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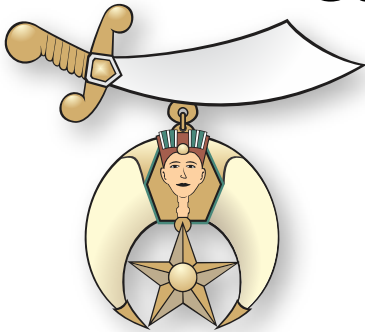


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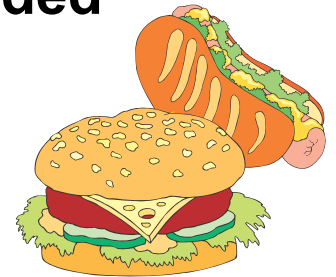
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Email your submission to:
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Be sure to double check your submission for grammar and spelling.

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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October Stated Meeting

**Wednesday Oct 11th, 7:30 pm
 Masonic Temple Assoc Building**

Potentate's Message *by Ill Sir Ray Schild*



First stated meeting at our new home was great. Not enough attendance, but there never is. The Blue Room is beautiful! The only problem is that I miss the Crow's Nest.

The bar is now OPEN and Wally, our paradigm mixologist, held court

nice for our meeting. All Nobles should come to the MTA building and check it out. I think this is going to be a great venue and good for membership, fellowship and relations with the Blue Lodges. Noble Wayne Foster is working on meals for our future meetings and events.

We're having a Ceremonial on November 18th at our old Shrine building on Idaho St. Just like old times! It will be dedicated to Noble Bob Cannon, the long-time Secretary of the Twin Falls Shrine Club. So far, we a nice class with 8 Candidates. Hopefully, others will join the caravan along the way.

The East/West All-Star football game will be on November 25th at Middleton High School. Our chairman, Ill.Sir Will Votaw and his assistants, Nobles Ric Bobier, Ray Breshears, and Wayne Foster are working hard ironing out the logistics. There will be a pizza party for the players the week before the game and the Black Light Patrol and Greeters and scheduled to help on game day.

We are forming a new First Responders Unit. Noble Dave Brannan has arranged for El Katif share their expertise with us since their First Responders Unit has been very successful and has been great for membership and getting loads of media coverage.

Fundraising: Noble Bruce Drewes is hard at work orchestrating a major fund raising relationship with Scheels sporting goods. They are opening a new store next Spring in Meridian and will be our likely host for the Sportsman's Classic event next spring. Very exciting!

The 2023 Shrine Circus made over \$60,000. Thanks to everyone who turned out to work, traveled to the various locations, and help our chairman, Noble Dave Brannan put on a great show!

Thanks to Ill. Sir Garland Risner's advice and Ill Sir Will Votaw's execution, we are making excellent returns from investing our Temple's sales proceeds. We have already netted more interest income than what it cost to operate our

old Shrine building for a year. Our next step will be to send out requests for proposals to local wealth managers to develop longer term investment strategies. Great work guys!

I want to share some kudos to our Recorder, Wayne Foster. A few weeks ago I was taking Lady Kathryn to dinner downtown at about 6:30 on a Saturday. When we passed by our old Shrine building, I noticed Wayne was there all alone working his tail off loading Recorder's Office furniture and supplies into a trailer to move to the new digs. Man, I wish we had 100 more Nobles just like him.

October 31st is the deadline for Clubs and Units to elect their officers and submit them to the Recorder's Office to report to Imperial. This date also applies to any proposed changes to our Bylaws.

Dues: Delinquent Nobles will be dropped and by my order at the September Stated meeting: Starting immediately, **ALL CLUBS AND UNITS ARE REQUIRED TO CHECK MEMBER DUES CARDS AT THE DOOR AND NOBLES WITHOUT A CURRENT DUES CARD ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ATTEND.**

Also, Imperial raised the per capita by \$20 starting with our 2024 dues. Don't shoot the messenger, they tried to get \$30.

Thanks to Ill. Sir Ray Westmoreland who volunteered and was subsequently appointed as our Parade Director. And a special thank you goes to Noble Mike Keas for many years of GREAT service!

Ill. Sir Will Votaw is in charge of our Past Potentate's at the upcoming October Stated meeting. Our November Stated meeting will be Chief Rabban Night, go get 'em Ric! Elections will be at our December Stated meeting. Installation of the 2024 officers will be on Saturday, January 6th. Let's all turn out for these events and support our Shrine!

BTW - if anyone has any interest in running for Oriental Guide, please let one of your Divan officers know.

End of the year is also the time for the Divan to select the Noble of the Year and the Club/Unit of the Year. If anyone suggestions, tell one of your Divan officers so we know your thoughts.

Keep Shining 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



The Monthly Shriners Children's Clinic Board of Governors Meeting in Salt Lake City took place early this month on September 15. This was done to facilitate having the Board of Governors members in Salt Lake City being able to participate in the annual Walk for Love Fundraiser that took place this year at the Hogle Zoo.

The Walk for Love had over 700 participants in the event, and while we are not sure how much money was raised at this point, there were several big sponsors of the event including a local Big O Tires center that donated \$50,000. There were several Shriners Children's Ambassadors in attendance, including one of our ambassadors from the Boise area, who happened to be in Salt Lake City being treated at the Clinic. The walk was a great event and a good time was had by all in attendance.

The budgetary numbers and patient visits continue to be good

at the facility, many open positions have now been filled, employee turnover is starting to be reduced, and morale appears to be on the rise. The clinic is in a good position to continue supporting our Shriners Children's for many years to come.

Several Board of Governors Members (including myself) and several Administrators from the Salt Lake City Clinic, along with Board of Governors Members and Administrators from many of the other western Shriners Children's Medial Facilities, traveled to LAX to attend a Regional Market Meeting with the Shriners Children's Board of Trustees. Many topics were discussed with the focus being on "Treating More Kids in More Places" and "The Most Amazing Care Anywhere". It was a great learning experience for new Board of Governors Members like myself and to have the opportunity to meet and hear the thoughts and ideas of other Board of Governors Members from our Market Region. These meetings do not occur often, and I feel grateful to have had the opportunity to attend.

Upcoming events for the SLC Clinic:

- » Holiday Celebration with Facility Staff on December 8th.
- » Preparations are starting for the 100-year Anniversary of Shriners Children's that will take place in Salt Lake City in 2025.

Portland Shrine Hospital Report

by Ill Sir Rick Holloway



The performance metrics for Shriners Children's Portland have not been posted yet as our September Board meeting will be held on October 11 in Las Vegas in conjunction with the Shriners Children's Open golf tournament.

On October 21, 2023, Portland will be hosting its annual Walk for Love in a "Boo at the Zoo" event at the Oregon

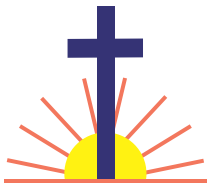
Zoo. The website to sign up is www.walkforloveportland.org and several Nobles, patients, families, and staff have already signed up. We usually only get 3-4 people from El Korah to sign up for this event, so let's be sure to make Portland know we support them.

Every month, the hospital puts out a "Rise and Shrine" newsletter which includes several articles on what is happening at the hospital. If you want to receive this electronic newsletter, please let me know and I'll be sure to get your name added to the list of recipients.

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.

Chaplain's Corner

by David Triplett, Chaplain



Words!! Lost, found, searching,
concealed, In the Beginning _____

Let's digress a little and talk about the power of words. In my mind's eye, words are expressions of thought. The thoughts and words we use are indeed powerful!

You are _____! or You are _____!!

Which words you use to fill the blanks makes a big difference. The following quotes have to do with your thoughts and how you use words. Hopefully, they will encourage you to be quick to **Praise** as well as to **Forgive**.

"Positive thinking will let you do everything better than negative thinking will." – Zig Ziglar

"Your positive action combined with positive thinking results in success." – Shiv Khera

"Positive thinking is more than just a tagline. It changes the way we behave. And I firmly believe that when I am positive, it not only makes me better, but it also makes those around me better." – Harvey Mackay

"Positive thinking is a valuable tool that can help you overcome obstacles, deal with pain, and reach new goals." – Amy Morin

"Positive thinking is the notion that if you think good thoughts, things will work out well. Optimism is the feeling of thinking things will be well and be hopeful." – Martin E. P. Seligman

"The power of positive thinking can change your life." – Devin McCourty

"Doing Good is a simple and universal vision. A vision to which each and every one of us can connect and contribute to its realization. A vision based on the belief that by doing good deeds, positive thinking and affirmative choice of words, feelings and actions, we can enhance goodness in the world." – Shari Arison

"Whenever something bad happens, keep calm, take a few deep breaths and shift the focus to something positive." – Roy T. Bennett

"When things do not go your way, remember that every challenge – every adversity – contains within it the seeds of opportunity and growth." – Roy T. Bennett

"Enjoy every step you take. If you're curious, there is always something new to be discovered in the backdrop of your daily life." – Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

"You may find the worst enemy or best friend in yourself." – English Proverb

"If you are positive, you'll see opportunities instead of obstacles." – Widad Akrawi

"Luck is a dividend of sweat. The more you sweat, the luckier you get." – Ray Kroc

"A positive attitude causes a chain reaction of positive thoughts, events and outcomes. It is a catalyst and it sparks extraordinary results." – Wade Boggs

"It takes but one positive thought when given a chance to survive and thrive to overpower an entire army of negative thoughts." – Robert H. Schuller

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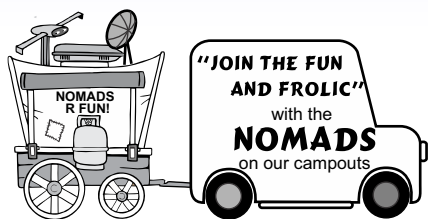
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Nomads

by Jim Voyles, Trail Boss



The 2023 Nomads camping season has come to its fruition. We enjoyed seven really great outings, this year.

We started the season in late April by gathering at the Mountain Home RV Resort. If you enjoy RV'ing, definitely add them to your destination list. The park is actually rated as one of the best in the nation!

We next "circled the wagons" at the Hagerman RV Village for our annual pre-Memorial Day outing and the traditional German spaghetti feed put on by Carl and Dagmar Jeffries, always a super event!

The Black Bear RV Park in McCall was our third outing destination in late June. In its previous life, it was a KOA campground and it is currently owned and operated by a local couple who have gone out of their way to treat us amazingly well for the past two years, now.

The last week in July found us at the Y Knot Winery campground in Glens Ferry. Check them out. They've built a new campground adjacent to the old one. This one has full hookups and 50 amp service plus lots of grass and large spaces.

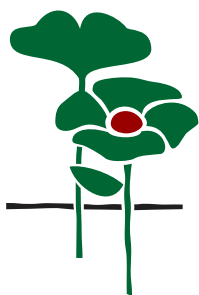
In early August we journeyed to LaGrande and set up camp at the Hot Springs RV Resort. First time for the group to visit that venue, and we will likely return in the future.

Late August found us at the annual Challis Hot Springs where we enjoyed the park and its facilities, plus the always fabulous All Masonic BBQ put on by the lodges of the 1st Masonic District (Challis, Mackay and Salmon).

The end-of-season outing turned out to be about as small as it could have possibly been with one coach present and one day-visit. Bruneau Dunes in late September turned out to be fraught with too many conflicts. But Jim and Barbara Stokes enjoyed a great pre-winter get away and Jim and Angie were able to make a day trip to share in the event.

Our Nomads annual meeting is set for 6 PM on Thursday, October 26th at Casa Mexico in Eagle. We will be electing our new officers and making plans for 2024! It's been a great year and we are already looking forward to 2024! Come see us. We're always looking for and welcoming new Nomads. The "Trail Boss" extends a huge thank you to all of the Nomads for a great year. We wish everyone a very safe, healthy and enjoyable fall, winter and spring and truly Happy Holidays, throughout!

Nomads 2023 officers were Jim "JV" Voyles, Trail Boss, Ron Bishop, Asst. Trail Boss and Warren Hill, Scout



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Membership

by Dave Brannan, Chairman

We held our first Stated Meeting at the MTA building on September 13th, I believe that there were over 35 Nobles in attendance. We read 3 new petitions that were then voted on. El Korah now has two new affiliations of Nobles that have moved to our area and another Candidate for our upcoming Ceremonial on November 18th at the El Korah Shrine building.

The names of 4 Nobles were read who will be dropped in October for being 3 years behind on dues. 13 other names were read for Nobles who are two years behind on dues and will be dropped at the end of December. There are also 20 other Nobles that have not paid their 2023 dues. Some of these delinquent Nobles are Unit and Club officers.

Since Nobles that are delinquent with their dues are not allowed to participate in any Shrine activities, it is important to remember that dues cards must be checked at Unit and Club functions. Our Illustrious Potentate has asked Divan Members that attend Unit and Club meetings and activities to verify that the Nobles in attendance have current 2023 dues cards.

Oriental Guide Bruce Drewes is planning a Nobility Potluck BBQ Picnic and Cornhole event on October 21st at the MTA building. Look for a Constant Contact announcement from Bruce with more information.



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2024 East-West High School All Star Football Game

by Ill. Sir Will Votaw, Chairman

Nobles, Football Season is back!!!

It is my favorite time of year. As such, it's time to start thinking about our annual East-West High School All-star Football Game. The game is always played on Thanksgiving Weekend and this year's game will be on Saturday, November 25th. We are in preliminary talks with Middleton High School to hold the banquet and game there again this year.

The players' banquet will be on Sunday, November 19th. This is a great opportunity for the Nobles to get out and be seen in public with our Fez on. We will need help with concessions, selling and taking tickets, merchandise sales, working at the Membership table and other things at the game. We will also need help with cooking, serving, cleaning, and ticket sales and distribution at the game.

The funds from this game benefit the Patient Travel Fund. We really need and appreciate all the help we get from the Nobility and their Ladies. In the last few years, if it weren't for the help of the Ladies, this game would not have been as successful as it has been.

If you are willing and able to help, please email me at wvotaw@gmail.com or call me at 208-859-4407. All Nobles are encouraged to either help, or just come and attend the game. The public seeing Nobles out in our Fez is a good thing.

We will work with all Nobles and Ladies to meet their needs at the game. Which means, if you are unable to stand for long periods of time, we will have chairs or stools for you to sit on. Keep an eye out for your Noble Tickets. They make great early Christmas gifts for family and friends.

The Divan looks forward to seeing you at the game!

2024 Past Potentate's Nite

by Ill. Sir Will Votaw

Illustrious Sirs, Illustrious Sir Ray Schild has asked me to assemble the Past Potentate's for our annual Past Potentates Night that is held at the October Stated Meeting. This year's Past Potentates Night is Wednesday, October 11th. If you are interested in doing a part, please call me at 208-859-4407 or email me at wvotaw@gmail.com. I look forward to having all the chairs filled by Past Potentates.

Greeters

by Ed Hulme, Secretary

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. Our picnic in August was a great success. It was very well attended and everyone really enjoyed catching up on the summer activities.

We will have our October meeting at the regular date October 6th. We will meet at the Casa Mexico 10332 W. Fairview Ave. Boise, ID. The start time will be 5:30 PM for our Social with Dinner to follow. The program will be presented by Katie Marshall, Donor Engagement Coordinator for United Way of Treasure Valley.

Our election of officers for the new year will be held at this meeting. We will plan on the usual installation of officers at our Christmas Party in December. This needs to be accomplished so we can inform the Recorder's Office by October 31st.

Fund Raising Committee

by Bruce Drewes, Chairman

In a volunteer organization like El Korah, communication is the key to keeping it healthy and the membership involved. In the volunteer organizations that I have worked with, generally 10% of the membership does 90% of the work to make this type of organization successful. Communication is key to changing this percentage and increasing our success.

The Divan is looking for your input about our organization and has developed a survey to gather your thoughts and ideas. The link to this survey is available here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WG3HC7D> and on the El Korah website www.elkorahshrine.com. You will also see it in Constant Contact announcements. Or get it from the Recorder. Just copy or type the link into your web browser and press enter to get to the survey. Then follow the instructions. Your responses will be anonymously collected within the system. If all else fails, you can stop by the Recorder's Office and pick up a printed copy, fill it out by hand, and return it to the Recorder. The survey will close on November 15th and the results will be presented in January.

On October 21st, a Nobility Potluck and Cornhole Competition will be held at the MTA building. El Korah will provide Hamburgers and Bratwursts. Please plan on bringing something to share. Cornhole will start at 2:00 pm with the BBQ at 4:00 pm. The Oasis will be open for no host drinks. Please RSVP to the Recorder's Office by October 19th.

Planning for El Korah Sportsman's Classic in late March 2024 has started with commitments of support from Dennis Dillion RV, Horizon Credit Union and Scheels sporting goods store. This will be an inclusive fundraising event, which means that we will need the assistance of the general Nobility for it to be successful. Contact Oriental Guide Bruce Drewes if you are able to help out.

Daughters of the Nile

by Sidonia Miller, Princess Badoura

September was a busy month as we prepared for a full schedule for the year full of fundraisers and group gatherings. The Golf tournament on September 9th was a great success. Teams enjoyed excellent weather and an after party with delicious food and live music. We are of course now already in planning stages for next year.



Queen Debbie presents Certificate of Appreciation to a Tournament Donor

The line officers traveled with our Queen Debbi to club meetings in Burley-Rupert, Twin Falls, Pocatello, Jerome-Gooding, and Emmett. It was great to see everyone in person as these club visits are important as we stay connected in our mission for the Children.

Our Stated Session on September 21 brought is all back together to discuss the summer's activities and continue planning for fall and Winter. Join us at Spooky Bunco October 13 and the Fall Colors Tour October 20. You can bring the whole Family (especially the kids) to Trick or Trot October 21. The annual fundraiser is held at Julia Davis Park with Prizes and Costumes!

In November we will be welcoming a visit from our Supreme Queen Patti Larimore, we are so happy she gets to have a preview of all Boise has to offer before the Annual Supreme Session held here n June 2024.

The Fashion Show is December 9, so plan on celebrating a "Winter Wonderland " at El Korah Ballroom.

Enjoy the Beautiful Fall and we will see you as we come together as community, it is all for the Children.



Boo at the Zoo – Walking into our next 100 years!

October 21, 2023 | 7 :00 AM – 9:30 AM

New Nobles – join us for a tour of the hospital after the walk! To RSVP, please contact your temple by 9/16. New Noble Hospital Tour 10:30 AM



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OCTOBER 2023

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15 Gold Rush SC	16	17 High Country Sidewinders Cameleers Sand Duners	18	19	20	21 BBQ Picnic & Cornhole
22	23 El Korah Clowns	24	25	26 American Legion Post	27	28 Scottish Rite Honors
29	30 Black Light Patrol Snake River SC	31				

NOVEMBER 2023

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