! Period dress is encouraged but not required and we'll have music of that time, I promise you will have an experience like no other!

Next, we will be in full swing; tuning up our Buggies and hitting the road for many parades. Some of our Unit will accompany our Potentate (who is also a Duner) to Nashville, Tennessee for Imperial.

Come support your El Korah Sand Duners this parade season. We look forward to having you cheer us on!

Challis Branch of the Tin Lizzie Patrol 2018 Report by Doug Hammond

I would like to say the Challis Branch of the Tin Lizzy Patrol in very active and needs more cars and applications. But this is what happened in 2018:

The Mackay Rodeo Parade was in mid-June. I had three cars in the parade at Mackay and gave out Shrine Circus tickets. Aaron Saathoff, Past Shrine Potentate from Utah, plural member of Challis Lodge and part-time Challis area resident, was one driver. Walt Hamby, a plural member of Mt. McCaleb lodge in Mackay and Shrine Ambassador from the Twin Falls area, drove a Tin Lizzie instead of his own small car.

I also had a Tin Lizzy car at display at the Local car show in Challis in early June.

I made the Fourth of July parades in Challis and Clayton with a car. I was in Stanley the previous year but elected not to attend that one for several reasons.

I participated in the Challis Homecoming parade with a car in November for the Challis High School football team Homecoming game. If I had nothing to do, I could offer to circle the football field at home games when they made a touchdown but they have not yet offered.

December 7, I participated in the 2nd annual parade of Lights in Challis. The parade started at 5:30 pm with the temperature at +10. I used a lawnmower battery, a small inverter and some Christmas lights to decorate the vehicle. I almost had enough clothes on to keep warm. The windshield does not offer much protection from the wind. I should have gotten out and adjusted the carburetor one more time to compensate for the cold weather but the layers of clothing made it almost impossible to get in and out of the car easily and often. Below is a picture of the car from the Parade of Lights in Challis on Dec. 7.

The cars seem to generate a lot of interest but so far none of the local lodges seem to benefit much. I have told the surrounding Lodges of Salmon, Mackay and Arco to let me know of upcoming events and I will try to attend.

Doug Hammond, Worshipful Master, Mt. McCaleb Lodge #64, Secretary, Challis Lodge #92, District Deputy of the 1st Masonic District, Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of Idaho





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Greeters Greetings By Art Kilton

Our January meeting had a nice size crowd to listen to an excellent speaker, Jim Everett, Co-President of the College of Idaho in Caldwell. He held everyone's attention during his talk and fielded a number of questions after. Our dinner was enjoyable, provided by Ronda with a delicious dessert by her wonderful baker assistant.

The Greeters are looking forward to our Valentine's brunch, at noon on February 10th, at the Riverside Hotel. This event is always a great one. Hope everyone turns out and makes it another great day.

The Greeters are going to have a fund raiser this year. We are raffling a Doll House. Full size miniature at a scale of 1in = 1ft. Dimensions: 24" Mounted on a Lazy Susan. W x 18" D x 29" H. The tickets are \$10. Please contact any Greeter for some tickets. We'll ask the Recorder's Office to have some raffle tickets available in case you can't find a handy Greeter. If you would like a Doll House for a child, grand daughter, or niece this is the opportunity. Perhaps this is the Doll House you never had as a child? For Christmas, birthday, or special day. The drawing is on November 1, 2019. That date is the Greeters monthly meeting date.

The Greeter's stand in support of our Potentate, Garland Risner for the many events he may have planned for 2019. May 2019 be your best year ever.

Greeters Raffle!



Installation of the 2019 El Korah Divan was on January 5, 2019. Below is a picture of the Divan as well as a picture of the Divan with their Ladies!



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Join the Iras Temple No. 40 Guards at El Korah Shrine for an evening of fun!!

> Friday, February 8, 2019 6:00 – 8:30 pm \$20 for Sloppy Joes and salad and BUNKO!

Advance tickets are recommended so we will have enough food.

Call Sandy Collins for tickets at 208-861-2325



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

Each January brings new beginnings. New Beginnings was the Temple's mantra in January with our Winter Ceremonial that was held January 19. Eight new Princesses were welcomed into our household, two of whom are Princess Debi Irish's daughters.

Final preparations are being made for a Ceremonial in Pocatello on March 23rd. It has been 14 years since we held one in eastern Idaho. There are several ladies that want to be a part of the Daughters of the Nile in that area. We welcome all the ladies of Daughters of the Nile to attend this beautiful event.

Future dates to remember:

February 2nd will be our School of Knowledge for our new Princesses and any other ladies that wish a refresher course on who we are and what we do. There is also a wonderful skit of the history of how we began.

February 12th is Sewing and Cards – El Korah Shrine 9:30-11:30 with lunch afterwards

February 21st is Stated Session and Memorial Service for the passing of our beautiful Princesses of last year. enJOY Your Day, Sally

SPRING CEREMONIAL



Left: Queen Jackie with our eight newest Princesses at our Winter Ceremonial. Princesses Terri Brannon, Karen Egersdorf, Carin "Jeaneen" Hammett, Kelsey Hamon, Hailey Montgomery, Tammy Ryan, Daveta Ulrich, and Rebecca Wood

Right: A beautiful legacy is happening! Princess Clair Spoor, her daughter Princess Debi Irish, and two granddaughters Kelsey Hamon and Rebecca Wood, who were welcomed into the Temple A FAMILY AFFAIR!



February 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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					Players	Club/Unit Meeting Groundhog Day
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Big Game Party at El Korah		Tin Lizzies	Provost Guard Band	Winter PNSA Al Kader- Wilsonville	Winter PNSA Al Kader- Wilsonville	Sand Duner's Dinner and Auction Winter PNSA Wilsonville, OR
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Greeters Valentines Day Brunch	Divan Meeting Twin Falls SC Wood River SC		STATED MEETING	Valentine's Day!		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	President's Day Payette SC El Korah Clowns	Cameleers Sand Duners High Country SC	Band		Upper S/R SC	
24	25	26	27	28	1	2
	Widows Night Snake River SC Black Light Patrol	SE Idaho SC	Caldwell SC Sutary Klowns Red Neck Cul Club Band	Luncheon at El Korah		
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March 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
24	25	26	27	28	1	2
					MELODRAMA Youth Perf 7 pm Greeters	MELODRAMA Senior Perf 2 pm Ice Breaker Mini Golf
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Tin Lizzies	Band Provost Guard		MELODRAMA	MELODRAMA
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Divan Meeting Twin Falls SC Wood River SC		STATED MEETING		MELODRAMA	MELODRAMA
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Gold Rush SC St. Patricks Day Parade-TF	Payette SC El Korah Clowns	Cameleers Sand Duners	TREEFORT Band	TREEFORT	TREEFORT	TREEFORT Iras Temple No. 40 Ceremonial- Pocatello
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