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October Stated Meeting

Wednesday Oct 12th, 7:30 pm

Salt Lake Shrine Hospital Report

by Ill. Sir Ray Westmoreland



A message from Phillip L. Grady, Vice President, Hospital Operations, Shriners Children's

I have bittersweet news to share. As our Salt Lake City team is aware, Administrator Kevin Martin has decided to retire. We're happy for Kevin to be moving into this next phase of life, but he will be missed. The great news is that Natalie Raleigh is stepping into the new role of Clinic Director.

Nat has served as Director of Patient Care Services / Nurse Executive / Director of Care Management in our Salt Lake City location since 2020. Before that, she was Director of Nursing at Jordan Valley Medical Center–West Valley Campus in West Valley City, Utah. Nat brings a high level of leadership and passion to the role and is well-positioned to lead Shriners Children's Salt Lake City into the future. Her start date in this role was September 4.



"I am genuinely excited to take on the role as Salt Lake City's Clinic Director. I look forward to continuing to be a part of a team that provides the utmost exceptional care to our patients and their families for years to come. Shriners Children's is a highly respected organization, and I am committed to continuing this legacy as we work to enlarge our footprint here in the state of Utah, reaching more kids in more places and closer to home."

— Nat Raleigh

Nat is married and has two beautiful children. They love all outdoor activities, especially golf, and their favorite place in the world to be is Star Valley, Wyoming. "It is our little piece of heaven," Nat said.

Kevin's 32-year career in healthcare administration includes 24 years at Shriners Children's. He served as Administrator for 11 years, and before that spent 13 years as Director of Patient Care Services. After a period of transition with Nat, Kevin is looking forward in retirement to spending more time on his bike and with family that is scattered across the United States.



"I remain true to the mission of Shriners Children's. I leave with fond memories and deep appreciation for our organization that enabled me to raise my family and have balance between professional and personal pursuits."

— Kevin Martin
Outgoing Administrator
Salt Lake City

We're grateful to Kevin for his leadership and devotion to Shriners Children's mission, and we are confident our Salt Lake City team and patients are in more than capable hands with Nat at the helm.

Sincerely,
Phillip

Gold Rush Shrine Club

by Dave Triplett, Chaplain

The next Gold Rush Shrine Club meeting will be Oct. 16th and we will need your RSVP. During Fall, the drive to Idaho City is at its peak of beauty. Our social starts at 10:30 am with the sharing of goodies as a show of fellowship that keeps us all coming back for more. Trudy's will be offering their great buffet for lunch.

Come one, come all! You do not need to be a member to attend, since we can fix that when you arrive. Dues are just \$10⁰⁰ and there are only 4 meetings per year.

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Portland Shrine Hospital Report

by Ill. Sir Rick Holloway, Board of Governors Chairman



Your Portland Shrine Hospital continues to increase the number of inpatient days and outpatient visits and we are on our way to a strong finish to 2022.

First, however, we need to recognize this year as our 100 year celebration of the beginning of our hospital system. I hope you were able to see the 30 minute special hosted by Kristen Bell called "Miracles, Magic & Milestones."

Adjusted patient days is currently 20 percent above last year while outpatient encounters total nearly 11,500 so far this year. Net patient revenue is still second only to Northern California and continues to grow. Our draw on the endowment remains close to last year's record low total despite the increased number of international patients we are now seeing. The Medford clinic continues to exceed budget on the number of visits. By next month, Dr. Bayomy from the Springfield Hospital will be heading up our new sports medicine program, which will positively impact our inpatient and outpatient volumes.

The Portland Hospital held a Virtual Hospital Day on September 23. While the number of people attending was down this year, the quality of the presentations would make any Shriner, employee, and supporter of the Portland Hospital proud. A special thank you to all of the staff who presented during this event!



Tailgating El Korah Style on Sept 3rd
Boise State - Oregon State football game

Our September Board meeting has been postponed until the October 5 and will be held in Las Vegas to coincide with the Shrine Hospital Open. This is always a good opportunity to present the successes of the Portland Hospital with the Imperial Board of Directors and Board of Trustees.

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations will be surveying us soon as part of maintaining our Medicare/Medicaid certification. We also continue to work toward getting accredited by the American College of Surgeons.

The Portland Hospital is sponsoring a virtual Spooktacular costume walk from October 21-29! See the ad in the Desert Dust and join in the fun while supporting the Portland Hospital. Sign up as an individual or team at www.walkforloveportland.org as soon as possible. It would be wonderful if El Korah could put a team together and show the other temples in this area how much we love our Portland Hospital!

Past Grand Master Dave Triplett has honorably served the Portland Hospital for nine years as of the end of 2022 and will be switching to Emeritus status. On behalf of the Portland Board, we wish to thank Noble Dave for his many years of devoted service to the Board! If anyone has any questions about the Portland Hospital, please reach out to me, Dave Triplett, or Mike Mastropaulo. We are always willing to provide any additional information you may have regarding the Portland Hospital.

Recorder's Corner

by Doug Blandford, Recorder

I would like to introduce my new help in the office. Patty Shrader has come on board to help me with the office duties. She has been a real God send to me. Please stop by and introduce yourself and say hello.

Another month is in the books. What a whirl wind. October is looking to be a busy month also. The Oasis is open during the BSU games. So come in and enjoy a beverage and the comradery and cheer for your favorite team. Snacks are potluck, so bring your favorite game snacks to share.

BSU vs Fresno St, Oct. 8 @TBD

BSU vs Air Force, Oct. 22 @5:00pm

BSU vs Colorado St, Oct. 29 @ TBD

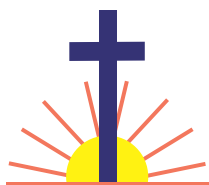
Jazz Nite at the Oasis, Oct. 21 6:00pm

Iras Bunco Party, Oct. 28 4:30pm

And of course BOOOOOO!!!! day, Halloween Oct. 31st.

Chaplain's Corner

by David Triplett, Chaplain



Edgar Simmons (Past Grand Chaplain) sent me the lesson he gave at Grand Lodge on The Old Rugged Cross. I will shorten and summarize, but first the words of the First Stanza.

***On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
The emblem of suffering and shame
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain***

The dear Lamb of God (Jesus) bore the cross to the dark Calvary, which was the hill far away. It is interesting that we do not see the word, Calvary, in the Gospels. The Gospel states that He was led out to be crucified and they came to a place called Golgotha, (which means a place of the skull). Calvary is the English translation of the Latin word calvaria, which in turn is the translation of Golgotha.

It is believed that crucifixion originated in the 6th century BC and was in use as punishment and a deterrent until Constantine of Rome outlawed it in the 4th century AD.

In Paul's day, crucifixion was considered the very worst means of Roman execution and was so repugnant that it wasn't mentioned in polite company. Therefore, the idea that the Messiah died on a cross was offensive or ridiculous to most.

The second verse gives meaning to cherishing, giving the recognition of the sacrifice of lost sinners (all of us) and

holding on to that appreciation unto death. Faith was the exchange for eternal life (a crown).

***I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it someday for a crown***

Jesus, an innocent man, willingly suffered crucifixion for crimes that He didn't commit to pay the price for our sins, and then rose again. All who turn to Him in sorrow for their wrongdoings will live eternally with Him. That's the "Power of God!"

The third verse reminds us to always be steadfast. How amazing that the perfect man should die this most shameful death so that we would not have to face eternal punishment and again. It confirms our faith in where we are going and to be with our Shepard.

***To the old rugged cross, I will ever be true
It's shame and reproach gladly bear
Then he'll call me some day to my home far away
Where his glory forever I'll share***

Matthew and Mark note that Jesus said that we are to deny ourselves when we take up the cross. Luke tells us that Jesus said to take up our cross daily.

To take up our cross is to publicly identify with Jesus and to live in total submission to him, perhaps even to the point of death.

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Greeters

by Ron Bishop, President

The Greeters meant on September 2nd for dinner and a presentation by Steve the President of the Idaho Museum of Mining and Geology. Thirty-three Greeter members enjoyed dinner and then the presentation about Idaho's geology from millions of years ago. Did you know that our state used to be underwater and that we have fossils that are easy to find? We invite you to attend one of our interesting dinners and to learn something new!

Our next dinner meeting will be on October 7th at El Korah. We will meet in the Tiger Room at 6:00 pm for our social time. Wally will be mixing drinks in the Oasis and dinner will be catered by Knack Attack.

After that delicious dinner, our very own Noble Dave Roberts will give a presentation about Artificial Intelligence. You don't want to miss it! Everyone is invited. Come out, socialize, eat and then be entertained by Dave.

Hope to see you there!

El Korah Membership

by Dave Brannan, Membership Chairman

We have started a new Media and Promotion Committee, that will be looking for ways to have higher visibility in our community, to stimulate interest in El Korah.

We have made an agreement with Lotus Media to provide Web ads that are focused on promoting our events and stimulating interest in El Korah from people on Facebook that meet the demographics that we are interested in. These ads will be linked to our Facebook page and to the El Korah website to provide additional information to these individuals about El Korah.

The Game Club has started meeting again during the month of September, to play games and have family activities, please look for the details coming out on Constant Contact.

The Cigar Club has started meeting again on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 3:00 pm at Sturman's located at 4204 W Chinden Blvd., Garden City, please come and join us for good conversation with a Cigar and Beer or Wine.

The Sports group has started meeting to have activities again during the month of September. Please look for details coming out on Constant Contact.

We are continuing to work several membership leads that have come through Webfez and the Masonic Lodges, and have several individuals that have shown interest in joining the Shrine.

The Membership Committee will be at the Meridian Octoberfest on October 1st where 4,000 to 5,000 people are expected to be in attendance. Should be a great opportunity!



Oriental Guide Dave Brannan
presenting a check at the September
Stated meeting to Potentate Dale Rutter.
The check was from Meridian Lodge #47
and went to the Patient Travel Fund.



Assistant Director Skylor Lenz
presenting a check at the September
Stated meeting to Potentate Dale Rutter.
The check was from the Game Club's
FAMILY Puzzle Night FUNdraiser event
and went to the Patient Travel Fund.




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 **At Shriners Hospitals for Children, all care and services are provided regardless of the family's ability to pay.**



We want you and your family to know that we are prioritizing personal safety during the COVID-19 pandemic. To ensure that your child has the opportunity to be seen at our clinic, our volunteers are diligent on following stringent infection control procedures with the proper safety equipment to allow for a safe screening process for everyone

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Daughters of the Nile

by Terri Brannan, Princess Badoura

Fall is here and we started the season with the official visit of our Supreme Queen, Vicki Tabor Hill, on September 4th. A Ceremonial was held in conjunction with Vicki's visit and we initiated two new members. The Ceremonial was followed by a banquet honoring the queen in the El Korah ballroom.

Our 8th annual golf tournament was Saturday, September 10th at Banbury Golf Club and we had 21 teams participating. Thank you to our sponsors and all the volunteers who made this fun event possible. The tournament raised funds making it possible for Iras Temple to make a generous donation to the Daughters of the Nile

Foundation, which supports Shriners Children's, again this year.

The ladies are once again busy with monthly Stated Sessions, Sewing Days, practicing for performances and club meetings. It is a joy to get together and use our time and talents to support Shriners Children's.

We have two upcoming fundraising events in the next few weeks. Our annual Fun Run will be at Julia Davis Park on October 22nd and the Temple Guards are sponsoring a Bunco Night on October 28th. You won't want to miss either of these fun events. For more details see the flyers in this newsletter.

October 2022 Shrine Events

SUN 25	MON 26	TUE 27	WED 28	THU 29	FRI 30	SAT Oct 1
						• Barn Screening Clinic 📺
2	3	4 • 5pm Tin Lizzies 🎵	5 • 6pm Provost Guard	6	7 • 5pm Greeters 🎵 • 6:30pm Players	8 • 7am BSU Tailgate Party 🍷🍷
9 • 12pm Shriners Auction - Ontario	10 Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day 2 more	11	12 • 6:30pm Stated Meeting - Past I	13	14	15
16	17	18 • 7am Cameleers 🐪🐪 • 7am High Country Sidewinders • 6:30pm Sand Duneers 🏖️🏖️	19	20 • 5pm John Regan American Leg	21 Shriners Hospital for Children - Portland - Walk for Love	22 • 7am Daughters of the Nile Ann • 4pm BSU Tailgate Party 🍷🍷
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Shriners Hospital for Children - Portland - Walk for Love						
	• 5pm Black Light Patrol 🕸️			• 5pm Nomads 🎵	• 5pm Ira's Temple Guards Spool	• 7am BSU Tailgate Party 🍷🍷
30	31 Halloween • 5pm Snake River Shrine Club	Nov 1 First Day of American Indian Her	2 • 6pm Provost Guard	3	4 • 5pm Greeters 🎵 • 6:30pm Players	5 • 7am Boise Veterans Day Parade • 7am BSU Tailgate Party 🍷🍷

2023 Melodrama

by Bruce Drewes, Melodrama Producer

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Portland's **WALK FOR LOVE** is right around the corner! Join our virtual Spooktacular costume walk by choosing your own route and Walk with us from October 21-29 in your favorite costume. Sign up for free as an individual or a team now at www.walkforloveportland.org

Saturday, October 22, 2022
Julia Davis Park
Agriculture Pavilion
700 S Capitol Blvd, Boise, ID 83702



Registration Fee \$25
for Adults and Kids 12+
Kids Ages 7 - 11 \$12
Kids under 6 Free



Family Fun Costume
5K & 1K Walk or Run



Packet Pick Up 8:30AM - 9:30 AM

Kick Off - 10:00 AM

Register @ [Runsignup.com](https://runsignup.com)

\$25 for Adults and Kids 13 and up

\$12 for Kids ages 7 - 12

Kids 6 and Under are Free

Grab your favorite costumes and join us for a morning of fun while kids can trick or treat during the 5K/1K fun run and walk along the greenbelt. Adults and kids must be registered and will receive wristbands to participate.

Proceeds benefit Shriners Children's through the Daughters of the Nile Foundation