

EL KORAH SHRINERS
DESERT DUST



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BLACK LIGHT PATROL 2023
25th Annual Crab Feed

Two Nights at
El Korah Shrine

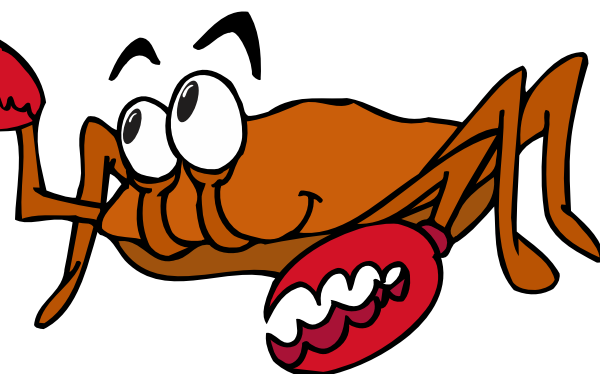
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Submissions received after the 25th of the month will be held for the next month's newsletter, if appropriate

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

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April Stated Meeting

Wednesday Apr 12th, 7:30 pm

Potentate's Message *by Ill Sir Ray Schild*



It was a great March . . . with a little madness!

The Melodrama was a big hit and the crowds loved it. Thanks and kudos to all the Players for a job well done and a lot of fun! Thanks to Wayne and Candie for the terrific food, and to Jorge for the operatic prelude. The

hero won, after quite a bit of travail, the damsel was saved and the villain appropriately hissed and booed.

I had the pleasure of attending the Masonic Family Association meeting and talk about what El Korah is up to and invited all to join in

Upcoming Events: the Crab Feed 2.0 on April 7th & 8th and the Ambassadors' Cinco de Mayo Nobility Night on May 5th.

Thank you Ric & Tandy, Will & Dee Dee and all the Divan Ladies for an awesome Potentate's Nobility Ball! Great food, classy and elegant ambience, great drinks and the Fabulous Chancellors giving us old time rock and roll for dancing! I'll never forget it. Thanks to all who attended and helped make it so special for everyone!

Treefort will have happened by the time you read this. Thanks to those who volunteered . . . I HOPE that was a lot of Nobles.

The Twin Falls Ice Breaker was a success. They always pull off a masterful event! High Priest & Prophet Dave Brannan is hoping to put one on later this year in Meridian. Their next project is the 46th Annual North/South High School All Star Football games on Monday, May 29th.

The work that Twin Falls Shrine Club does is important to El Korah and very much appreciated. We're looking at holding our May Stated meeting there and also the Fall Ceremonial.

Our building is now sold (we closed on March 10th) and we're kicking it into high gear evaluating what our next steps are for our new home.

Shine the Light You Were Given!

Yours in Faith, Brothers!

RayRay



Legacy Giving

by Dave Brannan, High Priest & Prophet

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Shriners Children's Clinic in Salt Lake City Report

by Dave Brannan, High Priest & Prophet



The February 2023 Board of Governors meeting was held remotely using Microsoft Teams; for the 2023 board of governor's meetings, seven are scheduled in person meetings and five are scheduled to be held remotely using Microsoft Teams.

The Shriners Children's Clinic (SCC) in Salt Lake City is continuing to reorganize the facility in order to make better use of the space that the clinic currently operates in. This allows for additional space to be made available that can be leased to other groups that are interested in operating from the facility.

The draw on the endowment for 2022 was \$2 million less than the draw on the endowment for 2021. This was a result of decreased expenses related to the change that was made to convert from a Hospital to a Clinic and also increased fundraising in 2022. In 2022, 8,571 donors made contributions, which is 717 more than in 2021.

Donation projects included Spirit of Halloween at \$212,000; Art with Heart at \$88,000 (they are \$2,000 from 1 million in

lifetime donations); Kalif and Korein Shriners from Wyoming donated \$60,000 from their Chariot Races, a Proud Supporter Event.

January 2023 fundraising is currently 28% above the January fundraising for 2022 and the SCC in Salt Lake City is forecasting stronger revenue and decreased expenses for 2023 compared to 2022.

Due to restructuring, the clinic is starting to see more international patients with many patients coming from Mexico.

Imperial Sir Matthew "Matt" Sturlaugson from the El Zaribah Shriners is the 2023 Joint Board Liaison for SCC in Salt Lake City. Imperial Sir Matt was instrumental in getting prefunding from Shriners International for a Locomat, a device that will be used to help patients by automating gate movements and physical therapies for lower extremities. This prefunding will allow the Clinic to move forward with the purchase of a Locomat while the donation that was made to purchase it is being processed and allocated through Shriners International.

The Volunteer Services group at the Clinic has asked the Daughters of the Nile to help produce clothing for the Stuffed Bears and Bunnies that will be used for the Walk for Love. In addition, the DON has been asked to produce shorts that the patients can wear during radiology treatments.

In 2022 the clinic had 824 volunteers of which 151 were Shriners and 197 had Masonic connections.

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Portland Shrine Hospital Report

by Ill Sir Rick Holloway



The February 2023 financial and operations reports indicate continued growth in the number of inpatient and outpatient procedures, surgeries, and visits from February 2022. The number of adjusted patient days increased over 20 percent from last year, outpatient surgeries climbed over 40 percent from last year, and outpatient encounters increased nearly 10 percent from last year on a month to month comparison. These increases resulted in a 62 percent increase in net patient revenue over January 2022. Average daily census climbed over 43 percent for the first two months of 2023 over 2022.

We continue to work closely with Oregon Health Sciences University and will be renewing discussions on additional ways we can cooperatively work to better meet the

orthopedic and Musculo-skeletal needs of kids in our service area. Additional communication has been happening with providers in areas outside Portland so that we can reach more kids who will benefit from the care provided at Shriners.

The Portland Hospital was a thankful recipient of a very generous donation from Queen Linda Gray of \$250,000 for the purchase of a specialized microscope to be used during surgery. This microscope will allow neurosurgery and very precise incisions to be made to better treat our beloved patients. Sadly, Queen Linda passed away on March 26, one year to the day since she was installed as Queen of Iras Temple No. 40 and one day before the formal presentation by the Daughters of the Nile Foundation for Queen Linda's thoughtful and generous gift.

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.

Greeters

by Ed Hulme, President

The Greeters held our annual Valentines Brunch February 12th with a wonderful attendance. We had a few extras and had to add chairs around the tables to accommodate everyone. The atmosphere at the Riverside Hotel around the fireplace with the courtyard outlook set the event off.

The March meeting was fluid. We had Greeters attending the Melodrama Friday night and Saturday night. The dinner show Saturday was well attended by those who like the corned beef and cabbage.

Our April meeting will be moved to the Scottish Rite Building. There are a number of the Greeters who will be attending the Black Light Patrol Crab Feed so our numbers may be a little lower than normal. The meal for our evening will be Shepherd's Pie prepared by the Jr. Warden from Capital City #93.

The program for the April meeting will be presented by Past Potentate Ill Sir Rick Holloway.

There is a lot going on at the Portland Hospital and Noble Rick is the board member to inform us.

CQ EI Korah

by Dave Bennett, 1st Ceremonial Master



A couple of us were talking and were wondering how many Amateur Radio Operators are members of EI 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

Queen Linda Gray Leaves Lasting Legacy to Portland Shrine Hospital

by Ill Sir Rick Holloway

Linda Gray, Queen of Iras Temple No. 40 in Boise was installed as Queen on March 26, 2022 in a beautiful ceremony at the Boise Scottish Rite Center. Throughout her year, she exemplified grace and dignity in all she did. As she neared the end of her year representing Iras Temple No. 40, it was her desire to leave a legacy to benefit the children of the Shrine Hospitals who she held so dear. To fulfil that legacy, she donated \$250,000 to the Daughters of the Nile Foundation for the express purpose of purchasing a Zeiss Pentero surgical microscope for the Portland hospital. This isn't your ordinary microscope...it provides extremely high definition enlargement of surgical sites to allow precise incisions to greatly reduce the risk of nerve or vessel damage during surgery. According to Dr. Robert Bernstein, MD, Chief of Staff for the Portland Hospital, "It has recording capabilities, excellent optics and magnification, dual heads (so two surgeons can see and work at the same time). It is what most neurosurgeons use."

Sadly, one year to the day from when Queen Linda was installed into office, she quietly passed away following round the clock care provided by loving friends. On the following day in Portland, representatives of the Daughters of the Nile Foundation formally presented Queen Linda's gift to the hospital. Representatives of Zeiss Corporation, makers of the microscope, and Dr. Bernstein demonstrated the functionality of this microscope to the Board of Governors and hospital staff.



Dr. Bernstein, MD, Chief of Staff for the Portland Hospital, accompanied by Princess Karee Clark from Iras Temple No. 40 and Jackie Holloway, PQ, Supreme Princess Tirzah and member of the Daughters of the Nile Foundation Board of Directors, in front of the new microscope purchased with the donation from Linda Gray, Queen. On the screen is a red pepper used for the demonstration.



Members of the Board of Directors of the Daughters of the Nile Foundation along with other members of the Daughters of the Nile and Dr. Bernstein. Above is Kathy Walliker, Director and Supreme Princess Badoura; Cathy Dent, Hatasu Temple No. 1 in Seattle; Jackie Holloway, Director and Supreme Princess Tirzah; Dr. Bernstein, MD; Marsha Schandelmier, Director; Maria Jensen, Director; and Barb Lampi, Director in the Portland Hospital Auditorium where the new microscope was being demonstrated.

Membership

by Dave Brannan, Chairman

Greetings from the Membership committee. Our goal for 2023 is to bring in 12 new members and to maintain our existing Nobility. We had two new members join in February:

- **Noble Larry Snapp** is a new affiliate member that was signed by Noble David Roberts. Larry belongs to Meridian Lodge #47 and came to us from his home Temple in Mississippi.
- **Robert Mattern** is a new Noble that was signed by Noble Vern Haley from the Snake River Shrine Club.

Noble Vern received \$100 from our Illustrious Potentate Ray Schild for signing our new Noble which he then donated to the Portland Shriners Children's Hospital via the Snake River Shrine Club.

We are still working on the upcoming Corn Hole event. I have secured the donation that will be used to purchase materials, Mitch Davis and I will source materials and start working on the boards once we have completed Treefort 2023. We will be holding our Corn Hole competition sometime in May.

We continue to work on the Sojourners list by providing materials and having conversations with Shriners that have relocated to our area but have not yet connected with our Temple. The Ambassadors are making the contacts with these Nobles and the Recorder has added their e-mail addresses to

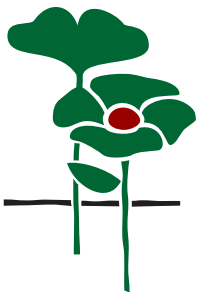
the mailing list so that they will receive the Desert Dust and Constant Contact messages.

Here's a challenge to my Fellow Nobles and Brother Masons: I have made a personal Facebook post to tell my friends and family why I am a Shriner, why I am a Mason, and why I support Shriners Children's Hospitals. I want to challenge you to make a personal Facebook post to "tell your story."

To reiterate what was said in last month's membership report, the motto in the past has been "To Be One, Ask One". But today's motto has been changed to "Ask Someone".

If you know a good man or a good Mason, talk to them about the Shriners. Ask them to join the Shriners. Talk to your friends and family about Freemasonry. We can promote the Fraternity without asking them to join the Fraternity. Our fraternity is not some secret organization that people cannot talk about. It is a group of honest, honorable men of good character, that work together to support our brotherhood, our Shriners Children's Hospitals, and our society. All of our friends and relatives should want to be a part of our great fraternities. We hope that every Noble will be actively involved in supporting membership this year because "membership is everyone's responsibility".

Every Shriner has a part in maintaining and growing our membership.



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Potentate's Nobility Ball

by Ric Bobier, Chief Rabban

On behalf of Illustrious Sir Ray Schild and First Lady Katherine, and the Entire El Korah Divan we would like to thank those Nobles and their Ladies for attending the El Korah Shrine Potentates Nobility Ball on Saturday evening March 18th.

We had a very nice Intimate group that were able to make it, and we do know that there many other events that were going on that same evening, and it is extremely difficult to make everything.

We had a nice dinner catered by Big Sky Catering and we danced and visited to the Music by the Fabulous Chancellors Band of Boise.

Thank you all again for coming!

Daughters of the Nile

by Terri Brannan, Princess Badoura

The Temple held our annual Fashion Show on Saturday, February 27th in the ballroom at the El Korah Shrine. The room was decorated with all things 1980s and many of those attending came in costumes that prove “Girls Just Want to Have Fun”. Local clothing boutiques supplies 2023 fashions that were beautifully modeled by some of our ladies.

The Temple Guards held another Bunco night on March 3rd. There was plenty of good food and friendly competition as well as nice prizes for the winners. Plan on attending the next Bunco night in the fall and invite a friend. This event provides an excellent opportunity to introduce members of our community to the fun we have as Daughters of the Nile as well as the good work we do for Shriners Children’s.

Elections for 2023-2024 Temple officers were held at our Stated Session on March 16th. Those elected include Debbi DeBoer- Queen, Linda Gray- Junior Past Queen, Garianne Erwin- Princess Royal, Terri Brannan- Princess Tirzah, Sidonia Miller- Princess Badoura, Shellie Smith- Recorder, and Mary Baldwin- Banker. Appointed officers include Marshal-Karree Clark, Chaplain- Barbara Dujanovic, Lady of the Keys- Charlene Weatherwax, Lady of the Gates- Kathy Kinney, Attendants-Wendy Terry and Patti Francis, Temple Musician- Cyndie Bollar, Princess Nydia- Michelle Bollar, Princess Zuleika- Diedre Votaw, Princess Zenobia- Alexis Rowland, Princess Zora-Monica Swan, and Princess Zuliema-Pat Shaffer.

Installation of Officers will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2023 at the Scottish Rite Building at 2pm and is open to anyone wishing to attend.



Iras Temple No 40 Daughters of the Nile

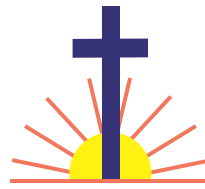
Iras Temple is sad to announce the Passing of Queen Linda Gray. Queen Linda did a wonderful job serving as Queen of Iras Temple and is an inspiration to many. May we carry in our hearts all of the wonderful memories she leaves us with and keep our members, her family, and friends in prayer.

Debbi deBoer
Queen Elect



Chaplain’s Corner

by David Triplett, Chaplain



The love that binds the Shrine and Masonic Brotherhoods together expresses itself in concern for each other. This is especially the case in times of suffering. The body of Christ is similar to the human body in that “*whether one member suffers, all the members suffer with it*” (see I Corinthians 12:26). Each of us has the responsibility of extending comfort and consolation to those suffering.

It is no secret that in our Craft, we are taught that “to relieve the distress is the duty incumbent on all men especially Masons”. This lesson teaches that God does not bestow comfort and consolation on us simply for our own benefit.

The trials we endure through God’s mercy enable us to help others who experience similar troubles.

Let your light shine, as our Ill. Sir Ray requests. We, each one of us, are all blessed with this special gift. So let it shine by your acts.

P.S. Thank you to all that sent me cards, emails, and phone calls during my recovery from my heart valve replacement surgery.

Twin Falls Shrine Club

by Bob Cannon, Secretary

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

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:

Shrine Football
P.O. Box 83
Twin Falls, ID 83303

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North – South All Star

FOOTBALL

Twin Falls High School

Monday  May 29, 2023

8-Man Game: Kickoff – 3:30 p.m.

11-Man Game: Kickoff – 6:00 p.m.

This Game Made Possible by:
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Please bring a can of food to donate to the Shriners Hospital

El Korah Shrine Circus

by Dave Brannan, Co-Chairman

Save the Date, the 2023 El Korah Shrine Circus will be held from June 20th through June 25th, with the following performances:

- June 20th Idaho Falls at 4pm and 7pm
- June 21st Minidoka at 4pm and 7pm
- June 22nd Gooding at 4pm and 7pm
- June 23rd Ford Idaho Center in Nampa at 7pm
- June 24th Ford Idaho Center in Nampa at 2pm and 7pm
- June 25th Ford Idaho Center in Nampa at 1pm and 5pm.

The Circus Committee is currently working to identify volunteers that will help support the circus at the various venues, please contact Dave Brannan at 208-340-5273 or circus@elkorahshrine.com if you are able to help.

We are asking the Units and Clubs to submit a coloring book page, that can be included in the circus program. We are hoping to have the El Korah Shriners Units and Clubs well represented in the program, we are asking for a small

donation from the Units and Clubs to help cover the cost of printing the programs. Please send your coloring book pages to circus@elkorahshrine.com by the 10th of April so that they can be included in the program, if you have a coloring book page from a previous year that you would like to have included instead, please let us know.

We will be starting to distribute Free Children's Circus tickets toward the end of April in addition to distributing tickets that will be available for sale from Albertsons and Ridley's stores, and DL Evans Banks. Several of the YMCA's in the Boise Metro area will be displaying free Children's Circus tickets for us also, we are hoping that the Nobility will be able to assist with the distribution of tickets. In addition we will have Vince Zappy's group, Jordan Circus, and the Ford Idaho Center selling circus tickets on-line for us.

Please stay tuned for additional details as we get closer to the upcoming circus events.

EL KORAH SHRINE CIRCUS

Come One! **Come All!**



Idaho Falls
Tuesday, June 20th
4:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Rupert
Wednesday, June 21th
4:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Gooding
Thursday, June 22th
4:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Nampa (Idaho Center)
Friday, June 23rd
7:00 pm

Saturday, June 24th
2:00 pm and 7:00 pm

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

2023 TreeFort

by Dave Brannan, Volunteer Coordinator

2023 Treefort is now behind us. During the five day event, we hosted over 30 bands at the Shrine, a Vegan Lunch, a Wedding, and Dueling DJs.

We had lots of volunteers helping sell tokens, managing the money, and helping with clean up. Thanks to everyone that helped support the effort.

The kitchen was open for business thanks to Noble Wayne Foster and his Lady Candie. They made some incredible meals for the public and fed the early shift of volunteers each night.

The public loved us! Treefort at El Korah was a great success! The financial numbers are still being crunched and double checked. Look for a more detailed report in the May Desert Dust.

Thanks again to all of the volunteers that worked so hard to support this fund raiser. Your help was greatly appreciated and we couldn't have done it without your help!

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	22
23	24 Black Light Patrol Snake River SC	25	26	27	28	29

MAY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Tin Lizzies	3 Provost Guard	4	5 Greeters Players	6
7	8 Board/Divan Meeting Twin Falls SC	9	10 Stated Meeting	11	12	13
14 Mother's Day	15	16 High Country Sidewinders Cameleers Sand Duners	17	18 American Legion Post 2	19	20 Scottish Rite Reunion
21 Scottish Rite Reunion	22 Black Light Patrol Snake River SC	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day N/S Shrine Football Game Twin Falls	30	31			