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#### **Appointed Divan**

1 <sup>st</sup> Ceremonial Master Darrell Forrester
2 <sup>nd</sup> Ceremonial Master Bob Martin
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Anthony Patterson

#### **Other Divan Positions**

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Assistant Director	. Robert Mahar
Assistant Chaplain	Skylor Lenz
Chief Potentate's Aide	Jake Matthews
Ambassador Coordinator	Mitch Davis

#### **Potentate's Aides**

Aides	Sand Duners
Chief Aide Emeritus	Dick Swift



Jack Gardner . . . . . . . 6/17/2025

#### **Editor's Notice**

The Desert Dust is published monthly, except July and August.

### Submissions are Due by the 20th of the Month

Please be prompt!! Remember, the Editor is volunteering his time to publish the newsletter.

Pictures should include a caption, if appropriate.

Email your submission to Gary at gsbetts@msn.com

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**September Stated Meeting** 

Wed, September 10th, 7:30 pm Boise Masonic Center - Westgate

#### Potentate's Message by Ray Breshears



Greetings, Nobles and Ladies,

September is here, summer is wrapping up, and our parade season is still going strong. The 75th El Korah Shrine Circus is now behind us, and El Korah was proudly represented at PNSA in Wenatchee and at the Imperial Session in Atlanta. I'm excited to share that MWGM and Ill Sir Rick Holloway was elected and installed as Imperial Outer Guard. This is truly a proud moment for Idaho and El Korah Shrine!

#### **Summer Highlights**

The 75th Annual El Korah Shrine Circus once again brought smiles across Idaho. It remains our biggest temple FUNdraiser, but attendance — especially among our own Nobles and Ladies — continues to decline. The Divan will be reviewing the future of our circus.

The Annual ATV/UTV Fun Ride overcame a potential delay and, thanks to Assistant Rabban Bruce Drewes, was back on track and a success. The committee has already met to discuss next year's event and set a date. Great job Noble Bruce!



#### **September Events**

Stated Meeting – Sept 10th

Gold Rush Shrine Club - Sept 14th in Idaho City

Idaho Grand Lodge - Sept 18-20 in Pocatello

Shrine Fundraising Association Convention – Sept 25-28 in Boise at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center

Thank You Nobles and Ladies!

Your time, effort, and energy keep El Korah strong. Whether you've pitched in at an event, worked behind the scenes supporting

El Korah, or simply shown up at events to reconnect, each of you is making a difference.

If you have been waiting for the "right" time to get involved, that time is now. Every helping hand, every smile, every Noble and every Lady in attendance matters!



#### TOGETHER WE CAN!



2025 El Korah Potentate



Portland Shrine Hospital Report by Ill Sir Joe Randall

## TEMPLE LIAISON MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



#### KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM THE JULY BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING

#### **Ambassador Program**



Four of our patient ambassadors represented themselves and the hospital well by spending a long weekend in Baker City to attend the Oregon East-West Shrine Game.

They had a schedule full of luncheons, a parade and pageantry, culminating with speeches given on the field in front of the large crowd. From left to right, Cocaptain Brantley and Queen Violet represented the West, while Queen Chelsie and Co-captain Justin represented the East. You can <u>request a Shriners</u> Children's Patient Ambassador for your event.

#### Taste of Fall

Shriners Children's Portland will host a "Tast of Fall" event at 6:00pm on October 9th at Battle Creek Cellars. Two patient alumni will speak, and the \$65 admission includes food, wine pours and a gift.

If you're interested in sponsoring this firs-of-its-kind event, please reach out to Angie Gofredo at (971) 544-3334 or

angela.gofredo@shrinenet.org

#### **Shriners Research Institute**

Shriners Children's is set to open a cutting-edge research facility in conjunction with Georga Tech in Alanta, GA. Click here to learn more.



#### Walk For Love 2025

The Shriners Children's Portland Walk for Love is set for the evening of September 6th at the Oregon Zoo. There's still time to be a part of this annual event. Please scan our QR

code, or visit the webpage to sign up!



#### GREAT INFORMATION ON HOSPITAL PATIENTS, STAFF, AND BOARD MEMBERS

-FALL-



• Shriners Children's Portland will offer outreach clinics in <u>Pendleton</u> on September 5 and in <u>Anchorage</u>, AK on October 4. The clinics are an extension of Shriners Children's Portland. A team of orthopedic surgeons, medical assistants, orthotic and prosthetic services and other critical staff who travel to Pendleton three times a year and to Anchorage two times a year. To make an appointment, patients can ask their primary care physician for a referral or call intake coordination at 971-414 -5543.



• Afifi Temple represented Shriners Children's Portland at the Vancouver Farmer's Market and at National Night Out in Battle Ground, WA.



#### Salt Lake Shriners Children's Clinic

by Dave Brannan, Salt Lake Board of Governors



The Shriners Children's Clinic in Salt Lake City is committed to its mission of providing "The Best Care Anywhere" and "Caring for More Kids in More Places."

The Walk for Love is scheduled for September 20th at the Hogle Zoo in Salt Lake City. Meeka Pederson is compiling a list of attendees and has provided small save-the-date forms with information about a recommended hotel for the event. If you would like one of these forms, please let me know. Meeka and I are eager to gather a group from our area to represent the El Korah Shriners and the Daughters of the Nile Iras Temple #40 at this event.

As of the end of June, the Philanthropy Department has raised 52.2% of its \$4,750,000 goal for 2025.

In June, 80 clinics were held over 21 available clinic days, resulting in 866 individual patient visits. The month included 59 surgical procedures and 4 infusions, along with 613 therapy sessions and 36 motion analysis sessions. The Orthotics and Prosthetics Department successfully delivered 356 orthotic devices and 17 prosthetics, totaling 373 devices. Additionally, the wheelchair department attended to 153 wheelchairs throughout the month.

Please see the flyer on the next page titled "ALL IN A YEAR'S WORK" for a summary of the statistics on the services provided in 2024 by the Shriners Children's Clinic in Salt Lake City.

If you have any questions regarding the Shriners Children's Clinic or about joining the Board of Governors, feel free to reach out to me at dlbran73@gmail.com or (208) 340-5273.



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#### Chaplain's Corner

by David Triplett, Chaplain



September is not named after a person, but rather derives its name from the Latin word "septem", meaning seven.
This is because in the ancient Roman calendar, which began with March, September was the seventh month of the year.

Later additions to the calendar, such as January and February, shifted September's position to ninth, but the original name remained.

September is special for the transition from summer to fall, bringing cooler, less humid weather perfect for outdoor activities like apple picking and football in the Northern Hemisphere. It also marks the start of the academic year for many, as well as various awareness and cultural months, including National Hispanic Heritage Month and Sickle Cell Awareness Month. Awareness is so important in many areas.

Being the start of a new school year, as a substitute teacher I have to take a yearly online Student safety course, and one of the units is on suicide in teens. This devastating situation is on the rise, increasing in overall students but particularly among teenage girls and preteens. So parents and grandparents, as well as school staff should be looking for the trouble signs that can lead to self-destruction.

Our Youth Groups are important avenues to give children a sense of worth and accomplishment. Family dinners and discussions are recommended as well as other family activities.

God Bless you all!

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#### Greeters

by Bob Martin, President

The Greeters have had a quiet three summer months off. We did hold our annual picnic at Tully Park in Meridian, which was well attended. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed the fried chicken and side dishes.

The dinner meetings for this fall have been scheduled.

September 6th . . . . Boise Masonic Center (Westgate)

October 4th .... Casa Mexico

November 1st .... Banbury Golf Club (BBQ buffet)

All are welcome and encouraged to attend our Greeters dinner meetings for good company and lots of stories.

#### A 2025 PNSA Moment

submitted by Ill Sir Ray Westmoreland



New Noble Len LaTour, 1st Ceremonial Master DW Forrester, Ill Sir Ray Westmoreland and Noble Jack Moore pausing for a photo op at the Summer PNSA in Wenatchee, WA.

#### **Sand Duners Work Party**

by Robert Mahar, Assistant Director

Here are some photos of a Sand Duners work party on Saturday, June 7th. We are getting the buggies ready for the Emmett Cherry Festival Parade. It appears that these things really don't happen all by themselves after all!







#### **Nobility Birthdays for September**

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September	1	Daniel	Jennings
September	1	Mike	Mastropaolo, PP
September	2	Scott	Syme
September	3	Robert	Mahar
September	4	Donald	Charbonneau
September	5	Walter	Hamby
September	6	Monty	Bixby
September	6	Thomas	Case
September	7	Nyal	Pedersen
September	8	Stanley	Garrett, PP
September	8	Raymond	McGoldrick
September	10	Edgar	Simmons
September	12	Paul	Lesneski
September	13	David	Hart
September	14	Monte	Bollar
September	14	Michael	Pearson
September	16	Johnny	Willis
September	17	Russ	Smith
September	17	Bill	Wheeler
September	18	Grayson	Stone
September	20	Kenneth	Beaudreau
September	20	Rex	Labrie
September	23	Glade	McDougall
September	23	Vernon	Patrick
September	24	Michael	Claymore
September	27	David	Bennett
September	27	Allen	Simmons
September	29	Harold	Ford
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#### A Word of Thanks

by Ill Sir Rick Holloway, Imperial Outer Guard



I am deeply humbled by the many people who contributed to my election as Imperial Outer Guard on June 30. While I was only able to attend the Texas Shrine Association this past year, the connections I made at Grand Lodges across the country and the email messages I sent to the Iowa representatives resulted in many replies of encouragement and support for my candidacy.

At Imperial Session, it was the dedication of so many Nobles that truly carried the election across the finish line. Potentate Ray Breshears and his Lady Lonna, Chief Rabban Dave Brannen and his Lady Terri, and Recorder Wayne Foster worked tirelessly to support our hospitality suite and share my message.

Blake Titus, Potentate of Hillah, spent countless hours speaking with Nobles and distributing campaign materials, while Gary Unger (an officer of Cabiri International) and members of Hillah, Al Kader, Afifi, and Nile Shrines put in many hours of work on my behalf as well. And then there was Paul Hill from Karem Shrine in Texas who rallied the Texas Shriners to support me. Above all, my Lady Jackie and my mother Delta Holloway gave their time, heart, and devotion to make our hospitality suite a warm and welcoming place for all.

This year's Imperial Session also brought leadership changes with Imperial Treasurer Brad Koehn being elected Imperial Potentate following the resignation of Imperial Chief Rabban Kevin Costello.

My first Joint Boards meetings were held on July 3 and August 11-14 and showed me the great dedication of our Imperial leadership team to both Shriners Children's and our Shrine Centers. Their respect for every Noble and openness to ideas is truly inspiring.

The coming years will be busy and full of opportunities. I have already received many commitments of support and El Korah will play an important role during the next nine years as we strengthen our fraternity, expand our health care system, and carry forward the values of Shrinedom with pride.

I look forward to visiting with all of you at our Stated meeting on Wednesday, September 10th!



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#### Air Force Appreciation Day Parade

by Ill Sir Ray Westmoreland, Parade Director



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#### 2025 Fun Ride: The Rumble in the Forest

by Bruce Drewes, Fun Ride Chairman

The 2025 Fun Ride was themed the "Idaho Gold and Masonic History Ride" and was held on Saturday, June 30th. It was a rumbling success! This year's ride hosted 29 machines with 53 riders from across the Treasure Valley. One couple even drove their side-by-side from their home in Boise to Idaho City for the ride. We also had support from over 20 Shriners and Masons. The Idaho #1 and Placer #3 Masonic Lodges provided breakfast and lunch for the event.

The night before the ride a number of the Shriners met at Trudy's Restaurant in Idaho City for some food and fun with several Shiners and their Ladies driving up from the valley to attend the event.

The morning of the ride broke bright and cool with the promise of a warm and enjoyable day. Everyone gathered at the historic Idaho City Masonic Temple to pick up their meal tickets and ride tickets.



The Lodge building was opened up and guest were allowed to tour the upper floor where the actual lodge room sits, albeit only a few could go at a time because the building is very old. Everyone enjoyed walking through the building.



Boise County requested that we take Corporal Kody Mackenzie on the ride with us so that he would see what we do on these rides. He had as much fun on the ride as everyone else and we hope to see him next year.



Riders from the Boise Area



Riders from the Canyon County



Riders from the Mountain Home

The ride was uneventful although one machine broke down just outside of Placerville and was towed into town by a fellow rider. Otherwise everyone had a very enjoyable ride and are looking forward to next year.

Next year we are considering reversing the course so that the ride will end in Idaho City at the Masonic Temple which will allow us to have more activities at the end of the ride. Keep your eyes peeled for posting for next year's Fun Ride.

We would like to thank all the Nobles and Masons that assisted with the Fun Ride and the food this year. We would also like to thank our Sponsors: The Black Light Patrol, Birds of Prey Motorsports and Carl's Motorsports.

#### **More 2025 Fun Ride Photos**

by Karen Hulme

















#### **Daughters of the Nile**

by Shellie Smith, Princess Badoura

What an incredible summer it has been! Our Supreme Session is always exciting. Delegates, members, and guests came together from across the U.S., Canada, Brazil, and Bolivia to celebrate all we've accomplished and to look ahead with fresh energy and purpose.

From the warm hugs at registration to the heartfelt goodbyes, the week was filled with special moments. Ceremonies were beautiful, workshops were inspiring, and the Marketplace was buzzing with excitement. One of the biggest highlights was the Installation of our new Supreme Queen, Kathy Walliker—her warmth, vision, and enthusiasm promise an amazing year to come!

Of course, it wasn't all business, there was plenty of laughter, reunions, and that wonderful sense of sisterhood that reminds us why we do what we do. Important decisions were made with care, always keeping our mission to support Shriners Children's at the heart of it all.

We carried that spirit right back home at our Annual Golf Tournament, where together we raised funds for the Daughters of the Nile Foundation to keep helping the kids we love so much.

Now, as summer winds down, we're getting ready for our first Stated Session—it'll be so good to gather again! And right after, some of our ladies will be joining the Nobles of El Korah for the Walk for Love in Salt Lake City. What a fun and meaningful trip that will be!

And don't forget—mark your calendars for October 10th! The Iras Temple Guards are putting on a Bunco Night that's sure to be full of fun, laughter, and friendly competition. You won't want to miss it!

Here's to keeping the spirit of Supreme alive in all we do. Together, we're making a difference, one child, one smile, and one act of kindness at a time.









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