

EL KORAH SHRINERS

DESERT DUST

Official Publication of El Korah Shriners

1118 W Idaho St

Boise, ID 83702

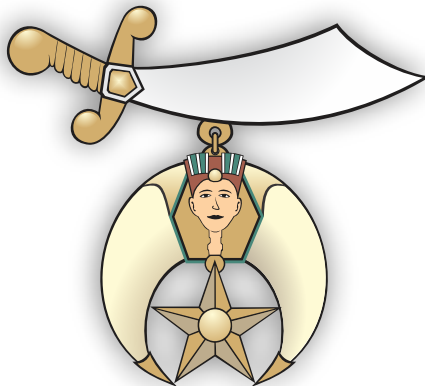


Ill. Sir Dale Rutter
Potentate

2022

Potentate's Nobility Ball

April 16, 2022
El Korah Shrine



Attire: Formal (Tuxedo or Suit)

- 5:30 pm Social Hour
- 6:30 pm Banquet
- 7:30 pm Dancing

Music by: Rockn Rooster

Dinner by: Goodwood

“Anchors Aweigh for Kids”

Tickets are \$50 per person - RSVP Required
RSVP by April 1st at the Recorder's Office
343-0571 recorder@elkorahshrine.com

Prime Rib - or - Salmon
Smashed Potatoes
Caesar Salad
Dinner Roll
New York Cheesecake

2022 Divan

Elected Officers

Potentate Dale Rutter
 Chief Rabban Ray Schild
 Assistant Rabban Ric Bobier
 High Priest & Prophet Wayne Foster
 Oriental Guide David Brannan
 Treasurer Garland Risner, PP
 Recorder Doug Blandford

Appointed Divan

Director Noah Serna
 Assistant Director Skylor Lenz
 Parade Director Mike Keas
 Chaplain David Triplett
 1st Ceremonial Master Ray Breshears
 2nd Ceremonial Master Shawn McWilliams
 Marshal Mischa Brady
 Captain of the Guard Matthew Thompson
 Outer Guard Rod Baldwin
 Chief Aide Mischa Brady

Hospital Board Members

Salt Lake City Ray Westmoreland
 Portland Rick Holloway - Chairman
 Portland Dave Triplett
 Portland Mike Mastropalo

Phone Numbers

Recorder (208) 343-0571
 Oasis (208) 343-1341
 Events: Circus/Football . . (208) 333-8350

Desert Dust

Co-Editor Rick Holloway, PP
 elkorahdesertdust@gmail.com
 Co-Editor Gary Betts
 gsbetts@msn.com



Lloyd Duncan 1/9/2022

Editor's Notice

The Desert Dust is published monthly except July and August by El Korah Shriners at 1118 W Idaho St, Boise, ID 83702.

All articles, events, activities, announcements and pictures are due by the **20th of the month**. Pictures can include a caption as appropriate.

Email your submission to:

gsbetts@msn.com - or -
elkorahdesertdust@gmail.com

Or you can drop them off in the Desert Dust mailbox at El Korah.

Please be sure to double check your submission for grammar and spelling.

Advertise Your Business in the Desert Dust!

Reach out to the Nobility, Ladies and friends in the online and printed versions of the Desert Dust. El Korah publishes 10 newsletters annually.

For a member-owned business
 a regular-sized ad is just
\$50.00 per year

Contact the Recorder's Office for larger ads, single issue ads, and ads for non-member owned businesses.

Submit your ad to the Desert Dust today!

Your 2022 Shrine Dues

were due by 12/31/21. 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).

Did you know that El Korah's budget relies on its members keeping their membership current? Paying your dues on time helps pay our bills and keeps our doors open.



CommonCents

Visit one of the Common Cents stores soon!
 6 in Pocatello, 3 in Idaho Falls,
 Others in Logan and Brigham City, Utah.

***Common Cents is a Significant Contributor
 To the El Korah Patient Travel Fund***

www.commoncentsstores.com

March Stated Meeting

Wednesday Mar 9th, 7:30 pm
Attend in Person or Via Zoom (see page 4)

Potentate's Message

by Ill. Sir Dale Rutter



It is now March. That means Treefort is happening. March 23rd to March 27th. We still need help in several stations. Please contact David Brannan if you like to volunteer.

Both the Salt Lake and Portland hospital are looking for future board members. If you are interested please contact El Korah office for application.

March 5th is the Ice Breaker for Twin Falls Shrine Club. The Divan is going to be there. We will be driving the Shrine van if any Noble or Lady would be interested in coming with.

I'd like to congratulate Ill Sir Will Votaw on being elected to 2nd Vice President of PNSA. We had a good showing at the Winter PNSA in Butte, MT. with all the elected Divan officers and two Past Potentates in attendance.

I hope that everyone will have a great March.

Recorder's Corner

by Doug Blandford, Recorder

WOW!! It's March already. How time flies when you are having fun! Things are getting a little easier around the Recorder's Office. Be sure and celebrate St. Patrick's Day and imbibe in a Green Beer.

TREEFORT is coming up fast. It runs from March 23 thru 27. We need help in all aspects. We need lots of Token Sellers, Runners, and help with Maintenance.

If each club and unit would put together a crew for each area, it will make the work a lot easier. Please contact the Recorders Office if you can volunteer and help out. I personally have worked the last two Treeforts, and it has been a lot fun. The people watching is worth it.

What's Happening in March

- Mar 1 Tin Lizzies Meeting
- Mar 2 Provost Guard Meeting
- Mar 3 Greeters Meeting
- Players Meeting
- Mar 7 Divan Meeting
- Mar 9 Stated Meeting
- Mar 17 St Patrick's Day
- Mar 21 Daughters of the Nile
- Mar 22-27 Treefort

HELP WANTED

El Korah Part-Time Custodian

Duties Include

Set Up and Take Town for Events

Contact the Recorder's Office
343-0571

Brother Brown's Underground

Restaurant and Catering at El Korah Shrine

brotherbrownsbbq@hotmail.com
(208) 249-9218

Hours: Tuesday – Saturday
11 am to 6 pm

Look for our weekend specials!

\$25.00 Gift Certificates Available

"It's All in the Sauce"

Coins Guns & Ammo

Buy Sell or Trade

Bob Julian
rmjulian@aol.com

208-863-4626
Phone or Text

Boise, Idaho
Call for estimated values



Portland Shrine Hospital Report

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



The Portland Shrine Hospital is excited about 2022 following a very successful 2021. Although COVID continues to impact the hospital and health care in general, there are many strategic initiatives in place to continue our positive trajectory on several operational parameters.

First, we are preparing for our Joint Commission survey which will occur during 2022. The Joint Commission is a private entity which surveys hospitals for compliance with federal regulations, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) allows that survey to qualify for a recertification survey for licensure by the states. Therefore, it is critical that we successfully pass this survey. One of the key parameters of maintaining licensure is to have an average daily census (ADC) of at least two inpatients. Fortunately, we have been consistently meeting that core requirement. Other requirements include appropriate policies and procedures in place for quality improvement, environmental services, and virtually all aspects of patient care.

Second, we continue to grow our clinic in Medford and the fracture clinic in the hospital.

Third, our affiliation with OHSU is a key part of our future growth as we utilize their pediatric intensive care unit for patients needing advanced life support.

Fourth, we received approval from Tampa on the addition of a new spine surgeon to replace two surgeons who are retiring.

Fifth, we continue communication with Spokane, Salt Lake City, and the Pasadena clinic to handle any potential referrals, especially international patients, in order to care for more kids including those from outside the United States.

Finally, we are looking to become certified by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) in orthopedic surgery during 2022. We were on line to have that certification completed in 2020 but COVID caused that effort to be delayed.

I gave a presentation at PNSA on the Portland Hospital and it sounds like it was well received. The presentation had to be done virtually due to the continued high positivity and transmission rates of COVID which I could not chance bringing back to the Boise veterans home. A special thank you is in order for Noble Juan Maso, Assistant Rabban for Bagdad Shrine, for his expertise in setting up the remote link.

Our physicians continue to have medical papers published and are asked frequently to present at a variety of professional seminars. It is a significant credit to our physicians, our hospital and the Shrine system to have surgeons who are nationally and internationally recognized as top performers in the pediatric orthopedic surgery and research fields.

Letters were sent to all nine Shrine temples in the Portland service area requesting nominations for Nobles wishing to serve the Portland Hospital as a member of the Board of Governors next year. If you are interested in applying to be on the Portland Board of Governors, please contact the Recorder's office or me and one of us can send you a packet. If you have any questions about the Portland Hospital or are interested in serving on the Board, please reach out to one of the current Board members (Dave Triplett, Mike Mastropaolo, and myself).

Attend the March 9th Stated Meeting via Zoom

Zoom opens at 7:00 pm - Stated Meeting starts at 7:30 pm

Join the Zoom Meeting:

Meeting ID: 84761577338

Passcode: 080805

Chaplain's Corner

by David Triplett, Chaplain

With Ann and I returning from Mexico on March 16th, let's look at the following special day, the 17th of March which is the annual celebration of St. Patrick's Day. This holiday honors Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. Patrick lived in the 5th century and is credited with bringing Christianity to the country of Ireland.

Saint Patrick was born Maewyn Succat around 385 A.D. Succat in Britain to parents who were nobility citizens of Rome. When Maewyn was a 16 years old teenager, he was kidnapped by pirates and spent the next six years enslaved as a shepherd boy in mountains of Ireland.

Inspired by spirit dreams, Maewyn eventually escaped and returned to Britain where he later became a priest. He took the name of Patrick when he was ordained.

Patrick returned to Ireland to share his faith with the people there. The shamrock, or three-leaf clover, is associated with his inspiration to convert the Irish into Christians. Saint Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity, with each leaf representing the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The three leaves of a shamrock are also said to stand for faith, hope, and love which are the three principal rounds of Jacob's ladder. The fourth leaf is where we get the luck from as in the song "I'm Looking Over a Four-Leaf Clover", etc.

Leprechauns and the color green are also associated with St. Patrick's Day, but unlike the shamrock, they have nothing to do with Saint Patrick. However, Leprechauns are recognized as symbols of Ireland.

The snake myth issue is for another lesson.

Lesson in review:

1. Let the shamrock keep a prayer in your heart for the love and blessings of the Trinity.
2. Faith in God,
3. Hope of immortality
4. Love, the essence of God toward all mankind.
5. The Shamrock's fourth leaf represent Luck and occurs when Preparation meets Opportunity

Common ways to celebrate St. Patrick's day includes the "wearing o' the green" to avoid being pinched and eating foods associated with Ireland, such as soda bread, corned beef and cabbage, and potatoes. People may also dye their hair, foods, and drinks green for St. Patrick's Day. Even the Chicago River is dyed green each St. Patrick's Day!

45th ANNUAL DISTRICT FOUR

SHRINE Donations Appreciated

North - South All Star

FOOTBALL

Twin Falls High School

Monday • May 30, 2022

8-Man Game: Kickoff - 3:30 p.m.

11-Man Game: Kickoff - 6:00 p.m.

This Game Made Possible by:


District Four Idaho High School

Activities Association &


Magic Valley District Shrine Council

Shriners Hospitals for Children

**"Strong Legs Run that
Weak Legs May Walk."**



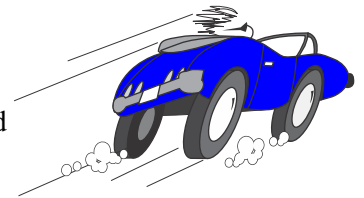
Please bring a can of food to donate to the Shriners Hospital



Duner's Doings

by Doug Blandford, President

Another very successful Sweethearts Auction is in the books. What a great time. We had over 120 people attend and enjoy the Auction and dancing afterward.



However, it would not have been possible without the help of the great people in the Sand Duners. Thank You to Ray and Lonna Breshears, Garland and Sue Risner, Mike and Tonya Cunningham, Adam Vietti, Sam Sparks and his daughter Christina, Jess Tegnell, Dave and Terri Brannan, Chris and Diedria Burgess, Jim Thompson, and especially my Lady Kathy Blandford. Without all their help this would have not been possible.

A huge **THANK YOU!** to everyone.

Game Changer Improv

by Skylor Lenz, Assistant Director

Join us for our live Improv Shows. The first one is Saturday, May 7th. Doors open at 6:00 pm and the show starts at 7:00 pm. Go to [EventBrite.com](https://www.EventBrite.com) for tickets.



Players Playbill

by Wayne White, President

The Players and Melodrama cast have been missing our Melodrama rehearsals and are going through withdrawals. But on the positive side, we have already been working on play selection for our 2023 show. Everything else is going as usual.

Congratulations to our two new Players who were voted in at our February meeting: Ill Sir Ray Westmoreland and Oriental Guide David Brannan. Ray already has several



Players

"Just for the Fun of It"

Melodrama performances to his credit and David brings his enthusiasm and ability to everything the Players do. Welcome aboard!

Hope to see everyone at our next meeting on March 4th.



www.capitolcellarsllc.com

BOISE'S BEST PRIME RIB!

**BREAKFAST - LUNCH
HAPPY HOUR - DINNER**

Mon - Fri: 11:00 am - Close
Sat: 10:00 am - Close
Sun: Closed

208-344-WINE (9463)
110 S. 5th St., Boise, ID 83702

Daughters of the Nile

by Garianne Erwin, Princess Badoura

As we are coming to the end of our Queen Laura Otto's term, I think we need to say a special thank you to her for everything she has accomplished this year, in spite of all the challenges facing our Order during these trying times. She has done so with grace and a loving spirit for all of our members. We can thank her, as well as all of her officers and our members, in that we have been fortunate to be able to raise over \$97,000 for the Foundation this year. Some of our activities had to be cancelled, rescheduled, or re-imagined, but our Queen Laura managed to get us through.

Because of some scheduling problems at the Masonic Temple, we have moved our Stated Sessions and upcoming Installation to the Scottish Rite Building. We would like to thank Bob Julian at Scottish Rite for his gracious cooperation in assisting us, until we can move into the new building.

Our February Stated Session was held on February 17th, which included our Memorial Service.

It was done so beautifully in memory of our members lost this past year.

Our Stated Session for March will also be held at the Scottish Rite on March 17th, and our Installation of Officers will be held there on March 26, 2022, at 2:00 P.M. We hope many of our members, as well as dignitaries can be present for the installation of Linda Gray as our new Queen, as well as her elected and appointed officers.



ADAMS GARDENS

*Shriners Receive An
Extra 10% Discount*

4500 E Greenhurst Rd
Nampa, Idaho 83686

(208) 461-6101
Fax 461-9738

ENVIROKLEEN USA
Protecting You & The Environment

**Commercial and Residential Cleaning Services
Commercial and Residential Carpet Cleaning**

**Owner: Glen and Darla Butz
208-724-7619**

Provost Guard

by John Kinney, Secretary

The Provost Guard is still around and looking for your participation in bringing this unit out of its two-year slumber. Current officers are Justin Boyer President, Matthew Thompson Vice President, John Kinney Secretary, and Wayne Foster Treasurer.

Several members of the Provost Guard had a dinner in February at Smokey Mountain Pizza. We discussed the calendar of events for the year 2022. The Cameleers fall event has been tentatively added to our schedule (dates pending). If your club or unit is having an event, please let us know if we can be of assistance. One of the duties of the Provost Guard is watching the inside doors during Shrine events.

Calling all wine lovers. Have you got your taste buds all ready for some wine tasting? The Provost Guard is planning on having our annual wine tasting on April 30 of this year.

We have missed several years due to the pandemic, and we hope to not cancel for another year! The Provost Guard is looking forward to seeing everyone this year! Come and enjoy a social evening with us and many of your Shrine friends. Meet some new members and renew some friendships. Come and support the Provost Guard and all that we do to help the Shrine! Watch for additional information and Guest tickets in the April Desert Dust.



Guests Attending a Previous Wine Tasting

For all of Your Real Estate Needs Call:



Samuel Bishop
Salesman
208.412.9106



BISHOP

REAL ESTATE GUIDANCE FOR
EVERY STEP



Each Office is Independently Owned and Operated



Ron Bishop
Associate Broker
208.870.6075

Twin Falls Shrine Club

by Bob Cannon, Secretary

As we should all know by now, we have the 40th Annual Ice Breaker coming up on March 5th. Thank You! Thank You! for all your help getting this great Shrine fund raising event set up. It's going to be a blast!!

Next up will be the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Thursday, March 17th. Line up is at 3:00 pm next to the True Value Store on Main St. Step off is at 4:30 pm. If you're not sure how to get there, just follow the crowd to get in line for a fun time!

If you have any questions, please let me know . . .

TWIN FALLS SHRINE CLUB

40th ANNUAL SHRINER BENEFIT

ICE BREAKER

**MINI GOLF
TOURNAMENT**

MARCH 5th, 2022

**\$20 Per Couple, Please Bring ID,
Check into Your Home Bar
between 9:00-9:30am
Breakfast Snacks Provided for Team**

Sign up at these Participating Bars:
 The Cove, The Log Tavern,
 Whiskey Creek, Mia's Place,
 Klover Klub, Bowladrome,
 Redzone, The GR & Shuffle Inn.

BUD LIGHT

Give your hearts to help the kids and tell the Shriners thanks!

Join us March 5th!

Nomads

by Warren Hill, Scout

The Nomads RV Club is ready for another fun-filled camping season.

New officers for 2022 were elected at our October, 2021 meeting. The officers are:

Mitch Davis – Trail Boss

Jim Voyles – Assistant Trail Boss

Warren Hill – Scout

We have an active camping schedule planned. Activities include:

Apr 25-28 Mountain Home RV Park, Mountain Home

May 26-29 Hagerman RV Resort, Hagerman

June 20-23 Black Bear RV Park, McCall

Aug 4-7 Mountain View RV Park,
Baker City, Oregon

Aug 25-28 Challis Hot Springs, Challis

We welcome fellow Shriners that are interested in camping and the outdoors. We have fun all summer long.



Nomads Having Fun on Camp Outs

Greeters

by Ron Bishop, President

The Greeters enjoyed our annual Valentine's Day Brunch at the Riverside Hotel on February 13th. We had 38 guests who enjoyed a romantic meal including mimosas in the Fireside Room. Soothing live music filled the room, as did talking and laughter.

Our next meeting will be Friday, March 4th, at El Korah Shrine. The social starts at 6:00 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm and our speaker at 7:00 pm.

The speaker will be Kevin Hudgens, an Idaho Drug Intelligence Officer who served Idaho over 33 years in law enforcement. Kevin will be speaking about the damage the drug, Fentanyl, is doing in Boise and throughout Idaho. It will be a very interesting topic. Everyone is invited but asked to RSVP to Ron Bishop at ron@boisebargains.com.



Mitch Davis and David Brannan at the Buffet



President Ron Bishop with New Greeters
Rod Baldwin (L) and Dave Roberts (R)

2022 Winter PNSA in Butte, MT

by Ill Sir Will Votaw, PNSA 2nd Vice President



El Korah Delegates (L to R): Ill Sir Dave Thomas, Chief Rabban Ray Schild, High Priest & Prophet Wayne Foster, Imperial Potentate Ill Sir William Bailey, Ill Sir Dale Rutter, Ill Sir Will Votaw, Assistant Rabban Ric Bobier, and Oriental Guide David Brannan

El Korah Membership

by David Brannan, Oriental Guide & Membership Chairman

Fellow Nobles, below are some new membership promotions that I wanted to make you aware of:

- ◆ The membership team will be giving a \$25 gift card (to Amazon or Target your choice) for the Top Line Signer of any new petition that is voted in.
- ◆ The membership team will have a \$25 Amazon gift card drawing for anyone (except Divan and Membership Team members) attending the Stated Meeting "in Person."
- ◆ Be on the lookout for some new clubs that will be available at the Shrine in the near future.

Please remember that if we want the El Korah Shrine to prosper, then Membership Promotion is something every Noble should be involved in.

- ◆ Promote Shrine activities in your Blue Lodge whenever you can.
- ◆ If you know someone that would make a good El Korah Shriner, ask them, invite them to a club meeting, bring them in to tour the Shrine, or bring them down to the Oasis for a beer. If you don't ask, you'll never know if they are interested.