

EL KORAH SHRINERS



DESERT DUST

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Boise, ID 83702

Iras Temple Dancer's
and Pageantry

2023

BLACK & WHITE NYE BALL

Saturday, December 31st

Social & Hors d'oeuvres
6:00 PM

Dinner 7:00 PM
Choice of Prime Rib
or
Mediterranean Chicken

Entertainment by Rockin Rooster

Champagne Toast and Ball Drop
10:00 PM

\$60 Per Person

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El Korah Shrine 1118 W. Idaho

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2022 Divan

Elected Officers

Potentate Dale Rutter
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Editor's Notice

The Desert Dust is published monthly except July and August by El Korah Shriners.

All Submissions are Due by the 20th of the Month

Submissions received after the 25th of the month will be held for the next month's newsletter, if appropriate

Please be prompt. Your **Volunteer Editors** require time to format the Dust! Pictures should include a caption, if appropriate.

Email your submission to:
gsbetts@msn.com

Be sure to double check your submission for grammar and spelling.

Your **2023 Shrine Dues** are due by 12/31/22. If you do not have a current 2022 or 2023 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.

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**

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December Stated Meeting

Wednesday Dec 14th, 7:30 pm



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 9th** (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, please wear your Club or Unit Class A's or Logo Apparel
or other Shrine Logo Apparel.

Happy Holidays

From El Korah Shrine

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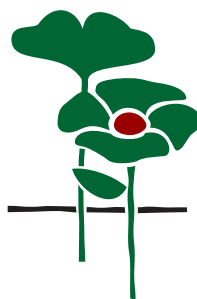
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Portland Shrine Hospital Report

by Ill. Sir Rick Holloway, Board of Governors Chairman



Shriners Children's Portland is coming to the close of another successful year of treating more kids in more places with high quality and a lower cost.

First, we have five Board members who have honorably served the Portland Hospital for at least nine years. Brad Henry, Keith Christensen, Rory Johnson, Ron Eggers, and Dave Triplett have reached Emeritus status and their years of involvement have helped the hospital to strategically position itself to not only meet our goals but to do it despite the ongoing pandemic. We wish to sincerely thank these Board members for their many years of service.

With two Board members leaving earlier this year, we interviewed several Nobles who submitted applications to join the Portland Board. The Imperial Board has approved the following new Board members for Portland: Anthony Columbel (Nile), Blair Hill (Al Kader), Joe Randall (El Korah), Elwin Studebaker (Kerak) Chris Haynes (Nile), Todd Weedman (Al Kader), and Matt Wand (Al Kader). You will notice that we have a new Board member from Kerak Shrine in Reno. During November, Kerak Shrine approved a resolution to affiliate with the Portland Hospital. We now have 10 Shrine Centers affiliated with Portland. We look forward to sharing information and appreciate the support from the Nobles of Kerak Shrine!

Additionally, as I am completing my second year as Chairman of the Board of Governors for Shriners Children's Portland, I will be stepping down and Gale Kenney from Nile Shrine will take over as Chairman. I still have two more years of service to the Board to complete my nine year commitment.

In 2022, Portland held six clinics-two each in Alaska, Pendleton, and Bellingham. Each of these clinics identified kids needing our services. The Medford clinic continues to exceed expectations in terms of visits and revenue. We have a 43 percent growth in new patients over the last 4 years and an increase in the number of kids seen in the fracture clinic of 61 percent over the last two years. The number of inpatient days continues to grow but outpatient visits substantially exceeds budget. Our draw on the endowment is below budget but slightly higher than last year, primarily due to the increasing number of international patients seen at the Portland hospital. Net Patient Revenue continues to be second only to Northern California.

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.

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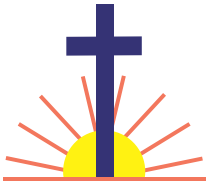
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Chaplain's Corner

by David Triplett, Chaplain



Nobles, Ladies and Friends,
It is a warm Tuesday here in Mazatlan, just a couple of days before Thanksgiving. Let us not look at the history books on the origin of this special day, facts are that the native population was not treated well and

European disease wiped out many villages. Instead, let's focus on being thankful for this moment in time and the many blessings that have been bestowed upon us by our Creator. For example, having Great Friends that we consider BROTHERS, Love of Family, Freedom to Choose, etc. (this would be a long list). Having an Eternal Soul and Jesus might be at the top of this list.

This leads us into December and Christmas: Christmas Parties, Beautifully Decorated Trees and Wrapped Gifts, Family Traditions, and the Birth of our Savior.

Oh, and then there will be plenty of Installations of Officers and the beginning of a new Masonic Year.

November and December are great times to reflect and be thankful as well as to show our gratitude.

I am so proud of the good work we do for the children at our Shrine Hospitals and also the Charities of Scottish Rite and York Rite. As we look ahead, what we want to accomplish during coming 2023? My Brothers, **What came you here to DO?**

Might the words **Learn** and **Improve** fit into your thoughts? One of the books I have studied was "Hands of Light". In it, the author discusses the help and communications with spirit guides that others might call guardian angels, but the concept of being viewed in all our actions should improve our actions and judgment. At least, that was my takeaway.

Be thankful this Holiday Season. Praise the Lord and be very generous with your compliments, If you look for the **good** in things, that is all you will see!

Greeters

by Ron Bishop, President

The Greeters will be having our Christmas dinner on Saturday, December 3rd at the Riverside Hotel. It will be a festive evening followed by the installation of Bob Martin and Clarence Jones as two of our 2023 officers.

Our January meeting will start the year off with a bang. It will be at El Korah in the Tiger room on January 13th. Dinner will be catered and the speaker will Todd Carlson, who was stationed at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. He has an amazing story to tell about his duty there. You won't want to miss his talk. Contact Ron Bishop or Bob Martin if you would like to attend. Hope to see you there!

Cameleers

by Dave Brannan, President



On October 25th, Ill Sir Ray Westmoreland and Bruce Drewes, 1st Ceremonial Master presented a check for \$5,532.74 from the Cameleers Bikes for Kids family bicycle fundraiser (that was held in August) to the Salt Lake Shriners Children's Board of Governors.

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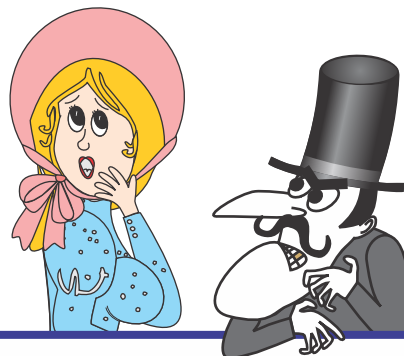
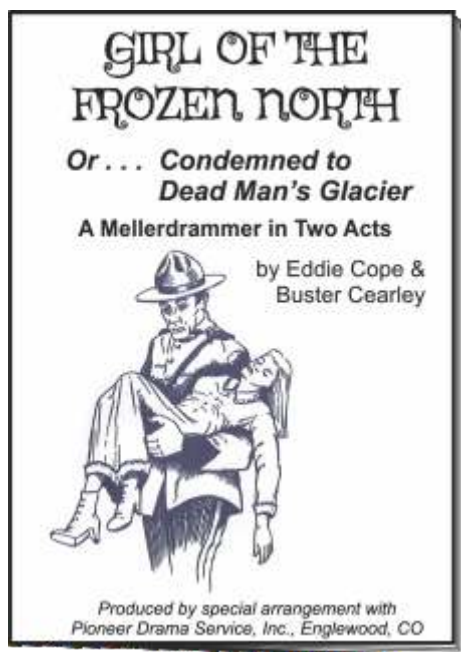
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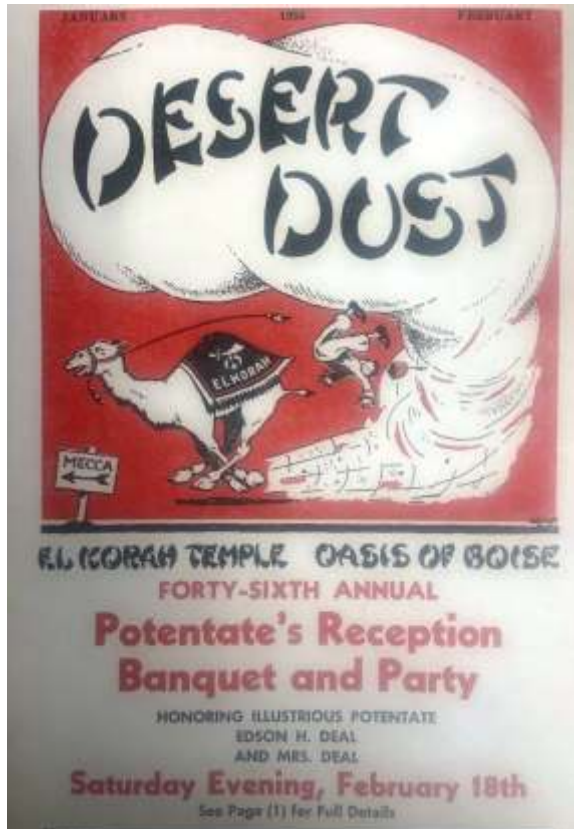
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Join Us for an Evening of Fun and Frolic!

Public Invited

Blasts from Our Past



Mischa Brady, Marshal, found this 1956 Desert Dust cover page while researching the El Korah archives. It looks like the Camels were pretty speedy back in the day and Nobles needed to be pretty agile to ride one.



Bruce Drewes, 1st Ceremonial Master, found this 1926 Desert Dust cover page while researching the El Korah archives. Ill Sir C. A. Snyder was the Potentate at the time.



Noble Jimmy Hansen submitted these photos of Ill Sir J Harry Hopffgarten who was El Korah Potentate in 1921 and these photos of the ballroom (taken prior to 1921) before he painted the beautiful murals we see today.

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

Doors Open at 12:30 pm Santa Arrives at 2:15 pm

El Korah is proud to Host our Masonic Families for a
Full Turkey Dinner with All the Trimmings

Enjoy Caroling, Crafts, and an Afternoon of Fun and Fellowship

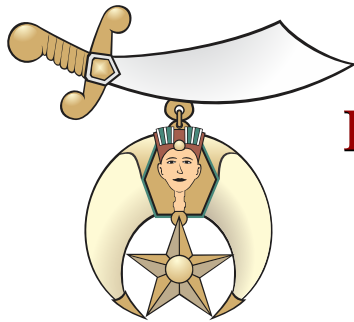


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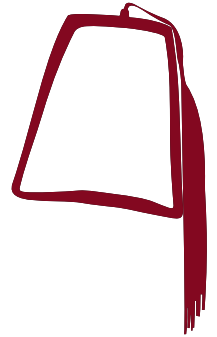


El Korah Installation of Officers

Saturday, January 7, 2023
El Korah Shrine starting at 3:45 pm

Nile Dancers Perform
Installation Ceremony
Receiving Line
Hosted Bar

Banquet Dinner catered by Goodwood's
Music & Dancing by Rockn Rooster



Look for Your Invitation in the Mail

A yellow teddy bear wearing a red fez with a tassel, standing next to a green Christmas tree graphic. The tree contains text about holiday fire safety. At the base of the tree is a logo for Shriners Children's and a QR code.

Holiday Fire Safety

- Water tree daily.
- Discard tree when dry.
- Keep tree away from heaters and flames.
- Discard lights with bare or fraying wires.
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