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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!

Black Light Patrol In Action!

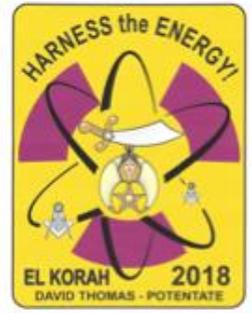
The Elite Black Light Patrol will be putting on a Fellowcraft Degree at Washoe Lodge #28 in Payette on Saturday, March 17. Breakfast will be served at 9:00 am with the degree starting at 10:00 am

March 2018 Stated Meeting

The next Stated Meeting of El Korah Shriners will be on Wednesday, March 14, at the Pocatello Masonic Lodge. Look for more information on travel arrangements coming soon!

Potentate's Page

By Dave Thomas



The Dust is settling, and the Temple is getting into a routine, Kim's hair is starting to grow back after putting up with/ training a new Recorder and Potentate, Thank you Kim!

Our Recorder, Art, is emailing a weekly Temple update, his goal is to better our communications with the Nobility. Divan Reps/ Ambassadors please use these for Club/ Unit Talking Points. Noble Art puts a nice twist on what's going on at the Temple, be sure to check it out for an up to the minute picture of Temple happenings.

NOBILITY Night is catching on, the Half Pints Club hosted our February event, their theme was a Toga Party, they had prizes, games and music, Togas were optional (you still had to wear something of course!), Boise #2 and dates showed up, fun time for all. Noble Blake set up the Tiger Room for movie night, didn't have any kids show up, probably for the better, some of the Togas were a little over the top, watched the new King Kong, scary! Nobles, help us out, we want to make your Shrine the place to go for a fun filled evening with your family providing entertainment for everyone, the dinner is great, and Kids eat free! For our Clubs and Units, if you have an idea for a future Nobility Night, bring it on! We're always looking for new events.

2018 Directories and pins are now available, stop in at the Recorder's office and pick one up. Divan Reps, if you need additional pins and directories for your monthly club/ unit visits, let me or Art know. Ties finally came in, pretty nice, \$20 gets you one, we have XL lengths also.

Winter PNSA in Coeur d'Alene was an eye opener, you know something is happening when four Imperial officers show up headed by Imperial Potentate Gary Bergenske. Imperial Sir Jim Cain, Chief Rabban, gave a very detailed state of the hospitals presentation. I am sure there will be more information coming down the road in the next few months, for the present, suffice it to say, Change is on the horizon. As always it was great to spend time with our counterparts and share problems and successes in the Temple system. OG Dale had a family emergency and was unable to attend, 1st Ceremonial Master Blake filled in for him and joined the OG's in their meetings which worked so well, PNSA Director, Larry Tipton, wants to make the 1st CM's invitation a standard for future winter business meetings.

36th Annual ICE BREAKER, Twin Falls March 3rd, a great cure for Cabin Fever, put it on your calendar! Cost is \$10/ person, 9 holes of Putt-Putt bar golf, each bar has a theme hole, transportation between holes is provided by volunteer school bus drivers, so you don't need to worry about transportation. We are planning on taking the Shrine van and will be leaving for T.F. at 7 AM, more info to come.

Melodrama is in full swing in March, which, coupled with Treefort will completely book the Temple for the entire month, as has been the custom, our stated meeting, March 14th, will be held in Pocatello, I would like to have as many Nobles and Ladies as possible attend, our Eastern Idaho Nobles commitment to the Shrine and our Temple is what the fraternity is all about. We are planning on renting vans and the Temple will cover the cost. By the way, I promise there will be no Drama this year!

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

The Potentate's Ball is just around the corner...make plans to attend this gala event on April 14, 2018! More information to follow.....

Greeters Greetings

By Bill Sawyer, President

February has been a busy month for the Greeters.

On February 2nd, P.P. Joe Randall and Lady Norma treated us to a travel log describing their recent trip to China. This was accompanied by wonderful pictures taken by the Randalls along the way.

On February 11th, we held our annual St. Valentine's Brunch at the Riverside Hotel. The Mimosas were very tasty and bottomless, the buffet was wonderful, as always, and also seemed bottomless. It was very hard not to overeat. Our Valentines all took home a rose as a memento.

Our March meeting will be held at El Korah on March 2nd. The speaker will be Rebecca Hupp, Director of the Boise Airport. Rebecca was intimately involved in the F35 competition. I'm sure she can give us insight into why we lost, and what that means to Boise. I regret that Judy and I must miss this meeting but Clarence Jones has graciously offered to take my place. Many thanks to Clarence!

Treasurer Ed Hulme has had surgery on his foot. He seems to be recovering well, and promises to be back at his post for the March meeting. We all miss him and look forward to his return.

Players Playbill

The Players Unit, along with several other actors and assistants, will be ready for the 2018 Melodrama beginning March 9-10 and continuing on March 16-17, 2018. This year's play is called, "Headed South from the Great White North" or "Get Out of Toronto Pronto!"

Tickets are still a low, low \$12.50 each and are available at the Recorder's office. Don't forget dinner each night for \$15. On March 17, the Players Unit will be putting on a full corned beef and cabbage Irish dinner, also for only \$15.

For more information on the Melodrama or to purchase tickets, please contact the Recorder's office at 208-343-0571

Scholarship Pancake Breakfast!

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If it has been a while since you attended Blue Lodge, there are several Past Masters and current Masters in El Korah. Any of them will be more than happy to have you join them in their Lodge too!



**IRAS TEMPLE NO. 40,
DAUGHTERS OF THE
NILE**

**BY SONJIA YATES,
PRINCESS BADOURA**

Greetings to all,

Wow, did this year go by fast or what! I can't believe we are getting ready for elections already. Queen Jenny's year is coming to an end and I am happy and sad. What a successful year she had. Our Guards had a great Bunko Party that was very successful, Thank you to all who came out and participated. Other than that the month was pretty quiet, Thank you for all you do to support Daughters of the Nile.

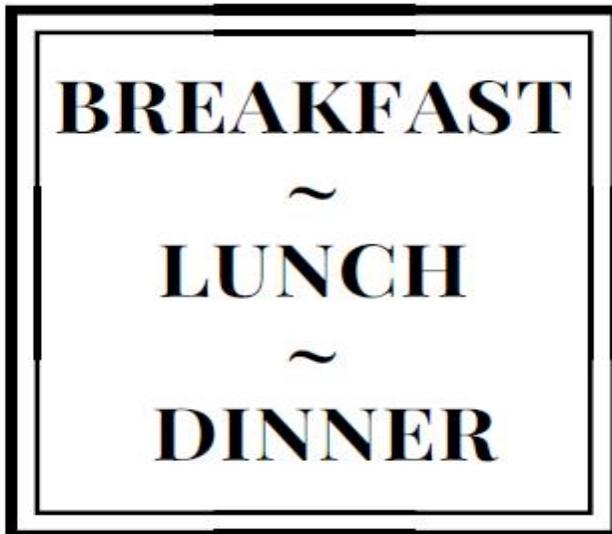
From the Recorder's Desk

We are here to assist in any way we can. Nobles are encouraged to keep us informed about your activities. Please tell us about upcoming Unit and Club meetings, Concerts, Wine Tasting's, Masquerade parties, picnics, golf games, and whatever else you are planning. We'd like to get the word out for you. Communication is difficult at best and we want to do our part. Our Illustrious Sir, Potentate Davd Thomas, is anxious to improve fun activities for Nobles and their families. That is best done through good communication. We keep an annual and monthly activity log in the Recorder's Office and want it to be accurate (and full). Let's hear from you.

A special note from Santa Rosa, California. El Korah Noble Arthur Janssen is celebrating 107 years of life. Born in October 1909, he says he's shooting for 132 years. That ought to be some kind of record. His cardiologist is delighted by his very positive outlook and love of life.



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Portland Shrine Hospital Report

Rick Holloway, Board of Governors

February was another good month for the Portland Shrine Hospital with most operational parameters within expectations. Dereesa Reid, our new Administrator, has jumped into her role with vigor and, based on her report to the February Board of Governor's meeting, will be a great asset to your hospital. This month also was the first in-person Board meeting of the year with all but one Board member in attendance. If anyone has questions about the Portland Shrine Hospital, please contact Dave Triplett, Mike Mastropaolo, or Rick Holloway.

In other exciting news, Dr. William Horton, MD, Director of Research-Emeritus at the Portland Hospital, led a team that discovered a new biomarker that allows physicians to determine bone growth velocity instantaneously. "This finding could dramatically affect how clinicians treat a number of growth and bone disorders," said Dr. Horton. "Until now, no one has figured out how to track growth as it is happening. There has been a large clinical need to determine the velocity of growth without having to wait 6–12 months." Funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, this research is expected to have its greatest impact on the care for infants and children with bone growth disorders. Way to go, Dr. Horton!



Salt Lake Shrine Hospital Report

Ray Westmoreland, Board of Governors

From the Scuttlebutt Newsletter for Employees of the Salt Lake City Shrine Hospital

We've been lucky to call Ray Westmoreland Board Member since January, 2015. He calls Boise home, where he has supported the hospital alongside his fellow El Korah Shriners for more than 20 years. His efforts to sell popcorn at his local East West Shrine Football game and participation in the Baron's car show all goes toward the Shriners travel fund.

"I've been involved in boards before at other places, I've had my own company, and I've always been a student of customer service...and the Salt Lake hospital just rocks," said Ray! "I love the camaraderie and the connection – it's just a neat place."

Even though his motivation to become a Shriner was to appease his father, it did not take long to fall in love with the organization. He has collected many favorite memories over the years. When he was Potentate, he had the opportunity to address thousands of people at the Shrine circus and enjoyed interacting with all of the children in attendance the hospital had helped. He also really enjoyed making new friends during last year's Walk for Love.

Professionally, Ray started a window company specializing in historic restorations. After 35 years, he sold the business, freeing up more time for Shriner functions ... and even some hobbies. If you're ever in the Boise area, you'll want to check out the spin class he teaches twice a week! After all, it's important to stay fit when you're helping improve the lives of so many children!

Thank you, Ray, for your service to the Salt Lake City Shrine Hospital!!

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2:00 PM*

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*When Princess Jackie Holloway
will be crowned Queen*

*Jenny Isserman, Queen
Cyndie Bollar, Recorder*

It's Coming.

Iras Temple Dancers Annual Oyster Feed

Friday, April 20th, 2018

El Korah Tiger Room

5:30 pm Social, 6:30 pm Dinner



Serving :

Oysters Fried & on the Half Shell, Chicken Strips,
newly added Finger Steaks, cole slaw, yummy Fries
& garlic bread!!

Oh Yes lots of Jello Shots!



Plus.

Dessert Auction &
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want to miss!!



Tickets \$25.00

& can be purchased from any Dancer and from
the Recorders Office.

EL KORAH PLAYERS

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER

**Enjoy the Luck o' the Irish with a
Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner**



**Saturday, March 17th
6:00 to 7:30 pm**

\$15 per Person



**Stay Afterwards for
the Final Performance
of the Melodrama**



MWGM Bill Curtis Receives his Grand Master Fez!

On Wednesday, February 14, MWGM and Noble Bill Curtis received a special gift from El Korah Shrine: his Grand Master fez! Thank you, MWGM Bill, for your continued support of El Korah Shrine and all you do for Idaho Freemasonry!

El Korah Provost Guard's

11TH ANNIVERSARY WINE TASTING

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July 15 - 19

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The MAGEC Rod and how it works

Dr. Daniel Bouton, pediatric orthopedic surgeon for the Portland Shriners Hospital, attended the International Congress on Early Onset Scoliosis meeting in San Diego.

He is one of the spine surgeons who uses the MAGEC rods to treat kids with scoliosis. Once the rod is attached to the patient's spine, extending the rod to accommodate growth is done by using an external magnetic device which lengthens the rod without surgery, thereby minimizing infections or complications resulting from surgery.

March 2018

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | | | | | MELODRAMA Youth Perf 7 pm Greeters Tech Club | MELODRAMA Senior Perf 2 pm Ice Breaker Mini Golf |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| | | Tin Lizzies | Band Provost Guard | | MELODRAMA Tech Club | MELODRAMA |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| | Divan Meeting Twin Falls SC Wood River SC | | STATED MEETING Eastern Idaho SC | | MELODRAMA Tech Club | MELODRAMA Players St. Patrick's Day Dinner |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| Gold Rush SC | Payette SC El Korah Clowns | Cameleers Director's Staff Sand Duners | TREEFORT Band | TREEFORT | TREEFORT | TREEFORT Installation of Iras Temple No. 40 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| TREEFORT | Snake River SC Black Light Patrol | Elmore SC SE Idaho SC | Caldwell SC Sutary Klowns Red Neck Cul Club Band | | Good Friday Tech Club | |

April 2018

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|----------|---|--------------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Easter April Fools Day | | Tin Lizzies | Band Provost Guard | | Greeters Players Scottish Rite Reunion | Scottish Rite Reunion |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| Scottish Rite Reunion | Divan Meeting Twin Falls SC Wood River SC | | STATED MEETING | | Tech Club | Potentate's Ball |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| | Payette SC El Korah Clowns | Sand Duners High Country SC | | | Dancers Oyster Feed | Cycle Addictino Ride |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| | | Elmore SC SE Idaho SC | Caldwell SC Sutary Klowns Red Neck Cul Club | | Symposium Upper SR SC Tech Club | Ceremonial |
| 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | Snake River SC | | | | | |

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