



EL KORAH SHRINERS

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Potentate's Message *by Ill. Sir Will Votaw*

Welcome to Spring! Like in nature, it's time to come out of hibernation. No matter which side of the issues you are on, regarding masks, stay at home orders, vaccines, things are opening up. While some things are not as open as we like, and masks are still required, or advised, in most areas, things are opening back up.

El Korah Stated meetings are open. The Oasis is open. Brother Browns is open. There are still several "grey" areas we are dealing with. Rules from cities, counties, health department, state and federal governments are still changing daily. For the most part, we are open in Idaho. I do ask that you have a mask with you at events, in case they are required in the location you are in. There are still several hot spots in our State and we still need to keep our guard up.

I would like to thank Nobles Wayne Foster and Jim Hansen for the diligent work they have been doing in the office. From streamlining Patient Travel requests, to making sure we are following the rules of the day, and sometimes hour, these Nobles have been keeping our building open and things moving forward.

I am happy to report that there are parades scheduled for June in Emmett and Meridian. A special thanks to the Nobles who attended/participated in the Twin Falls St. Patrick's Day Parade. Thank you to the Twin Falls Shine Club and a few other Nobles to made the drive down. It was the beginning of our 2021 parade season and the 1st parade in almost a year.

A few upcoming events to be mindful of. Saturday, April 17th will be a Virtual Ceremonial. This will allow us to make new Nobles, all over Southern Idaho at once. This will allow new Nobles to be active over the Summer.



While things are opening, what is allowed changes rapidly. Planning a Virtual Ceremonial makes sure we can do a Ceremonial and not have it cancelled at the last minute.

We are moving forward with the plans for the Potentate's Ball. It will be on May 15th. The plan, as of the time of writing this article, is a dinner and dance, at El Korah. We are working on pricing with Brother Browns. Children are welcome at this Ball. Their menu is set: \$5 for chicken strips and fries. We will have some type of supervision, movies and activities in the Tiger Room for them. Hopefully this allows Nobles to come and enjoy themselves and not worry about paying for a sitter.

May 31st will be the North South High School All-Star Football Game in Twin Falls. If you can, please plan on attending. Seeing a sea of Red Fezzes lets the public know we are still here. It also lets our Nobles in the Magic Valley know we support them.

Potentate's Message (cont.) *by Ill. Sir Will Votaw*

I have been in talks with the Potentates of Al Kader and Hillah. The Baker City weekend is still a go. Housing the Oregon football players is a concern/challenge, due to rules in Oregon. While the game is cancelled, the parade is not. With the exception of the game, we are planning the usual Friday and Saturday events in Baker City, to include the Courtesy Suites, breakfast in the park and some type of meal at the hotel. Al Kader is also planning on having a Friday Afternoon meeting and Cold Sands Ceremonial. It would be great to fill the hotel and enjoy a couple of days seeing old friends and making new ones. I hope El Korah has a good showing. We can't let our Brother Nobles in Oregon have all the

fun, can we? I'm hoping our Duners can be there to make some noise and participate in their usual Shenanigans, the International Award Winning Tin Lizzes can be there to show them the precision at which we operate, the Black Light Patrol can be there to present the Colors, and our Nobles can be there to prove how much we truly enjoy being a part of El Korah.

Nobles, its time to get out, to show people our pride in being Shriners, to show people how much fun we have!

Yours in the Faith,
Will Votaw, Potentate

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April Stated Meeting

Wednesday Apr 14th, 7:30 pm
 In Person and Via Zoom (Instructions on Page 5)

Portland Shrine Hospital Report

by Ill. Sir Rick Holloway
Board of Governors Chairman



As many of you know, the Portland Shriners Hospital is located in Multnomah County, which has been in the most restricted risk level for COVID since March 2020. While the risk assessment has moved to the "moderate" category, hospitals are still not allowed to add capacity or increase visitation. At this point, only one parent and no siblings may accompany patients in the hospital. The Board continues to meet electronically but we hope to have limited in-person meetings beginning in the next few months.

On Thursday, July 1 at 7 pm MDT, the Portland Shriners Hospital will host a virtual Hospital Day! Watch for information on how to participate in this event.

With the increased emphasis on virtual examinations for patients, the Portland Shriners Hospital has been selected as one of four SHC sites to pilot a new telehealth clinical platform called ViTel Net. This will include telehealth visits for new and existing patient appointments, pre- and post-surgery appointments, and rehabilitation services.

Included in this issue of the Desert Dust is the 2020 Infographic which provides several key metrics which you will find interesting. It also emphasizes the scope of work being done at the Portland hospital.

On Saturday, June 26-Sunday, July 4, we will be hosting a virtual Stroll, Roll, & Shine! More information will be sent soon on this great way to support the Portland Hospital.

A monthly Rise & Shrine newsletter is published by the Portland Hospital. If you would like a copy sent directly to you, please let me know and I will help you get set up. We also have a substantial presence on Facebook Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram.

If you have additional questions about the Portland Shriners Hospital, please contact Dave Triplett, Mike Mastropaolo, or me. We would love to share additional information on the Portland Hospital with you.

Salt Lake Shrine Hospital Report

by Ill. Sir Ray Westmoreland



Talks continue about merging with Primary Children's Hospital.

Donations are at 46% of goal for the year. We received a million dollar donation from an anonymous donor. He is presenting as an honor to 2 past Potentates of El Jebel in Denver. We also received \$42000 from Jackson Hole Shrine club Cutter Races. This is a must see event if you want some intense racing.

In addition, we have over 6000 donors who are giving \$250 or more. The cost to market for these donations amounts to 8 cents per dollar raised which is the envy of the Shrine system. We also received \$133,102 in gift-in-kind donations. We are currently replacing 32 TV's which were also donated. Please remember to use Amazon Smile when ordering from them.

Pops: Overall, we are \$102,587 under budget. Our location has the highest collections and the third highest visits in the system even though deliveries are down by 20% due to Covid. We are collecting 38%. We sent 48 devices to Portland, mostly ankle or foot orthotics. Dr. Carroll congratulates our staff for going above and beyond to care for our patients special needs. This month, they made specialized fingers so a child could hold their horse reins, a specialized hand for a competitive moto-crosser, a specialized foot for a ballet dancer and a specialized ski foot for a racer. What creativity!

Clubfoot: Springtime brings more babies and our four clubfoot clinics that happen every week are bustling! Jaime Manning PA, DR Woiczik, Dr. Hennessey, and Dr Holmes have been busy casting lots of babies! Our clubfoot clinic is busier than Iowa now.. it is a real jewel in our service line. We are indebted to the vision of our female surgeons for creation of such a successful clinic that has helped families. One of our current University of Utah residents is the father of one of these children, and was so incredibly complimentary of our service. His experience with Dr. Hennessey inspired him to become an orthopedic surgeon.

Other notes: Jill Connor, who many of us know and who is so much help when support is needed by our Temple for literature, clinics etc., has now been with us 10 years. Congratulations and many thanks!

Hunter Woodall (Blade runner) will be graduating from the University of Arkansas and is turning pro. He is currently training for the Paralympics.

El Korah sent 107 kids (256 visits) to Salt Lake last year, second only to Utah.

Shriners Hospitals for Children has received a four star rating as a non-profit. Thank you for supporting our Hospitals!

Recorder's Corner

by Jimmy Hansen, Recorder

I hope everyone had a little Luck during March because April is springing into action with Fools (April Fools), Bunnies (Easter), and Tree Huggers (Earth Day)!

The Recorder's Office is still afloat and moving right along! Our Oriental Guide, Wayne Foster, has been a life saver here in the Office. With Noble Wayne's help we have been able to streamline what we do for the patients traveling to the Shriners' Hospitals. As soon as we receive a phone call asking for help we are able to confirm their appointments, print the checks, have them signed, and in the mail within 15 to 20 minutes.

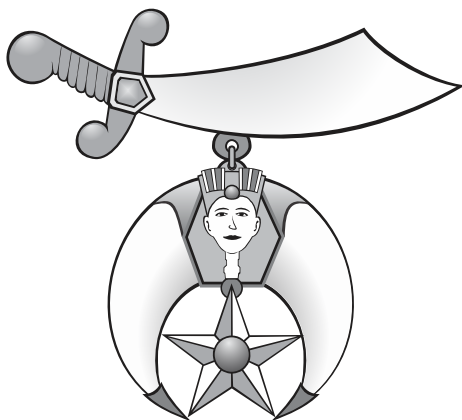
As far as our building it has been doing well so far this year. We are still renting out the Circus Room to the Wright Brothers (the company working on the park to the north), as well as the Ballroom and Tiger Room to One Stone School. Our Oasis it still quenching the thirst of members, guests, and others alike. Tuesday through Friday from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Brother Brown's Underground is still working as much as he can, being open from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm Tuesday through Saturday. Both of which can always use some more attendance, so if you have a chance, or are in the area, please stop by for a drink and a bite to eat!

Our Ladies of the Nile have been slowly getting back into the spring of things with not only their regular meetings but their units (Guard, Dancers) and groups (choir) as well. It is truly great seeing them back in the building! All last year it was far too quiet!

As for our Clubs & Units of EL Korah, some of them are getting back at it with meetings or get togethers, but it has been a bit slow. Some of the groups, not having anything to have been playing it month to month.

Last month we received some bad news, our Circus (Jody Jordan) has canceled with us. The reason being is that we were the only ones on his calendar and could not justify moving forward. Noble Foster has been looking into other Circus' as well as other ways to produce income.

I hope you all have a wonderful April!



El Korah Shrine April 2021 Zoom Stated Meeting

Apr 14, 2021 7:15 PM Mountain Time

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Silver City #13, Meridian #47, and Initial Point #98 Masonic Lodges are teaming up and collecting old towels and sheets as donations for the Treasure Valley animal shelters. As animals arrive at the shelters, they need something to sleep on and also be wrapped in if surgery is required. As of 22 Mar 21, we have donated four garbage bags, about 125 lbs to the Idaho

Humane Society. If you have any that you would like to donate and help our furry friends, we are sure they will appreciate your kindness. Please donate towels that are free of grease or cleaning chemicals.

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Iras Temple No 40 Daughters of the Nile

Greetings from Princess Tirzah, Debbi deBoer!

March was a busy month for our Temple. As one year has come to an end another other one began. We want to thank our Junior Past Queen Sony Yates for her wonderful leadership during some very trying times! Iras Temple was excited to be able to hold an in-person installation of Officers on March 27th at the Masonic Lodge in Boise. Congratulations to Queen Laura Otto, Princess Royal Linda Gray, Princess Tirzah Debbi deBoer, Princess Badoura Garianne Erwin, and all of the Officers. We look forward to a fun and memorable year full of fun and fellowship as we work to support the Children.

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El Korah Clowns

by Dave Bennett, High Priest & Prophet



Potentate Will Votaw officially installed the officers of the El Korah Clowns at their March meeting. The officers from left to right are: Rodger Hood - President, Gary Dentinger - Vice President, and Lloyd Thurman - Secretary/Treasurer.

Snake River Shrine Club

by Dave Bennett, High Priest & Prophet



The officers of the Snake River Shrine Club were officially installed at their March meeting by Al Kader Potentate Terry Griffith. The officers from left to right are: Lloyd Thurman - Vice President, Dave Thomas - Secretary/Treasurer, and Ray McGoldrick - President.