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May Stated Meeting

Has Been Cancelled

Potentate Message by Ill. Sir Rick Holloway



Nobles, Ladies, and friends, this is not the way any of us planned to spend our springtime-still on a stay at home order with minimal contact with others. The Governor has released his initial plan to slowly reopen Idaho, but all it will take is a resurgence of positive COVID-19 cases for that to get reversed and we

may be back where we are now. On April 27, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Idaho Steve Hall stated that he will continue his edict to suspend all Masonic meetings or gatherings to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus **until further notice**. While we have no COVID-19 cases in any of the three Idaho state veterans homes, a facility that I visited last fall in Long Island, NY currently has 46 deaths of veterans from the virus. The ease at which this virus is transmitted and its effects on the elderly in particular is nothing to be taken lightly.

Therefore, no meetings of clubs, units, or any other gathering may be held in El Korah or any Masonic Lodge in Idaho. Our stated meeting in May will be cancelled as well. Fortunately, there have been a lot of Zoom meetings between groups so we are all able to see our smiling faces as we weather this storm.

I'm sure all of you heard that Imperial Session 2020 in Kansas City has been cancelled. Imperial Sir Jeff Sowder and the Imperial Session team have been working for several years to put on a terrific Imperial Session only to have to cancel it for

the best interests of our Nobles.

Unfortunately, we also had to cancel our 2020 Circus, as every other Temple who planned to host the event had cancelled theirs. Treefort is still on the books for September, but we simply don't know where we will be in reopening group activities at this point.

The Board of Directors, with considerable

assistance and direction from Mary Baldwin, completed an application for a loan through the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) to cover certain costs of the operation of El Korah during this pandemic. Some Nobles have questioned why we kept our employees on staff. The reason is the PPP allows full loan forgiveness for all costs associated with keeping our staff employed instead of using unemployment plus the cost of our utilities. The major costs of El Korah are payroll and utilities, so if we can get these covered under the PPP, we are better off than simply laying off our staff.

To that end, we are also closely monitoring our expenses to be sure we don't go too far underwater this year. We are hopeful that our activities this fall will allow us to come close to covering our expenses. All of the other 2020 Potentates I have talked to feel the same way.

Please continue to practice social distancing, wash your hands repeatedly, and stay home if you are not feeling well. Thank you again for your support of El Korah. We will get through this. Take a few minutes and call your fellow Nobles.



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Duners Doings

by Santa Bob Albert, President

Hello from El Korah Sand Duners. Well, we have been locked down like everyone else trying to do what we can. We may have found a new Mother Buggy, not sure though, but we're keeping our fingers crossed.

Stay safe, wash your hands and remember to reach out to the Nobles and stay safe.

Salt Lake Shrine Hospital Report

by Ill. Sir Ray Westmoreland, P.P.



Chief of Staff Recognized

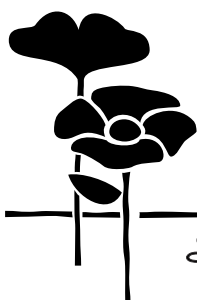
Physician honored as prestigious endowed chair

The chief of staff at Shriners Hospitals for Children - Salt Lake City, Kristen Carroll, M.D., now holds the honor of the Sherman S. Coleman, M.D., Presidential Endowed Chair in Pediatric Orthopaedics in the Department of Orthopaedics at the University of Utah. An endowed chair is a recognition of profound academic distinction and excellence, but what makes this honor even more meaningful is the history behind its name.

Sherman S. Coleman, M.D., was the second chief of staff at the Salt Lake Shriners Hospital while he served as the chair of the University of Utah Orthopaedic Division for 33 years. His contributions to orthopaedics are widely renowned. What's more, he was like a second father to Dr. Carroll, making this recognition incredibly meaningful to her.

As endowed chair, Dr. Carroll will manage a sizable budget for research and professional advancement for five years. She already put some of the funding to good use with the Shriners Hospitals for Children western Regional Research Conference, hosted by our Salt Lake City location in the fall of 2019. She also has professional development plans with some incredible orthopaedic surgeons within the Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America (POSNA) and aims to help advance women pursuing careers in orthopaedics.

For more than 20 years, Dr. Carroll has cared for children with neuromuscular and orthopaedic conditions such as cerebral palsy, skeletal dysplasia, osteogenesis imperfecta and developmental dysplasia of the hip at Shriners Hospitals for Children - Salt Lake City. In addition to her role as chief of staff, Dr. Carroll is a University of Utah professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery.



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Chaplain's Corner

by Santa Bob Albert, Chaplain

Hello Nobles and Lady's of El Korah Shrine. This month has been very trying with everything changing our daily lives. Unfortunately the Black Camel Caravan still made its round to our Oasis.

Calvin Holtz: 8/02/1927 - 3/26/2020

Member of Weiser Lodge #23

Wife: Joyce

James A. Davidson: passed on 3/30/2020

PGM 1993-1994

Lady Della Winther: 1/15/1928 - 4/19/2020

Past First Lady - 1993

Lady Charlotte Carleton: passed 04/23/2020

Robert Bar is in Florida and has dementia

John Williamson is in Henderson NV and is on Hospice

Noble Ed Wimmer and Lady Nancy celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations!

Nobles we are going through some very tough times with the Virus. Remember to stay safe, wash your hand and call your Loved ones.

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Players Playbill *by Wayne White, President*

The Players used over \$3000, which represents the bulk of the Melodrama proceeds, to replace the six soon-to-be-outdated mic sets and one of the travel spot lights. The new spot light is LED and uses only a fraction of the power to operate, plus it is smaller and weighs a lot less . . . an important feature for us youthful-at-heart Players when it comes to movin' shtuff around.

Anyhows, our next step is to get it all installed before our next event in the Ballroom, which with the way things are going these days, should give us exactly the time we'll need.

Keep safe everyone!!



Players

"Just for the Fun of It"

Twin Falls Shrine Club *by Bob Cannon*

May: 2020

5/11 Mon: Twin Falls Shrine Club Meeting 6:00 pm

We will do the same as last month and have the meeting on Zoom. It worked well and lets do it again. Look for an invitation from Senate Eskridge.

The information on the Football game is not known yet. We will let you know soon as we hear something.

Let's stay safe and don't get this junk.

I am the Man

by Dave Bennett, Oriental Guide

I am the man who sold your raffle tickets, wanting you to know me, wanting you to know that I was close by.

I am the man who came to your meeting, and the one nobody paid any attention to. I tried many times to be friendly to you, but you all have your own friends which you sit next to.

I had hoped very much that someday, someone would ask me to take part in something, anything really.

I am the man who was never asked, the man who was always passed. I am the man who probably won't be the last.

I missed a few meetings due to illness. I did not receive a call from the Lodge. When I returned nobody asked me where I had been. I'm guessing it didn't matter much to others if I was there or not.

You might say that I'm a good man, a good family man who holds a responsible job, loves his community, his country and his friends.

BUT do you know who else I am? I am the man who NEVER CAME BACK!!! All you had to do was make me feel welcome, wanted, needed and part of the Lodge.

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"It's All in the Sauce"

From the Recorder's Office

by Ill Sir Ray Westmoreland, Recorder

We are still sending Kids to the Salt Lake City Shrine Hospital for treatment. The Tiger room has fresh paint. We are starting to plan for re-opening. The building next door is beginning to get enclosed. Parking is free at meters for now. Noble Jimmy Hansen's articles about the history of El Korah have been entertaining and informative.

Carlas Brown (Brother Browns BBQ) is still doing his Saturday special. Thanks to the Shriner's who have been making the free deliveries possible. Illustrious Sir Rick Holloway, Illustrious Sir Garland Risner, Chief Rabban Will Votaw, Ambassador Ric Bobier, Cameleer, Noble Bruce Drewes, Noble Dave Gregory and I assisted in making this happen. It has been a life saver for Carlas and a way for us to still enjoy his food. People are still talking about the brisket we had recently. If you know someone in need, contact the Recorder's office for assistance 343-0571.

Check out our like new sign on the front of the building! Thanks to Noble Jim Thompson of Jim Thompson Remodeling, Illustrious Sir Garland Risner, Princess Rebecca Wood of 2M+J Painting, and Ken Jones of Treasure Valley Seamless Siding.

Daughters of the Nile

by Ann Triplett, PQ

Chairman of the Charitable Giving Committee

The fiscal year for the Daughters of the Nile Foundation ended December 31, 2019, and we have received the report of our donations that I am so thrilled to pass on to our Nobles as Daughters of the Nile only supports the Shriners Hospitals for Children(R). We know that Daughters of the Nile is the second largest contributor to the hospital system after the Shrine themselves and we thank you Nobles for giving us that opportunity to assist in your great philanthropy. We just love helping children, and especially the children in your hospital system.

Drum roll please . . . Iras Temple No 40 donated **\$33,060.55** to be used by our foundation in assisting Shriners Hospitals for Children in the year 2019. The check for over two million dollars will be presented to Imperial Shrine. The over two million dollars includes all the money that is collected from our Temples in the United States and Canada. Thank you Nobles of El Korah Shrine for all the support you have given us to reach this high number donation. I bet we give even more in 2020 so watch for ways you can help us attain that goal and know how much you are appreciated.

Daughters of the Nile

by Linda Gray, Princess Tirzah,

Hello to all!

It is very nice to be talking to you once more. Since we have not been able to elect a new Princess Badoura, I will continue to keep you updated for Iras Temple. During this "Stay at Home", "wash your hands" period of time, we are staying connected as well as we can. We have had a video conference for socializing and seeing as many of our friends as possible, with a friendly glass of wine. This was a lot of fun and so good to see everyone staying happy and well.

This week West Valley Nile club will have a video conference elect new officers so we can move forward with allocating funds, deciding on new projects to keep up with the of our Shriners Hospitals and the children we can help every day.

Many Nile Ladies are making phone calls to make sure everyone is staying safe and getting things they need. Some are sending emails to keep us staying positive, give us a good laugh, or a "NILE SMILE".

We are still looking forward to our Fashion Show, scheduled for July 18, 2020. "Roses, Pearls, and Hats" will bring one of our favorite events to summer and will raise funds for our donation to Shrine Hospitals. If you don't have a ticket please get one. This is a very fun time for all!!!

Once again we hope all of our Nile and Shrine friends are well and staying safe.

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The History of the American Flag

Part 1 by David Bennett, Oriental Guide



Today the American flag consists of thirteen horizontal stripes; seven red stripes alternating with six white stripes representing the original 13 colonies. The stars represent the 50 states of the Union.

The colors of the flag are symbolic as well: Red symbolizes Hardiness and Valor, White symbolizes Purity and Innocence and Blue represents Vigilance, Perseverance and Justice.

The first legislation of the Continental Congress, on October 18, 1775, established a Federal navy, but, as far as is known, without a national ensign. Ships are reported to have been sent to sea under the pine-tree flag or possibly hoisted the colors of their originating State.

Two days later on October 20, 1775, Washington writes to Colonel Glover and Stephen Moyland, "Please fix upon some particular flag, and a signal by which our vessels may know one another. What do you think of a flag with a white ground, a tree in the middle, the motto, "Appeal to Heaven". This is the flag of our floating batteries. We are

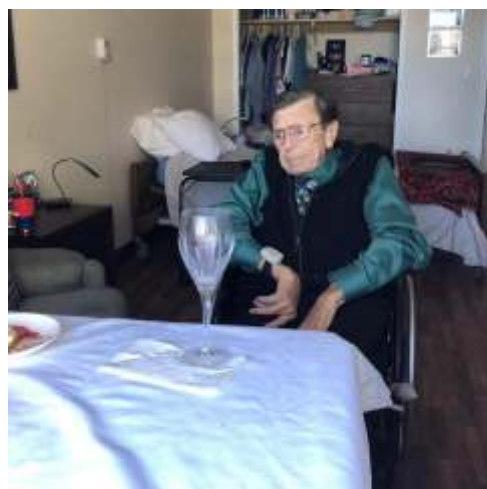
fitting out two vessels at Plymouth and when I next hear from you on this subject, I will let them know them know the flag and the signal, that we may distinguish our friends from our foes'.

Dr. Franklin, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Harrison, convening at the camp at Cambridge, were appointed to consider the subject. The result was the retention of the union jack (king's colors) representing the still-recognized sovereignty of England, but coupled to thirteen stripes, alternating red and white in place of the loyal red ensign. This symbolized the union of the thirteen colonies against the tyranny and oppression of Great Britain.

While not known with great certainty, it has been suggested that the origin of the stripes came from the ragtag Continental soldiers. The continental army of 1775 was without uniforms, and cloths of a stripe or ribbon distinguished the different grades. The daily view of these distinguishing marks of rank would naturally represent the United Colonies.

It will probably never be known who designed our union of stars. Neither Congressional records nor the public and private voluminous correspondence or diaries of the time refer to the creation of the stars.

It has been asked why the stars on our banner are five-pointed while, historically, those on our coins have been six-pointed. While there is a wonderful story about Betsy Ross favoring a five pointed star because of it's ease in construction (see further on), the answer is, that the designers of our early coins followed the English, and the designer of our flag the European custom. In the heraldic language of England, the star has six points; in the heraldry of Holland, France and Germany, the star is five-pointed.



Congratulations to **Noble Ed and Lady Nancy Wimmer**
celebrating 60 years of wedded bliss the Covid way!

Portland Shrine Hospital Report

by Ill. Sir Rick Holloway, Board of Governors



The Portland Shrine Hospital met the stringent criteria set forth for hospitals in preventing the spread of COVID-19 and is now ready to start performing surgeries again. We are limited in the number of procedures we can do for now, but we are also

looking at Telehealth options for being able to see more kids in more places. Look for more information on our return to full operations soon.

The Portland Hospital's visit by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) to be assessed for being able to qualify for

ACS Musculoskeletal Certification has been postponed for now. This certification is part of our strategic plan and will further allow us to be part of health systems and insurance networks.

Our Marketing/Communication team is still hard at it. We have several advertisements online and in social media sites. Also, if you haven't had a chance to see the image coming off the roof of the hospital, go to www.kptv.com/weather/cams/ and click on the Portland Shriners Hospital Cam link. It is the most clicked camera on the KPTV site and used by weathermen when giving their televised reports.

If you have any questions about the Portland Hospital, please contact Dave Triplett, Mike Mastropaolo, or myself and we will be happy to talk about the hospital and what it means to be a member of the Board of Governors.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31					1 Greeters Players	2 DON International Night
3	4	5 Tin Lizzies	6 Provost Guard Band	7 First Thursday	8	9 Potentate's Ball
10	11 Directors Divan Meeting Twin Falls SC	12	13 STATED CONFERENCE	14	15	16
17 Gold Rush SC	18 Payette SC El Korah Klowns	19 Cameleers Sand Duners High Country Sidewinders SC	20	21	22	23 DON Fashion Show
24	25 Black Light Patrol Snake River SC N/S Football in Twin Falls	26	27 Caldwell SC Sutary Klowns Red Neck Culinary	28	29	30

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June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 First Thursday	5	6
7	8 Directors Divan Meeting	9	10	11	12	13 Grand Chapter OES in Boise
14	15 Circus Idaho Falls	16 Circus Pocatello	17 Circus Filer	18	19 Circus Boise	20 Circus Boise CANCELLED
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21 Circus Boise CANCELLED	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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