

EL KORAH SHRINERS

DESERT DUST

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Join us for the **Annual All Masonic Christmas Party**

Hosted by the El Korah Divan

Sunday, Dec 4th at El Korah Shrine
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

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 Portland..... Dave Triplett
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November Stated Meeting

Wednesday Nov 9th, 7:30 pm

Salt Lake Shriners Children's Report

by Ill. Sir Ray Westmoreland



We had an amazing Walk For Love! This was our most successful Walk for Love since we began doing it as a Salt Lake City Shriners sponsored event. We already have sponsor commitments for next year and a heightened enthusiasm from the community, Shriners, and Shrine-related groups. Our net revenue, despite the added expense of the new venue at the Zoo, was \$108,000!

DON Supreme Queen Vickie Tabor Hill visited us and presented a special plaque in appreciation of reaching the \$3 million dollar donation level for contributions to our Salt Lake City location. Imperial Sir Jerry Gantt and his Lady Lisa were present to assist with the recognition. Thank You Daughters of the Nile!

We continue to work with the home office to finalize the right staffing model for our Clinic. Natalie (Nat) Raleigh is getting oriented as the new Clinic Director while she continues to do her old job as head of nursing. I sincerely hope we don't burn her out with all the confusion being caused by the home office as they continue to finalize the

Vision of what they want us to look like. On that note, we will no longer have a need for blankets or neck pillows. Toys in original package are our preferred donations.

Kevin Martin said his final Good Bye's after serving us with his huge heart and tireless energy for 24 years with Shriners.

Jill Connor is leaving us. Jill has been our "go to" person for support for screening clinics, literature or anything that El Korah needed for events.

Chief of Staff, Dr. Kristen Carroll informed us that she wishes to step down in 2024, which will be her 10th year. She will continue with clinic duties until 2026.

1st Ceremonial Master Bruce Drewes was my chauffeur for this trip and we hauled 4 wheelchairs that were donated by retired Master Gunnery Sgt Gordon Souza. Gordon has donated over 100 wheel chairs to our Salt Lake City facility. Hoo-Ra!

Noble Drewes presented a check to the Board of \$5,500 raised by the El Korah Cameleers. This is the only charitable donation that El Korah has given to Salt Lake Shriners Children's in many years. Our Football game is a charitable event, but the money goes into El Korah's Travel Fund.

I tip my Fez to Illustrious Sir, Rick Holloway, Chairman of the Board, Portland Hospital, Illustrious Sir Mike Mastropaolo, Past Grand Master Dave Triplett for their leadership in guiding Portland through these difficult times as we downsize our great hospital system.

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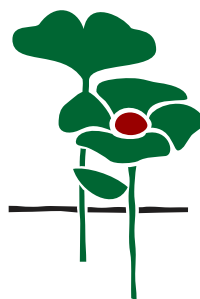


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Portland Shrine Hospital Report

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.

Inpatient admissions and discharges continues on an upward trend. Net patient revenue is under budget on the inpatient side and over budget on outpatient services, with total income from all sources over budget in excess of \$600,000. Net patient revenue is still second only to Northern California and continues to grow. Our draw on the endowment continues to be close to last year's record low total despite the increased number of international patients we are now seeing. The fracture clinic continues to set new thresholds for volumes with 37% more new patients than last year.

The Medford clinic continues to exceed budget on the number of visits. We are excited to have Dr. Bayomy from the Springfield Hospital starting soon to head up our new sports medicine program.

We continue to work hard to expand our reach all over the Pacific Northwest which could include more involvement in the Boise area!

We are still waiting on our survey from The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations. This survey is part of continuing our Medicare/Medicaid certification. We also continue to work toward getting accredited by the American College of Surgeons.

The Portland Hospital puts out a monthly newsletter called "Rise and Shrine" with articles about the hospital including a terrific monthly article from Dereesa Reid, Administrator. If you would like to receive your own copy of Rise and Shrine in your email inbox, please contact any of the Portland Board members.

If anyone has any questions about the Portland Hospital, please reach out to me, Dave Triplett, or Mike Mastropaolo. We are always willing to provide any additional information you may have regarding the Portland Hospital.

Update on Sale of Building

by Ray Schild, Chief Rabban

At the September 2021 Stated meeting, the Nobility made the decision, by a vote of the Nobles present, to authorize the Divan to pursue the sale of the Temple building and gather purchase offers. Four offers were subsequently received.

At the September 2022 Stated meeting, the Divan explained the relative positive and negative aspects of each offer. During the month of September, the Divan attended Club and Unit meetings to similarly explain aspects of the offers to Nobles who may not have been present at the September Stated meeting.

The October 2022 Stated meeting was Past Potentate's Night and was well attended, with 69 present in person and three more attending via Zoom. The Divan again explained the relative positive and negative aspects of each offer. Afterwards, the meeting was temporarily recessed to allow three of the four bidders gave brief, in-person presentations. Following these presentations, the lodge was re-tiled and the meeting resumed. There was discussion and then a vote where none of the offers received a majority of the votes.

The top two offers faced a run-off vote with the Treefort offer carrying the majority vote, 41-31, over the offer from Next.

The next step is for the Divan and Temple Attorney to negotiate the terms and conditions of the purchase agreement, which is followed by earnest money, due diligence and closing. A 90-day due diligence period starts once the earnest money is paid and is when Treefort will inspect the building and determine any additional conditions that may be pertinent to the final offer.

Concurrently, the Divan will start an analysis of potential options for El Korah's new home and will bring them to the Nobility to decide which one is the best choice. Since the Treefort offer will include our ability to continue occupying and using the building for at least 2 years, there is no immediate urgency to make our new home decision. But the Divan still intends to present our options to the Nobility as soon as practical, hopefully sometime in 2023.

Chaplain's Corner

by David Triplett, Chaplain



What is the difference between Happiness and Joy?

Fill in the Blanks . . .

I feel Happy when _____

I feel Happy about _____

I feel Great Joy when _____

I feel Great Joy about _____

Thoughts on the difference:

Joy is of the soul and is an inner feeling while Happiness is of the moment and is an outward expression.

It seems to me that we choose or can choose to have positive views of our life situations. I know there is a word UNHAPPY, but not UNJOY.

Gandhi quoted: "Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony."

As your Chaplain, I am always Happy to send out a get-well card or birthday card, but my heart is filled with Joy when I think about my serving on the Board of Governors for the past 9 years. Understanding this difference helps us all appreciate why we are Shriners and continue supporting our hospitals.

I have a request for you. Go to **youtube** and type in "virtual visit for Portland Shrine Hospital". Watching this will make you both Happy and full of Joy!

Greeters

by Ron Bishop, President

The Greeters dinner meeting was held on October 7th at El Korah. The dinner was catered by Knack Attack and was followed by an interesting presentation by our very own Dave Roberts. Dave gave us some insight into the present and future uses of artificial intelligence (AI). It was quite interesting and everyone learned something.

The November meeting will be on November 4th. Dale Dixon, the Executive Director of the Better Business Bureau (BBB) will be our speaker. Dale has a podcast with Eric Boles called "Game Changers" about how to develop leaders. This speaker deserves a large audience and we hope to see as many Nobles there as possible.

Cameleers

by Dave Brannan, President

The funds raised by the Bikes for Kids family bicycle fundraiser that was held in August were approved by the El Korah Shriners Nobility to be contributed to the Adaptive Bicycle Program at Shriners Children's in SLC. We will be contributing a little over \$5,400.

Some of the money was given in direct donations and some will be presented in the form of a check. Ill Sir Ray Westmoreland and 1st Ceremonial Master Bruce Drewes will be taking the check to Salt Lake City on October 25th and presenting it at the Shriners Children's Board of Governors meeting.



We want to give a **BIG** Thank You to all of the other El Korah Shriners Units that helped the Cameleers put on this event and to our many sponsors for the event. We had over a dozen sponsors for the ride including four major sponsors: Treasure Valley Quarter Horse Ranch, Georges Cycles, Bob's Bicycles and Silver Creek Realty.

Ill Sir Ray Westmoreland has agreed to be the Chairman for this annual fundraiser in 2023.

Our election of Officers has been completed, look for the list of Officers in the 2023 Directory which will most likely be distributed at the 2023 El Korah Officer installation.

We have a preliminary list of parades for 2023 and we are identifying the riders that will be riding our camels.

We will be doing some upgrades and other maintenance on our Camels this winter to get them ready for their summer chores.

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El Korah Membership

by Dave Brannan, Membership Chairman

We kicked off our Lotus Boise digital media advertising campaign in October. Lotus will be meeting with us later in the month to provide statistics related to the number of hits we have had on our Web site as a result of the campaign. A "Big Thank You" to the Black Light Patrol and the Sand Duners for funding this campaign.

We have started evaluating the "Sojourners" report provided by Imperial, it is a report of Shriners that have moved into the area, but have not made contact with the El Korah Shrine. We will be making contact with these individuals that are in "our" area, to invite them to come to an El Korah event.

I was able to pull a report of members that have Dropped or Demitted, and we will look at options for generating mailings or making phone calls to make contact with those individuals, to find out why they left, and if they might be interested in coming back.

We are continuing to work with the prospects in Webfez as they come in, there are currently 4 that are interested in joining the Shrine that I am working with, one of those prospects is starting his degree work at the Meridian 47 Lodge.

We are still working to create new clubs to try and generate interest in the El Korah Shriners, as was suggested at OG school.

I will be looking to have Membership Leaders under the Membership Chairman in the future as suggested by the Imperial Membership Plan. Leaders positions include: Recruitment, Retention, Restoration, Relationships, and Nobility Achievement. If you have the time to devote and would be interested in heading up or working in one of these areas, please let me know. Remember that membership is everyone's responsibility and that many hands make light work. The membership committee could really use your help!

Black Light Patrol

by Mischa Brady, President

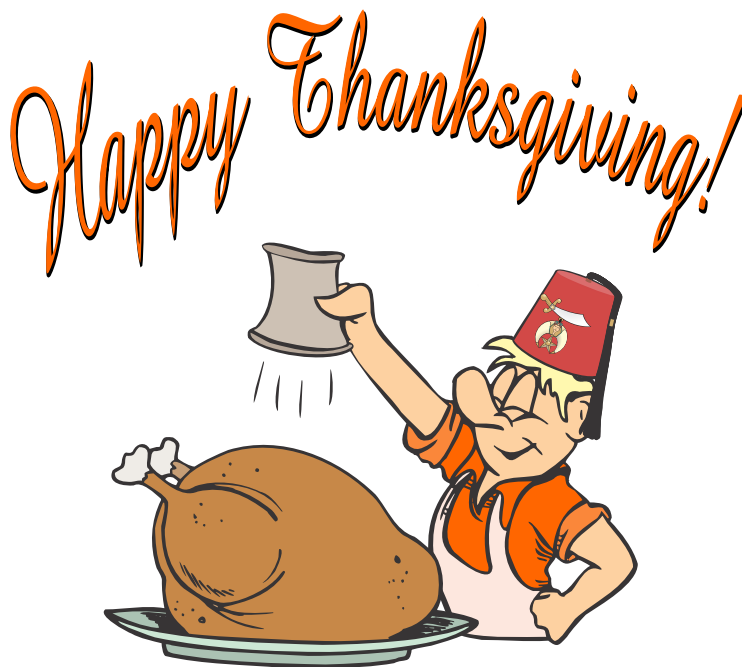
The Elite Black Light Patrol funded one half of \$9,000 to the cost of El Korah's Membership Committee agreement to Lotus Media.

The Black Light Patrol's member Charlie Bull represented us at the Air Force Appreciation Day Parade on September 11th.

The Crab Feed dates for 2023 will be January 27 & 28.

The Black Light Patrol will be participating in the upcoming Dean Buffington Scottish Rite Reunion on October 29 - 30.

I would like to thank all the members of the Black Light Patrol for stepping up and helping at the different events throughout this year so far! Thank you all for your continued support and participation.





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Daughters of the Nile

by Terri Brannan, Princess Badoura

The holiday season is almost upon us and our ladies are busy with projects for the hospitals, club and unit meetings, practicing for performances and of course celebrating.

A group of our ladies will be representing Iras Temple No. 40 in the annual Boise Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 3rd. The parade theme is "Joy to the World" and we have chosen "Joy Through Serving Children" as our entry slogan. You can come and cheer us on along the parade route downtown or watch the television coverage on KTVB.

Our Annual Silver Tea will be on Saturday, December 17th at the Scottish Rite Building. We will have a holiday theme and all ladies are invited to attend this special event. If you would like more information, please contact Debbi de Boer at debbid110@gmail.com or 541-212-4312.

Mark your calendars for the Iras Temple Dancer's New Year's Eve party on Saturday December 31, 2022. It has been two years since the dancers have been able to hold this event and we are all looking forward to ringing in 2023 in person in the beautiful El Korah ballroom. More details will be available in the next edition of the Desert Dust.

2023 Melodrama

by Bruce Drewes, Melodrama Producer

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Mark your 2023 calendars and watch the Desert Dust for more information on this enjoyable evening.



Celebrating 150 Years of Shriners International and 100 Years of Shriners Hospitals for Children

by Ill Sir Dale Rutter, Potentate

El Korah Shrine is holding a Special Celebration for Shriners International 150 Year Anniversary
and the Shriners Hospital for Children 100 Year Anniversary

Friday, December 16, 2022 at El Korah

Public is Invited

Dinner will be catered by Trudy's Kitchen from Idaho City, who comes highly recommended
by our Gold Rush Shrine Club. The entrée choices are Prime Rib -or- Salmon.

100 YEARS



Cost is \$40 per person

Purchase Tickets in the Recorder's Office by **Dec 2nd** (343-0571)

Hosted Cocktails..... 5:30 - 6:00 pm

Dinner Served 6:30 pm

Special Evening Program..... 7:30 pm



Dress for this event is business casual. Nobles are asked to wear their
Club or Unit Class A's or Logo Apparel or other Shrine Logo Apparel.

Gold Rush Shrine Club

by David Triplett, Chaplain

Gold Rush Shrine Club met on Sunday, October 16th at the Senior Center in Idaho City. The drive from Boise was beautiful with us seeing 16 prong horned antelope and someone else seeing many wild turkeys. The trees were starting to change their color just like Mr. Frosty had been out with his paint brushes.

We had twenty-eight in attendance and fun was had by all. There was a delicious meal of meat loaf, mashed potatoes, green salad, rolls, and berry crisp served. This all came after the social time together and my sermon. After the sermon many of the attendees said what they were thankful for. One that stands out to me is from a lady who said she was thankful to be among good friends who were so positive and kind.

Our short meeting brought the slate of new officers for the coming year. They are as follows:

President Ric Bobier
Vice President Anthony Patterson
Secretary Dale Rutter
Treasurer Nyal Pedersen
Chaplain David Triplett

If you are interested in joining Gold Rush Shrine Club, please contact one of the Officers so you will be included in the emails for future meetings.

Media and Marketing Committee

by Dave Brannan, Chairman

The Divan has started to look at options for Media and Marketing for El Korah Shriners. This will be an ongoing committee in the future. We already have a couple of things in the works and brainstorming about how best to get the word out about our organization.

We started a Digital Media campaign with Lotus Boise Radio that has been sponsored by the Blacklight Patrol and the Sand Duners. A Big Thank You to both Units for their commitment to El Korah.

This campaign is scheduled to run for 6 months. The first 3 months focused on Men and Women aged 55+ that have an interest in helping philanthropies. We included women in this target group because we all know that they are often the ones that made the initial suggestion that got us started as Shriners. The second 3 months will focus on Men and Women aged 35-55 that have an interest in helping philanthropies.

These campaigns will generate internet ads that will take the user to our El Korah web page when they click on the ad. We will get monthly statistics on the Campaign results from Lotus Boise to see how effective the ads have been and then make adjustments to the campaign.

Look for updates about Media and Marketing in the upcoming issues of the Desert Dust.

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