

EL KORAH SHRINERS

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EL KORAH SHRINE 2023 MELODRAMA

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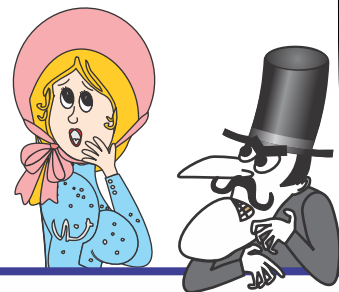


Girl of the Frozen North

or . . . *Condemned to
Dead Man's Glacier*

A Mellerdrammer in 2 Acts

by **Eddie Cope &
Buster Cearley**



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

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

Your **2023 Shrine Dues** were due by 12/31/22. If you do not have a current 2023 dues card, you are delinquent. Avoid the dreaded NPD list and contact the Recorder's Office today (343-0571).

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March Stated Meeting

Wednesday Mar 8th, 7:30 pm

Potentate's Message *by Ill Sir Ray Schild*



The Divan and I have enjoyed fun and fellowship at the recent successful events!

The crab feed was fabulous! Congratulations on an incredibly successful feast, with the hard work of the Elite Black Light Patrol and Bob Julian in particular.

Great food and lots of it, great drink and it drew hundreds of people to El Korah. The Patrol also presented a Second Degree on February 18th for Cascade Ionic Lodge 82.

I had the pleasure and honor to meet with Iras Temple DON for its winter ceremony. We all need to support and appreciate the Daughters, who last year raised over \$268,000 for Shriners Hospitals. A good time to start is at the Fashion Show on February 25th, the same day of Noble Bruce Peterson's 93rd birthday party at the Homedale bowling alley.

The Sand Duners Sweetheart Auction was an elegant black tie affair with terrific food from Big Sky Catering. Wally and company ran a terrific bar, as usual. The auction was exciting with bidding on some very nice goodies that created funds needed for the annual screening clinic.

The Greeters Valentine's Brunch was lovely. Each Lady received chocolates and a rose from the Unit and MW Dave Triplett. The setting was beautiful and intimate and a great event to enjoy with our Ladies.

The sale of the Temple is proceeding, as are discussions about our move out schedule, liquor license lease terms, etc., etc.

El Korah hosted the 2023 Winter PNSA (Pacific Northwest Shrine Association) meeting February 16-18. Ill. Sir Will Votaw served as Director General and did an amazing job of organizing and putting on a meeting of Divan members from all 18 regional Shrine Temples. Will was also elected 1st Vice President of PNSA. Everyone had a great time and was impressed by El Korah and its hospitality and excellence due to Will's excellent work, as well as the entire Divan. We even received an award at PNSA for our efforts!

Coming up is the Melodrama, with performances on March 3 & 4, and 10 & 11, the Potentate's Nobility Ball

March 18th and the Treefort festival March 22-26 (and we still need lots of volunteers). If you can help, even just a little bit, please contact Dave Brannan!

El Korah has added a newly revived Unit, the Legion of Honor. The initial officers were installed by Imperial Officers at PNSA. Congratulations to Bruce Drewes,

Dave Bennett and Ed Hulme. The LOH is open to all veterans and will work closely with VFW for mutual support.

Applications for the Salt Lake City Clinic's Board of Directors are due in the Recorder's Office by March 31st.

Send photos, fliers and stories to Gary Betts for the Desert Dust gsbetts@msn.com and to Dave Bennett for the website antiquer@inreach.com. Thank you both for the great work!

It can't be overstated how hard your Elected and Appointed Divan has been working: putting on events, long and frequent meetings, attending Unit and Club meetings, working on membership and fund raising, even cleaning up the trash afterwards. Words cannot express my appreciation for your hard work, gentlemen. Without you, El Korah would be a pale imitation of the spirit and performance you've been instilling.

It would be easy for me to just let those working so hard for you continue to address our complex and weighty issues, problems and needs. Instead, I hope and suggest that moving El Korah forward toward a new home, financial solvency, increased membership, and solving our challenges will be much more successful if more individual Nobles will bring forward their ideas, solutions and contributions. It would also be great if more Nobles would attend our Stated meetings and gatherings and add your intelligence, time, energy and effort to the Divan and other members who are trying so hard. To those who already do this, I thank you so very much! To the rest, my invitation and hope is that we ALL pull together, since the more that happens, the better we all will be.

Shine the Light You Were Given!

Yours in Faith, Brothers!

RayRay



Salt Lake Shriners Children's Report

by Dave Brannan, High Priest & Prophet



I attended my first Board of Governors meeting in Salt Lake City last month, along with Ill. Sir Ray Westmoreland. This is Ray's last year serving on the Board of Governors. Members are encouraged to sit on the Board for three, 3-year terms, for a total of 9 years. There are currently 15 board members, but they are hoping to add three more members this year to bring the total number to 18, which is the normal number of board members. Applications are currently available and if you are interested, please contact Ray, the Recorder's Office, or myself. Nomination requests were mailed to the various Shrine Temples on January 13th.

Shriners Children's has made a good transition from a

Hospital with patients staying overnight to an outpatient-based Clinic. Surgeries and Post Operative care are performed at Primary Children's Hospital while therapy is provided at the Shriners Children's Clinic.

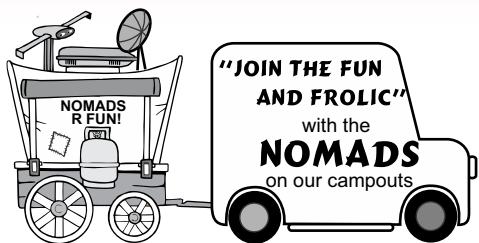
There is a long-standing relationship between Shriners Children's and the Primary Children's Hospital. Telehealth is being used for patient visits in remote locations. The doctor performing the visit must be licensed in the state where the patient is located. This is allowing remote patients to be seen at an overall lower cost. The expectation is that Telehealth will become more prevalent as our doctors become licensed in other states.

Shriners Children's is continuing to offer the highest level of technology to patients. The 1st Microprocessor Controlled Knee was fitted in 2022. Shriners Children's recently received a donation for the purchase of a "lokomat", a machine that automates gait movements and physical therapy for lower extremities.

The Board is discussing the best way to use the excess capacity at the facility as the clinic moves forward.

The Nomads Desert Wanderings for 2023

by Jim Voyles, Trail Boss



The Nomads have great camping plans for 2023 and would like to invite you to come out and give us a try. We have three venues on the docket that have not been visited by the Nomads, at least in the last several years, including the Y Knot Winery in Glenns Ferry (Bring your golf clubs!!), Grande Hot Springs in LaGrande, OR, and an end-of-the-season finale at the Bruneau Sand Dunes State Park.

If you would like to or are planning to attend some or even all these outings, please be sure to make or confirm your reservations very soon, as the season is almost upon us! Hopefully the winter has treated everyone well and we look forward to seeing you soon. Cheers, blessings, and safe travels!!

2023 Nomad Outings

April – Mountain Home RV Resort – (208) 580-1211

Arrive Monday, April 24 - Depart Thursday, April 27

May – Hagerman RV Village – (208) 837-4906

Arrive Thursday, May 25 - Depart Sunday, May 28

June – Black Bear RV Park (McCall) – (208) 634-5165

Arrive Monday, June 26 – Depart Thursday, June 29

July – Glenns Ferry Y Knot Winery – (208) 366-2313

Arrive Monday, July 24 – Depart Thursday, July 27

August (Early) – Grande Hot Springs Resort (La Grande, OR)

(541) 963-5253 – <https://grandehotsprings.com>

Arrive Sunday, August 6 – Depart Wednesday, August 9

August (Late) – Challis Hot Springs – (208) 879-4442

Arrive Thursday, August 24 – Depart Sunday, August 27

September – Bruneau Dunes State Park – (208) 366-7919

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Arrive Monday, Sept 25 – Depart Thursday, Sept 28

Portland Shrine Hospital Report

by Ill Sir Rick Holloway



The 2022 financial and operations reports have been finalized, and Shriners Children's Portland improved in virtually every metric from 2021 to 2022 with the exception of our draw on the endowment. The increase in the draw is due to an increase in the number of international patients treated at the Portland hospital as well as increased costs related to inflation which have impacted virtually every health care facility in the nation.

Adjusted patient days increased by over 20 percent from 2021 and we saw a 30 percent increase in average daily census from 2021. There were nearly 17,000 outpatient encounters in 2022. Our cost per adjusted patient day continues to decline as we become increasingly efficient. The Medford clinic continues to do well and we are pursuing additional clinic locations as well. All this we do to meet the Shrine mission of "More Kids in More Places."

January 2023 has started off strong. Net Patient Revenue increased over 60 percent from January 2022, while inpatient discharges increased over 40 percent and outpatient surgeries and encounters increased over 40 percent and 14 percent, respectively, during the same period.

Our partnership with Providence Health Services continues to expand our services to patients who we may otherwise not have been able to receive care from a Shriners provider. Our physicians cover call for the emergency room 24x7 at Providence, and this coverage resulted in nearly 2,500 clinic visits and over 150 surgeries in 2022.

All of this would be irrelevant if we didn't provide our services with the utmost in quality care and patient experience. In this regard, Portland was once again recognized by Press Ganey with the 2022 Pinnacle of Excellence Award. What a wonderful confirmation not only to what we do but how we do it.

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.

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

Legacy Giving

by Dave Brannan, High Priest & Prophet

Have you considered including the El Korah Shriners in your estate plans?



Help the El Korah Shriners mission of "Fun and Philanthropy" to continue, as we work to support our hospitals and our children, by remembering El Korah Shriners in your will.

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TreeFort Volunteers

by Dave Brannan, Volunteer Coordinator

TreeFort, Boise's Music Festival and one of El Korah's major annual fund raisers, is right around the corner: March 22 - 26.

It takes many El Korah volunteers to run this event, and yes, a lot of time, too. Please consider contacting Dave Brannan at (208) 340-5273 dlbran73@gmail.com to fill a time slot or two. Without enough help, many of the volunteers end up working extra shifts every day to make sure this event is successful.

Don't worry if you don't know what to do. There's plenty of

help to show you the ropes. And you'll never have to work alone unless you are totally comfortable doing so. Even if you can only work one shift, it'll help El Korah to be successful.

And if you don't like the music (or loud music), we've got ear plugs for you. Plus, many of the work stations are actually located away from the music.

With all the people coming and going, the shift time really flies by. Please give Dave call and come on down to El Korah for TreeFort.

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Mar 22	Wed Early Shift 6:00 - 9:00 pm	3 Positions	4 Positions	3 Positions	2 Positions	3 Positions	3 Positions
Mar 22	Wed Late Shift 9:00 pm - Close	3 Positions	4 Positions	3 Positions	2 Positions	3 Positions	3 Positions
Mar 23	Thur Early Shift 5:00 - 9:00 pm	3 Positions	4 Positions	3 Positions	2 Positions	3 Positions	3 Positions
Mar 23	Thur Late Shift 9:00 pm - Close	3 Positions	4 Positions	3 Positions	2 Positions	3 Positions	3 Positions
Mar 24	Fri Shift 4:20 - 9:00 pm	3 Positions	4 Positions	3 Positions	2 Positions	3 Positions	3 Positions
Mar 24	Fri Late Shift 9:00 pm - Close	3 Positions	4 Positions	3 Positions	2 Positions	3 Positions	3 Positions
Mar 25	Sat Early Shift 4:00 - 9:00 pm	3 Positions	4 Positions	3 Positions	2 Positions	3 Positions	3 Positions
Mar 25	Sat Late Shift 9:00 pm - Close	3 Positions	4 Positions	3 Positions	2 Positions	3 Positions	3 Positions
Mar 26	Sun Early Shift 5:00 - 9:00 pm	3 Positions	4 Positions	3 Positions	2 Positions	3 Positions	3 Positions
Mar 26	Sun Late Shift 9 pm - Close	3 Positions	4 Positions	3 Positions	2 Positions	3 Positions	3 Positions

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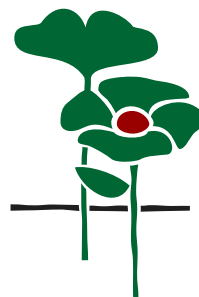
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Winter PNSA *by Ill. Sir Will Votaw*

Nobles, the 2023 Winter PNSA (Pacific Northwest Shrine Association) was held in Boise this past weekend. I would like to thank all of the Nobles, and their Ladies, who attended this event and help with putting the event on. Special Thank You's to the ladies who help with serving lunch and to Lady Candie Foster who assisted with several different tasks. Thank you to Lady Diedre for assistance with the name tags, signs, Honorary Membership Certificates and gifts for the visiting Potentates and Imperial Officers.

The Imperial Potentate, Imperial Sir Kenny Craven was in town from Wednesday to Friday. He was given a tour of the Blue and Caven-Williams Sports Complexes at Bronco Stadium. If you ask him, he'll tell you that "Caven" is missing an "r". Imperial Sirs Ed Stolze, Imperial Chief Rabban, Tim Forbis, Imperial Captain of the Guard and Jim Cain, Imperial Recorder and Past Imperial Potentate were with us for most of the event as well.

In total, we had 110 Nobles attend the event and all 18 Temples in PNSA had at least two Representatives. We had Nobles from Western Shrine Association, the Commander of the International Association Legion of Honor (IALOH), two Candidates for Imperial Outer Candidates, and Candidates for Hospital Trustee and IALOH office.

A Clown College was held on Thursday Feb. 16th at El Korah and it was on the Channel 6 News on Friday Night. New clown stuff was learned by all who attended.

El Korah was able to reconstitute their Legion of Honor.



Imperial Chief Rabban Ed Stolze receives his new fez made in the Clown College from Imperial Potentate Kenny Craven



Ill. Sir Ray Schild welcoming attendees to 2023 Winter PNSA

If any Noble would like to join, or rejoin, the El Korah LOH, please contact Bruce Drewes, our Oriental Guide.

I was elected 1st Vice President of PNSA. A few years ago, changes were made so that the President's Temple was not required to host Summer PNSA. Since no Temple was interested in hosting Summer PNSA in 2024, there were discussions about where it should be held and a promising idea came up.

Imp. Sir Ed Stolze's Imperial Session will be held in Reno, NV from June 30th to July 4th, 2024. There have been only a handful of Imperial Potentates from western states in the past 25 years and since Imp. Sir Ed is from El Zaribah in Phoenix, the Executive Director of PNSA, Larry Tipton, is working on getting approval from Imperial for us to hold our 2024 Summer PNSA meeting in conjunction with the Imperial Session. This would allow our Clowns to compete at Imperial and for our Association to be in the Imperial Parade.

This plan, while in the early planning stages, would allow more members of PNSA to attend Imperial without also having to attend a Summer PNSA elsewhere and/or compete with other events in July or August. The rooms rates are less than \$100 for Imperial Session and can't be beat anywhere in PNSA.

Please plan on attending Imperial Session 2024 in Reno. PNSA is the oldest Shrine Association in Shriners International and our Association will be first in the Association section of the parade. Imperial Sir Stolze has already said the Imperial Parade in 2024 will be a CIVIC parade which means our Ladies and families can participate in the parade with us.

Again, thank you El Korah Nobles and Ladies for all your hard work in planning and hosting the 2023 Winter PNSA Session.



Wearing your Fez during PNSA meetings is required. When Imperial Recorder Jim Cain noticed one during his presentation, he paused to ask whose it was so that an appropriate fine could be levied. You gotta watch yourself around these guys!

Winter PNSA

by Ill. Sir Larry Tipton, Executive Director of PNSA

Well Done!! Thanks to everyone at El Korah Shrine for hosting the Winter Session of the Pacific Northwest Shrine Association. The Divans and Nobles from the 18 Shrine Temples throughout the Northern United States and Canada had a great time while in Boise. Four Imperial Officers and 16 of the 18 Potentates attended the 3 day meeting that included a first ever Clown College. Exciting news also is that El Korah launched a new Shrine Legion of Honor and the officers were sworn in to office by the International Commander.

Your local television station covered some of the event that will help spread the word of what we do as Shriners "Having fun and helping kids".

To all the Nobles and their Ladies that helped with putting this event on, thank you so much for all that you did to show that El Korah is truly a Gem in the Gem State of Idaho. I hope to see those that can attend the Summer PNSA in Spokane on July 26-30th. Bring the family for lots of fun and games.



Imperial Potentate Kenny Craven with 2023 PNSA Potentates



2023 PNSA Oriental Guides at their Counterparts Dinner



Gizeh Delegation at PNSA



Afifi Delegation at PNSA



Al Aska Delegation at PNSA



PNSA Banquet

Chaplain's Corner

by David Triplett, Chaplain



My Lodge (Capital City #93) started a book club that meets monthly to discuss chapters and information presented by the author.

Our first book is "The Civility Mosaic" by Russ Charvoniak (Past Grand Master).

On the inside cover, PGM Russ states "Without civility, we are doomed to continue living in a hell of our own making, With it, all things are possible".

Our Lodge Master, Adam Browning, acts as our meeting moderator with questions for round robin discussions. We share a wonderful exchange of ideas and experiences from our participants who range in age from 20 to 90 years. We see such variations in our life's experiences and there is such an energy boost and feel-good effect when Brothers from other Mothers meet and share their lives.

We realize how important communication is in all aspects of relationships. We have discussed what we share at home with our loved ones. I shared stories of three Past Masters whose wives had a conflict (from their church) and they never came again. I cannot believe that a loved one, knowing the importance of our Masonic and Shrine fellowships and the path for self-improvement, would ever make such a demand. Share with your family the deep feelings for fellowship and charitable service that we all have in common.

This also brings the thought of improved membership and active participation. Imperial has suggested that more Units and Clubs should create activities to increase member participation, like this monthly book club meeting has done for Capital City lodge and me. I now look forward to attending these meetings. This particular book, "The Civility Mosaic", uses a lot of Masonic metaphors and teachings to advance greater Civility in our lives and society. Please give this concept some thought.

From another source:

WHAT IS CIVIL BEHAVIOR?

- Reflect concern for others
- Use respectful, supportive, and encouraging language, no matter the subject
- Listen actively
- Demonstrate openness to others' ideas
- Share information
- Interact with a cooperative versus confrontational attitude

Daughters of the Nile

by Terri Brannan, Princess Badoura

The January Nile Stated Session was a time of renewal for our members as we again took the Nile Obligation under the leadership of Queen Linda Gray. Following the meeting the ladies attended a luncheon prepared by members of Eastern Star. El Korah nobles currently serving on the hospital boards in both Salt Lake and Portland gave us updates.

The February Stated Session scheduled for February 16th will be our annual Memorial. We will be honoring those of our members who have passed away during the past year.

Our annual Fashion Show is scheduled for February 25th in the El Korah ballroom. We have been unable to have this popular event for the past three years and are looking forward to paying tribute to the "Rad 1980's".

The Nile Guards will sponsor a Bunco night on Friday March 3rd. This promises to be an evening of good food and friendly competition. More information is available in this edition of the Desert Dust.

Charitable Giving Report of Iras Temple No. 40

by PQ Ann Triplett, Chairman

CELEBRATING SUCCESS! CELEBRATING YOU!

Thank you seems so small compared to what you ladies and Nobles have done to assist a child at Shriners Hospitals look forward to a more perfect life. Our foundation year is from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

In that time frame the members of Iras Temple No. 40 have donated \$258,407.68 to the Daughters of the Nile Foundation to be used at the hospitals and clinics making miracles happen each and every day. I am going to put this in big, red numbers so you will know I made no mistake in this report to you.

\$258,407.68

However, I am sorry to have to announce to you that Amazon Smile has discontinued their program so the foundation will not be receiving checks from Amazon Smile for your shopping. Darn!

2023 Melodrama

by Bruce Drewes, Melodrama Producer

The 59th Annual Melodrama "The Girl from the Frozen North" will have performances this weekend and next (March 3-4 and 10-11). On Saturdays, a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner is included with your ticket. Yum!

The cast is looking forward to seeing you cheer for the good guys and hiss and boo the villain. This fun-filled Melodrama will bring humor that all will enjoy!

Seating is General Admission . . . first come first served . . . except that full tables with eight seats can be reserved. These must be purchased in advance. Tickets will be available at the door.

Friday nights are \$15.00 each and Saturday nights are \$25.00 each and include the Melodrama dinner.

Come on out and enjoy the cast's efforts to entertain you. Besides, where else can you go and have a good time for just 15 bucks?

See you at the show!

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2023 Shrine Circus

by Dave Brannan, Chairman

EL KORAH SHRINE CIRCUS

Come One! Come All!



Idaho Falls

Tuesday, June 20th
3:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Rupert

Wednesday, June 21th
3:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Gooding

Thursday, June 22th
3:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Nampa (Idaho Center)

Friday, June 23rd
7:00 pm

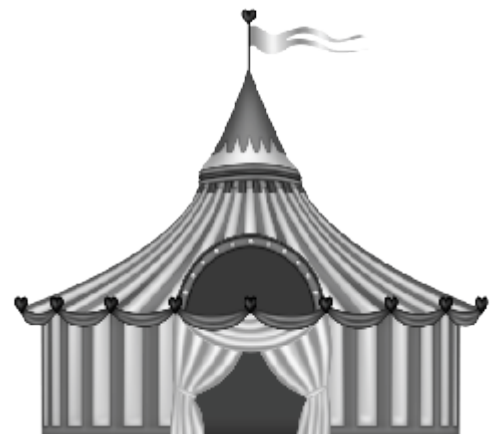
Saturday, June 24th
1:00 pm and 5:00 pm

Sunday, June 25th
1:00 pm and 5:00 pm

Nobles. The El Korah Shrine Circus will be held June 20 through June 25. Please add these dates to your calendar and consider volunteering to work at the Circus this year. We have several positions to fill for the Idaho Falls, Rupert and Gooding performances and need many people for the Nampa performances.

The Circus Committee could really use your help!
Contact Dave Brannan:

(208) 340-5273 circus@elkorahshrine.com



Membership

by Dave Brannan, Chairman

Greetings from the Membership Committee. My wife and I had a good trip to Grapevine, TX where we attended the 2023 Membership and Marketing Conference. The conference promoted many valuable ideas to help advance membership growth at El Korah . . .

- ⇒ The motto “To Be One, Ask One” has changed to “Ask Someone”. If you know a good Mason or a good man, ask him to join our fraternity. Invite your friends and relatives to join the great Fraternity that “you” have enjoyed for so long.
- ⇒ Preach the Commission and Promote the Children, the “Shriners Children”.
- ⇒ Have a Paradigm Shift, become a Change Agent to build your Fraternity.
- ⇒ Build the Excitement, give them a “Reason to Be One”.
- ⇒ Don't wait to be asked about Masonry, you can promote your Masonic fraternity without asking someone to join the Fraternity.
- ⇒ Show Masons in Action. What does your organization do?
- ⇒ Increase Positive Awareness: “I Saw”. Be out in the Community and On-Line Wearing the Square & Compass. Be the Face of Freemasonry. Be the Face of the Shriners.
- ⇒ Build better friendships and relationships in our Lodges and Temples. Grow friendships to grow memberships.
- ⇒ Look for good PR activities. Look for events to share with the media.
- ⇒ Post more inspiring stories on Facebook about El Korah Shriners.

⇒ Post “My Story” to FB. Also, “Why I am a Mason” and a “Why I am a Shriner”.

⇒ Work to start new clubs and activities that will interest new and younger members

⇒ Make everyone feel welcome

Our 2023 Membership Goals are 1) bring in 12 new members, 2) retain our existing Nobility through involvement in activities, and 3) create fraternal relationships.

We have an upcoming Corn Hole event. Look for more information via Constant Contact.

I will be sending a monthly letter to Grand Lodge for inclusion in the Grand Lodge newsletter that is sent to the local Blue Lodge secretaries and read during their meetings. The Recorder is adding the email addresses of Nobles from the Sojourners list, those Nobles who have moved into our area but haven't connected with El Korah yet, to our email lists so that they can receive the Desert Dust and Constant Contact messages.

Remember to talk to your friends and family about Freemasonry. We can promote the Fraternity without asking them to join the Fraternity. Our fraternity is not a secret organization that people cannot talk about. We are a group of honest, honorable men of good character that work together to support our brotherhood, Shriners Children's Hospitals, and our society. All of our friends and relatives should want to be a part of our great Fraternity. We hope that every Noble will be actively involved in membership this year.

“Membership is everyone's responsibility” and every Shriner has a role in the Membership Committee.

Murals from the Ballroom



Improv Comedy - March 31 @ El Korah



ComedySportz Match
March 31st @8pm / \$15
El Korah Shrine - Oasis Open

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In the Match Noble Skylor Lenz

A Birthday to Remember

by Ill. Sir Ray Schild



Brother Bruce Peterson celebrated his 93rd birthday party at the Bowling Alley in Homedale on Saturday, February 25th with food and ice cream for everyone.

At the party, Bruce was appointed as an El Korah Ambassador representing Owyhee County, which is a very nice recognition of his many years of Masonic service.

Along with Bruce in the photo above are Grand Master Sherman Burger III and Potentate Ray Schild.

CQ El Korah

by Dave Bennett, 1st Ceremonial Master



A couple of us were talking and were wondering how many Amateur Radio Operators are members of El Korah. Strictly for curiosity and fun! Maybe we can get together sometime for a ragchew and indulge in an 807 or two. Please QSL K8YZ@arrl.net.

73
 K8YZ

Provost Guard

by John Kinney, Secretary

At our Provost Guard meeting on Wednesday, February 1st, it was decided to cancel the May 6th Wine Tasting event for this year. In January, we discussed changing it to a beer tasting event. Bruce Drewes had been working with the Beer commission, but they are having a huge beer event the last week of April, so that did not work out!

We cancelled the wine tasting for this year due to several circumstances. The main reason being that most of the Idaho wineries have their own tasting rooms and did not have enough people to man the extra event. The Provost Guard currently has a limited number of members to maintain our own event this year.

We are keeping a May date open in 2024 to hold an event hosted by the Provost Guard. The Provost Guard is hoping to increase our numbers and become a stronger unit in coming years.

El Korah Legion of Honor

by Bruce Drewes, Commander

The month of February has been filled with activities at El Korah Shrine with one of the highlights being the Pacific Northwest Shriner Association meeting on Feb 17-18. One of the personal highlights for me was the meeting between the PNSA Legion of Honor and the American Legion Post 2 on Feb 16th in the Tiger Room. Each of the units had over twenty people attending plus David Ginapp, International Legion of Honor Commander and Ill. Sir Larry Tipton, Executive Director of PNSA,

At 1900 hours, Commander Elsworth Barrington, Commander of American Legion Post 2, called the meeting to order. After the opening ceremonies, Commander Barrington welcomed all of the members from the various Legions of Honor groups to this meeting.

The first order of business was a discussion concerning the Post 2 American Legion's Baseball team. First Vice Commander Mark Person discussed the winning record of the Boise Storm Baseball Team and how they had overcome a number of challenges to win the State Championship last season. Mark also discussed the financial difficulties last

season. A motion was made and seconded to support the team with \$5,000 for equipment and uniforms. The motion was approved.

The second order of business was a discussion about the American Legions funds. After the discussion, Commander Barrington was preparing to close the meeting when one of the Legion of Honor members approached him carrying his Fez. Reaching Commander's desk, he emptied the contents. The visiting Legion of Honor members had donated \$500 dollars for the Boise Storm team!

The following day, Bruce Drewes, Edward Hulme and David Bennett were sworn into their respective offices of Commander, Financial Officer and Adjutant of the new El Korah Shrine Legion of Honor by International Legion of Honor Commander David Ginapp.

Afterwards, Commander Ginapp discussed the previous day's Legion of Honor meeting. I stepped up at the end his discussion to thank the Legion of Honor members for their generous gift to the Boise Storm.



New LOH Officers being sworn in by International LOH Commander David Ginapp



New El Korah LOH Commander Bruce Drewes thanking the PNSA LOH members for their generous \$500 donation to the American Legion's Boise Storm Baseball Team

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Twin Falls Shrine Club

by Bob Cannon, Secretary

The **41st Annual Ice Breaker** coming up on Saturday, March 4th. Many Course Managers have already committed to work, but we need a few more. Contact Bob Cannon if you can help. (735-0951 bobc@bobcannon.co)

Scheduled Course Managers

Log Tavern
 Whiskey Creek Al Lewis & Maxine Volkers
 Big Papa's. Dave & Pam Thomas
 Ground Round
 Bowladrome Rick Rowe & Karen Stoker
 Shuffle Bar Reggie Attix
 The Cove Kris & Melody Carney
 Mia's Place Danny Harkins & Gary Anton
 Klover Klub



calling All Shriners!!

41st Annual Ice Breaker **March 4th in Twin Falls**

We invite our Newly Created Nobles to work with us!
 We have some vacancies to fill.

For our regulars, if you want to work the same location as last year . . . Great News! Your location wants you back!!

Contact Bob Cannon to get signed up
 (208) 735-0951 bobc@bobcannon.co

After the Ice Breaker comes Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner on March 11th at Jerome Lodge. YUM!!



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And don't forget the **Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade** on Friday, March 17th. Line up on Jerome St at 4:00 pm in front of the Pet. Step off is at 5:30 pm. **GREEN** is the color. If you're not sure how to get there, just follow the crowd to get in line for a fun time!

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MARCH 4th, 2023

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 Whiskey Creek, Mia's Place,
 Klover Klub, Bowladrome,
 Big Papa's, The GR, Shuffle Inn

Give your hearts to help the kids and tell the Shriners thanks!

2023 North/South High School All-Star Football Game

by Bob Cannon, Secretary

Here are some important dates for the North/South Shrine All Star Football Game on **Monday, May 29, 2023.**

Feb. 21st All Cheer and Football Nominations are due

Feb. 27th Football Coaches Selection Meeting - 6:30 pm at Snug in Eden, ID

Apr. 17th Mandatory Players & Parents BBQ 6:30 pm at Valley High School

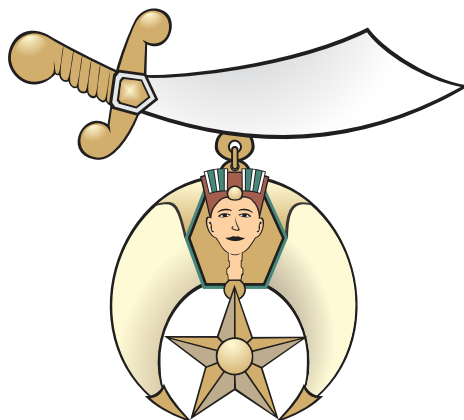
May 29th Football Game at Twin Falls High School:
8-man at 3:30 pm
11-man at 6:00 pm

Please contact Bob if you have any questions.

Just a reminder to ask your family and friends if they would like to have there NAME in the Program for the Football game. Pick up a for at our next meeting or ask Bob to send email you one.

Please make sure the names legible so the printer can show the correctly. Send completed forms and money to:

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Shrine Plans for East-West Football Game

These nine shriners from throughout Magic Valley were among those who met Monday to plan the East West Shrine All-Star football game in June.

Standing, are: Richard Sweet, Shrine Council president; Wayne Rogers, vice president of Burley; **Rupert Abe Eriksen**, president Oasis Club of Buhl; Craig Graybill, president Twin Falls Shrine Club, and **Richard Rowe**, president Wood River Shrine Club.

Seated are N.K. "Jack" Whitney, Boise, Chief Rabban, El Korah Temple, Boise; Raymond Aas, Twin Falls general chairman; Don Sonius, Twin Falls, Captain of the Guard, El Korah Temple and Gene Schmitz, Boise Recorder, El Korah Temple.

by Richard O. Sweet
The Magic Valley District Shrine Council held a planning session on Monday, Feb. 21, at the Prime Out Restaurant in Twin Falls. The officers of the Burley-Rupert, Oasis, Twin Falls and Wood River Shrine Clubs were present to lay the ground

work for the 6th Annual District Four East-West Shrine All-Star Football Game. The game will be played at Bruin Field, Twin Falls on Friday, June 3, 1 p.m.

Helping children in need is a challenge the shriners have accepted. Our first hospital, devoted to arthopedics, was opened in

Shreveport, La., on Sept. 16, 1922. From that date we have constructed a total of 22 hospitals, 19 devoted to arthopedic care and three burn institutes. The cost of operating these hospitals for 1983 will approach 16 million dollars. This is where the net proceeds of our East-West game will be directed, to the cure of the crippled child. There is no expense to you the taxpayer concerning the operating cost of our hospitals. All care is provided absolutely free of charge regardless of race, color, creed or national origin.

If you know a crippled or burned child, please a Shriner or call 1-800-227-3001.

Sixth Annual East-West Football Update

Head Red Devil Jim Anderson is back on the playing field. He will be leading the East with the assistance of two coaches that he has faced many times in the past; Coach Forrest Fennesbeck from the Valley Vikings and Gordon Hogan of the Kimberly Bulldogs.

Players representing the East from the Twin Falls Shrine Club will be Roy Nebeker, James Matthews, Tim Gott and Todd Crossman from Murtaugh, Scott Osborne, Earl Molyneux and Tim Cordier from Kimberly and Bill Denney from

Hansen. The Wood River Shrine Club of Jerome is featuring Gary Taylor, John Reed, Art Henry, Dwight Barrick and Todd Buschhorn from Valley for the East team.

For the West, we will have Bill Jones of Twin Falls and Jon Jund of Jerome assisting Head Coach Skip Pauls from Hagerman. Mike Rice, Virgil Hurt, Dave Slotten, Randy Manoner, Lanning Morrison and Benny Wright of Twin Falls will be among the West players.

In addition to players representing

the Twin Falls Shrine Club, there will be outstanding players from all over Magic Valley through the Burley-Rupert, Wood River and Oasis Shrine Clubs.

Ray Aas of Twin Falls is the General Chairman for this event with Co-chairman Darrell Sweet of Jerome. This will be the sixth year for this football game and it promises to be the biggest ever. Everyone's support is needed to help make it the best ever, so let's plan on attending June 3rd at the Bruin Field in Twin Falls and root for our favorite players!

MARCH 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 Provost Guard	2	3 Melodrama Greeters Players	4 Melodrama Twin Falls Ice Breaker
5	6 Board/Divan Meeting	7 Tin Lizzies	8 Stated Meeting	9	10 Melodrama	11 Melodrama
12	13 Twin Falls SC	14	15	16 American Legion Post 2	17 Twin Falls St Patrick's Day Parade	18 Potentate's Nobility Ball
19	20	21 High Country Sidewinders Cameleers Sand Duners	22	23	24	25
			← TreeFort Music Festival - Boise →			
26	27 Black Light Patrol Snake River SC	28	29	30	31	

APRIL 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
30						1 DON Installation
2	3	4 Tin Lizzies	5 Provost Guard	6	7 Crab Feed Greeters Players	8 Crab Feed
9 Greeters Valentine's Brunch	10 Board/Divan Meeting Twin Falls SC	11	12 Stated Meeting	13	14	15
16	17	18 High Country Sidewinders Cameleers Sand Duners	19	20 American Legion Post 2	21 Symposium	22 Ceremonial
23	24 Black Light Patrol Snake River SC	25	26	27	28	29