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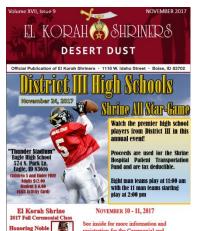


El Korah Shriners 2017: A Year of Having Fun, Helping Kids!!

Here's to a TERRIFIC 2018!!









2018 OFFICERS To be installed 6 Jan, 2018

Elected Officers

Potentate	Dave Thomas
Chief Rabban	Garland Risner
Assistant Rabban	Rick Holloway
High Priest & Prophet	Will Votaw
Oriental Guide	Dale Rutter
Treasurer	Gary Betts
Recorder	Art Kilton

Appointed Divan

DirectorJesse Laduke
Assistant DirectorNoah Serna
ChaplainJohn Field
1st Ceremonial MasterBlake Titus
2 nd Ceremonial Master
MarshalJustin Boyer
Captain of the GuardJimmy Hansen
Outer GuardsSean Newbry,
Chris Burgess, Jake Matthews,
Gary Anton, Jason Cheke

Aides

Chief Aide.....Corby Christensen

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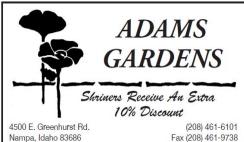
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Nobility Night

January 19, 2018

Cocktails at 5:00 pm in the Oasis

Dinner 6:00 pm in the Tiger Room

freudian Slip with Dale Bert at 7:00 pm

RSYP 208-343-0571

January 2018 Stated Meeting

The next Stated Meeting of El Korah Shriners will be on Wednesday, January 10, at El Korah. Social starts at 6:00 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm, and the stated meeting starts at 7:30 pm.

Potentate's Corner

By Dave Thomas, Potentate-Elect

First off, I would like to thank all the nobility for the honor bestowed upon me as being elected to serve you as YOUR Potentate for the year of 2018.



We have many fun activities planned and hope that you will get involved with at least one of them during the year. Our biggest hurdle is Membership, so what's the fix? I attended the Elmore Shrine Club/ Tin Lizzies Christmas Party (Didn't drink the green punch, it was probably Prestone) as I looked around there were Past Potentates, Past MWGM's, York Rite, Scottish Rite Royalty, Nobles, etc. and we all shared the same common thread, we are Masons. So what's that got to do with anything? Energy is what typifies all Masons, we are constantly seeking more light, helping our fellow man is at the top of our list, can you say "kids", we need to harness that energy, helping kids is first and foremost in our mission statement, so it fits right in for Masons, as an organization, we have more to offer than just another club. You can be very proud for what we are! Enough of the sales pitch!

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!

Your Patient Travel Fund Dollars at work!

During 2017, your El Korah Shrine paid a total of \$65,177 to help with transportation on 386 visits to Shriners Hospitals in Portland, Salt Lake, Spokane, Sacramento, St. Louis, and Philadelphia. This does not include the \$40,000 donation to the Salt Lake City Patient Travel Fund.

With these funds, patients can receive much needed care at our Shriners Hospitals!

So what's happening this month? First off is Installation of Officers for the 2018 year, which will take place at the Temple on January 6th at 4 PM. Installation will be followed by a hosted bar and hors d'oeuvres. This is a great opportunity to share your ideas and meet the new Divan. Stated Meeting is January 10th, dinner at 6:30, come and heckle the new Potentate. NOBILITY Night, January 19th, we will have a dinner with entertainment following by Freudian Slip, easy listening music and Jazz, for the kids, we will have a movie night. Next up is the Unit & Clubs meeting this will take place on January 20th from 8 AM to Noon, I'm sure we will have donuts and coffee in the morning and a light lunch following the meeting, please bring a list of your 2018 officers and contact info. Also, Unit and Club reports are due at this time if not already submitted. Finally, don't forget the Black Light Patrol Crab Feed the 26th and 27th, tickets are going fast and available from any Member of the Patrol, the office will not be selling tickets, however, if you do contact them, 208-343-0571, they will give you Bob Julian's contact info to purchase tickets.

Finally, please take some time to sign up at www.shrinersvillage.com and become a virtual mentor. You could be matched with non-Mason who might become a friend and then a brother then hopefully a noble. You will be surprised how many men are out there who are ready to pull the trigger and get started on their Masonic journey. See you at the Temple,

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

Greeters Greetings

William Sawyer, President

A new year is upon us and that brings changes in the officers of both El Korah and the Greeters. Art Kilton is stepping down as Greeter President, allowing me to step up to that position. Art will remain as Vice President and will be an invaluable help in the year ahead. Ed Hulme will remain as Secretary/Treasurer, assuring that our books will remain in the impeccable order he achieved in 2017.

I want to thank Art and Ed for the excellent jobs they did in 2017 and for staying on to help me through 2018.

In addition to being a Greeter, Vice President Art has been elected El Korah Recorder. All this and I'm told he has a large role in the 2018 Melodrama. The man is tireless.

Our January meeting will be held on January 12th. We will have a dues paying meeting. The Speaker will be Mark Hofflund, managing director of the Idaho Shakespeare Festival Inc. World Class entertainment right here in Boise. We are looking forward to a large turnout for the first meeting of the new year. Until then, I would like to wish a happy and prosperous New Year to Shriners everywhere.

Provost Guard

John Kinney, Secretary

Well it's time to get ready for a New Year of activities. The Provost Guard ended this year on a positive note. The Provost Guard held our Christmas dinner at Asiago's in Boise on December 6th. Members, their wives and guests had a wonderful dinner. We ordered off the menu, had prizes provided by Mark and Jenny Isserman, and then a wonderful desert! Present at the dinner was Potentate Mike Yavno and his lady.

The Provost Guard has been honored to have one of our members as Potentate this past year! During December the Guard assisted at the Shrine football game by selling tickets and programs while also assisting with other duties.

At the stated meeting on December 13th, Dale Rutter was elected to the position of Oriental Guide. Dale has been very active in the Shrine and we congratulate our Noble Brother. He was an excellent chairman for the Shrine football game this year. The Provost Guard is looking forward to the next year under the direction of Potentate elect David Thomas. We wish all the newly elected officers of 2018 a prosperous and active year!

The Provost Guards annual WINE TASTING on Saturday, May 5th 2018. We are again looking forward to this annual event with enthusiasm and anticipation. The Guard will again have several Idaho wineries serving samples of wine. An evening of wine, various meats and cheeses, dancing and good fellowship, all to the smooth jazzy notes of the "Grapeful Dead" led by Noble Jack Gardner. Mark this date on your calendars for 2018, and join us for the evening. The Provost Guard wishes all Nobles and their ladies a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



IRAS TEMPLE NO. 40, DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

> BY SONJIA YATES, PRINCESS BADOURA

Greetings from Princess Badoura! I wish you a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year. Remember that our Dancer's Annual New Year's Eve Party is on December 31. There are still tickets available so come bring in the New Year with us.

We will be going to Salt Lake City for the Supreme Queen Visit around the middle of January, and our ceremonial will be on January 20th. Iras Temple is bringing in at least 5 new princesses.

Take a leap of faith and begin the wondrous new year by believing. Believe in yourself. Believe that there is a loving Source – a Sower of Dreams – just waiting to be asked to help you make your dreams come true.

Unit/Club Head Meetings

by Will Votaw, Oriental Guide/High Priest & Prophet Elect

Nobles, by the time you read this, a new year will be upon us. Installation of the 2018 Divan will take place at El Korah on Saturday, January 6th at 4 PM.

The unit and Club Head Meeting will take place at El Korah on Saturday, January 20th 2018. Registration will be at 7:30 AM with coffee and donuts being provided by the Director. The meeting will begin at 8:00 AM. Lunch will be available with a price of \$10 to \$15. Please RSVP to Will Votaw at 208-859-4407 or wdvotaw@gmail.com by Monday, January 15th, 2018. Lunch will be after the meeting and a menu has not been decided on yet. The meeting will be done by 11:00 AM to allow Divan and/or those that need/want to, attend the Nile Ceremonial Luncheon at 11:30 AM at the Lodge.

There will also be an Eastern Idaho Unit & Club Head meeting in Eastern Idaho on Saturday, February 3rd. The time and place has not been decided. If you are willing to host this event in your town please contact Will Votaw at 208-859-4407 or wdvotaw@gmail.com by Monday, January 15th, 2018.



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 Bruneau. and Arrowhead near 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.

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

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.

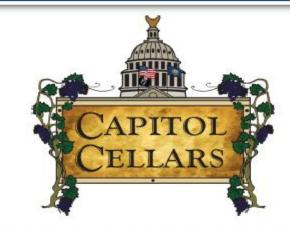
From the Sand Duner family to every other club, unit and member, we truly hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a fantastic New Year!



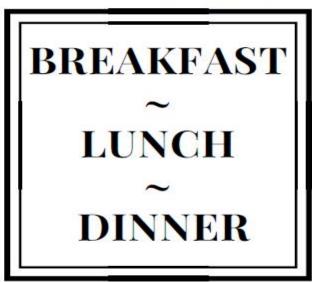
El Korah American Legion Post 100



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.



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Tortland Shrine Hospital Report

Rick Holloway, Board of Governors

We begin 2018 with a new Administrator and new Board members. Dave Worel from Al Aska Shrine in Anchorage is the new Board Chairman with Rory Johnson as Vice Chair, Ari Hoeksema as Secretary and Brad Henry as Treasurer. We plan to continue to grow to exceed our record breaking performance in 2017 in terms of patients served, total revenue, surgeries, and visits.

El Korah now has three members serving on the Portland Board of Governors. 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

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.



You are cordially invited to attend the installation of officers who will serve El Korah Shrine for 2018.

Saturday, January 6, 2018 El Korah Shrine 1118 West Idaho Street Boise, ID 82702

Pictures at 2:00 pm Installation at 4:00 pm

Hosted bar and hors d'oeuvres to follow

Note: A Cold Sands Ceremonial will be held at 11 am this day. All Nobles are encouraged to attend.



WEDNESDAY

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Tin Lizzies

Cameleers

Elmore SC

SE Idaho SC

Sand Duners

High Country SC

Provost Guard

Stated meeting

Band

Band

Caldwell SC

Sutary Klowns

Red Neck Cul Club

WEDNESDAY

Provost Guard

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STATED

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MEETING

Caldwell SC Sutary Klowns

Band

Red Neck Cul Club

Valentine's Day

TUESDAY

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TUESDAY

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El Korah Clowns

El Korah Clowns

Black Light Patrol

MLK Day

Payette SC

Snake River SC

Tin Lizzies

Sand Duners

High Country SC

Southeast ID SC

Cameleers

FRIDAY

Greeters

Players

Tech Club

Tech Club

Nobility Night

BLP Crab Feed

Tech Club

Upper Snake Rvr SC

FRIDAY

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Tech Club

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SATURDAY

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Greeters

Players

Tech Club Groundhog Day

Tech Club

Tech Club

SC

Tech Club

Upper Snake River

Installation of 2018

El Korah officers

Pictures 2:00 pm Installation 4:00 pm

Club/Unit Meeting

93rd Annual E-W

Shrine Game-FL

Black Light Patrol

SATURDAY

Club/Unit Meeting

Sand Duner's Dinner

Nile Ballroom/Band

3:00 - 6:00 pm

and Auction

East Idaho

Crab Feed

THURSDAY

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Meridian SC

THURSDAY

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Nomads

January 2018

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SUNDAY	MONDAY
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	New Year's Day
7	8
	Directors
	Divan
	Twin Falls SC
	Wood River SC
14	15
	Payette SC

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February 2018

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Director's Meeting

Divan Meeting

Wood River SC

President's Day

El Korah Clowns

Widows Night

Snake River SC

Black Light Patrol

Payette SC

Twin Falls SC

Super Bowl

Greeters Valentines

Day Brunch

MONDAY

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