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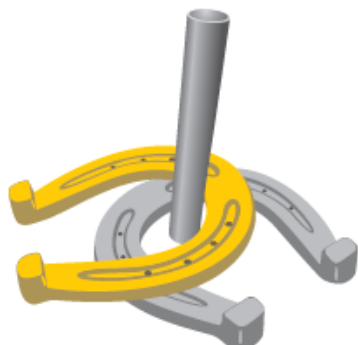
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March Stated Meeting

The next Stated Meeting of El Korah Shriners
will be on Wednesday, March 8, at the Twin
Falls Masonic Lodge at 205 Shoshone St North
in Twin Falls. The meeting will begin at 7:30 pm
and includes election for Oriental Guide.

Potentate's Message

By Mike Yavno

February has been a busy month. We had our second Director / Divan meeting and Stated Meeting. El Korah is underway for 2017. The Provost Guard held a Valentine's Day Breakfast at the Little Kitchen in Meridian on February 11.

The Sand Duners held their annual Sweet Heart Auction that evening. Both events were very well attended and great fun.

Your Potentate, Chief Rabban Dave Thomas, Assistant Rabban Garland Risner, Director Will Votaw and Bob Stevenson PP, attended the winter Pacific Northwest Shrine Association (PNSA), Conference, held at El Kader Shriners in Wilsonville Oregon. This meeting was held on February 17th and 18th. This was a fine event where much good information was passed to the attendees. The quality of information and fellowship made our drive in the Temple Van to Wilsonville most worthwhile.

Please remember that we have a busy month ahead! March will bring us the Annual Players Melodrama and the Treefort Music Festival. Both of these Fund Raisers require a lot of work. The Players will need support to maintain the Ballroom after each performance. Please see the ad in the Desert Dust for the dates of each performance. Contact the Players or the Recorder, so you can help.

Noble Rick Holloway is the designated Chairman of the 2017 Treefort Music Festival, 23 thru 26 March, hosted by El Korah Shriners. He will be assisted by Advisor at Large Mark Isserman to make the schedules and arrangements for this event. This year's Festival will also feature 2 "Kids" Shows, Saturday March 25th and Sunday March 26th. More details will be forthcoming. Please help us, as this is a major program which funds your Temple operations for a good part of the year.

The March Stated Meeting will be held in Twin Falls Idaho starting promptly at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be convened at the Masonic Temple, located at 205 Shoshone St. North. This change of location is necessary, as our El Korah Ballroom will be set up for the March Melodrama performances. Attending Nobles will furnish their own meal and transportation to this meeting. Nobles, you should have received a postcard notice regarding this meeting by now. Please contact the Records office if you need further information.



Chaplain's Corner

By Stan Barker, Chaplain

Greetings to one and all. At the time of this writing, we are having another Idaho snow storm. Can this winter ever end? According to my calendar we are supposed to have SPRING this month.



Well I am certainly looking forward to some March winds, and April showers to follow.

This is the month when we can all look forward to St. Patrick and some of the celebrations related thereto. A friend once told me that on St. Patrick's Day, everyone can claim to be related to the Irish. Well, I can claim this honor, because my grandmother was born in Ireland. I have the trunk in which she packed all of her possessions when she came to this country. I count this old trunk as one of my prized possessions. So on March 17, we will look forward to St. Patrick Day.

One item for history is the fact that on March 3, 1931, The Star Spangled Banner, was named our National Anthem.

My textbook on prayers tells us to pray in humility, honesty, confidence and faith in accordance with God's will. If we do this daily, our day will start in the right direction.

SHALOM

As always, we look forward to seeing you at our events and meetings. El Korah can only be as good as you make it.

Fraternally,
Michael G. Yavno (& Lady Carol)
Potentate 2017
El Korah Shriners



Portland Shrine Hospital Report

We are beginning 2017 with new physicians and surgeons on board. Total surgeries and visits (both inpatient and outpatient) increased steadily through 2016. The Providence agreement is now in full swing and we have already seen referrals to the Portland hospital from this agreement.

For 2016, the Portland Hospital surgeons performed 1,097 surgeries. There are 177 patients waiting to be scheduled for surgery. Also during 2016, there were 11,520 outpatient visits to the hospital.

The Prosthetics and Orthotics Department continues to service the Portland Hospital plus providing devices for the Spokane and St. Louis hospitals. A total of 2,989 orthotics and 164 prosthetics were delivered during 2016 from 5,079 patient visits. In just December 2016 alone, the Portland hospital provided 274 orthotics and 12 prosthetics, while Spokane patients received 26 orthotics and 4 prosthetics in December 2016. St. Louis patients received 91 orthotics and 14 prosthetics during the same month.

We will be seeking additional nominations for members for the Board of Governors for the Portland hospital. Please contact Dave Triplett or Rick Holloway for more information on what is expected from a Board member and how to apply.

Wearing of the Fez

Mike Yavno, Potentate

A good suggestion was passed at the PNSA meeting this past weekend. Nobles should consider wearing their Fez when they go to public places, meetings or events where there are large groups of people attending. The thought is, that you may get asked what that "Red Hat" is all about? The hope is, that this will allow you explain what Shriners do and what our mission in the community is. Who knows, we may even get some new Masons or Shriners as a result of your efforts. The Shrine mission is one of the "Best Kept Secrets" around.

Information Night

Please join us for Information Night!

Thursday, March 16, 2017

Social: 6:00 pm

Dinner: 6:30 pm

Presentation: 7:00 pm

We will provide Masonic insight to those men interested in Freemasonry and the Shrine. We will also present information on our Shriner heritage, the Shrine Mission, and El Korah activities to support that mission.

We ask that current Idaho Masons and Shriners bring as many prospective members and their ladies as possible to the event. Our goal is to grow the Idaho Blue Lodge and El Korah Shrine Temple membership so that our Masonic work can grow and prosper.

Please RSVP to the El Korah Recorder at 208-333-8350 no later than March 10.

We look forward to seeing you there!



From MWGM Jim Hensley

As we move forward in our endeavors, we see hope and renewal with the upcoming spring. The winter has given us precipitation to carry us through another season of planting and growing. The same seeds that we as “Freemasons” and “Shriner’s” must continually sow to reap the harvest of good men to perpetuate the growth of our great fraternity. The common cause we have with each other gives me hope that our cause is a just one that requires continued nurturing from all of us.

As I write this article, Helen and I are preparing to attend the Conference of Grand Masters in Omaha, NE. This once in a lifetime opportunity to visit with Grand Masters

from all over the world and learn of their success and bring that back to our jurisdiction and make a difference, or set new goals, as we move forward. I ask that each of you search your Masonic history and revive some of the great ideas you have been part of or have in your background. The search for new ideas must include the ones that have made our fraternity a success in the past. We are all going through the process of learning every day of our lives. I truly believe our fraternity has the qualities and kind of people that the world needs at this time in our history.

There are lots of events and fundraisers coming this spring which we all need to support and help make them the successes they can be. I am in total admiration of Daughters of the Nile. The support they give to the Shriner Children is above and beyond the call of duty. Now, if you can get a Grand Master to sit down at a sewing machine for several hours and sew pillowcases for the kids at the hospital, just imagine what else could be accomplished. Princess Helen Hensley, alias First Lady, convinced me it would not hurt me to do a little sewing for the kids! All you burly Shriner’s out there in shrine-land, look out, there’s a Princess out there looking for the next pillowcase stitcher-it could be you!

I wish for a great spring renewal of efforts by all of us. Each one of us can make a difference; each one of us must make a difference. The continuation of “Building Character” is of the utmost importance.

Fraternally, MWGM Jim and First Lady Helen Hensley

2017 EL KORAH CIRCUS UPDATE

YES, the 2017 El Korah Circus program is underway. To-date, all venues in eastern and western Idaho are booked. The 2017 Circus Contract is signed with the Jordan Circus Team. Jordy Jordan is bringing all animals and some new acts to our Circus in June. We are currently confirming the team of Circus Chairmen who will be making the 2017 El Korah Circus a great success. Later on, we will be asking for more Nobles and Ladies to be part of the Travel Team and to help us here in the Boise area. We are planning on using the Membership Story Board at these events. This means we will need Masons and Shriners to help us man the Story Board and tell Circus attendees about our history and mission. More details and progress reports will follow.

The Circus Dates are:

- Sunday June 18th, Travel Day (Travel Team) to Idaho Falls
- Monday June 19th Circus in Idaho Falls
- Tuesday June 20th Circus in Pocatello
- Wednesday June 21st Circus in Twin Falls
- Thursday June 22nd Load-in at Boise at Century Link Arena
- Friday**** June 23rd. Circus in Boise at Century Link Arena
- Saturday June 24th Circus in Boise at Century Link Arena
- Sunday June 25th Circus in Boise at Century Link Arena, Show Close

*** Meridian Dairy Days Parade Friday Evening in Meridian



Salt Lake City Shrine Hospital Report

Our Chairman, Scott Andersen, recently attended the annual leadership conference in Tampa. Highlights included a big increase in awareness of our Hospitals, going from 13% to 26%. We are now second only to St Jukes Hospital. Goals were reestablished for the year. They include: 1. See more kids 2. Improve the brand 3. Sustain the mission.

It was emphasized that Kids drive the mission, not money. Gifts to the Salt Lake Hospital totaled \$8.3 million for 2016. Our donor relations person, MJ Miller, is considered to be a Rock Star by Tampa. If you know of anyone or organization that are considering gifting, let MJ or Ray Westmoreland know.

Telehealth is moving forward nationally after a good start in Rock Springs and Idaho Falls. Car seat clinics are being held to determine better ways for older/taller Kids to be kept safe. Our wonderful Un-Lim-ited ski camp is underway. El Korah has contributed to this in the past with special fund raisers by our Ladies. Scholarships cost \$1,500 to sponsor a child.

Recently, El Korah made a substantial donation to the Shriners Children's Transportation Fund. Our Chairman offered this background of this fund. It was started by El Kalah. Ballut Abyad and El Maida Shrine Centers are coming on board. Emeritus Board member, Bob Spicer, is donating one million dollars to create an endowment fund, which will be managed by Tampa. Approximately \$110,000 was expended for 278 airline tickets last year. The balance is \$40,000. This will hopefully allow us to increase the number of admissions from Mexico.

As we go through life, there are those that do and those that don't, as Shriners of El Korah you are certainly those that do. You have made a difference in the lives of so many Idaho kids. If you have any questions or would just like to chat, please do not hesitate to give me a call. Ray Westmoreland, Salt Lake Board of Governors

Illustrious Sir Michael G. Yavno and Lady Carol

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33rd Annual Sand Duners Sweetheart Dinner, Dance, and Auction



What better excuse to dress up and take your sweetheart out on the town than the 33rd Annual Sand Duner's Sweetheart Dinner, Auction, and Dance? It was an evening to remember! The Sand Duners welcomed roughly 135 guests to El Korah Temple. Cocktail hour started the evening off, followed by a wonderful dinner catered by Angela Moran. After dinner, Justin Petersen shared his story as a patient of the Shriners Hospital in Spokane, WA. As Sand Duners and their Ladies circulated the room, good conversation and great energy set a positive tone for the auction. Nobles Santa Bob and Chris Burgess followed Noble Garland's tutelage and served as our emcees for the evening! The auction entertainment was enhanced by our own Noble Jimmy Hansen, aka "Ring Man" - what a great sport! A special thank you to all who brought in auction items and desserts. From a day out shooting to a romantic night on the town with a carriage ride, there was something for everyone! Thank you also goes to Musick United Country Auctions for keeping the energy of the evening going for a very successful auction! Following the auction, our guests enjoyed dancing with music by Timmy B's Mobile Jukebox - thank you for lighting up the floor!

Noble Doug Blandford and Lady Kathy did a great job this year as Auction Chairs - thank you both for the time you spent organizing all the Duners to make this event happen

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3/3 Melodrama-Youth Performance 7 pm
3/4 Melodrama-Senior Performance 2 pm
3/10-11 Melodrama
3/17-18 Melodrama
3/22-26 Treefort
3/25 Ice Breaker-Twin Falls
3/25 Installation-Iras Temple No. 40, DON

This notice will be sent out regularly so our Nobles may know of events and activities going on at El Korah.

If in doubt about an event, please call the Recorder's office at 208-343-0571. Remember to book events with the Recorder at least 60 days in advance of the event date.

Please remember that the Directory Calendar is a living document; subject to change. We will do our best to keep you current.

Please note the dates for the Imperial Session are Saturday July 8 to Thursday July 13th. This year's Imperial Session will be held in Daytona Beach Florida. More details will be forthcoming.

The Potentate's Trip is tentatively scheduled for Friday September 15 thru Sunday September 17th. This trip will be scheduled in conjunction with "Walk of Love" to be hosted by the Salt Lake Shrine Hospital. Nobles Ray Westmoreland, PP and Rick Holloway High Priest & Prophet, will be making the arrangements for this weekend in September. We are planning on a Bus trip to Salt Lake City for this event. More details will be forthcoming as we approach the month of September.

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Greeters Greetings

The annual Greeters Valentine's Day Brunch was held on Sunday, February 12 at the Riverside. About 50 people attended this event and enjoyed a terrific meal and Kayleigh Jack on the guitar. If any club or unit has an event and wants some amazing background music from an extremely talented artist, you may want to consider having Kayleigh at your event. Contact Clarence Jones for her contact information.

The next Greeters meeting will be on Friday, March 3. A special guest speaker, Dr. Watts, will be presenting. Expect to see the Greeters at the upcoming stated meeting on March 8 as well.

Players Playbill

It's the beginning of March, which means the Melodrama is here!! The Youth performance is on Friday, March 3 at 7 pm and the Seniors performance will be on Saturday, March 4 at 2 pm. Regular performances will be held at 8:00 pm on March 10-11 and March 17-18. The play this year is called "The Saga of the Golden Horseshoe" or "That was no lady, that was my filly!" written by Pat Cook. Expect many returning performers but some new cast members will be on stage this year as well. For tickets, or to reserve an entire table, call the Recorder's office as soon as possible at 343-0571. Dinner will be available at the regular performances, including a corned beef and cabbage dinner to be held by the Players on March 17.



IRAS TEMPLE NO. 40, DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

BY CAROL MCGINNIS, PRINCESS BADOURA

March is arriving and we are glad to see the snow has melted and we are able to continue our routine activities without the aggravation of being held prisoners in our own homes because of the large chunks of ice and massive piles of snow.

Iras Temple No. 40, Daughters of the Nile, will be having the annual election of officers at our March stated meeting. It will be exciting to see who will join our line as a new officer.

The installation of the 2017-2018 DON officers will be held at the Boise Masonic Lodge on March 25, 2017 at 2:00 pm. We hope you can come and enjoy a very important event.

Our Nile Dancers are looking forward to their annual Oyster Feed on April 7, 2017 at El Korah Shrine. Please see the ad for this annual event in the Desert Dust. This is always a fun event and includes fried oysters, and oysters on the half shell. There will be finger steaks, chicken tenders, and French fries for those who want to support the Dancers but don't care for oysters. There will also be a silent dessert auction.

We shall be wrapping up our 2016-2017 Nile year in May. Many of our members will be looking forward with great anticipation to attending the 2017 Nile Supreme International Convention in June to be held in Niagara Falls, NY.

It's Coming.

Iras Temple Dancers Annual Oyster Feed

Friday, April 7th, 2017

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5:30 pm Social, 6:30 pm Dinner



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	1 Band Provost Guard	2	3 MELODRAMA Youth Perf 7 pm Greeters	4 MELODRAMA Senior Performance 2 pm
5	6 Director's Meeting Divan Meeting	7 Tin Lizzies	8 STATED MEETING Twin Falls	9	10 MELODRAMA	11 MELODRAMA
12	13 Twin Falls SC	14	15	16 Information Night Meridian SC	17 MELODRAMA Players St. Patrick's Day Dinner	18 MELODRAMA
19 Gold Rush SC	20 Black Light Patrol	21 Cameleers Director's Staff Sand Duners	22 TREEFORT Caldwell SC	23 TREEFORT	24 TREEFORT	25 TREEFORT Installation of Iras Temple No. 40
26 TREEFORT	27 Snake River SC	28 Elmore SC SE Idaho SC	29	30	31	1

April 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31 Players	1
2	3	4 Tin Lizzies US Klowns	5 Band Provost Guard	6	7 Greeters	8 Potentate's Ball
9	10 Director's Meeting Divan Meeting Twin Falls SC	11 Nile Sewing/Cards	12 STATED MEETING	13	14	15
16	17 Payette SC	18 Cameleers Director's Staff Sand Duners	19	20 Meridian SC	21	22
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