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October Stated Meeting

Wed, October 8th, 7:30 pm
Boise Masonic Center - Westgate

Potentate's Message *by Ray Breshears*



October is here, fall is upon us, and our parade season is drawing to a close. Several members of the Divan and I recently attended the Grand Lodge of Idaho in Pocatello. It was a pleasure to visit with so many brothers from across the state, and it was both my honor and privilege to represent El Korah Shrine by presenting MWGM Randy King with his Grand Master's fez.

September Highlights

El Korah was proudly represented at the Air Force Appreciation Parade in Mountain Home.

The AF&AM Grand Lodge of Idaho in Pocatello was well attended.

Gold Rush in Idaho City featured a delicious potluck and a thoughtful message from our Chaplain Dave Triplett, PGM.

The Shrine Fundraising Association Convention was held in Boise for the very first time.

October Events

Oktoberfest – Oct 4 at the Scottish Rite Building

Stated Meeting – Oct 8

Gold Rush – Oct 19

DoN Fun Run – Oct 25

DoN Supreme Queen Official Visit – Oct 28

We are asking for any available Nobles to help welcome Supreme Queen Kathy Walliker to Boise. Please contact the Recorder for details and timing.

Your time, energy, and presence are vital to keeping El Korah strong. Whether you lend a hand at an event or simply show up to greet and socialize, you make a real difference. The best time to get involved is now. Every Noble and Lady matters, and you are deeply appreciated.

I also challenge each Noble to reach out to a Brother Mason about the Shrine. You never know — he may already be considering joining and just needs the encouragement of a friendly brother.

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Ray

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Portland Shrine Hospital Report *by Ill Sir Joe Randall*

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KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM THE JULY BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING

Provider Spotlight



Natalie Zusman, M.D., a Portland native, recently joined Shriners Children's. She completed her medical degree and residency at Oregon Health & Science University, followed by a pediatric orthopedic fellowship at

Children's Hospital Los Angeles, specializing in pediatric hip disorders and hip preservation. Her clinical interests include the developing hip, cerebral palsy, neuromuscular conditions, lower extremity deformities, clubfoot, infections, and traumatic injuries.

"One-of-a-Kind" Experience

The Philanthropy Office is actively seeking for a unique, "One-of-a-Kind" experiences for future fundraising events. We're looking for unique experiences like vacation homes, private flights, premium event tickets, exclusive tours, and special group outings.



If you have any suggestions or connections, please reach out to Angie Gofredo at (971)544-3334 or angela.gofredo@shrinenet.org.

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.

[Purchase your tickets now!](#)

If you're interested in sponsoring this first-of-its-kind event, please reach out to Angie Gofredo at (971)544-3334 or angela.gofredo@shrinenet.org.

Employee of the Quarter



Tifiny Andersen, from Food Services was honored as our Employee of the Quarter. She truly embodies dedication and reliability, not only as an invaluable member of the Nutrition Team but also through her meaningful contributions to the Employee Engagement Committee. Her efforts and positive spirit inspire those around her.

GREAT INFORMATION ON HOSPITAL PATIENTS, STAFF, AND BOARD MEMBERS

- Shriners Children's Portland will offer outreach clinics in [Anchorage](#), 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.
- Shriners Children's Portland is proud to deliver award-winning, high-quality care with an unwavering commitment to excellence. Explore our [2024 Outcomes Book](#).
- Rise & Shrine is a monthly newsletter to keep the Shriners fraternity and affiliated bodies up to date on the news and happenings at the Shriners Children's Portland. [Subscribe now to receive the Rise and Shrine Newsletter.](#)

Yours in the faith,
**Portland Board of Governors
 Temple Liaison Committee**

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 occurred on September 20th at the Hogle Zoo in Salt Lake City. We had 30 people in attendance from the Boise area, mostly El Korah Shriners and Daughter of the Nile. Meeka Pederson and I helped generate interest and managed the logistics for the event.

The Walk for Love is an annual fundraiser and it appears that Shriners Children's was able to hit their fundraising goal of \$220,000 this year! I want to give a heart felt thank you to all of the individuals and their families who participated in the Walk.

The Shriners Children's Clinic is holding Special Luncheons in various communities that support the Clinic. One was held in our area on September 30th. These luncheons are held to thank donors and other supporters of the clinic.

As of the end of August, the Philanthropy Department has raised 62.8% of its \$4,750,000 goal for 2025.

In August, 69 clinics were held over 21 available clinic days, resulting in 827 patient visits on 801 individual patients. The month included 46 surgical procedures and 9 infusions, along with 636 therapy sessions and 31 motion analysis sessions. The Orthotics and Prosthetics Department successfully delivered 347 orthotic devices and 21 prosthetics, totaling 368 devices. Additionally, the wheelchair department attended to 134 wheelchairs throughout the month.

Please see the attachment titled "Shriners Children's: A History in innovation and Excellence in Burn Care" for a history of the burn care methods that have been provided by Shriners Children's over the last 70 years.

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.



Shriners Children's: A History of Innovation and Excellence in Burn Care



Shriners Children's™ is noted worldwide as a leader in pediatric burn care. Since opening our first pediatric burns hospitals in the 1960s, our healthcare system has been at the forefront of innovative programs and treatment techniques that have both dramatically improved the survival rate for children with severe burns and enhanced their quality of life. Here is a brief look at our work over the decades:

1960s

The governing body of the Shriners organization passed a resolution at the Imperial Session in 1962 to build and operate hospitals specializing in pediatric burn care. The first hospital opened in 1962 in Galveston, Texas, followed by additional specialized hospitals in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Boston, Massachusetts, two years later.

1970s

Tremendous improvements in survival rates were made, particularly because of innovative research in excision, grafting and intravenous feeding. In addition, pressure garments that helped lessen scarring were developed at the Galveston hospital. Our Cincinnati hospital pioneered skin banking – a precursor to future methods of tissue, bone and skin procurement. In addition, Shriners Children's worked with the United States Fire Administration and Consumer Product Safety Commission to identify burn prevention programs for schools and fire departments. And, our Boston hospital began the first school re-entry program.

1980s

Outpatient clinics were added to provide continued care for patients after they have been discharged from the hospital. Researchers at Shriners Children's discovered that early surgical excision of injured tissue and grafting reduces infections, shortens hospital stays and improves cosmetic outcomes for patients. Shriners Children's became leaders in burn prevention, collaborating with the American Burn Association to promote Burn Awareness Week, a national education campaign created to raise public awareness and reduce the number of burn injuries in children.

1990s

Treatments became available for non-burn conditions such as port wine stains, congenital ear deformities and other complex wound and skin conditions. In addition, new programs were set up to help burn patients with psychological and social issues, including transitioning back to school and community. In 1996, Shriners Children's Boston collaborated with the American Burn Association to develop an outcome instrument to measure functional outcomes in pediatric burn survivors. And, in 1997, Shriners Children's Northern California opened in Sacramento and soon became the busiest pediatric burn center in the Western United States.

2000s

Our hospitals in Boston and Cincinnati received the Press Ganey Summit Award for extraordinary patient satisfaction. All four of the hospitals were recognized as leaders in the field of burn care, with each hospital maintaining a leadership position with the American Burn Association. Shriners Children's Boston, through microfluidics research, developed a microchip device that aids therapeutic strategies for burn patients.

2010s

In 2011, Shriners Children's Northern California hosted its first Regional Burn Conference, a continuing education program for physicians, nurses, first responders, therapists and other healthcare professionals. In 2014, David Herndon, M.D., chief of staff in our Texas hospital, was awarded the Medallion for Scientific Achievement by the American Surgical Association and the Tanner-Vanderput-Boswick Burn Prize from the International Society for Burn Injuries. In 2015, John Burke, M.D., former chief of staff at our Boston hospital, was inducted into the Inventors Hall of Fame posthumously for his work with the development of artificial skin. Shriners Children's achieved excellent results using CO2 fractional laser technology to increase function and improve the appearance of burn scars.

2020s

In 2021, our Cincinnati hospital moved to Dayton, Ohio. Shriners Children's burns hospitals have continued to offer innovative plastic, laser and reconstructive treatments for patients, including care for complex craniofacial conditions. Our burn care teams have expanded their outreach to countries where burn injuries are more prevalent; international patients are also being treated at our facilities. Shriners Children's researchers continue to pioneer the latest advancements in burn care and conduct outcomes research to improve care for burn survivors.

Shriners Children's looks forward to continuing its legacy of leadership in pediatric burn care.



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Chaplain's Corner

by David Triplett, Chaplain



In astrology, Libra is the seventh sign of the zodiac and is considered to govern the period from about September 22 to October 23. It is represented by a woman (sometimes identified with Astraea, the Roman goddess

of Justice) holding a balance scale or sometimes by just the balance alone.

In our Masonic monitor, we are given a lot of information, some of which is written in full form and is something we can openly share. The four cardinal virtues are part of this education and the last of these virtues is Justice.

Justice is that standard or boundary of right which enables us to render unto every man his just due, without distinction. It is not only consistent with divine and human laws, but is the very cement and support of civil society; and as justice in a great measure constitutes the really good man, so should it be the invariable practice of every Mason never to deviate from the minutest principles thereof.

Copied from a Google search:

Justice is a cardinal virtue that perfects the will, compelling one to give each person their due, including God and neighbor. It is a foundational moral habit, rooted in reason and expressed through constant and firm action, which regulates relationships, promotes equity, and ensures the common good. The virtue of justice is closely linked to prudence (wisdom) and is sometimes considered the most important of the four cardinal virtues because it guides and orders all our interactions with others.

In conclusion, as we present in the Charge to the candidate, we discuss the four cardinal virtues, Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice, as I have related here, and we charge him to maintain in their fullest splendor those truly Masonic Tenets: Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

Keep the Faith and be Kind in thought, word, and deed.

Imperial Officer Protocol

by Dave Brannan, Chief Rabban

Now that we have an Imperial Officer (Imperial Sir Rick Holloway) in our Temple who will be regularly attending our Stated Meetings, a question came up regarding the correct Protocol when addressing the Potentate (or others in the Temple) when he is present. This is the information that I got from Imperial:

The Noble wishing to speak will say:

**“Imperial Sir, Illustrious Sir (give Salaam),
Illustrious Sirs, members of the Divan, Nobles All”.**

Also, saying **“Protocol being established”** means that **YOU** have previously addressed the Potentate with the proper Protocol, not that **SOMEONE ELSE** has previously addressed the Potentate with proper Protocol.

Greeters

by Bob Martin, President

The Greeters had a good showing at our first Dinner Meeting of the fall season on Sept 5th. We met over at the MTA and Recorder (and Chef Extraordinaire!) Wayne Foster prepared our choice of baked swordfish or BBQ filet mignon along with a baked potato, green beans and a green salad. It was delicious!

Bruce and Jerri Drews also had a cook off with their peach cobbler served with vanilla ice cream. It was excellent!

After the meeting, many of us stayed to watch Boise State have a great game against the Eastern Washington Eagles.

Our next meeting will be at 6:00 pm on October 3rd at Casa Mexico on Fairview in Boise. Hope to see you then!

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October 4	David	Hammerquist	October 13	Albert	Anderson
October 4	Eric	Strand	October 14	James	Blanton
October 4	Will	Votaw	October 15	Brent	Willis
October 5	Sherman	Burger	October 16	Donald	LeFave
October 5	Stihles	Clark	October 17	Glenn	Hadden
October 5	James	Dakan, PP	October 17	William	Richardson
October 6	Edward	Dickman	October 18	Dwight	Butlin
October 6	Mark	Foster	October 20	William	Ast
October 6	Gene	Strate	October 20	Edward	McNelis
October 7	Thomas	Jewell	October 21	Jack	Gardner
October 7	Donald	Nelson	October 22	Steven	Siebers
October 8	Lawrence	Rincover	October 23	Robert	Newbry
October 10	Joe	Henderson	October 24	Michael	Coffey
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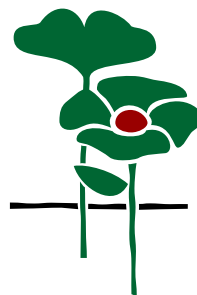
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Daughters of the Nile

by Shellie Smith, Princess Badoura

Fall has wrapped us in its embrace, bringing crisp mornings, cool evenings, and the joy of pulling out warm sweaters, soft scarves, and cozy hats. As the seasons turn, our September Stated Session gave us the chance to gather once more and look ahead to all the wonderful activities this fall, and winter will bring.

We are especially delighted that several of our ladies attended the Walk for Love in Salt Lake City. We know their stories will be full of inspiration—and my guess is the children will shine as the most memorable part. How fortunate we are as a Temple to support both the Salt Lake City and Portland hospitals in their incredible work.

October is bustling with opportunities to come together. We'll kick things off with Octoberfest on the 4th, hosted by our talented Iras Temple Dancers—tickets are available from

any dancer. Just a few days later, on the 10th, the Guards will host their always-popular Bunco Night. Then, on October 25th, lace up your walking shoes for the Annual Trick or Trot 1K and 5K at Kristin Armstrong Municipal Park—or join us virtually from wherever you are! We'll close the month on a very special note as we welcome Supreme Queen Kathy Waliker to Boise for her official visit on October 28th at the Meridian Masonic Temple.

And before we know it, November will be here. We'll begin the winter season with our Fashion Show on November 8, and then finish the month with festive cheer as we take part in the Boise Holiday Parade on November 29.

Wishing you a beautiful autumn filled with warmth, connection, and joy. We can't wait to see you soon as we continue our work together for the children.

Daughters of the Nile Charitable Giving Committee

by Princess Gari Gene Otto

Recently, the Daughters of the Nile Foundation honored DON Iras Temple No. 40 at their Stated Session on September 18, 2025 in Boise, Idaho. Two awards were given:

- » the *Foundation Club Award of Excellence* in recognition of Major Donor Leadership 2024 – 1st place among DON Subordinate Temples for raising \$294,543.43
- » the *Rose Garden for 2024* – 1st place among DON Subordinate Temples for raising \$3,015.

In the picture below you can see those two beautiful lucite plaques in the hands of Past Queen Ann Triplett, Charitable Giving Committee Chair and Past Queen Garianne Erwin.



Past Queen Ann Triplett and Past Queen Garianne Erwin receiving 2024 awards

Walk for Love — Salt Lake

Photos submitted by Debra Irish



Iras Guard Bunco Night



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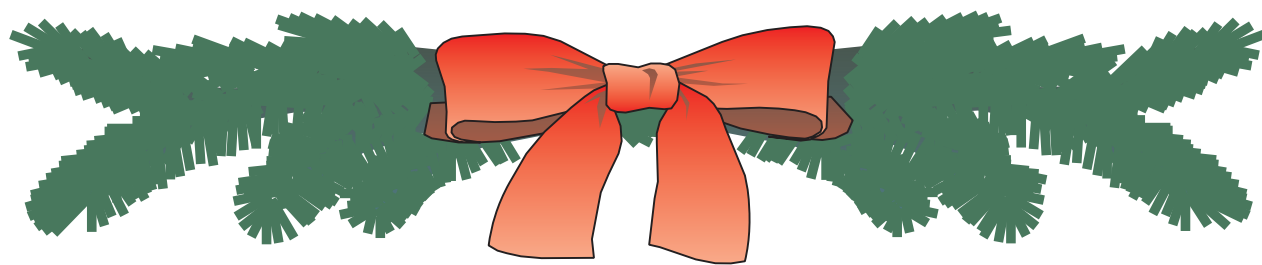
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OCTOBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 Provost Guard	2	3 Greeters Players	4 Nile Dancers Oktoberfest
5	6 Board/Divan Meeting	7 Tin Lizzies	8 Stated Mtg (Chief Rabban Nite)	9	10 Iras Guard Bunco Night	11
12	Columbus Day Twin Falls SC Recorder's Office CLOSED	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Cameleers Sand Duners High Country Sidewinders SC	22	23	24	25 Trick or Trot
26	27 Black Light Patrol El Korah Clowns Snake River SC	28	29	30	31	

NOVEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1 Scottish Rite Reunion
2 Scottish Rite Reunion	3	4 Tin Lizzies	5 Provost Guard (Past Pote Nite)	6	7 Greeters Players	8 DON Fashion Show
9	10 Board/Divan Meeting Twin Falls SC	11 Veteran's Day Recorder's Office CLOSED	12 Stated Mtg	13	14	15 Ceremonial at Scottish Rite Masonic Center
16	17	18 Cameleers Sand Duners High Country Sidewinders SC	19	20	21	22
23	24 Black Light Patrol Snake River SC El Korah Clowns	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Recorder's Office CLOSED	28	29 Boise Holiday Parade
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