

# EL KORAH SHRINERS

## DESERT DUST

Official Publication of El Korah Shriners

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**9th Annual**



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## September Stated Meeting

**Wednesday Sept 13th, 7:30 pm  
 Masonic Temple Assoc Building**

## Potentate's Message *by Ill Sir Ray Schild*



I hope all Nobles and Ladies had a wonderful and joyful summer and am so excited to return to the Light!

My greatest hope is that the Nobility will be active, involved and present at our events and to see and be with our brothers in the

world's greatest fraternity. Let's have some fun and support our philanthropy for the Children's Hospitals!!

We are now at the MTA building and will hold our September Stated meeting there. We preserved our liquor license and are set to open the bar! The new space is great and will give us a great chance for membership, better blue lodge relations, and give us a nice meeting space with great amenities - and PARKING!

I enjoyed attending many events this summer:

The Meridian the Dairy Days parade was well attended by the public and a lot of fun.

We had a blast at the Circus, which was a wild success thanks to Chairman Dave Brannan and the hard work of the Divan Officers Ric Bobier, Ray Breshears, Bruce Drewes and Will Votaw.

Thanks to the Cameleers for their hard work and successful bike events, including the kids' ride that was tons of fun! A lot of Nobles were present and it raised thousands of dollars for the Salt Lake Clinic adaptive bike program.

I got to ride the famous Cameleers' Camel in Boise's 4th of July parade. It was exciting to hear the crowd cheer for the Shriners and they sincerely thanked us for who we are and what we do.

I attended the Greeters' picnic. It was well attended with plenty of great food and fellowship!

We have many upcoming events :

Ceremonial - we have at least 6 candidates and Nobles who received the Cold Sands.

A Corn Hole event being organized by Dave Brannan to follow up on the successful one he put on at MTA earlier this year.

Mitch Davis and the Ambassadors are arranging a Nobility Nite.

The Shrine All Star football game will be held on Thanksgiving weekend.

Bruce Drewes is working hard on the Sportsmans Classic which is planned for the spring 2024.

My special thanks go to to:

Mike Keas and all parade units for representing El Korah in local parades.

Ric Bobier for being a great Chief Rabban and carrying the load when I couldn't - including Imperial Session!

Ray Breshears for arranging storage for all our treasures that won't fit in our new home at the MTA.

Dave Brannan for being an all-star membership chairman working tirelessly to get and keep new members and recover lost Nobles.

Bruce Drewes for his hard work and creativity for fundraising.

Will Votaw for seamlessly handling our finances and making us a great return on the proceeds from the sale of our building. He has always being there for El Korah despite his packed work schedule and in the face of personal and family challenges.

Wayne Foster, who in my humble opinion, has been an absolutely fabulous Recorder: efficient, hard working, creative and intelligently organized, doing not only the usual but so much extra surrounding the liquor license and building transition.

Dave Bennett for his expertise in the technologies I can't even begin to understand one bit.

Our Hospital board members for your sacrifice and efforts.

All of the Ambassadors and Past Potentates who have helped so much by showing me their honest trust, wisdom and expertise from experience.

All the Nobles and Units who DO show up, pitch in and share brotherhood, offer a shoulder to cry on, a joke here and there, and most of all a smile and handshake.

And anyone else I inadvertently failed to acknowledge.

Please love each other. Please turn out and be an active part of our work and the greatest group of men in the world. Please pray for and support Will Votaw and his family and also for everyone who is sick or facing life's difficulties. You have leadership that cares and works hard for you. If you support them and join their efforts and vision, El Korah will survive and grow! You were given Light when you were raised.

**Shine the Light You Were Given!**

Yours in Faith, Brothers!  
RayRay





## Shriners Children's Clinic in Salt Lake City Report

*by Dave Brannan, High Priest & Prophet*



As Shriners Children's Clinic in Salt Lake City continues the process of restructuring from a Hospital to a Clinic, things are starting to come together. They are starting to see improvement with the labor force, and while the vacancies are still around 13%, the turnover was only 3% this month. They have filled a recruiting position in HR and many of the empty positions are starting to be filled. They recently added Cindie Quintana as the Director of Philanthropy. Some of the other director positions have moved to regional so that the individual in that position is covering multiple medical facilities.

They are currently 20% under budget for the year, mostly due to unfilled positions, but there have been business improvements along the way that have contributed to this also. Currently outpatient visits are down slightly in comparison to 2022. Volunteer hours are back up with 686 Volunteer Hours with 127 hours being Shriner Volunteer Hours. There have been 21 Telehealth visits, of which 6 were in Juarez Mexico, two of those Telehealth patients received referrals to have surgeries performed at the Shriners Children's Hospital in Portland.

They were one of the Medical Facilities included in the phase 1 EPIC installation, and that has been completed. This will provide better and easier patient record keeping. The transition hasn't been easy, and they are continuing to work to learn how to get reports that are needed from the system, but

the implementation was a success. The phase 2 EPIC installation will be starting soon for another group of facilities, and new phases will continue until all of the medical facilities are on brought on to EPIC. Patient referrals dropped during the EPIC installation Go Live, but they have come back to levels seen before the EPIC Go Live Started.

The MARCOM group has been doing some digital marketing throughout the region that supports the SLC facility. The Facebook and Instagram marketing resulted in 200 inquiries of which 3 were in the Bosie area, the Google ads resulted in 366 inquiries. They have been actively involved in many nurse conferences, and other health related activities in the regional area. MARCOM is now fully staffed.

Recent Events for the SLC Medical Facility:

- » Dedication of the new Shriners Children's monument to identify the facility
- » UnLimbited Camp, an opportunity to get the children together for summer camp activities
- » Running is a Rite, an opportunity for the Shriners Children that have running blades to participate in various running activities as a competition
- » Kruisers for Kids

Upcoming Philanthropic events and other activities that will be supported from the SLC Medical Facility:

- » Preparation for the 100-year Anniversary of Shriners Children's in Salt Lake City
- » The Utah Walk for Love at the Hogle Zoo will occur on Friday September 15<sup>th</sup>, Terri and I have signed up to participate in the event in Salt Lake City, please let me know if you are interested in participating at the SLC event or on your own virtually.
- » The Wyoming Shriners Rodeo
- » The Las Vegas Golf Tournament



## Portland Shrine Hospital Report

by Ill Sir Rick Holloway



I want to start this month's article with a special recognition for Past Queen Linda Gray's donation of a \$250,000 microscope to the Portland hospital last spring. The donation was recognized by the Board of Governors one day after she passed away surrounded by her dearest friends. I am thrilled to announce the microscope was used for the first time during the last week of July during a spine surgery. Linda's generous donation will positively impact patient care for years to come.

Shriners Children's Portland is continuing its record setting 2023. Net patient revenue has increased more than \$3 million year to date over last year and we remain second only to Northern California in that metric. Outpatient total encounters and surgical encounters are up 7 percent and 12 percent, respectively, over last year and inpatient discharges are 24 percent above last year. Total new patients is expected to exceed last year's total by over 13 percent. We also are having the best year ever in terms of reducing the draw on the endowment, being the only hospital in the system with a reduction of the annual draw from last year with a remarkable \$2.3 million reduction in our draw.

Expenses have increased over budget due primarily to staffing challenges and the need to cover shifts with agency staff. This is a widespread issue throughout the health care sector.

Inpatient discharges are 16 percent over last year and outpatient surgeries are up nearly 38 percent from last year.

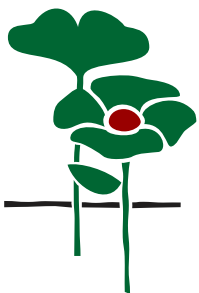
Imperial Sir Ed Stolz and many of the Joint Board members visited the hospital in August. They were extremely impressed by the hospital, including the Prosthetic and Orthotics department and therapy program, as well as the fact that Portland continues to perform so well financially while growing the number of procedures and patients.

We continue to increase the number of international patients seen in Portland. Not only have we treated kids from North America and many countries in central and south America, we have had patients from Ukraine and Nigeria. The sports medicine program is growing quickly in reputation as well as the number of patients. We look for this program to keep exceeding expectations.

We are still working on getting accredited by the American College of Surgeons. Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU) is working with us to achieve this necessary accreditation.

On October 21, 2023, Portland will be hosting its annual Walk for Love in a "Boo at the Zoo" event at the Oregon Zoo. More information on how to sign up and participate in this event will be coming soon.

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



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## Queen Linda Gray Leaves Lasting Legacy

*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



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.

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**September 23rd, 2023**

**9:00 am Westgate Temple Opening to the public  
Tours and Questions**

**11:30 am Grand Lodge will perform the Dedication Ceremony.**

**12:30 pm Grand Lodge will close Lodge (Masons Only)**

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## Chaplain's Corner

*by David Triplett, Chaplain*



September brings so many events and reminders, like the autumn Equinox where the number of hours of light and darkness are equal; Balance and Harmony both actually and metaphorically.

It is the time of balance between light and dark that calls us to seek balance and harmony in our lives as well.

In agrarian societies, the autumn is the time to gather the harvest and take careful stock of what will be needed for the upcoming winter. So, take stock of all the events that keep us jumping, such as the DON Golf Tournament that raises money for our special calling for the children we help.

The Idaho Masonic Grand Lodge meets this year in Boise (during the equinox) and starts the beginning of another Masonic year. All the Shrine Unit and Club meetings; new officers rising and old ones falling like autumn leaves. It is like the trees shedding their old clothes and preparing for a new wardrobe.

This is an exciting time of year and also a time for reflection. Let each of us be thankful for the manifold blessings we have received and for the relationships and fellowship we experience as members of El Korah Shrine.

**Be kind** to one another and quick to **praise** and **forgive**.

## Daughters of the Nile

*by Sidonia Miller, Princess Badoura*

We gathered for many fun activities and fundraisers this summer.

It was an honor to represent our Temple and to support our Temple Queen Debbi deBoer at Supreme Session in Connecticut this June. Supreme Queen Vicki Tabor Hill on behalf of The Daughter's of the Nile U.S. Foundation presented a check for \$2,100,000.00 to Imperial Sir Kenny Kraven. Iras Temple No 40 is working hard to continue to support the Shriners Children's Facilities and the Children.

Officers and members traveled to Northwest Daze in Tacoma, Washington, on August 11. The Annual Picnic August 19 at Settler's Park was well attended. Many summer activities such as Bunco and Pop-up Parties kept us connected.

Saturday, September 9 is the Daughter's of the Nile Golf Tournament at Falcon Crest Golf Course. Consider putting together a team for this event. The cost for a team of 4 is \$500 or singles are welcome and can be combined with others for \$125. Enjoy a complete program of special events: 18 holes of golf, lunch, raffles and silent auctions.

The Annual Supreme Session of Daughter's of the Nile will be here in Boise, Idaho, beginning June 9, 2024. We are all excited and working diligently to host this important event.

It has been a good summer and we are looking forward to resuming our stated sessions.

## Cameleers Electric Bike Raffle

*by Bruce Drewes, Cameleer*

The Cameleers would like to thank George's Bicycles for their assistance in purchasing a 2023 Specialized Haul St Electric Bicycle for a Cameleer fundraiser in June of this year. With the outstanding efforts of Ray Westmoreland, Rod Burke, the Twin Falls Shrine Club and all of the other Shriners that helped sell tickets, the Cameleers sold over a thousand tickets.

All of the tickets were gathered and the winner was drawn at the Cameleers Fun Ride on August 19, 2023 at Kristin Armstrong Park. The big winner was Celeste Fox from Boise, Idaho. The electric bicycle was delivered to a very happy Celeste later that afternoon by Cameleer President Rod Burke.





## What Shriners are Supposed to be About

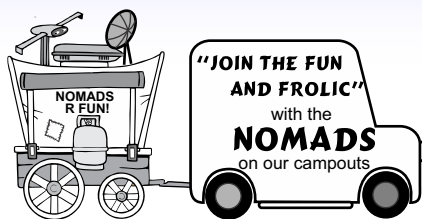
*by Ill Sir Bert Miller*



Potentate Bert Miller with Patient Alicia  
at 2005 Ceremonial

## Nomads

*by Jim Voyles, Trail Boss*



It has been a truly great year for the Nomads, and our camping activities are nearing fruition.

The Nomads are currently at about 20 member nobles and ladies strong, most of whom have been able to be pretty active, this season. We have been able

to enjoy six outings so far, with one still remaining on the calendar for 2023. This has been a fantastic level of activity for the club in any one year. Here is a listing of the venues and schedule of our fun times, this season.

- » Mountain Home RV Resort (end of April)
- » Hagerman RV Park (end of May)
- » McCall RV Park (end of June)
- » Y-Knot Winery at Glenns Ferry (end of July)
- » Grande Hot Springs, near LaGrande, OR (first part of August)
- » Challis Hot Springs (end of August)
- » Bruneau Dunes State Park southeast of Mt Home (end of September)

As of the preparation of this update for the Desert Dust, the Challis rally is just winding down. This outing has historically coincided with the 1<sup>st</sup> District's Annual All-Masonic Picnic/BBQ at the Hot Springs in Challis, and this year was no exception. With thirteen "rigs" in attendance, the event was another success for the Challis Lodge and the rest of the 1<sup>st</sup> Masonic District. And a wonderful time was enjoyed by all who were able to share in the event. As the pictures below show, eating is one of the things we do very well!



## Meridian Lodge #47 and the "Widows Sons Present The 1st Annual Grand Lodge Party



Thursday, September 21, 2023

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## Membership

*by Dave Brannan, Chairman*

It has been a busy summer, but I have been working to get back on track with my membership duties.

There are 40 Nobles that have not paid dues for 2023, and that include 17 Nobles that will likely be dropped at the end of the year for being 2 years in arrears. I made some calls recently to ask our fellow Nobles that have not paid dues for 2023, to please get them in to the recorder by September 1<sup>st</sup> if it is possible. Dues for 2023 were due on December 31<sup>st</sup> 2022, the majority of our fellow Nobles have paid their dues, if you have not done your part and paid your dues for 2023, please try to get them in by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Corn Hole Build and Tournament. The Membership Committee held a Corn Hole Build where Mitch Davis and I built the boards and participating Units decorated them. Participants then paid \$100 each to play in the Tournament in

the Masonic Temple Association Building Parking Lot. We had doughnuts and coffee for breakfast, hoagies and chips for lunch, with water, beer and sodas. Trophies were awarded for Best Team, Best Unit, and Best Decorated Boards. "A good time was had by all!". We sent the net proceeds (\$179) to the hospital in Salt Lake City. Remember, this was a membership activity and not a fundraiser. Bruce Drewes is working on another Corn Hole Tournament for October and maybe an Octoberfest event.

We have two affiliates and one new Shriner that signed up over the summer, and there are a few more that are interested. Hopefully, we'll get them signed up as well.

We are tentatively scheduling a Ceremonial for November 4<sup>th</sup>, but at this point, I am not sure where it will be held. We are expecting a half dozen participants.





## Cameleers 2nd Annual Bike Ride for Kids

*by Bruce Drewes, Cameleer*

The El Korah Cameleers would like to thank everyone that made the 2023 Cameleers Ride for Kids an outstanding success. A special thank you goes to our Gold Level Sponsors: George's Bicycles, Wood Windows, Inc and Treasure Valley Quarter horses. As well as our Silver Level Sponsors: DDK LLC, HD Boise Dental, Bob's Bicycles, Idaho Floor Supply, Gil's K-9, Minuteman Printing, Gem State Appraisers, Jenson Belt Associates.

The Cameleers would also like to thank the Players, the Elite Black Light Patrol, Greeters, Nomads, and the Provost Guard for helping with the ride. We also need to thank Jimmy Hansen and Gary Betts for providing their talents with the flyers and maps.

All proceeds from this ride will go to the Salt Lake Hospital Adaptive Bicycles Program, which helps kids to become mobile and to feel like a kid.

A final report for this ride will be given at the October Stated Meeting.

**HAVING FUN WHILE HELPING KIDS!**





## Fund Raising Committee

*by Bruce Drewes, Chairman*

Here it is, fall and the first Desert Dust of the season. I hope that everyone had a very good summer and are busy getting ready for that next season of winter. Before giving up on the summer season, El Korah's Divan is planning for one last Bar-B Que and challenge to a game of Cornhole on October 21, 2023. This bar-b-que will be held at our new offices and bar at the Westgate Plaza 1755 Westgate Dr Boise, Idaho.

This bar-b-que is for all Shriners and their families. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Bratwurst will be provided with all the fixen, plan on bringing a dish to share. The event will have an Oktoberfest theme. A flyer will be sent out on Constant Contact with additional information and registration information.

2014, was the last time that El Korah polled its membership. Your Divan needs to know what you want El Korah to look like and the direction of the organization, so the Divan is developing a survey to be distributed to all its members. We are planning on having this survey out to you by the end of October with the plan of reporting the results by the December Stated Meeting.

In April 2024 the fundraising committee is planning on holding a new version of the Sportsman Classic Fundraiser. Stay tuned as this event develops and the Committee will be seeking assistance for the membership.

If you have additional ideas concerning the current and future fundraising activities, you will be able to identify them when you complete the survey

## El Korah Shrine Circus

*by Dave Brannan, Co-Chairman*

I co-chaired the 2023 El Korah Shrine Circus this year along with our Chief Raban Ric Bobier. He and I wanted to see if the Circus was still effective, and we feel that it was. We had fairly good attendance at around 750 attendees per performance. We had good volunteer participation from our fellow Nobles (too many volunteers to name here), but **I want to thank each and every one of the volunteers that helped with the circus this year, “we had a successful Circus because of your help.”** We don't have the final financials for the Circus at this point, but I believe that it was a successful fundraising activity. I will be chairing the Circus in 2024 and we are scheduled for the week of June 17th, penciled in for the following venues:

- » Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup> at Sandy Downs in Idaho Falls
- » Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup> at the Minidoka County Fairgrounds
- » Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Jerome County Fairgrounds *(they are getting new bleachers that are supposed to be ready for the 2023 county fair)*
- » Friday June 21<sup>st</sup> through Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Expo Idaho (Les Boise Race Track Grandstands)

We are planning to move away from the Ford Idaho Center, it has seating for 10,000, we seated less than 1,000 per performance in 2023, and it was just not economically feasible.

Look for more to come as we plan for the 2024 Circus.



Expo Idaho Grandstands at the former  
Les Bois Park Horse Race Track

## Cameleers Summer Activities

*by Ill Sir Ray Westmoreland*

The Cameleers have been humping. June parades in Emmett and Meridian (thank you Alan Fox of the Tin Lizzies for mounting up) and the Circus all provided fun and a chance to be in the public. This results in our interaction with our patients and their parents and we get reminded of the work our great Philanthropy accomplishes.

A little girl came up to the Camel at Dairy Days and hollered for us to “see my new leg” as she proudly showed off her prosthetic. Our Patient Ambassador, Amanda, along with her family made an appearance at the Circus in Nampa.

In July, Recorder Wayne Foster managed to get us in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade at the last minute.

He was rewarded with a seat on the Camel. Illustrious Sir Ray Schild, was also a Camel Jockey for this event.

July 8<sup>th</sup> brought the Boise Twilight Criterium. As part of the festivities, Gold Medal Olympian Kristin Armstrong led 350 kids age 3-10 on a ride around the race route that the competitive men and women would use later. Criterium athletes can end up in the Tour de France. Amanda and her sister rode with Kristin and got her autograph. Kristin spent 10-15 minutes talking to Amanda about her goals and summer plans. We got to meet Allie, a Shrine Kids ambassador for 10 years. Fortunately, she was able to get time off work to attend the event. Ill. Sir Ray had his shirt autographed by Kristin. High Priest and Prophet, Dave Brannan and Oriental Guide, Bruce Drewes, visited with members of Mission 43, a veteran's organization that puts on the Kids ride along with CAF, Challenged Athletes Federation. Cameleer President, Rod Burke captured many great photos.

Five members of El Korah traveled to Baker for the East-West Football game parade. Steve Priest of the Elite Black Light Patrol mounted up while Paula Priest represented El Korah as a cheering spectator. Captain of the Guard, Anthony Patterson, ably guided the Camel through the route. At the July Shriners Childrens Board meeting, we were shown the new hospital sign. Cameleer Illustrious Sir Ray Westmoreland was voted to Emeritus status after being on the hospital board for almost 9 years of service.

Finally came our big day. On August 19 the Cameleers' Ride for Kids, a fund raiser for adaptive bikes for the Salt Lake City Clinic was held at Kristin Armstrong Park. Patient Ambassador Mikhala attended and rode her hand cycle. Linda Lloyd, owner of Georges Cycles, rode the Camel and now understands the mystique associated with our quirky critter. Georges has been a major sponsor for the last two years and this year also donated an electric bike for our raffle.

This event is really a Temple event. We couldn't do it without the help of Players, Black Light Patrol, Greeters, Nomads, and Provost Guard. Our hope is to make this an El korah event next year.

Thank you Nobles and Ladies, Brothers and friends for all the support you give to El Korah and the Cameleers. Special thanks to Gary Betts for his clever designs for all our promotional materials. Thank you Jimmy Hansen for the gorgeous map created almost overnight. Thanks Dave Bennett for the Constant Contacts. Thanks Sue Davis for the great t-shirts. Thanks Twin Falls Shrine Club for raffle sales and everyone else who helped.

## From The Recorder's Desk

*by Wayne Foster, Recorder*

Another summer is in the books. Boy did that go fast!

The Recorder's office has worked very hard to get our liquor license moved to our Westgate location. Currently we are working with the City of Boise to finalize the city license so that we can have the Oasis going for the Stated meeting on September 13th. I will also have a meal ready for that night. We are planning to hold the Stated meeting at the Westgate address.

Now for some news from Shriners International, at the Imperial Session, they voted to raise the Per Capita from \$30.00 to \$50.00. This means that if you are a regular member, your 2024 dues will be \$150.00 per year.

I am currently in the process of updating unit and club information in WebFez as far as officers and members. Please send your information to [recorder@elkorahshrine.com](mailto:recorder@elkorahshrine.com).

Hope you had a fun and safe summer!





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3	4	5 Tin Lizzies	6 Provost Guard	7	8	9 DON Golf Falcon Crest
10 Gold Rush SC	11 Board/Divan Meeting Twin Falls SC	12	13 Stated Mtg MTA Building	14	15	16
17	18	19 High Country Sidewinders Cameleers Sand Duners	20	21 American Legion Post 2	22	23
24	25 Black Light Patrol Snake River SC	26	27 Caldwell SC	28	29	30

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