



2022 Divan

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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:
 <u>gsbetts@msn.com</u> - 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.

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.



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SeptemberStated Meeting

Wednesday Sept 14th, 7:30 pm

Portland Shrine Hospital Report

by Ill. Sir Rick Holloway, Board of Governors Chairman



The Portland Hospital is continuing to exceed last year's performance metrics with a 17 percent increase in average daily census over last year. Outpatient surgeries are approximately the same as last year but the number of outpatient encounters have increased over last year. Many more international patients are being referred to the Portland hospital as well. Net Patient Revenue continues to increase over year to date levels in previous years. Our draw on the endowment year to date continues to trend lower than last year.

We had an outreach clinic in Anchorage that resulted in 37 patients being seen. An additional outreach clinic occurred in Pendleton on May 20. The Medford clinic continues to stay extremely busy.

Dr. Krajbich has been a surgeon at the Portland hospital for many years and has now retired. We wish to thank him for his many years of service. He truly made a difference in the lives of literally hundreds of patients over the years!

We continue to prepare for our Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations (TJC) survey as mentioned last month. Additionally, we continue to work on getting our certification from the American College of Surgeons.

The Portland Board and hospital leadership wishes to express our sincere thank you to the Provost Guard, Black Light Patrol, and Players Units of El Korah for their combined gifts to purchase a portable nitrous oxide and oxygen unit for \$10,800. Thank you for your dedication and support!

Thank you to the Nobles who submitted applications to join the Portland Hospital Board! We will be holding interviews in July. If you have any questions about the Portland Hospital, please contact one of the current Board members (Dave Triplett, Mike Mastropaolo, and myself).

Tin Lizzies

by Mike Keas, Secretary

The IAW Tin Lizzies had a very busy month in May. Out of three parades, we were able to attend two - the Fruitland Spring Fair Parade and the Jordan Valley Big Loop Parade in Oregon. Due to some trailer issues, we were unable to attend the Payette Apple Blossom Parade.

This is the second year we have participated in the Jordan Valley Big Loop Parade. This is an Invitational only Parade. The Parade Director is very fond of the Shrine, as they have a Shriner Child, so they is very grateful for us to attend this event. Each year the Parade Association has given us a check for \$100 just for being there. Last year we presented this check at the June Stated Meeting and requested that it go to the El Korah Patient Travel Fund. We won't be doing

that this year, however . . . because in addition to the \$100 for just being there, we also won the Best Motorized Unit in the Parade and earned another \$100. So, at the September Stated Meeting, we will be presenting \$200 to the Patient Travel Fund.

Jordan Valley also expressed a keen interest in having "those dune buggies" be in their parade as well. I said that I would do whatever arm twisting it might take to get that sone. So, watch out Duners, the pressure's on.

On Memorial Day weekend, we will be at the N/S Shrine Football Game in Twin Falls. In addition to driving around the track before the game and at halftime, we will be keeping a sharp eye on one of the players - Caden Sykes, a senior from Mountain Home and son of Noble Rich Sykes, a fellow Tin Lizzie. We will definitely be cheering him on.





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Chaplain's Corner

by David Triplett, Chaplain



When I was teaching at Boise High School they had so many students sign up for the 20th Century History class that they need a part-time teacher to cover the two extra classes, It ended up that I was pressed into covering them with the assurance that I would be able to sit

in on their best history teacher's class.

To understand the lesson on the Prodigal Son, I listened to the classical sermon by Rev. Billy Graham. He pointed out many lessons from our Lord's Parable. Jewish law allowed a son's claiming his inheritance before his father passed away. "Dad, I hate taking care of our animals and growing our food so give me my share now!!"

We all know the end result . . . the son runs away and blows his inheritance. In desperation, the son ended up feeding hogs, which is unclean work by any culture's standards. Humbled and sorrowful he found the courage to return home, hoping to be just a servant for his estranged father.

Dr. Graham noted that there are over 5,000 unmarked graves for children who run away every year in the USA!!

The National Runaway Safeline reported on Nov 26, 2019 that between **1.6 million and 2.8 million** youth run away each year.

Other types of runaways involve abandonment, divorce, drugs, alcohol, and . . . fishing (this one's for me).

Dr. Graham's point is that we all seem to be running from our true home.

As his son was approaching on his return home, the father saw him and was overjoyed. A great feast was prepared and embraced, Long lost, now found. What a lesson of Love and Forgiveness.

So, all you prodigal children of God. listen to your heart. Be quick to Love and even quicker to Forgive. Rejoice that we are loved by our Father who will eventually welcome each of us home.

Greeters

by Ron Bishop, President

The Greeter's May 6th dinner meeting featured representatives Patrick Calley and Amber Miller of Idaho Special Olympics. They gave a very informative presentation and we learned a lot about the Special Olympics in Idaho.



Amber Miller

One of the athletes.

Dillon, spoke to the group about what the Special Olympics means to him and to other athletes in Idaho and proudly showed us several gold medals that he has won in track and field. Dillon will be representing Idaho in the Special Olympics World Games this summer in Europe.



Dillon

We were told the story of how Dillon was 12 years old and still not speaking. His participation in the Olympics program has allowed him to blossom and now, six years later, he has the courage and

speaking ability to stand up in front of a group and give a very nice presentation. It's wonderful to know how all our work as Shriners is also changing the lives of children.

Daughters of the Nile

by Terri Brannan, Princess Badoura

Greetings from the ladies of Iras Temple. We have been busy with meetings, sewing projects, social activities and promoting Shriner's Children's. Our officers are settling in to their new roles and we have had the opportunity to make official visits to several of our clubs during the past month. The Temple will dark during the summer months, but far from idle.

We are looking forward to attending our Supreme Session in Dallas, Texas next month. The Sessions will provide us with the opportunity to connect with ladies from other Temples and attend meetings and classes designed to help us continue to grow our Temple and continue our mission to support Shriners Children's.

Summer events planned include a visit to the Idaho Historical Museum, Brunch at Parma Ridge Winery, and a family picnic at Kleiner Park. Individual members are also planning to host "Pop Up Patio Parties" at their homes. We will wrap up the summer by attending the annual Nile Northwest Dayz in Helena, Montana in August.

Mark your calendars for the annual Nile Golf Tournament at Banbury Golf Club on September 10th. We are excited to be able to return to our usual format with a "Shotgun Start" and a delicious banquet. There will also be a raffle and silent auction items. Please consider becoming a sponsor or putting a foursome together for this fun event to raise money for Shriner's Children's. Sponsor and Team forms are available here in the Desert Dust and you can contact Mary Baldwin at 208-484-3330 or mebaldwin51@gmail.com. for more information.

Provost Guard

by John Kinney, Secretary

On Friday, April 29th, the Provost Guard held their 14th Annual Wine Tasting. This was our first event in several years due to the pandemic. Cold Springs Winery, Holesinsky Winery and Potter Winery attended. A modest crowd was able to sample their wines and learn about their specialties and wine making.

The Jazz quartet, the Grapeful Dead, provided music for the evening. Numerous themed baskets were available by ticket auction, including a BSU basket, a Scentsy basket, a garden basket, a beer basket and several others. A moose antler was also up for auction.

An enjoyable and social evening was had by all. Provost President Justin Boyer wishes to thank John and Kathy Kinney for their work on the Wine tasting and Jimmy Hansen for his work setting up for the event.

The Guard Unit is making plans for our next Wine Tasting, (maybe some beer makers too), on May 6th, 2023, so mark the date on your calendars and start planning for 2023!

The Guard plans to assist the Cameleers for their August bike ride event. If other Units need some assistance, contact our President Justin Boyer.



Special Thanks to the Grapeful Dead





El Korah Membership

by Dave Brannan, Membership Chairman

We had our third gift card drawing at the May Stated meeting where a \$25 Cabela's gift card was given to Dave Triplett. Please join us at the September stated meeting for a chance to win yours. You must be present at the meeting to win.

We are also giving a \$25 Cabela's gift card to any top line signers of new Nobles. If you know a Mason that would make a good Shriner, ask him to join us.

If you know one, ask one, "Just One."

The All Masonic Picnic is planned for Settlers Park in Meridian for Sunday July10th from 4 - 9 pm for all Shriners, Masons, members of other Masonic bodies, and non-Masons. So bring your friends and family. We had a great time last year with over 100 people in attendance, including our Illustrious Potentate Will Votaw, and our Grand Master Steve Zimmerman. Please come and join us for the picnic. The pavilion can seat about 100, so please RSVP to EKSMemCmte@gmail.com and let us know how many will be attending.

Another Cigar group meeting was hosted by Shawn McWilliams at the Sturman's Smoke Shop at 4204 W. Chinden on Sunday May 22nd at 3:30 pm. This was their 4th meeting. Their next event is scheduled for Sunday June 19th at Sturman's, but this date may change because it is Father's Day, so stay tuned.

The next El Korah Game group meeting will be on June 16th in the Tiger Room for those interested in playing Cribbage. The group meetings will consist of gaming activities. If there is a particular game activity that you would like to suggest and participate in, please contact Ray Breshears, Skylor Lens, or Anthony Patterson. This group is planning to have multiple gatherings each month with a different activity at each event. Shriners, Masons, Spouses and non-Masons are all welcome to attend the activities.

The El Korah Game group sponsored a FAMILY Puzzle Night FUNdraiser on May 19th, with a competition to see which team could complete a 200-piece jig-saw puzzle the fastest. The top three winners received prizes:

1st Place . . \$20 gift card to Edwards movie theater 2nd Place . . \$20 gift card to Jump Time 3rd Place . . \$20 gift card to the Boise Zoo

Plus every child in attendance was a winner and received an age-appropriate puzzle to take home.

Participants enjoyed Pizza, Sodas, and Home-Made Chocolate Chip Cookies. Over \$150 was raised as a donation to the Sibling Toy room, at the Shriners' Children's Clinic in Salt Lake City. The donation will be given after we get permission from the El Korah Nobles at the next Stated Meeting in September.

A big "Thank You" to the folks at Thrivent Financial for providing \$250 in seed money to help sponsor the event.

In June, the Membership Committee will be holding a get together for those that are interested in starting an El Korah Shrine Sporting Activities group. This group will be intended for all types of Sports Activities. The intent is to have Sport Specific Activity Leaders that will work to schedule various activities that members of the group can participate in.

The first event will be a bike ride, starting at the Glenwood Bridge (for people on the West side of Boise) and somewhere near Bown Crossing (for those on the East side of Boise) and riding to the Ram on Broadway for lunch and then back again. Additional details to follow. Look for a Constant Contact email.

We are continuing to make ourselves known in the Blue Lodges by promoting Shrine activities and presenting Masonic Education information about Shriners International, Shriners Children's, and El Korah Shrine to the Blue Lodges in the area.

Important Information about Non Payment of Dues (NPD)

If you are delinquent on your dues (your 2022 dues were due by 12/31/2021), you are in NPD status and no longer a member of El Korah in good standing. You cannot attend any Unit or Club meeting or event, hold a Divan office, or attend Stated meetings. If you become two years delinquent, a process will be initiated to drop your membership.

If you decide to drop out of the Shrine while in NPD status, you have two choices:

- 1) You can do nothing and get dropped for NPD. You will be considered "Not In Good Standing" throughout Shrine and cannot rejoin El Korah or join any other Shrine Temple without bringing your dues current.
- 2) You can bring your dues current and then take a Demit from El Korah. You will no longer be a member, but you will be in "Good Standing" and can rejoin El Korah or join any other Shrine Temple by paying the current year's dues.

Photos from the FAMILY Puzzle Night FUNdraiser



Game Changer Improv

by Skylor Lenz, Assistant Director

Join us for our live Improv Shows. The next one is Saturday, June 4th. Doors open at 6:00 pm and the show starts at 7:00.. Go to EventBrite.com for tickets.



June Parade Update

by Mike Keas, Parade Director

El Korah's Parade Units will only be participating in 4 parades for June. Typically, we would have had a 5th one, the Western Days Parade in Twin Falls. However, we have opted NOT to participate in that parade due to the extremely expensive entry fees that would have been required for our Parade Units to participate - up to \$400. We just couldn't justify paying that amount to be able to be in their parade. It's their loss.

- 6/11 Old Fort Boise Days Parade (Parma) Line-up will be 9:30 am, on McConnell St. next to Maxine Johnson Elementary School in Parma, ID, Step-off will be at 11:00 am.
- **6/18 Emmett Cherry Festival** Line-up will be 4:30 pm, at the same location as previous years, right off the highway entering town. Step-off will be at 6:00 pm.
- **6/25 Weiser Fiddlers Festival Parade** Line-up will be at 10:00 am, at the Weiser HS, 690 West Indianhead Road in Weiser, ID. Step-off will be at 12:00 pm.
- 6/25 Meridian Dairy Days Parade The only info I have is 6:00 pm not sure yet if that is line-up or Step-off. This parade will be covered by the CBS Station, Channel 2. If our Participant Application Form is accepted, we will have more info regarding this Parade.

I'll keep you posted with any and all updates.

Twin Falls Shrine Club

by Bob Cannon, Secretary

Our next Shrine Club meeting will be on Wednesday, June 13th at 6:00 pm at Idaho Joe's. We will be reviewing the North/South football game and the upcoming El Korah Shrine Circus in Jerome on Wednesday, June 15th.

Upcoming Parades

June 11 Filer Fun Days

Line up at 9:30 am Parade starts at 11:00 am

June 11 Outlaw Days in Richfield Line up at 9:30 am

June 11 Dairy Days in Wendell
Line up at 9:00 am in the LDS parking lot
Parade starts at 10:30 am

Have fun and Engoy!

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Walk for LOVE AT HOGLE ZOO!

Friday, September 16, 2022

Or Virtual! (September 10-17)

Shriners & Ladies!

Come join us for a walk on the wild side as we celebrate 100 years of Shriners Children's.

This year's Walk for LOVE is at Hogle Zoo. Join us for festivities at Shriners Children's during the day, followed by an evening walk at the zoo.

Or participate in our virtual Walk for LOVE, Sept. 10-17, 2022 from the convenience of your own neighborhood.

Kick-off Festivities

at Shriners Children's

Friday, September 16

10 a.m. Facility Tours

12 p.m. Lunch

1 p.m. Board Meeting (Shriners)

2:30 p.m. Free time

Walk for LOVE

at Hogle Zoo

Friday, September 16

5 p.m. Dinner

6 p.m. Walk for LOVE begins

9 p.m. Event concludes

Register for either our Walk for LOVE at the zoo, or our Virtual Walk, at walkforlove.org. RSVP for tours, lunch and dinner to Kathy Kelly Huston at 801-536-3700 by September 9.



SAVE THE DATE...Saturday, Sept 10th, 2022

8th Annual



Enjoy a complete program of special events: 18 holes of

golf (including cart), lunch, raffle and silent auctions.

- Men and Women longest drive contest
- Closest to the pin challenge
- · Team awards

Available for purchase:

- Mulligans
- Ropes
- · Raffle Tickets

Available for pre purchase Raffle 6 for \$10.00 Mulligans \$5 or 3 /\$10 Ropes \$10 or 2 / \$15

Taking care of the children at the Shriners Hospitals!

- All profits raised help the children at the Shriners Hospitals for Children® and Iras Temple No. 40
- This year's event will be held Saturday Sept 10th at BanBury Golf Course
- Registration begins at 6:30AM, with shotgun start at 8:00 a.m.
- Breakfast items will be available for purchase at the Club house
- ➤ The cost for this event is \$125 per player or \$500 per team. This price includes 18 holes of golf, riding cart, lunch, and awards.
- There will be awards. A buffet luncheon will be provided.

Make Checks Payable to Iras Temple #40 for Teams
Please pay ON or BEFORE September 1st, 2022
Send to Iras Temple, PO Box 140345, Boise ID 83714
Contact: Mary Baldwin 208-484-3330 or mebaldwin51@gmail.com

Moneys paid before August 1st will receive 1 Mulligan and 1 Rope per person



Daughters of the Nile 8th Annual Golf Tournament Sponsorship Form September 10th, 2022 BanBury Golf Course Shotgun Start 8:00 a.m.

Corporate Sponsor	\$500-\$5000
Driving Range Sponsor	\$300 (1 each)
Putting Green Sponsor	\$300 (1 each)
Hole Sponsorship	\$100
Donations	\$

If you would like to promote your company, you will need to provide your own table and chair on the hole. If you need a cart at your hole you must reserve one by Sept 1st and the rental fee is \$25 for the tournament.

All sponsors will be featured on the Score Board.

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Make Checks payable to Daughters of the Nile Foundation Mail to: Iras Temple No. 40 at PO Box 140345, Boise ID 83714-0345 or email to mebaldwin51@gmail.com

2022 Cameleers for Kids

Saturday, August 20th

Proceeds go to the Adaptive Bike Program for Shriner Kids

TO SUPPORT THIS CAMELEER EVENT

Go to donate.lovetotherescue.org/cameleer

Click on DONATE to Donate to the Event or to any Rider

Click on JOIN TEAM to Sign Up as a Rider

Got Questions? email EKSCcameleeers@gmail.com







12:00 pm (Noon)
Saturday, August 20th
Kristin Armstrong Park
Sites #6 & #7, Boise



Ride to Idaho State Parks Office and Back (10.5 miles total)

Instructions for the 2022 Cameleers for Kids Bike Ride

by Rod Burke, Chairman

Support the Event

Donate to the Cameleers Team or to a Specific Rider

Using a Chrome, Edge or Safari Browser,

Go To: donate.lovetotherescue.org/Cameleer
Select: DONATE and follow the instructions.

Participate in the Event

Register to Ride in the Event (Each rider must create a Donations Page)

Using a Chrome, Edge or Safari Browser,

Go To: donate.lovetotherescue.org/Cameleer

Select: JOIN TEAM

If you know that you already have a *Classy* account because you participated in another Shrine Hospital fundraising event such as the Walk for LOVE, **Select** LOG IN

and follow the instructions.

Otherwise **Select:** CREATE AN ACCOUNT and follow the instructions to create your *Classy* account.

NOTE. Only one *Classy* account is allowed per email address. If you get a message indicating that your email has already been used, go back and

Select:

LOG IN

Once you are logged in, **Create** your **Page** by entering the indicated information and then follow the next steps to finish your profile. Use your name as the Fundraiser Nickname so that everyone knows who you are and can donate to your page. You can even upload a photo.

Registration Fee

\$25.00 Suggested Donation

Your donations are your **Registration Fee** for the bike ride. Collecting a minimum of \$25.00 in donations per adult rider is suggested. And yes, you can donate to your own page.

Send a message to <u>EKSCameleers@gmail.com</u> if you get any donations by Cash or Check.

Manage your Page

You can Access your Page at any time

Using a Chrome, Edge or Safari Browser,

Go To: donate.lovetotherescue.org/Cameleer

Click on **MEMBERS** to find your **Page** and click on it. From here you can select MANAGE and then click on **DETAILS** to modify your profile information. Don't forget to

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You can also do this by clicking on the image next to the MANAGE button at the top, right corner of your **Page**.

Remember, this is a FUN Family Fund Raising Event and that your goal is to get as many people to donate as you can. The more \$\$\$ we raise, the more adaptive bikes we can get for kids who really, really need them.



