

EL KORAH SHRINERS

DESERT DUST

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1118 W Idaho St

Boise, ID 83702

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

Nobles, I hope the summer allowed you to get out and enjoy many activities. Lady Dee Dee, McKenzie and I had a very busy summer. In June we attended the Idaho Eastern Star Grand Chapter, where my wife was elected as Associate Grand Conductress, then it was on to Idaho Grand Session for Jobs Daughters. While we were not able to attend meetings, due to Supreme restrictions, we were able to serve at their HIKE Dinner. HIKE is the Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment that Jobies support.

July brought Imperial Session in Houston, TX and Rainbow Grand Assembly in Yakima WA.

August brought the Pote's Ball in Moscow for Ill. Sir Jim Logan, Potentate of Calam.

I would like to thank the Nobility for participating in the parades over the summer.

September brings back Stated Meetings, Treefort and Grand Lodge. I encourage all of you to attend the September Stated Meeting on September 8th, either in person or virtually. If you plan to attend and eat dinner, please RSVP to the Recorder's Office, so he can make sure we have enough food.

The September Stated meeting looks to be a very contentious meeting. The rumor mill and discussions of selling our building has been happening for the 20+ years I have been a member. A few years ago, an offer was actually made. We had a town hall meeting in 2019 to discuss the offer and our possible future meeting place. Last year, we were mostly shut down due to COVID restrictions. Over the last two years, I have fielded questions on whether we are selling our building or not.

Nobles, it's time to make a decision and stop kicking the can down the road!

At our September 8th Stated Meeting, we will be voting on our building. This is a very complicated and sensitive issue.



- A “NO” vote means we stay, start renovating the building and deal with the issues, such as the lack of parking, etc.
- A “YES” vote directs the elected Board of Directors to market and sell the building.

I can't in good faith ask our Board of Directors to look at selling and finding a new building if the Nobility is allowed to say no to any offer. A “YES” vote is a binding commitment to sell our building and allows the Board of Directors to secure a knowledgeable commercial agent, pay any fees, and entertain legitimate offers. According to our Bylaws, the final offer must be approved by a vote of the Nobility, which requires a 20 day notice.

No, we don't know what our building is worth and at this point we don't need to. If the Nobility votes “NO”, there is no need to put forth the extra work that would be needed to sell, including assessing its value.

If a “YES” vote happens, we will obtain an agent who will assess the value of our building, market it, and then bring any offers back to the Board of Directors.

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September Stated Meeting

Wednesday Sept 8th, 7:30 pm

Attend in Person or via Zoom (see page 6)

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

For this important vote, mailed, emailed and phoned in votes will NOT be accepted. Nobles must be in attendance at the Stated meeting to vote. Attendance means attendance in person or via Zoom. Only Nobles with a current dues card can vote.

Up to 5 arguments or comments in favor of selling and up to 5 in opposition to selling will be allowed. Each Noble will be given 5 minutes to speak as to why we should or should not sell our building. We all love our building and understand its special history and connections, but we don't need every Noble talking about what our building means to him.

At the end of the day, we just need to move forward and put the issue to bed . . . Do we Stay or Do we Go?

Treefort is coming up in September. We need all the help we can get. Please contact Shawn McWilliams or Jack Moore if you can volunteer to work, even if for only one evening.

Foreigner is coming in concert on Wednesday, September 15th. We have been asked again to sell CDs. Please remember that proceeds from the sale of the CDs directly benefit our Hospitals.

Many of us will be in Coeur d'Alene for **Grand Lodge**. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

The weekend of October 16th will be the **Annual Portland Food Caravan**. If you can, please plan to attend. This Caravan is the last annual Caravan that is still active in all of Shrinedom. Let's not lose it!

Activity Photos for El Korah Website

by David Bennett, Webmaster

Hello Everyone, I'm looking for any photos from the 2021 Shriner's Parades and other Shrine activities so that I can create a new page for these events on our website. We can post pictures of these events and show the fun we have doing what Shriners love to do. I finally have figured out how I want to create such a page.

So now I need your photos & pictures. Send them to the Recorder recorder@elkorahshrine.com and put "Pictures for the Web Site" on the subject line. I can't promise that all pictures will be used, but I'll certainly try. It's time to show our website viewers that Shriners have fun while doing great things for the kids!

Group Dinners at Brother Brown's

by Jimmy Hansen, Recorder

Please remember that Brother Brown's Underground closes at 6:00 pm on Tuesday - Saturday. If your Club, Unit, or other group is having an after-hours meeting or activity and would like to have a dinner with it, there are possibilities available.

Brother Brown's will stay open late if you call to coordinate your dinner at least one week in advance. A 15 meal minimum is required as well as a 50% deposit paid at the time of the reservation. Also, everyone must enjoy the same meal, just like at a banquet.

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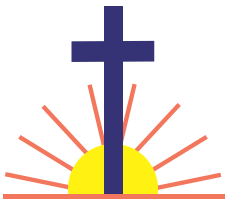
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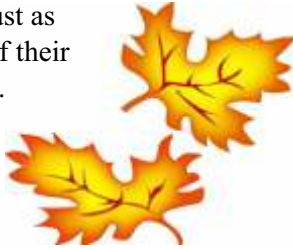
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Chaplain's Corner

by David Triplett, Chaplain



It is hard to believe that it is September already. September is a very transitional month, filled with hurried schedules and high emotions. It's a month of adjusting and letting go, just as the trees let go of their leaves in the fall.



School begins, which is exciting for some. For others though, it means letting go of seeing their loved ones 24/7 which can be super hard, especially for those starting school or leaving for college.

As hard as it is for those children to transition into that change, I think it is equally difficult for parents. For us, it may be hard to see the transition of eventually leaving our Masonic Building on 10th Street in Boise and transitioning to a new building on Fairview Avenue. I pray this transition will be good, as we see Brothers come to Lodge who couldn't find a parking spot downtown. Or maybe with everything will be on one level, it will be easier for them to attend our functions.

So, sometimes the answer to making September less stressful is simply to look at things with a different perspective . . . and simplify. Take a walk outdoors or simply step into your back yard, take a deep breath and then just take in the beauty of your surroundings. I am sure this will change your mind set so that you can face this very busy month with a positive attitude. Open your eyes to the beauty around you, open your mind to the wonders of life, open your heart to those who love you, and always to be true to yourself.

I look forward to seeing our Nobles at the many events planned at El Korah this month. Our bond is steadfast and our mission is clear. We are to love one another and to assist the many children at our hospitals where miracles happen every day.

2021 Treefort Music Fest

by Jimmy Hansen, Recorder

Treefort is this month, starting on Wednesday, September 22nd and going through Sunday, September 26th. We will have 33 bands coming through our building, as well as thousands of guests coming through our building each day. With that, we are in need of your help! Volunteers are being asked to step forward and help out in and around the building during the event. Even if you are only available for one day, we still need you!

We are looking for people for the Token Room, which will be set up in the Gold Room and can involve anything from selling tokens, counting tokens, counting money, or being a runner that collects tokens. Jack Moore, our Parade Director, is responsible for the Token Team.

We are also looking for help in the Counting Room, which will be in the Recorder's Office. This group is counts all monies and prepares the deposits that are made at the end of each night. Jimmy Hansen, our Recorder, is responsible for the Counting Team.

Other volunteers needed are for selling Tokens around the building, for watching doors for security and to make sure people don't sneak in, and for helping the bartenders (getting more beer or ice, taking out trash, etc.)

As you might have heard, Treefort is working with the Idaho CDC to make sure that the event is safe for everyone. Those who are attending Treefort will be required to get a specific wrist band at the main event center. Wrist bands will be given to guests that have their Vaccination Card or have a recent negative test.

Now, you are probably wondering how this will affect us . . . If you are volunteering for El Korah, you are required to have a mask available and it is recommend that you use it during the event, as needed. One of the bands on Thursday night (the final performance) has specifically asked that everyone wear a mask during their performance. We'll ask our volunteers to do the same, when you're out in the public.

Treefort is trying to make sure that everyone is a safe as they can be and El Korah needs to do our part!

Treefort Music Fest

September 22 - 26, 2021 | Downtown Boise, Idaho

UPDATE: TREEFORT ATTENDEE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS!

Portland Shrine Hospital Report

*by Ill. Sir Rick Holloway
Board of Governors Chairman*



The Portland Board of Governors continued to meet in person throughout the summer, but with the increase in COVID cases in Oregon, we may be forced to go back to Teams meetings again. It has been great for all of us to get together (in the auditorium instead of the Board room) and share fellowship while working to support and provide governance for the Portland Hospital.

Our volumes are increasing and will likely be at or exceeding budget by the end of the year. Our outpatient volumes are growing rapidly while inpatient volumes should be increasing with more cases from Shrine hospitals which are transitioning to outpatient clinics. Net patient revenue is still second only to Northern California for all Shrine hospitals but our draw on the endowment has dropped to only \$3.5 million year to date, down from \$6 million year to date last

year. While the hospital saw a nearly \$5 million increase in total receipts year to date from 2020 to 2021, our operating expenses increased by only \$1 million.

The Baker City East-West Shrine football game was held on August 7 with absolutely beautiful weather. Attending from the hospital were Dereesa Reid, Administrator, and Kathy Park, Director of Development. Board members present besides myself were Ron Gamble and Martin Klos. Representing El Korah at the game were Ill. Sir Dave Thomas, Ric Bobier (Emeritus Member of the Portland Board), and me. The Tin Lizzies and Sand Duners participated in the parade much to the delight of the crowd. A special thank you to these El Korah units who took time to be in the parade!

On Monday, August 30, the Board members cooked and served a barbecue lunch for all hospital staff as a reflection of our appreciation of their efforts through the struggles in dealing with COVID while maintaining a high quality of care for our patients. We as a Board are extremely proud of the work and caring our staff deliver to our patients!

There are no Board positions opening up at the end of this year but there are five positions opening up for next year. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please let one of our current Board members (Mike Mastropaolo, Dave Triplett, or me) know. Any one of us can answer questions you may have about what it means to be a member and the expectations of a member of a Hospital Board.

Salt Lake Shrine Hospital Report

by Ill. Sir Ray Westmoreland



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Recorder's Corner

by Jimmy Hansen, Recorder

Over the summer the Recorder's Office has continued to maintain the building to make sure that when you all return to your working tools that we'll be ready for you!

During the last few months we have had a number of groups used the building for events. For example:

The Daughters of the Nile had a handful of gatherings during this summer. Simple meetings to Supreme Queen visits!

The Wright Brother Company concluded their work on the park on the corner of 11th and Bannock, which was dedicated on August 5th. They will no longer be renting out our Circus Room.

Brother Brown's Underground has been regularly open during the summer with some really busy days and nights with musicians, comedians, and good fellowship. If you are planning to eat at Brother Brown's after your meeting or gathering and it will be after his posted hours, please reach

out to Bro.: Brown to make arrangements. Individuals should do the same to be sure that he'll be open.

In June, one of our bartenders left for personal reasons, but will be returning to help us out with Treefort. We hired a new bartender, which some of you may have met over the summer. If you have a chance, make sure to welcome him to El Korah.

September is going to be busy! Meetings will be getting back at it. We'll have Grand Lodge Session in northern Idaho. And then we'll close out the month with the Treefort Music Fest.

We'll need all the help we can get for Treefort!

It will be our largest event of the year. Please reach out to the Potentate or me to see about where or how you can help, even if it only for one night.

I hope to see you all soon!

Attend the September 8th Stated Meeting via Zoom

Zoom opens at 6:45 pm - Stated Meeting starts at 7:30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82573206850?pwd=czRoWkN5ekhJSW4wMEx1MmJ4bjQvdz09>

Meeting ID: 825 7320 6850

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Black Light Patrol News

by Ric Bobier, President

The Elite El Korah Black Light Patrol participated in several Parades over the Summer and is anticipating being at the Air Force Appreciation Parade in September.

Our Summer Picnic and short Business Meeting will be Monday, September 27th at the Boise VFW on Overland Rd.

We look forward to the Fall Ceremonial and upcoming Winter Parades.

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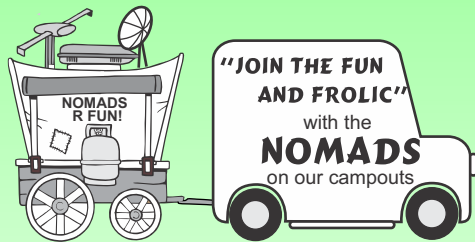
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Nomads News

by Warren Hill, Scout

The Nomad RV Club has had a busy summer with multiple camp outings.



Memorial Day Weekend we

trekked to Hagerman to the Hagerman RV Village. Our weekend hosts were Carl and Dagmar Jeffries. Activities that members enjoyed included golfing, swimming at a local hot springs, visiting area quilt shops, and fishing. A very relaxing weekend was welcomed by all.

In June the club ventured to McCall to stay at the McCall RV Resort. Camp hosts were Dave and Pam Thomas and Bob and Susan Martin. The Thomas's brought their gas powered margarita blender to make beverages for our potluck dinner.

Our August outing was at the Challis Hot Springs in Challis. Camp hosts were Gary and Joyce Adams and Clyde and Dana Schrader. We enjoyed the beautiful scenery while camping by the Salmon River. On Sunday we attended the Challis Masonic Steak Fry, sponsored by area Masonic lodges. Good times for all.

Our final activity for the season will be our annual meeting on October 28th. We will elect 2022 officers and plan our camp outing for the next season. All Nomads are encouraged to attend.

We welcome all Shriners who enjoy the outdoors to participate with the Nomads. We have fun all summer long.



Nomads doin' their thing - drinkin', eatin', and thinkin'

Players Playbill

by Wayne White, President

After a quiet summer, the Players will be getting back in the swing of things. Our next meeting will be this Friday, September 3rd where we'll be discussing the upcoming 2021 Melodrama. It'll be a one weekend affair on November 13th & 14th and will have a Christmas theme.



Our first rehearsal will be at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, September 14th with subsequent rehearsals every Tuesday at 7:00 pm.

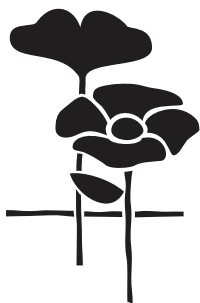


Players

"Just for the Fun of It"

We'll also be discussing the Fall Ceremonial, which will be on Saturday, November 6th. FYI - It's never too early to start brushing up on your part.

Yup, it's time to get back to work.



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Kick-off Festivities

Friday, September 17

1 p.m.	Board Meeting (Shriners)
2:30 p.m.	Free time
5 p.m.	Program and BBQ

Walk for LOVE

Saturday, September 18

9 a.m.	Refreshments and opening ceremonies
9:30 a.m.	Walk for LOVE
10:30 a.m.	Event concludes

Please RSVP to Nancy Wiscomb at nwiscomb@shrinenet.org or 801-536-3632 by Friday, September 3.

We encourage you to register in advance at walkforlove.org if you'd like a commemorative t-shirt and giveaways; however, Walk for LOVE registration is not required to participate in Walk for LOVE Weekend.

Daughters of the Nile

by Garianne Erwin, Princess Badoura

Iras Temple No. 40 has had a very busy summer. In June, our Supreme Session, which was to have been held in Calgary was cancelled and rescheduled as a Zoom Conference. Considering all of the problems that could have resulted in a format such as this, it went beautifully. The highlight of the Session was the election of our own Past Queen Jackie Holloway as Supreme Princess Badoura. All of us at Iras Temple are so proud of her and look forward to her reign as Supreme Queen in 2024, when we will be hosting the Supreme Session here in Boise. This is such an honor for our Temple and Jackie. We are also honored to have our Past Queen Jenny Isserman appointed as Supreme Princess Zora, as well as to the Supreme Temple Membership and Public Relations Committee. We had several other Supreme appointments which include PQ Donna Claire Blankenship, Goodwill Ambassador to the Northwest Area; PQ Carol McGinnis Canadian Flag Escort; PQ Pam Thomas American Flag Escort; PQ Leslie Hadden Brazilian Flag Escort and PQ Ann Triplett as Supreme Temple Banner Escort. We are all so proud of our Past Queens and their accomplishments.

In June we also participated in the Meridian Dairy Days Parade, with our float's theme being LegenDairy Daughters of the Nile. Our members did a great job with the float, and despite the heat had a wonderful time.

Our members managed to keep in touch all summer through pop up parties at the homes of various members. These were a great way to stay together during these months and included wine get togethers as well as brunches. A special thank you to all our members who hosted these great events.

The visit of our Supreme Queen, Donna Kramer, from Calgary, was held on August 1st at the Masonic Temple. Because of all of the delays associated with the pandemic, this was our first Ceremonial in some time. It was a great day, and our Queen Laura Otto and her officers were wonderful. There were many dignitaries who traveled to Boise for this Supreme Queen's Visit and we had a full house followed by a banquet at El Korah that evening. I would like to especially thank Jimmy Hansen for all the work he did shuffling members between the Temple and El Korah, as well as all of the other Shriners who were so instrumental in making this a great day. They are always so appreciated.



Supreme Queen's visit: Queen Laura Otto; Supreme Queen Donna Kramer; PQ Jackie Holloway, our newly initiated Princesses and JPQ Sony Yates

Iras Temple Guard: Bunco Night!



**The Iras Temple Guards
are putting on their Bunco
Game Night!**

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**at
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**Tickets for the event are
only: \$20.00**

**Tickets are available
through the Iras Temple
Guard.**

**Any question please call
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Gold Rush: Crab Boil!



The Gold Rush Shrine Club of El Korah is putting on a Crab Boil up in Idaho City!

On SUNDAY, September 12th

from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm.

In Idaho City, ID

Tickets for the event are only: \$35.00

Tickets are available at the Recorder's Office up too September 8th.

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The **2021 Melodrama** will be performed this Fall for just one weekend (two nights only). It will have a Christmas theme, which is a bit different than our typical performances.

The **2022 Melodrama** will return next year on its traditional dates in March.

Provost Guard

by John Kinney, Secretary

Well, summer is coming to a close and the Provost Guard has had a quiet year!

The Provost Guard had our annual summer picnic at Kleiner park in Meridian. We had a reasonable day for the picnic, a little warm, but not too bad. There were five members and three ladies present for some good food! The Provost Guard had the Honor of Supreme Queen Donna Kramer with us that day. With us also was Jenny Isserman, Supreme Princess Zora. Our President Justin Boyer showed off his horsemanship in the park.

For your Gee-Whiz file, I am a third generation Shriner. My grandfather and father were members of El Kalah in Utah. I am a member of



Let 'er Buck, Justin!

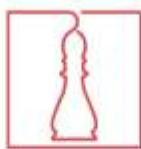
El Korah in Idaho and have visited the Salt Lake City hospital many times with my family in Utah and numerous times with the Job's Daughters of Idaho. I will be looking for further information on some our Guard members.

The Provost Guard is looking forward to the coming year for promoting the Shrine and assisting with as many functions as we are requested for assistance!

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This is a wonderful opportunity to experience the first encounter many have with a Shriner and showcase who we are and what we do!

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2021 Summer Parades

by Jack Moore, Parade Director

It's been a busy summer of parading for our El Korah Parade Units. It started out with the Twin Falls Western Days on June 5th. Then our Tin Lizzies traveled to Parma for the first time ever and participated in the Old Fort Boise Days Parade on June 12th and by all reports this is a parade that we want to go to year after year. Then came the Emmett Cherry Festival Parade on June 19th. We had the Greeters join us this year on Dave's pontoon boat.

After a morning parade in Weiser on June 26th. Some of us traveled back to Meridian to parade in the Meridian Dairy Days Parade. It was also a great success, as usual, with the Greeters again joining us.

The Tin Lizzies spent the Fourth of July parading in the Glenns Ferry 4th of July Parade. One car also went to Bliss for the first time and paraded in their 4th of July Celebration Parade. They were elated to have us and want us to return year after year.

We ended the summer with the Baker City East West Parade. We started the day in the park with a Cowboy Breakfast of steak, pancakes and eggs. There were quite a few parade units participating and El Korah was well represented.

The next parade is September 11th in Mtn. Home for the annual Air Force Appreciation Day Parade. It's always a fun event and we hope to see everyone there!

Final Treasure Valley Parades of 2021

Nov 6 Boise Veterans Day Parade

Nov 20 Boise Holiday Parade

Dec 3 Mtn. Home Holiday Parade



Some of the participants at the Emmett Cherry Festival Paradae

A Campfire Story

by David Bennett, High Priest & Prophet

Taken from the Sacramento Scottish Rite Newsletter

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It was a tale of Masonic men surrounding a campfire in the Old West, at night, discussing the Fraternity and its teachings. One old man listened patiently, and finally spoke up:

"I can tell you more 'bout Masonry in a little example than some of the great Masonic philosophers can in books. Everybody stand up, and gather in circle around the campfire."

They did that.

"Now, everybody hold hands with the man next to him."
They did that too.

"Now, what do you see looking ahead?"

The face of a brother through the flames.

"What do you feel in front of you?"

The warmth of the fire, and the comfort it brings on a cool night.

"What do you feel at your side?"

The warm hand of a brother.

"OK. Now drop the hands, and turn around."
They do so.

"Now what do you see, looking ahead?"

Complete darkness.

"What do you feel, looking ahead?"

A sense of loneliness, of being alienated.

"What do you feel at your side?"

Nothing at all.

"What do you feel on your backside?"

The warmth of the fire.

"So it is with Masonry," said the old man.

"In Masonic gatherings, you can feel the warmth of Masonic interaction, you can see the face of a Brother through the light Masonry brings to you, and you can always feel the warm hand of your Masonic Brother. When you turn away from Masonry and are out in the world, you see darkness, feel alienated and alone, and do not feel the warm hand of your Masonic Brother. But Masonry, and the warmth and light it brings, are just a turn away from you."