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EL KORAH SHRINE 2020 MELODRAMA

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All articles, events, activities, announcements and pictures must be in the hands of the Editor by the **20th** of the month preceding the publication to get in the Dust.

Email submissions to elkorahdesertdust@gmail.com. However, they can also be dropped in the Desert Dust mailbox at El Korah, if necessary.

Be sure to double check your submissions for grammar and spelling. Each pictures should include a caption, as appropriate.

2020 Shrine Dues were due by 12/31/19. If you do not have a current dues card, you are delinquent. Avoid the dreaded NPD list and contact the Recorder's Office today (343-0571).

Did you know that El Korah's budget relies on its members keeping their membership current. Paying your dues on time helps pay the bills and keep our doors open.



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February Stated Meeting

Remember our **Stated meeting** coming up on **Feb 12th** at 7:30 pm with Social at 6:00 pm and dinner served at 6:30 pm.

Potentate Message by Ill. Sir Rick Holloway



Spring is around the corner, and the Nobles of our Shrine are ramping up activities to support our mission and our members.

We kicked off February by going to Twin Falls for a fez lunch and cold plates. The food was terrific and

Thank you, Laird and team, for making this happen. We look forward to the new Nobles being at our Symposium and Ceremonial on April 24-25. Let's get some more petitions in so that we can have a large class of new Nobles going across the hot sands.

I appreciate everyone's assistance in covering the Divan meeting and stated meeting on February 10 and 12 while I was in Washington, DC for a meeting with our US Senators and Congressmen for the Veterans Home. This was a critical part of my job that required my attendance in DC. It sounds like Chief Rabban Will Votaw did an excellent job in running the meetings. Thank you, Will!

PNSA is in Calgary now (February 27-29) and a substantial delay in getting my passport back from the state department prevented me from attending. However, Will is representing El Korah along with PP Dave Thomas. El Korah will be hosting PNSA in 2023 so get ready to show our out of state Shriners a great time.

The Melodrama is almost here. Performances will be on March 6-7 and 13-14. The Boise Kiwanis have purchased all tickets for the performance on Friday, March 13 but tickets to the other performances are available. It is always a terrific

show and this year will be as memorable as always. The First Lady and I will be on stage along with many of your favorite performers, so make plans to attend and cheer on the heroes and boo the villains.

Treefort 2020 will be starting on Wednesday, March 25. We have received the tokens to be used this year. Look for emails requesting assistance in selling

tokens and managing the event. This is a huge opportunity for us to show off our building, promote the Shrine and Masonry, and to raise money to support the Temple. Please volunteer as much as you can as there are multiple tasks that need to be done to make this event successful.

Finally, the 2020 Directories will be available shortly. A notice will go out on Constant Contact when they are in the office.

Thank you again for your support of El Korah. Lady Jackie and I appreciate everyone's efforts to help make El Korah successful and fun!



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Duners Doings by Santa Bob Albert, President

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Yes that's the sound of the Duners coming off a great Sweethearts Gala Auction that was Amazing and we all Danced late into the night to the sounds of the Retreats Band. Everyone had a great time.

We are now switching gears and having a few tech days to bring our Blue Buggy into top parade form. We will be in a

Parade near you so yell 'Hi' as we drive by and wave to the crowd.

In May we will have our fish fry. Duners let us know who is coming.

Looking forward to this parade season, its always the best time of the year.

Salt Lake Shrine Hospital Report

by Ill. Sir Ray Westmoreland, P.P.



Today, approximately 85 percent of pediatric medical procedures in the U.S. are performed in an outpatient setting, and this trend is expected to continue. The reality is no one wants

to stay in the hospital – even over one night – if it isn't necessary. The sooner children can return to their homes and daily routines, the faster they will recover and the better their outcomes will be. Outpatient services also decrease time away from home, school and employment. In addition, outpatient care is less expensive, which allows us to use our resources more efficiently, making it possible for us to offer hope and healing to more children.

Our locations in Erie, Pennsylvania; Lexington, Kentucky; Pasadena, California; Tampa, Florida, and Minneapolis are already completely focused on outpatient care and/or one-day surgeries, with necessary inpatient services coordinated with a community partner. Our St. Louis location has been right-sized to 12 inpatient beds, which complements its strong working relationship with Washington University Medical Center.

We are moving forward with developing and implementing plans for realigning and restructuring several other locations. Using a variety of approaches that fit their various situations and communities, plans include affiliating with other community health care providers, sharing space and focusing on specific outreach efforts. Our patients will continue to be served, and to receive our trademark compassionate, wrap-around care, and we will continue to try to reach more patients who could benefit from the services and expertise Shriners Hospitals has to offer.

Our goal is to help as many children as possible, effectively and efficiently. That requires seeking alternatives and adapting to

Portland Shrine Hospital Report

by Ill. Sir Rick Holloway, Board of Governors



Your Portland Shrine Hospital had an absolutely remarkable January, as patient and procedure volumes increased while draw on the endowment dropped substantially. We continue to identify ways to provide care for more kids in more places. The Portland

Hospital will be visited by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) to be assessed for being able to qualify for ACS Musculoskeletal Certification. We have many more actionable items that are being worked on by hospital staff which will be discussed at a later time.

There are up to three openings on the Portland Board of Governors at the end of this year. If you are interested in serving on the Board and have questions about what it takes to be a good Board member, please contact Dave Triplett, Mike Mastropaolo, or myself. Nomination packets are now available from the Recorder's office and are due to the Portland Hospital in May.

Twin Falls Shrine Club

by Bob Cannon

March is a busy, busy month. Let's do it!!

3-07	Sat: 38 th Ice Breaker (set up and go)	TF	10:00 am
3-09	Mon: Shrine Meeting	TF	6:00 pm
3-17	Tue: Parade/St. Patrick's Day	TF	5:00 pm
	Line up at True Value on Main St		4:00 pm
3-21	Sat: 38 th Ice Breaker Play Off	TF	1:00 pm
	(55 Windbreak)		
3-30	Mon: Information Night at Loong Hing	TF	6:00 pm
	1719 Kimberly Road.		

If you have any question Please let me know and I will get the information for you. Remember to have fun and enjoy.

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Players Playbill *by Wayne White, President*

The 2020 Melodrama performances are the first two weekends in March. The Friday, March 13th show has already been sold out to Capital City Kiwanis, so there will only be three regular performances this year. Get your tickets early by contacting the Recorder's Office. **Come out and Enjoy the Show!**

Dinner will be offered before the show starting at 6:30 pm by Brother Brown's Underground. Carlas offers Great Food at a very reasonable price! There'll be a different meal each night and you'll pay at the door, so no tickets are needed.

Fri, Mar 6th	Spaghetti
Sat, Mar 7th	Chicken Breast
Sat, Mar 14th	Corned Beef & Cabbage (for St. Patrick's Day!)

No dinner will be served on Friday, March 13 due to the Kiwanis banquet being served in the Ballroom.

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by Max Bearden

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FRIDAY MARCH 6TH
SATURDAY MARCH 7TH
SATURDAY MARCH 14TH

How THE WEST WAS WORN

... or
Black Hat Optional

By Flip Kobler and Cindy Marcus

Tickets are still \$12⁵⁰ person

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Provost Guard

by John Kinney

The Provost Guard is planning for a busy year! Our officers were in attendance at the Clubs and Units meeting in February and several of our members attended the Black Light Patrol's Crab Feed and enjoyed every minute. We will be in attendance for the Players annual Melodrama and are planning on attending several other functions during the year.

Are you ready for some wine tasting?

The Provost Guard's 13th annual **WINE TASTING** will be on **Saturday, April 11, 2020**. Come out for a wonderful evening of wine tasting, socializing with old friends and new friends, dancing and hors d'oeuvres. The time is from 6:00 pm until 9:30 pm. Tickets are available from any Provost Guard member or at the Shrine Office.

Cost for this delightful evening is \$20 for one person, or \$35 for two people. The Grateful Dead jazz band will be performing for your pleasure. There will be door prizes, live and silent auctions, and 6 wineries for your sampling pleasure.

Remember, for the price of admission you get food, good music, good company and a wine glass for sampling.

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Live & Silent Auction
Ticket information contact:
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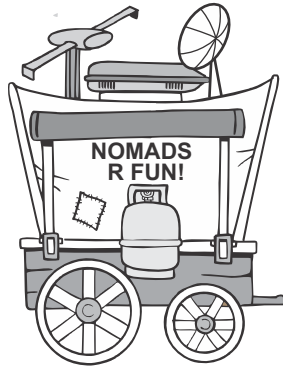
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Nomad News

by Warren Hill, Scout

Nomad Spring camping is quickly approaching. Our first outing is at the Ambassador RV Resort of Caldwell. Dates are Monday, April 27 through our departure on Thursday, April 30. Contact the resort for your reservation. Phone number is (208) 454-8584. The park fills fast so early reservations are a must.



Hagerman RV Village is our May outing. The outing is over Memorial Day Weekend. This is one of our best attended Spring camping trips. The park has several cabins available for those who have hung up their keys or sold their rigs. Contact the park for your reservation at (208) 837-4906.

In June we will enjoy the beautiful McCall RV Resort in McCall. Nomads really enjoyed our stay at this park in 2019. Dates are June 22-24. The RV Resort has cabins available for rent. Call the resort to reserve your site. Phone number is: (208) 634-5646.

The East-West Shrine Football game in Baker City is our next destination. We camp July 30-August 1st at the Mountain View RV Park in Baker City. Contact Carrie at the RV Park at (541) 523-4824 for your reservation.

The final Nomad outing of the year will be held at the Challis Hot Springs of Challis. It is always held the weekend prior to Labor Day. Our activities will include participating in the annual Idaho Masonic picnic held on Sunday. Reservation phone number is (208) 879-4442.

The Nomad RV Club welcomes all Shriners that enjoy the outdoors. We have fun all summer long!

El Korah Parking Options

Weekdays 8 am - 6 pm:

- > On-street parking - metered or timed
- > Summers Funeral (only if there is no funeral)
Parking Pass Required, see Recorder
- > Don't park in the lot behind El Korah

Weekdays after 6 pm, Weekends, Holidays:

- > On-street parking west of 11th St is free
- > Summers Funeral (only if there is no funeral)
- > Lot behind El Korah
See Recorder if ticketed during this time

Chaplain's Corner

by Santa Bob Albert, Chaplain

Greetings Fellow Nobles, The Black Camel Caravan has stopped and taken these Nobles:

Clarence A. Stouffer: June 14, 1926 - February 22, 2020

Harold W. Turbeville: June 25, 1941 - February 9, 2020

Sunshine report:

Johnny Lynch is in assisted living.

Assistant Rabban, **Dale Rutter** had surgery on his ear and is recuperating well.

Ed Hulme is recovering from gall bladder surgery complication.

Hal England was in the hospital, but is home now and doing better.

John Matthews is home and improving each day, and able to do some work at his job on a very limited duties.

Please reach out to these Brothers and let them know you are thinking of them.

Remember to let me or the Records Office know of anyone who needs our help.

Spring Ceremonial Schedule

by Jimmy Hansen, Director

Symposium - Friday, April 24th

5:30 pm	Social (Hosted Bar)	Dance Floor
6:00 pm	No Host Dinner	Tiger Room
	Introductions	
7:45 pm	Clubs & Units Introductions	Ballroom
9:00 pm	Evening Social (Not Hosted)	Ballroom

Ceremonial - Saturday, April 25th

6:30 am	No Host Breakfast	Oasis
7:00 am	Novice Registration	Tiger Room
8:30 am	Band Prelude	Ballroom
9:00 am	Public Opening	
10:00 am	Ceremonial 1st Section	
10:40 am	Ceremonial 3rd Section (Lodge Tiled)	
11:00 am	Ladies Luncheon	Tiger Room
11:30 am	No Host Lunch	Oasis
12:30 am	Ceremonial 2nd Section (Lodge Tiled) . . .	Ballroom
4:30 pm	Novice/Lady Meeting	Gold Room
5:00 pm	Social (Hosted)	Ballroom
5:45 pm	Evening Ceremonial Program	Ballroom
	Arches and Old Red Fez Ceremonies	
	Introductions and Fezzing	
7:30 pm	Ceremonial Banquet	Ballroom
9:00 pm	Dance the Night Away	Ballroom



Spring Ceremonial Registration



Apr. 24th – 25th, 2020

Noble: _____ **Lady:** _____

Address: _____ **Unit/Club:** _____

City: _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Friday – Symposium Dinner - \$15.00/person _____

(2 Pulled Pork Sandwiches w/Onion & Pickles, country peppered potato salad, bodacious baked beans, and assorted cookies)

Saturday – Breakfast - \$5.00/person _____

(English muffin w/ egg, sausage, & cheese or breakfast burrito w/ egg, bacon, & cheese both served w/ hash browns)

Saturday – Noble Lunch - \$10.00/person _____

(Beef burgers w/assorted toppings, hand-cut French fries, creamy cole slaw, assorted cookies w/ vanilla ice cream)

Saturday – Ladies Lunch - \$12.00/person _____

(Italian chicken breast, bacon/onion green beans, rosemary/garlic roasted potatoes, and assorted cookies w/vanilla ice cream)

Saturday – Ceremonial Banquet - \$35.00/person _____

(Prime Rib or Herb Roasted Turkey, roasted red potatoes w/ butter, vegetable medley, tossed green salad, rolls, and granola peach or cherry cobbler)

(Vegetarian options are available upon request)

Total _____

Candidates and their Ladies/Significant other are Hosted for All Meals

Please send your payment along with this registration form to El Korah no later than **April 12th**, Easter Sunday.

Easter Sunday will be the cut off for Registration.

Recorder's Office (208) 343-0571.

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Tickets can be picked up at the Recorder's Office

March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 Provost Guard	5 First Thursday	6 Melodrama Greeters	7 Melodrama
				← Oriental Guide School - Tampa, FL →		
8	9 Directors Divan Meeting	10 Tin Lizzies	11 STATED MEETING	12	13 Melodrama "Kiwaniis Night"	14 Melodrama
	← Asst Rabban School - Tampa, FL →					
15	16 Twin Falls SC	17	18	19	20	21
	Payette SC					
22 Gold Rush SC	23 El Korah Klowns Black Light Patrol	24 Cameleers Sand Duners	25	26	27	28 DON Installation
			← TreeFort Music Festival - Boise →			
			← DeMolay Conclave - Moscow →			
29 TreeFort	30 Snake River SC	31				

April

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Provost Guard Band	2 First Thursday	3 Greeters Players	4 Scottish Rite Crab Feed Ballroom Dance Competition
5	6 Directors Divan Meeting	7 Tin Lizzies	8 STATED MEETING Woodworker's Appreciation	9	10 Dancers Oyster Feed	11 Provost Guard Wine Tasting
12 Easter	13 Twin Falls SC	14	15	16	17	18 Scottish Rite Reunion
19 Scottish Rite Reunion	20 Payette SC El Korah Klowns	21 Cameleers Sand Duners High Country Sidewinders SC	22 Caldwell SC Sutary Klowns Red Neck Culinary	23 Baker Player Appreciation Dinner at Ontario Elks	24 Symposium	25 Ceremonial
26	27 Black Light Patrol Snake River SC	28	29	30	31	