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Your 2021 Shrine Dues

were due by 12/31/20. 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).

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November Stated Meeting

Wednesday Nov 10th, 7:30 pm

Attend in Person or via Zoom (see page 6)

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

Welcome to November. The year is winding down, but El Korah is still very busy.

This month features:

Our Fall Ceremonial on Saturday, November 6th

November Stated Meeting (it will be Chief Rabban Night) on Wednesday, November 10th

The Christmas Melodrama, "A Candy Cane Christmas", presented by the Players on Friday, November 12th & Saturday, November 13th

The East/West High School All Star Football Game at Middleton High School on Saturday, November 27th.

December starts off with the All Masonic Christmas Party on Sunday, December 5th.

Remember, we will be having Elections for next year's Board and Elected Divan at the December Meeting. If you are interested in being on the Divan, or running for office, please talk to one of the current elected Divan Members.

As the year winds down, I would like to thank all of the Nobility, and their ladies, for all of the support shown to Lady Dee Dee and myself. It has been greatly appreciated!



Please make an effort to attend as many of the upcoming events as possible. Let's finish the year strong and gain momentum going into next year. We had about a year and a half of closures. Our Fraternity is, for the most part, open. Let's get out and make the most of it.

There are events for multiple Masonic Groups almost every weekend. Please support these events when and where you can. As before, encourage your ladies, friends and family to attend the events they can. If we don't start putting an emphasis on showing and sharing the beautiful ceremonies and fun events of our Fraternity, pretty soon there may be no events to go to.....

Yours in the Faith,
Will Votaw, Potentate

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Chaplain's Corner

by David Triplett, Chaplain



"Every generous act of giving,
with every perfect gift, if from above..."
James 1:17, NRSV

Our thoughts at Thanksgiving are of
our blessings and our gifts of giving;
not just things we put in envelopes
or give from our bank account, but
all of the gifts we give in exchange

for our blessings. We talk about the three-legged stool of
Time, Talent, and Treasure when we discuss our gifts,
without really focusing on the power of each of those
elements. I am grateful and aware of the ways in which you
have given all three, and today I want to focus on your time.

Time, they say, is the greatest gift, because it is a gift that we
can't replace. When we give of our treasure or our talent,
they come from renewable streams, to some extent. But
time, once given, can't be taken back or reclaimed. This is
why I am inspired by the ways that you give of your time to
El Korah. Whether these gifts of time are measured in hours
spent as an Officer or in a Unit, working on a project like the
Screening Clinic or Tree Fort, or in minutes spent on the
phone or in person reaching out to each other, taking care of
each other. The El Korah Shrine is very generous with its
time!

In his timeless work, "The Little Prince", Saint-Exupery
says of the Prince's tending of his beloved rose, "It is the
time you have spent on your rose, that makes your rose so
important." Our Shrine Temple is that rose, tended gently
and blessed abundantly by the effort, love, and time you give
to it.

In this season of Thanksgiving, I hold you up in light and in
leadership. You are a gift, each of you Nobles, and you are
also the gift or blessing to each other in a world so in need of
our time and care. We also have so many children who are in
need of our help; and what a blessing it is that the Shrine has
just right Nobles to help them.

May God bless each Noble and his family during this
Thanksgiving season.

Building Reservations at El Korah

by Wayne Foster, Oriental Guide/Office Manager

If your Club or Unit is planning on holding your Christmas
party at the Shrine, you need to get it on the calendar. Dates
are filling up fast.

And if you have an event coming up in 2022, you also need
to make sure your date is reserved ASAP. Sometimes a
reservation may be written down in one place but does not
appear on the "official" calendar that is used for those
outside of El Korah to make their reservations. If there is
nothing on a particular date, then it is available for the public
to rent it out.

It is definitely worth a visit to the office or at least a phone
call (**343-0571**) to double check on your dates.

Burns Awareness Notice

by Charlie Bull, Ambassador Emeritus

WANTED: An El Korah Noble to distribute the Shrine
Burns Awareness Materials to day care facilities,
pre-schools, private schools and Fire Departments. Available
are lists of Fire Department phone numbers, the Tampa
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with the number of items for each.

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Salt Lake Shrine Hospital Report

by Ill. Sir Ray Westmoreland

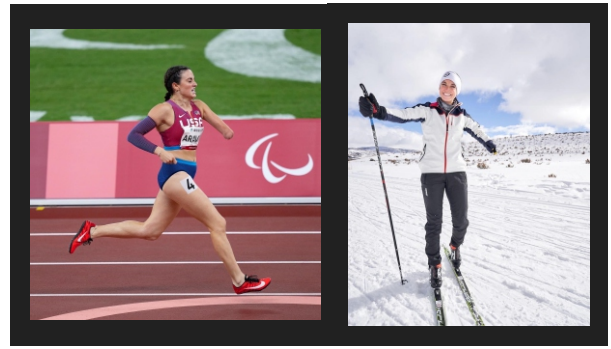


What happens when our Kids “Age Out”?

Last Thursday, I was invited to a teleconference with Dani Aranavich, a 25 year old former Shriner Kid. Dani is from Boise and attended Bishop Kelly High School. She was born without the lower part of her left arm. She connected with Salt Lake through a co-worker of her Dad’s at US Bank at 4 months of age.

We supplied her with prosthetics until she “Aged Out” at 18. Not long after that, she made the decision that she was good with who she was without the arm. She attended Butler University and ran track. After graduating, she worked in ticket sales for the Utah Jazz.

In 2018, she heard about Paralympics. “Before that, I had no idea I was eligible,” Dani said. “I don’t think the coach at Butler knew I was missing a hand before he met me. I had always done able-bodied sports”. Soon after joining the Paralympic community, she took up Nordic skiing. She will be the first Paralympian to compete in Summer and Winter games in the same year.



Dani Aranavich, a Summer and Winter Paralympian

Throughout the teleconference, I was moved by the confidence and courage of this wonderful person. Until she moved to Montana for winter training, Dani volunteered at Shriners Salt Lake City.

Dani is just one of many of our Kids who go on to do great things. Many of us know Megan Johnson a Portland Kid, who started non-profit to provide socks to the homeless at the age of 8 and is now an RN.

A highlight for Dani was meeting Hunter Woodall from Utah who was a bronze medalist in the Paralympics. Kristin Muchow is on the GBAD board, which oversees the Boise Center. She has competed in triathlons.

We know of the great care we give to our patients. It is truly heartwarming to see what happens to some of our Kids after they “Age Out”.

Portland Shrine Hospital Report

by Ill. Sir Rick Holloway
Board of Governors Chairman



The Portland Board of Governors held their September meeting on October 6 in Las Vegas in conjunction with the Shriners Hospital Open. All three of the hospital Board members were present as well as Zachary Blalack. All other Board members attended via Teams. Several Imperial Board members also attended the Portland Board meeting after participating in the Board meeting for the Pasadena hospital. Attending in person from the Portland Hospital were Dereesa Reid, Administrator; Max Bennett, Chief Financial Officer; and Kathy Park, Director of Donor Relations. The meeting went very well and the hospital staff and Board members represented the hospital very well.

Our regular October meeting was held on October 25 in person. Unfortunately, the COVID vaccine mandate put into effect in Oregon affected all employees, volunteers, and vendors. Some Portland staff members who chose not to be vaccinated can no longer work in the hospital.

With the changes in the structure of some Shrine Hospitals, Portland will start seeing more patients from Mexico and western Canada. This will further grow our inpatient volume in the months to come. While inpatient surgeries is on a slight decline, outpatient volumes continue to grow, due in part to explosive growth in the fracture clinic. Total income year to date through September was only slightly below budget but careful expense management caused our net margin year to date through September to be over \$1.2 million better than budget. Total receipts, which includes other government income and donation revenue, year to date is nearly \$1.8 million more than last year. Even more remarkable is the fact that Portland’s draw on the endowment continues to drop.

If you have any questions about the Portland Hospital or are interested in serving on the Board, please contact one of the current Board members (Dave Triplett, Mike Mastropaolo, and myself).

Recorder's Corner

by Jimmy Hansen, Recorder

October is in the books and here we stand in November, which I am super excited about because of all the Turkey dinners! Speaking of which this month Brother Brown's Underground will be making Turkeys (more info to come later).

October was the month in which all Clubs and Units should have had their elections. I congratulate all those whom have filled those positions. I hope that you will all do well next year. Please make sure that you have sent in your new Officer list into the Recorder's Office so we can make sure that we have everything correct in next years directory.

Things to expect this month:

November 6th will be our 2021 Fall Ceremonial, the first one we have had since Ill. Sir Risner's year. We officially have seven new candidates as well as our Cold Sands Candidates from last year for this Ceremonial. I hope you have already turned in your RSVPs for meals. The due date for that is November 1st.

November 10th will be our Chief Rabban Night where we get a glimpse into what the future may hold with Noble Dale Rutter at the helm.

On November 12th and 13th the El Korah Shrine Players are putting on a Christmas Melodrama, the first fall Melodrama we have ever had. Tickets are available in the Recorder's Office. They're just \$5.00 will be for general admission seating. There will be no reserved seating.

November 19th – 21st will see a Winter Market here at El Korah. This is another event which hasn't happened since 2019. This event is similar to the Saturday Market that is held in downtown Boise, but just indoors. Come check out the cool items that local artists have created to sell.

November 25th is Thanksgiving! El Korah Shrine building will be closed November 25th - 26th.

November 27th will be the East/West Football Game at Middleton High School. See the poster on page 7.

December 5th is the All Masonic Christmas Party.

Seems like it will be a busy month for the Shrine.

Unfortunately there are no Holiday parades coming up as they have all been canceled.

Last thing I have to announce is DUES! This year is coming to a close which means that 2022 Dues will need to get paid. Currently, we have ten members who will be dropped at the end of the year for NPD. Please make sure that you get your dues paid!



**HAVE YOU PAID
YOUR 2022
DUES?**

Attend the November 10th Stated Meeting via Zoom

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

Join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84802526617?pwd=ckZVb0czYWFFaFhNVFhKYktSam4rQT09>

Meeting ID: 848 0252 6617

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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.

Individuals and groups can order dinner "off the menu" as long as they get their order in before the restaurant closes.

Brother Brown's wants to support the Nobility and their events. Just call ahead and work out the details.

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11 Man 2 pm



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and the Patient Transportation fund.

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Black Light Patrol News

by Ric Bobier, President

The Black Light Patrol started off our return to business by having our Annual Late Summer Picnic, attended by 18. Vice President Mischa Brady did the cooking with PP Gary and Joyce Adams providing the corn on the cob. Merle and Rosie put it all together and provided the baked beans. A great time was had by all.

We have completed our elections of Officers for 2022. Mischa Brady will be our new President, Ric Bobier will be Vice President and Interim Captain, with Jim Lechlitter remaining as our Secretary/Treasurer.

Based on the high price of the Crab and many comments we have received, the Patrol has elected to cancel the 2022 Crab Feed. We are planning on being back to normal the following year. Look for the Annual Crab Feed's return the last weekend in January 2023.

The Patrol will be helping at the East/West Football Player Banquet and at the Football Game.

We are always looking for new members for the Patrol, if you are interested, please contact one of our members and we will get you a membership application.

Players Playbill

by Wayne White, President

Another month, another entertaining Players meeting! Congratulations to the new Players Officers elected, or rather re-elected at our October meeting: Wayne White - President, Bruce Drewes - Vice President, Jack Gardner - Secretary, Gary Betts - Treasurer, and Rodney Horn - Ceremonial Director.

Our 58th Annual Melodrama is pressing upon us, but first comes the Ill. Sir Ted Fricke Memorial Ceremonial on Saturday, November 6th. Ted was a great Player and often played the villain in our Melodrama. Let's all get out and support this Ceremonial which is dedicated to our Past Potentate!

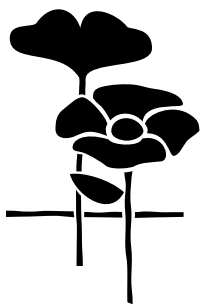
Originally, the instructions for the Ceremonial cast was to be in costume and on stage at 10:30 AM, but a revised schedule changed this time to 11:30 AM. Please be ready!



Players

"Just for the Fun of It"

The Melodrama performances are November 12th and 13th. If you are not already involved in the production, please contact the Producer, Bruce Drewes, to see where you can help out. There's always plenty to do!



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Daughters of the Nile

by Garianne Erwin, Princess Badoura

This Fall is turning out to be a very busy time for Iras Temple. Our Queen, Laura Otto, made her official visits to our Eastern Idaho Clubs, together with Princess Badoura, Garianne Erwin. We were fortunate to meet with Zenobia Club Number 2 in Twin Falls; Princesses from the group in the Idaho Falls area; Zora Club Number 3 in Pocatello; Sari Club Number 1 in Rupert; and Selah Club Number 11 for lunch in Hagerman. It was so wonderful to be able to get together with our members, who find it difficult to drive to Boise for our Stated Sessions and many of our activities. However, these ladies are all busy doing projects, taking care of each other, and keeping our Temple alive in Eastern Idaho. We appreciate them all so much and everything they do. They are all such a joy!



Queen Laura with the Zora Club from Pocatello

The Fun Run scheduled for October 30th has been rescheduled as a virtual activity with a Trunk and Treat. All registered participants can pick up their packets at 1755 Westgate Drive on October 30th between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. and the Trunk and Treat at 11:00 and 12:00 noon. We still want the participants and children to get to participate and have a wonderful time. We also want to thank all our of Sponsors and volunteers for this event, which is chaired by our Past Queen and current Supreme Princess Badoura, Jackie Holloway.

The Sewing Committee and Card Group continue to meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at El Korah, and all of our princesses who have time are encouraged to join us for the fun. You don't have to actually know how to sew, but we have plenty to do stuffing projects for the kids, so please come and join us. Afterwards we historically have had lunch and birthday cake for all our members having birthday that month. A great time is had by all.

Our next Stated Sessions will be on October 21st, which is our Founders Day. We are asking our members to bring a sack lunch, and enjoy the company of our princesses and officers, and learn about our history. The November Stated Session will be on November 18, 2021.

El Korah Shrine Theodore "Ted" Fricke, P.P. Fall Ceremonial Saturday, November 6, 2021

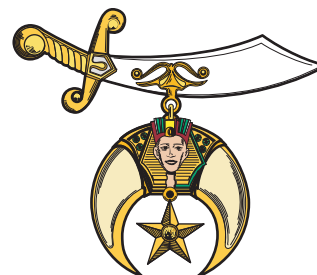


Schedule of Activities

9:00 am	No Host Breakfast (<i>Gin Fizzes</i>)	Tiger Room
9:30 am	Introduction of Candidates	Tiger Room
	Widows & Orphans Fund	
10:15 am	Move to Ballroom	Ballroom
10:30 am	Opening Ceremonies	Ballroom
	Invocation	
	Post Colors	
	Pledge of Allegiance	
10:45 am	Potentate's Message	Ballroom
11:00 am	Hospital Presentation	Ballroom
11:30 am	Ceremonial 1st Section	Ballroom
	Nile Dancers	
	Orator	
11:45 am	Lodge Tiled	Ballroom
	Ceremonial 3rd Section	
12:00 pm	Ladies Luncheon	Tiger Room
12:30 pm	No Host Nobility Lunch	Oasis
	After Lunch - Candidates are dismissed until 5:00 pm	
5:00 pm	Pictures	Gold Room
	Hosted Bar	Tiger Room
6:00 pm	New Noble Introduction & Fezzing . . .	Ballroom
6:45 pm	Invocation	Ballroom
7:00 pm	Ceremonial Banquet	Ballroom
7:45 pm	Introduction of Divan	Ballroom
8:30 pm	Dancing	Ballroom

Reservations are Required for the Ceremonial Banquet
Contact the Recorder's Office

343-0571



Annual All Masonic Christmas Party

Sunday December 5, 2021

El Korah Shrine is proud to host our
Masonic Families and invites you to join us
for a full turkey dinner, complete with all the trimmings,
caroling, crafts and an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

1pm - 3pm doors will open at 12:30
El Korah Shrine Temple

Santa arrives at 2:15 pm
and the kids will take home a personalized ornament.



**If you would like to volunteer or donate to
the All Masonic Christmas Party.**

Please contact

Noble Wayne Foster

admin@elkorahshrine.com

Or

Lady Candy Foster

candie_k@msn.com