



2022 Divan

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

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April Stated Meeting

Wednesday Apr 13th, 7:30 pm Attend in Person or Via Zoom (see page 8)

Salt Lake Shrine Hospital Report

by Ill. Sir Ray Westmoreland



Our Clinic model is starting to click. We performed 38 surgeries at Primary Children's Hospital (PCH) in January. Only 16 will require financial assistance, which goes through PCH. Then, if needed, Shriners would provide the assistance. Our draw on the endowment was just \$66,012 for the month of January! The parking structure (we call it the waterfall) is complete except for a couple of items waiting on weather.

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In other highlights, we recently provided a tour to the all school nurses in the district. The Salt Lake school district has been very supportive of our charity. We saw 5 patients via telehealth from Juarez last month. We have hired a new radiologist who is local. We were sending x-rays to California to be read. Due to Covid, we had to cancel our winter Un-Limb-ited ski camp. Our Wheelchair department worked on 113 chairs.

Key Performance indicators for 2021:

- Clinic visits 9381, up 10.7%
- Outpatient encounters 10,552, up 8.45%
- Referral 2,147, up 23.3%
- ▶ PT treatments 11,140, up 79.6%
- Orthotics 4,570, up12.4%
- Prosthetics 912, up 21.3%
- Surgeries at PCH 169, (42 per month average)

The dust has settled; we are rocking it; and our partnership with PCH and the University of Utah is stronger than ever.

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Portland Shrine Hospital Report

by Ill. Sir Rick Holloway Board of Governors Chairman



As we finalize the 2021 books, the Portland Shrine Hospital had a remarkable year in caring for more kids in more places and at a lower cost while maintaining a focus on quality care.

The new Medford clinic continues to do well. We continue to support Providence Health Systems with emergency room coverage and work with OHSU on research and future strategic discussions that will benefit both hospitals and the patients they serve. We continue to increase the numbers of international patient treated at the Portland hospital as well.

One of the enjoyable parts of being on the Board of Governors is to recognize staff who are nominated by their peers to be considered as the Employee of the Quarter. At our March Board meeting, we recognized Kelsie from the rehabilitation department and Michelle from the admissions department. Both exemplify what it means to be part of the Portland team and the support they provide for our patients. Thank you Kelsie and Michelle!

Sadly, we also recognized two Emeritus Board members of the Portland Board who recently passed away. Noble William Nicholson served on the Board from 1990 to 1998 and Sat Tashiro, PP, PGM of Washington, served on the Board from 2007 to 2016.

Every three years, the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations (TJC) performs surveys of hospitals on behalf of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services for certification for participation in Medicare and Medicaid. This year is the year the Portland hospital will have their Joint Commission survey. We are confident the surveyors will be impressed by what happens at the hospital and leadership's abilities to manage hospital resources resulting in excellence in medical care and treatment.

Volume metrics were again slightly lower than budget but this is typical for the seasonality effect of volume. Despite the decreased volume for the first two months of 2022, we remain second only to Northern California in Net Patient Revenue and our draw on the endowment per unique patient continues to decline, from \$2,204 in 2017 to only \$852 per patient year to date in 2022. The labor market remains tight with several positions still open, however we have filled other positions.

We are now looking for Nobles wishing to serve the Portland Hospital as a member of the Board of Governors next year. A letter has been sent out to all nine Shrine temples in our catchment area seeking Nobles who wish to make a direct difference in the governance of a Shrine hospital. 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).

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Chaplain's Corner

by David Triplett, Chaplain

As Masons and Shriners, we know we are TRAVELERS. We are in search of what was lost. I assume we are all in search of the Way. "Lord," said Thomas, "we do not know where You are going, so how can we know the WAY!"

6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. 7 If you had known Me, you would know My Father as well. From now on you do know Him and have seen Him."

From the sacred volume: And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we saw his glory, the glory as it were of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth.

The Mission of John the Baptist

Beareth witness of him, and crieth out, saying: This was he of whom I spoke: He that shall come after me, is preferred before me: because he was before me. 16 And of his fulness we all have received, and grace for grace. 17 For the law was given by Moses; grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. 18 No man hath seen God at any time: the only begotten Son who is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

I hope this photo (it's worth 1,000 words) reminds each of us of the Light we are in search of.



Cameleers

by Dave Brannan, President

We are in the process of deciding which parades to participate in and then identifying riders for each of them. We are excited to get out and promote El Korah Shrine.

We have a new member of the El Korah Cameleers with the addition of Jack Gardner. Welcome aboard Jack! We're glad to have you join us.

We are continuing to work on our first (and hopefully, annual) bikeathon fundraiser. Rod Burke is our Chairman.

This will be a family fun event that will start at noon on August 20th from Kristen Armstrong Municipal Park in Boise. The route goes from the park to East Junior High and back, roughly 12-1/2 miles. This fundraiser will raise money



to buy and build adaptive bikes for the children at Shriners Children's clinic in Salt Lake City. There will be food and beverages available at the park at the end of the ride. Please join us to support children that should have the opportunity to ride.

Duner's Doings

by Doug Blandford, President

Parade season is upon us. We are getting our cars ready and planning some great get togethers for the summer.

We will be holding our first Tec day on April 9th at Mike

Cunningham's shop to get the safety inspections done. Then it will be our Annual Fish Fry afterwards at Sue and Garlands Ranch.

Then the parades begin. First is Emmett and then Meridian. After that, we'll be off to more around the area.

Hope to see everyone in the Parades or on the streets supporting all the Parade units.

We'll soon begin working on the Screening Clinic and planning for fun and socializing during the summer.

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Monday • May 30, 2022

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Daughters of the Nile

by Garianne Erwin, Princess Badoura

Our current term has come to an end and what an interesting year it has been. What is most interesting is how our or organization has managed to adapt. While there have been some events that were cancelled because of the pandemic, our creative and determined officers and members have managed to accomplish so much. We would like to thank all of them for their hard work and adaptability. We would also like to thank the Shriners, Masons and Scottish Rite for their assistance and cooperation.

Our March 17th Stated Session brought our Queen Laura Otto's reign to a conclusion and we all have to thank her for doing such a wonderful job in the face of the challenges thrown at her, with grace and love. This Stated Session was also our election of officers for the ensuing term:

Linda Gray, Her Majesty the Queen Laura Otto, Junior Past Queen Debbi DeBoer, Princess Royal Garianne Erwin, Princess Tirzah Terri Brannan, Princess Badoura

The Installation of Officers was held on March 26th at The Scottish Rite Building, where the elected and appointed officers were installed. It was a lovely installation and was well attended by family, friends and the dignitaries from the Masons, Shriners and representatives from the Hospitals. Our Dancers performed following the ceremony and were so beautiful. Our Guard Unit, who adds so much to our organization, also performed. We thank them all for their hard work this year.

Black Light Patrol

by Mischa Brady, President

The Black Light Patrol enjoyed working at Treefort. It is amazing how many details there are that need taken care of each evening. There's always plenty for everyone to do. And thanks to all the other volunteers who stepped up to help out!

We're also looking forward to helping out at the upcoming Potentate's Nobility Ball. It should be another great evening for El Korah Shrine!

In case any of the Patrolmen might forget . . . our next meeting will be on April 25th. See you there!

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 for tickets.





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Greeters

by Ron Bishop, President

The Greeters enjoyed dinner, good fellowship and then an excellent speaker on Friday, March 4th. We were brought up to date about the dangers of fentanyl and the toll it is taking in Idaho.

Our unit is growing and we are getting great speakers every month. Our meeting on April 1st will feature a speaker from the Mayor's office in Kuna who will give us the latest information on Facebooks' expansion in the area. Stay tuned!



Greeters' March Dinner



Our March Speaker Kevin Hudgens



Ill Sir Joe Randall with his Convertible and Crew at the Twin Falls Saint Patrick's Day Parade

Twin Falls Shrine Club

by Bob Cannon, Secretary

We're on to April and more exciting events for Twin Falls SC. But first, I want to thank everyone for helping to make our 40th Annual Ice Breaker such an outstanding success, with a special thanks to our Illustrious Potentate Dale Rutter and his crew for driving down from Boise to help us out. A great time was had by all and many of the participants actually finished all 9 holes!

We also had a nice turnout for the St Patrick's Day Parade. Our Entries included Danny Harkins in the white van, Rick Rowe in the red van, Walt Hamby in the little truck, Kris Carney and Mark Graybeal in the red Corvette, and Ill Sir Joe Randall from Boise in his convertible.

Coming up in April will be our regular monthly meeting on April 11th and the Annual Shrine Football Game Cook Out in Hazelton on April 18th. Come on out and see all the high school players, coaches and cheerleaders that will be in the game on May 30th at the Twin Falls High School.

FYI - Just heard that there is no Spring Ceremonial this year. The Fall Symposium and Ceremonial will be at El Korah on November 4th & 5th.

Players Playbill

by Wayne White, President

The Players and Melodrama cast have selected the play for the 2023 Melodrama. Of course, you'll have to wait with baited breath until next month to hear the title. But it will be an old-fashioned show! Yeah!!



Players
"Just for the Fun of It"

Hope to see everyone at our next meeting on April 1st.

El Korah Mystic Cigar Band Group

by Shawn McWilliams, Interim Band Group Leader

I want to thank the Nobles that attended our Cigar meetup on March 20th at Sturman's Wine and Cigars. We had seven in attendance made up of 6 Nobles and one potential member that I have provided a Blue Lodge petition to. We had a great meeting with fine cigars, beverages, and good fellowship.

The success of this meetup has made it clear that there is an interest in forming a cigar club at El Korah. We will be taking the steps to make this group an official addition to El Korah Shrine and an option for the Nobility to join in the activities.

We discussed the future of this group and what attracted teach of us to come to this meetup. When everything was boiled down to gravy, we were all interested in meeting regularly and enjoying a drink and cigar in an atmosphere of fellowship that a group like this can provide.

We decided to meet at 3:30 pm on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Our next meeting will be held again at Sturman's Wine and Cigars in Garden City. This is a nice venue for our meetings and supports our requirements. Future meetings may be held in different locations, as desired by the members. A notification will be sent out if there are any changes to the time or venue.

Thank you again to all that came out for support. We are looking forward our April meeting.



Attendees of the First Mystic Cigar Band Group Meeting

Treefort 2022

by Dave Brannan, Oriental Guide

Treefort 2022 at El Korah Shrine ran from March 23rd to March 27th and we hosted 31 bands over the 5-day period supported by roughly 40 volunteers that included Shriners, Masonic Lodge Members, Daughters of the Nile, Members of the Rainbow Girls, a Shriners Patient, Knights of Saint Andrew, and others that were not even from Masonic Organizations. A good time was had by all of the volunteers and everyone in attendance.

On Friday, there was a session with the Dance Commander Experience. Kidsfort was hosted on Saturday and Sunday with a performance of the Oregon Shadow Theater where attendees were treated to popcorn provided by the El Korah Cameleers.

The guests attending Treefort and Kidsfort were very friendly and thankful for the opportunity to experience an event at the El Korah Shrine.

Recorder's Corner

by Doug Blandford, Recorder

Another Tree Fort is in the books. Wow! What a ride. Five days of some great music and fun. I want to thank all the volunteers and people who worked and put in long hours to make this a big success. THANK YOU!! Without your hard work and help it would not have happened. I tried to personally thank each of you, but if I missed you, please know your help was greatly appreciated.

Now on to the spring and summer activities. Lots of Parades and BBQ's, and maybe a little fishing and camping.

Our next Stated Meeting will be April 13th. Also, the Potentates Ball is April 16th. I hope everyone has their tickets to attend. There will be great food and music to dance the night away.

Be sure and take a moment Sunday, April 17th and remember the significance of Easter Sunday and all that it stands for.

Attend the April 13th Stated Meeting via Zoom

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

Join the Zoom Meeting:

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Provost Guard

by John Kinney, Secretary

The Provost Guard is still around and looking for your participation in bringing our Unit out of its two-year slumber.

Calling all Wine Lovers!

Have you got your taste buds all ready for some wine tasting? The Provost Guard is holding our annual Wine Tasting on Friday, April 29th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at El Korah.

We have missed several years due to the pandemic and we hope to see all your smiling faces at the Shrine in April! The Provost Guard is adding at least one new winery this year (featuring Jalapeño wine). The Grapeful Dead will again be providing music for the evening. There will be Raffle items that you can purchase tickets for and select the item of your choice to win. 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!

Tickets will be available at the Shrine office (see Wayne Foster), Justin Boyer (President 208-724-6247) Matthew Thompson (Vice President 208-995-6333) and John Kinney (Secretary 208-323-0789).

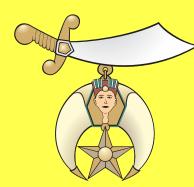
If you have already purchased a Saturday ticket, no problem. We'll will honor it at the door.

The Guard is working with the Cameleers for their new Bike Ride event coming in September! We are also willing to help the other Units with their events, if you would like our assistance.



ALL-MASONIC INFORMATION NIGHT





TUESDAY, APRIL 19TH 6:30 PM

Bring your Brother Masons, Family and Friends for Dinner and Fellowship

Learn about the Masonic Bodies of Freemasonry and Shriner's Childrens Hospitals Hear from Shriner's Childrens Patients

Please RSVP the number attending by April 15th to: recorder@elkorahshrine.com or 343-0571

El Korah Membership

by David Brannan, Oriental Guide & Membership Chairman

Please join us for a meal and good fellowship at our All-Masonic Information Night on Tuesday, April 19th at 6:30 pm. Please bring family, friends, and brother Masons to have dinner and learn about the different Masonic Bodies: the Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite and Shrine. It will also be an opportunity to learn about the Shriners Hospitals and Clinics for Children and to hear speakers that have benefitted from their services. Please RSVP with the number that will be attending to: recorder@elkorahshrine.com.

We had our first gift card drawing at the March Stated meeting where a \$25 Cabela's gift card was given to Michel Cunningham. Please join us at the April stated meeting for your chance to win a gift card.

At the Stated meeting we also received and voted to accept a petition for a new Noble. Dave Thomas was the Top Line Signer and earned our first Top Line Signer \$25 Cabela's gift card. Throughout 2022, every Top Line Signer for a new Noble that is accepted into the Temple will receive a gift card.

Shawn McWilliams had a small group get together at the Sturman's Smoke Shop at 4204 W. Chinden Blvd to evaluate the interest of starting a new Scotch and Cigar group. The event was well attended with 6 Shriners and one non-Mason. The group decided to pursue the process of getting Imperial approval to start a new Club. In the meantime, regular monthly group meetings will be at Sturman's. More info to follow.

We will be starting several new groups throughout the year. The next two be a Sportsman's group for sporting and outdoor activities and a Gaming group for electronic and board games. Maybe these could eventually become Shrine Clubs, too? Look for the card room to be open for business in the next month or so.

We are continuing to make ourselves known in the Blue Lodges in our area by promoting Shrine activities and giving a Masonic education presentation with information about Shriners International, Shriners Children's, and El Korah Shrine.



III. Sir Dale Rutter Potentate

2022 Potentate's Nobility Ball

April 16, 2022 El Korah Shrine





"Anchoring Down for Kids"

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

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

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



2022 Treefort at El Korah Shrine





































