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Potentate's Ball

Saturday May 15th, 2021

at El Korah Shrine

1118 W Idaho St, Boise

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Will Votaw and Lady Diedre**



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MayStated Meeting

Wednesday May 12th, 7:30 pm
 In Person and Via Zoom (Instructions on Page 5)

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

Well Nobles, the year is 1/3 over, but our work is far from done. We still have one meeting on Wednesday, May 12th before our Stated Meetings end until September. The summer is looking to be very busy. I hope the Nobility is ready to get out and show the public just how much Fun & Fellowship we can have!

The first round of Directories have come out. Another order has been made with the printers. If you have not gotten one, there are some in the Recorder's Office and more on the way.

I had the pleasure of attending the Greeters, Players and Provost Guard meetings this past month as well as the Twin Falls Shrine Club. It was great to get out and see Nobles. I plan to attend some type of event for as many of the Clubs/Units as possible before Summer.

On April 17th we held a Virtual Ceremonial. We had two new Candidates become Shriners, Noble Adam Hudgins (Lady Heather) and Noble Craig Handy. Please be sure to welcome them when you meet them. Two Candidates were unable to be at the Ceremonial and we are working to get them Fezzed soon.

There are several parades scheduled in the next few months. The Parade Units are busy getting ready for the parades. If you can, please come out and support the Nobles at the parades. As a reminder, Imperial By-Laws require the Potentate to approve the Units/Clubs participation in parades. The parades being printed in the Directory do not constitute Potentate Approval. Please send an email to myself and the Recorder of the parades you plan to attend. I can reply with my approval and the Recorder can keep a copy for the office/insurance files.

The Shrine Van will be going to the following events: Sunday May 2nd, Gold Rush in Idaho City; Saturday May 8th, Ice Breaker in Twin Falls; Saturday May 15th, Payette Apple Blossom Parade; Monday May 31st, Twin Falls for Fez Lunch and North/South All-Star High School Football Game; Saturday June 5th, Twin Falls Western Days Parade; Saturday June 19th, Emmett Cherry Festival Parade; Saturday June 26th,



Meridian Dairy Days Parade; July 28th to 31st Summer PNSA at Nile Temple in Seattle, WA; Friday August 6th & Saturday August 7th, Baker City Social & Parade; Saturday September 11th, Mountain Home Air Force Appreciation Day. As usual, there are some days that have multiple events, I am trying to make as many events as possible. Please email me at wdvotaw@gmail.com if you would like to ride in the van to any of the events.

Our Chief Rabban, Dale Rutter is busy working on the Potentate Ball. It will be on Saturday, May 15th. Please contact the office if you would like to attend. Music will be from Rockn Rooster. The price will be \$35 per person. Children are welcome at this Ball. Their menu is chicken strips and fries, at no charge. 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.

See you at the Potentate's Ball, Stated Meetings and other events.

Yours in the Faith
Will Votaw, Potentate



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Portland Shrine Hospital Report

by Ill. Sir Rick Holloway
Board of Governors Chairman



For the first time in a year, some of the Board of Governors for the Portland Shriners Hospital finally were able to meet in person! While many restrictions are still in place for visiting health care facilities, a plan was in place to protect our patients by making sure all visitors were vaccinated, proper PPE was worn, and no Board members passed through patient care areas. We look forward to more Board members attending in person in the future.

Inpatient days and procedures were down slightly in March but so far in April these metrics have improved. Outpatient procedures continue to improve. The number of unique patients is projected to be over 40 percent above budget for 2021. While overall operating metrics for Portland are 4th to 6th in the system, net patient revenue continues to be second only to Northern California.

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.

A Temple Relations Committee has been formed so that at least one Board member will have direct and regular contact with each of the nine Shrine Temples that support the Portland Hospital.

On Saturday, June 26-Sunday, July 4, we will be hosting virtual Stroll, Roll, & Shine! The link for to sign up for this event is

<https://donate.lovetotherescue.org/event/stroll-roll-and-shine/e336116>. Let's have a big turnout from El Kora show our support for the Portland Hospital! There will be a competition between temples, and we have the opportunity to really shine!

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



On Monday, April 19th, I attended the North/South Football annual cookout for parents, players, coaches, and cheerleaders. This is the 44th year for this event. Noble Laird Stone and members of the Twin Falls Shriner Club, with the support of the community, have raised over \$500,000 for the Hospital. This was the 26th year at Valley High School in Hazelton. Many of the adults in attendance had played in the game. It was great to see the Noble Newbies in action, flipping burgers and grilling hot dogs, slinging potato salad while assisted by some of the old guard. Thanks to Laird, Kris, Danny, Mark, Vic, and Bob for a great Hospital fundraising event! The ticket price and the program price are the same as they were 44 years ago - \$5. Special thanks to the coaches and to John, their leader for making this happen.

Donor relations continue to rock and roll! We are at 52% of goal already. Big "O" is returning this year as a major sponsor of the "Walk for Love", which will be virtual and live with some changes. Noble Lynn Larsen was recognized for his contributions as well as his leadership of the annual golf tournament.

Art with Heart was in March after many Covid delays. Ella, a patient ambassador was one of the performers. Her mother shared her story on the stage. At last count the event had raised over \$32000.

Chem-Dry cleaned all of our lobby upholstery and even our stuffed bear that gets MANY hugs. Thank you! The Rainbow Saloon was thanked for 14 years of donations totaling \$178,452.



The OR Team



Adaptive Bike for Quad Amputee



Employees Having Fun While the Boss is Out

Recorder's Corner

by Jimmy Hansen, Recorder

Another month in the books and we are still moving forward! April definitely had some great moments as well as a few rough ones. Our Shrine Stated was well attended with around 31 Nobles, which included two Past Grand Masters, and four Past Potentates! Hopefully as we get further and further along in the year that number will only grow! The Shrine has also be the place for other meetings such as the Greeters having nearly 50 people in attendance, visited by Ill. Sir Votaw. The Players who are thinking about having a Melodrama maybe this fall/winter. The Provost Guard who has unfortunately canceled their wine tasting for this year, mostly due to uncertainty of the year. Would like to remind the Nobility that they are still willing and able to help with any club/unit/etc. if they need it! The Sand Duners not only had their meeting this month, but also had a gathering at Ill. Sir Risner's place, as well as a tech day to get their Buggies ready for the upcoming parades. The Black Light Patrol seems to be getting back into the swing of things, having their meeting just this last week.

Also this last month we had our very first Virtual Ceremonial, at which were brought into the Shrine two new Nobles. Noble Adam Hudgins, and Noble Craig Handy! Please if you haven't had a chance to welcome them into Shrinedom please do! The ceremonial itself was a lot of fun putting together, almost like putting on a play! The stage itself was dressed in our Egyptian theme with Ill. Sir Votaw sitting on his throne. I want to thank everyone who was a part of putting it all together. We look forward to bringing in those who miss the Virtual Ceremonial. Just a reminder that this coming Fall we plan on having a full Ceremonial in which we bring in all those who have gone through the Cold Sands within the last few years. This way they know what the HOT Sands really is!

This month also brought about some rough moments. Our Treasurer, Noble Larry Ridenour, was taken to the hospital on the 20th by Brother Max Bearden and myself. He was in the ER for around 6 hours until he was put into the ICU. Since then he has been doing better. On the 27th I was informed that he had been moved to the Riverside Rehab. He has his cell phone with him and would love phone calls. We hope that his health continues to get better.

The Shrine building is still renting out to the Wright Brothers, as well as One Stone School, both of which have been great having within the building. As well, we have had the Daughters of the Nile using the building for meetings and gatherings.

Everyone is probably wondering what is going on with parking. As you know the Shrine doesn't own any parking at all. That being said it is up to the individual to find parking.

We still are able to park around the Idaho First Bank across the street after 5:00 pm and on weekends. There is also meter parking around the building, most of which are free after 6:00 pm. Please make sure to check if you are in the correct zone. As for the parking lot directly behind the building during the day (between 6:00 am and 6:00 pm) it is run by Car Park. After 6:00 pm Monday through Friday, and on the weekends, it is run by the City. From the information that we have currently, the city will not be enforcing the lot. This information is subject to change at any moment so park there at your own peril. If you are ticketed for using that parking lot, it will be your responsibility and not the Shrine's to pay. There is also the parking lot to the South of the building which is owned by Republic Parking. I believe is \$5.00 to park there. If you have any questions you can call the Recorder's Office.

Within the building. Brother Brown's Underground (which was in the Statesmen) and the Oasis have been running smoothly. Brother Brown has the restaurant open Tuesday through Saturday from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm with a special last Sunday church brunch. The Oasis is open Tuesday through Friday from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. There have been a number of nights with live music. Brother Brown has had the last few Fridays packed with guests and two great groups providing music for the evening. There is also a Fellowship Night happening on most Tuesdays with the last Tuesday of the month having live music as well. This Fellowship night is the combination of the Membership Committee of El Korah as well as Boise #2. I hope you can make it to one coming up.

I hope you all have a wonderful May and I hope to see you at the Shrine!

May 2021

Zoom Stated Meeting

May 12, 2021 7:15 PM Mountain Time

Join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86033995667?pwd=YkNhOGE1RkRTMHd0VozSzk4NVoydz09>

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2021 Parade Schedule Update

by Jack Moore, Parade Director

After a year without parading or even socializing our local communities have finally decided to hold parades. We are all starved for the fun and the sight of the crowds laughing at our clowns, camels, little cars, buggies and more and the smiles on all the children's faces and pointing and clapping as we pass by. I have put together a list of the parades that we know will be held and those that we expect to go forward. The list is accurate as of today. As I collect better information I will update the list with corrections:

Treasure Valley Parades

May 8	2:00 PM	Fruitland Spring Fair Parade
May 15	11:00 AM	Jorden Valley Rodeo Parade
May 15	Noon	Payette Apple Blossom Parade
June 5	9:00 AM	Twin Falls Western Days Parade
June 19	6:00 PM	Emmett Cherry Festival
June 26	11:00 AM	Weiser Fiddlers Festival Parade
June 26	6:00 PM	Meridian Dairy Days Parade
July 4	11:00 AM	Glenns Ferry 4th of July Parade
July 31		PNSA Parade, Seattle, WA
Aug 7		Baker City East West Parade
Sept 11		Air Force Appreciation Day, Mt. Home
Nov 6		Boise Veterans Day Parade
Nov 20		Boise Holiday Parade
Dec 18		Mt. Home Holiday Parade

The following list of parades are those that our Nobles and Ladies in the Twin Falls area typically participate in. It would be great if some of our parade units here in the Treasure Valley could join them and expand our recognition. And there isn't anything more fun than parading and seeing the smiles on all the spectators old and young.

Magic Valley Parades

June 12	9:30 AM	Richfield Outlaw Days Parade
June 12	9:30 AM	Wendell Dairy Days Parade
June 19	11:30 AM	Mackay Rodeo Parade
June 19	9:15 AM	Filer Fun Days Parade
June 26	5:30 PM	Hazelton Parade
July 3	9:00 AM	Buhl Sagebrush Days Parade
July 4	11:00 AM	Challis 4 th of July Parade (Walt)
July 4	1:00 PM	Clayton 4 th of July Parade (Walt)
July 10	9:30 AM	Kimberly Good Neighbor Parade
July 17	9:30 AM	Hansen Parade
Aug 11	1:30 PM	Jerome Fair & Rodeo Parade
Sept 1	10:00 AM	Hagerman Parade
Dec 4	6:00 PM	Festival of Lights Parade

Get out and enjoy our parades either as a participant or a spectator. It's just a lot of fun and that's what Shriners do . . . "HAVE FUN".

Players Playbill

by Wayne White, President

The Players are getting back in the swing of things. We are starting to do more sound and light for events at El Korah. It's been a while since we've done any stage work, but we helped set the stage for the Virtual Ceremonial presented by the Divan last month.

We are beginning plans to put on a short Melodrama this fall. We don't have any dates yet, but we're thinking about a two night, Friday - Saturday show in November or December.



Players

"Just for the Fun of It"

Also, if you need sound in the Tiger Room for a meeting, please let us know a few days in advance. It'll save a last minute scramble to get it turned on. You can make your request through the Recorder's Office.

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Black Light Patrol

by Ric Bobier, President

The Elite Black Light Patrol is back and operating as normally as possible. We will be meeting regularly and participating in many parades and events this summer.

We will carry the Flags in the Fruitland Spring Fair Parade on May 8th and the Payette Apple Blossom Parade on May 15th. We will be assisting as Aides for the Potentates Ball on May 15th as well.

Our next BLP meeting will be at El Korah on May 17th where we will make our plans for participating in additional parades and events.

We are always looking for new members to help us carry on our traditions and keep the Patrol marching onward.

Also, please keep Past Potentate, Illustrious Sir Bob Stevenson in your thoughts and prayers. Bob is at home and is currently pretty much bed-ridden. He has hospice coming in a few times a week to assist his family with his care. We hope to see our Captain out with us again very soon. If you have a minute, please drop Bob a note or a card as he loves to receive mail.

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Daughters of the Nile

by Garianne Erwin, Princess Badoura

After a long year, with most of our meetings held via Zoom, our Iras Temple #40 has begun Stated Sessions in person again, while still practicing social distancing and masks at this time. Our first Stated Session for our new Queen, Laura Otto and officers was held on April 15th. While we are still meeting with restrictions, it is so wonderful to be with our members again.

As was earlier reported to you, our installation was held on March 27th, when our Queen, Laura Otto and her officers were installed. The picture is of Queen Laura being crowned by her mother, our Past Queen from 1979, Josephine Egbert. What a thrill for both of them to be able to include this in our installation.



Our sewing and card sessions began on April 13th, with many busy hands helping to bring our projects to completion and ready for the Hospitals.

Our Temple is hoping to have a full agenda this year including many of our traditional events, as well as perhaps some new ones. The Temple has scheduled a Closet Sale for May 8, 2021, at El Korah, and anyone wishing to contribute items for this sale can contact Queen Laura Otto, and arrangements will be made to gather the items.

Unfortunately, we have received word that the Supreme Session, which was to be held in June in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, has been cancelled. While we are all disappointed, we understand that the cancellation was due to the Ministry of Health, as well as the venue. We will look forward to Supreme Session in 2022 in Waco, Texas.

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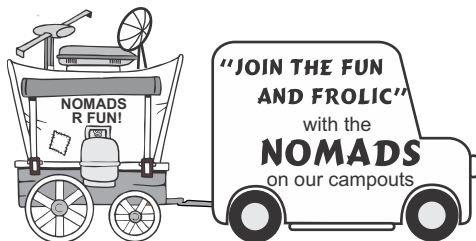
Nomads News

by Warren Hill, Scout

The Nomads RV Club's first campout of the season is history. The group traveled to the Ambassador RV Resort of Caldwell in late April. Everyone was very pleased to get out-of-their house and enjoy the company of their fellow Shriners at the campground. We enjoyed a hearty barbecue dinner, breakfast with made to order omelets and all the fixins, plus lots of camaraderie with tall stories. Pictures to follow in the next Desert Dust article.

- Memorial Day weekend is our next camping trip. We travel to the Hagerman RV Resort of Hagerman.
- From June 28th to July 1st we will be enjoying a week at the McCall RV Resort in McCall.
- Our next event is July 30- August 1 to participate in East-West Shriner events at the Mountain View Campground in Baker City, Oregon.
- Our final outing of the year will be August 26-29 at the Challis Hot Springs in Challis.

We welcome all fellow Shriners to join us in a camp outing. We have fun all summer long.

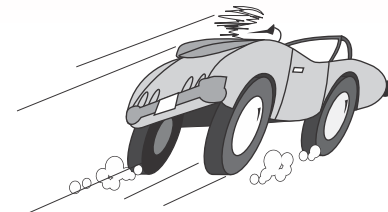


Duners Doin's

by Doug Blandford, Vice President

We held our annual Fish Fry on April 3rd at Garland and Sue's Ranch. We had 22 in attendance for the gathering. We honored Adrian Fannin for all his work as a Sand Duner and for teaching Noble Jim Thompson the secrets for cooking great fish and fries. A good time was had by everyone. Thank you Garland and Sue for the use of your home.

We held a Tec Day Saturday and got 6 buggy's ready for parades. Ordered some parts for 3 more and will be ready for the parade season. Thank you to Noble Mike Cunningham for the use of his shop so we could work inside out of the rain.



The Screening Clinic is on for October 2nd to be held at the Shrine Temple this year. So help us get the word out.

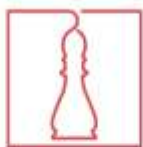
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by David Bennett, *Oriental Guide*

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- ↳ This is where it gets a little tougher . . . What do the colors red, white and blue signify?

Share these questions with your family and friends. See how many they can answer.

For help researching answers to these questions, go to:
[12 Cool Facts About the United States Flag \(theculturetrip.com\)](https://theculturetrip.com)