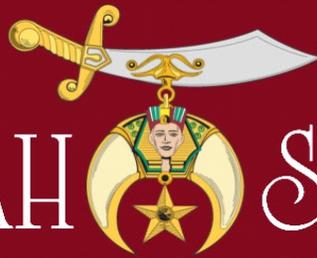


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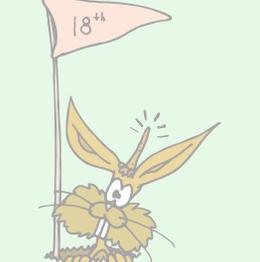
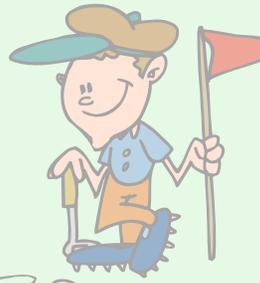
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Potentate's Message *by Ill Sir Dave Brannan*



"Timeless" Jacket, Shirt and Cap

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the 2026 Potentate of the El Korah Shrine. I would never have imagined myself serving in this capacity, and very humbling to serve this wonderful organization in this position of leadership. I would also like to recognize the officers of the Divan for their ongoing support and hard work that make everything we do possible.

February has been a busy month with two of our major fundraisers, Clubs and Units meetings, Winter PNSA and several fun social events. The month started with the very popular Black Light Patrol Crab Feed which continued over several weekends and was attended, as always, by members of various Masonic bodies and members of the community.

The San Duners held their annual Sweethearts Auction to raise money for the local screening clinic which is held to identify children from our area that might benefit from the services of Shriners Children's.

The Winter Pacific Northwest Shrine Association meeting was held in Sheridan, Wyoming. Seven of our Divan members and two Past Potentates represented El Korah. Ill Sir Ric Bobier was elected Second Vice President and will represent El Korah well. These meetings provide an opportunity for education as well as the exchange of ideas among members of the various Shrines in our region.

The month was also filled with opportunities for fun and fellowship. The Red Fez lunches have started again, and this month members from the Boise area traveled to Twin Falls to show their support for the Nobles in that area by joining them



and some of their ladies for a casual meal and social time. The next Red Fez lunch will be in Payette on Saturday, March 14th and I encourage all who are available to attend. Please RSVP to admin@elkorahshrine.com.

The Nobility hosted the East/West Shrine Bowl watch party and a Super Bowl watch party at the Boise Masonic Center with Nobles, Ladies and guests in attendance. There is always plenty of good food and fellowship at these events and I encourage you to watch your calendar for our next party.

I encourage you to participate in a monthly day of recognition for the Shrine by wearing a red shrine shirt on the first Friday of each month. Wearing one of the signature red shrine shirts out in the community allows us to promote the mission of the shrine and provide opportunities to invite other men to consider joining this great organization. Shrine clothing is available to order through the recorder's office.



Please mark your calendars for the upcoming events:

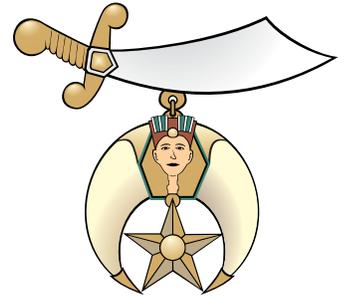
- » Red Shrine Shirt Friday, March 6th
- » Twin Falls Ice Breaker, Saturday, March 7th
- » Grand Lodge Exemplification in Pocatello, Saturday, March 7th
- » El Korah Stated Meeting, March 11th
- » Red Fez Lunch in Payette, March 14th
- » Nobility St. Patrick's Day Party, March 17th

We have many fun events scheduled for the coming year. I encourage you to participate in as many as you can. Remember that our membership is dependent on having healthy Blue Lodges, so be sure to support your brothers in your lodge. For those who have not paid their dues, they were due on December 31, 2025. El Korah is required to pay the \$55 per capital fee whether your dues or current or not. Please do your part and pay your dues in a timely manner.

Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to serve as your 2026 Potentate.

Dave

2026 Spring Ceremonial



- 11:30 to 12:30 – No Host Lunch (all attendees)
- 12:30 to 1:20 – Public Opening with Ceremonial Prologue
- 1:30 to 2:30 – Lodge tiled for Ceremonial 3rd section (lodge room)
Women’s program (snacks and drinks hosted, dining room)
- 2:30 to 3:30 – Break for all (candidates stay in lodge room)
Set up for evening
- 3:30 to 5:00 – Introductions, Presentations and Fezzing
- 5:00 to 6:00 – Social hour with Speeches
(No host bar; attendees receive one free drink ticket)
- 6:00 to 7:00 – Banquet served buffet style
- 7:00 to 8:30 – Dancing and conclusion
- 8:30 to 11:00 – Hospitality Room (Comfort Inn and Suites, Jerome)

Spring Ceremonial Registration

April 25, 2026

Twin Falls Lodge – 225 1st Ave East, Jerome, ID

Noble _____

Lady _____

Luncheon - \$10 per person

x _____

Ceremonial Banquet - \$40 per person

x _____

Buffet Featuring Flat Iron Steak and Roast Chicken

(Salad, Mixed Vegetables, Roasted Potatoes, Desert selection)

Total _____

(includes taxes and gratuities)

Remit form with payment to the El Korah’s Records Office

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Salt Lake Shriners Children's Clinic

by Kris Carney, Salt Lake Board of Governors



It is hard to believe that it is February already. Dr. Carroll is retiring and we are celebrating her many years of helping children at Shriners Children's. We will be hosting two celebrations for Dr. Carroll. The first is a pizza party with

patients, former patients and families on April 14th from 3-5 pm in our Central Activities area. The second is a staff tea on April 28th from 2-4 pm. You are welcome to attend either or both events.

The Walk for Love has officially been booked for September 25th. It would be wonderful if a group of Idaho Shriners showed up and participated. The walk takes place at the Salt Lake City Zoo and friends and family are welcome. Come join us and celebrate Shriners Children's.

Please reach out with any comments, questions or about becoming a Board of Governors member.

Kris Carney at kris@kriscarney.com.

A Reflection that has Re-Shaped My Shrine Experience

by Bruce Drewes, Chief Rabban

When I joined El Korah Shrine in 2011, our organization was thriving from my perspective. More than 1,100 men made up our vibrant community, and we enjoyed the luxury of our own Temple with its Oasis, and Grand Ballroom. To many Shriners, we truly felt on top of the world—a close-knit group with a strong sense of belonging.

However, things changed drastically in 2022 when we sold our cherished building. For some, it felt as though the vision of El Korah was lost. Although our current building is rented and smaller than before, it still provides a space for our organization to gather and connect with each other.

Despite these changes, our sense of community remains strong. Every event, from the All Masonic Christmas Party to the Superbowl Party, brings us together. These moments foster connections and remind us that our Masonic Family is about the ties that bind us—not just bricks and mortar.

Imagine if we closed our doors and let go of the Shrine, the Scottish Rite, and every Masonic group we belong to. Life would go on, and organizations like Shriners International and Shriners Children's Hospital would continue serving kids across the country. We wouldn't be the first Shrine to close, but we would feel the loss of our unique fellowship.

This leads me to reflect: What are we truly made of? Is our Shrine defined by a physical structure, or by something deeper?

Have we completed our mission? Or maybe we forgotten the charge given to us by our founding fathers? Our purpose is to create a bright spot in southern Idaho—a beacon of hope for children born with challenges by offering their families support and solutions.

Our impact goes beyond medical help. I remember a family whose daughter faced daunting surgery. The Shrine rallied around them, providing not only financial support but emotional comfort. That child's smile after recovery was a testament to the love and strength of our community. We have the ability and knowledge to help the youth of Idaho—

not just those with health issues, but anyone in need of guidance and support.

I believe it is time to look inward and rekindle the spark that energizes our organization. Renewed purpose will require collaboration across all Masonic groups because we are interconnected. Let's draw from our shared history and personal stories and unite to brighten the lives of those we serve.

At the 2025 Idaho Fun Ride, El Korah asked Idaho City #1 and Placer #3 to work with El Korah to make the Fun Ride a success. They did and the results were amazing! It is these cooperative activities that can assist our Masonic Family to grow.



EL KORAH SHRINERS SCREENING CLINIC



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Do You Know a Child We Can Help?

The purpose of this NO COST screening clinic is to identify children with specialty pediatric conditions, including those listed above, and refer them to Shriners Children's for treatment. A few signs to look for include concerns with child's head shape, curved spine, sore or stiff joints, bowed legs, knocked knees, in-toeing, toe walking, club feet, limb deficiency, or limb length discrepancy.

 **Boys & Girls Club Meridian - 911 N Meridian Rd.**

 **Saturday, May 2, 2026 - 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

No appointments necessary, walk-ins welcome. Screenings by volunteer licensed medical providers will take approximately 30 minutes.

 **At Shriners Children's, all care and services are provided regardless of the family's ability to pay or insurance status.**

Children up to age 18, including international patients, are eligible for care.



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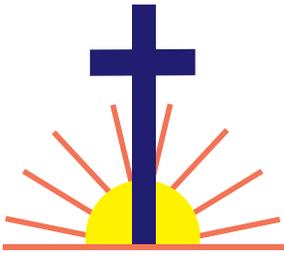
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Chaplain's Corner

by David Triplett, Chaplain



The first prayer I learned as a child started "Now I lay me down to sleep, I ask the Lord, my soul to keep . . ." From Sunday School we learned the Lord's prayer, which Christ taught to His disciples. We give a thankful prayer before dining together and at the opening and closing of the lodge.

As Masons, we are directed to use the Holy Writings as the Rule and Guide of our lives. Most lodges present each new master mason with the Bible upon which he gave his obligations. Here is a part of this presentation; We have not yet given you a set of plans to work by, or in our Masonic language, . . . your Trestle Board.

Here in the Bible is your book of plans, the most complete set of plans ever given to a man. Here you will find a plan to guide you, comfort you, to sustain you in every contingency, in joy or in sorrow, in riches or in poverty, in fair weather or foul. The answer to ever question, to every need, can be found between the covers of this great book.

The focus of this message is to ask you to include in your daily plan a time for Prayer and a time for reading from the Bible. A great Aunt of mine (Aunt Eby) and I had an understanding that we would read scripture every day, I think we even pinky swore on it. In 1980 she asked if I had been keeping up, and then rewarded me with a brand new 1980 truck. I think I was her favorite.

Do not look for rewards, but do all things with thanksgiving to our Creator. In a recent article from the Grand Prelate of Knight Templar, he related the power of prayer in 1 Chronicles 4:10. The Prayer of Jabez. Look it up.

Recorder's Ramblings

by Wayne Foster, Recorder

I hope the month of March finds everyone doing well with the weather changes and that everyone is able to go to the upcoming events in March.

If you have paid your dues for 2026 and have not received your new membership card, please contact the Recorder's Office. We have several that were sent to the office instead of the Noble's home address.

If you want to plan an event or meeting in the Oasis or the Recorder's Office, please schedule it with the Office so we don't get double booked.

I currently have four openings for volunteer bartenders. Boise City requires these position to have a TIPS certification. If you are interested, please contact the Recorder's Office for more information.

Patient Travel for the month of February. We spent a total of \$2,882.83 for mileage, lodging and Airfare.

Victoria, our Office Administrator has developed new QR Codes that you can scan for quick access to El Korah's Face Book and Instagram pages. Check these pages frequently for the latest information about what's happening around El Korah.

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2026 Annual Potentate's Ball

by Chief Rabban Bruce Drewes and Lady Jerri

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David Brannan
and First Lady Terri**



**2026
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Saturday April 18th

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**Dancing to follow with
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Proposed Amendment to Bylaws of El Korah Shriners Article 4 §4.8

NOTE. This amendment is necessary in order for El Korah’s Bylaws to align with Imperial Bylaws in the event we lease or purchase a building in the future. It also provides El Korah with Liability protection. **It will be voted on at the March or April Stated meeting.**

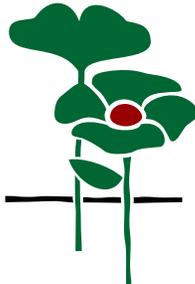
§4.8 Board of Directors. The composition and duties of the board of directors are enumerated in the bylaws of Shriners International. The board of directors has these additional duties.

- (a) **Leadership Search Committee.** The board of directors may appoint a Leadership Search Committee as allowed by the provisions of the bylaws of Shriners International.
- (b) **Temple Holding Corporation.** The board of directors and the immediate past potentate shall be the board of directors of any temple holding corporation.

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(b)(1) Any temple now incorporated pursuant to a state statute which authorizes the formation of a fraternal corporation, not for profit, deriving its rights and powers from a Grand or Imperial body, and any affiliated organization incorporated pursuant to a not-for-profit statute, may continue its corporate existence so long as the corporation (1) yields obedience to Shrine law; (2) exists solely as a nonprofit corporation having no purpose other than that of acquiring, owning, selling, or otherwise disposing of: and mortgaging real estate, and the erection, maintenance and operation of buildings thereon, for its own use; (3) no part of its assets or funds shall inure to the benefit of individuals personally except in payment for services actually rendered or performed; and (4) in the event of dissolution, the assets and funds remaining after the payment of all debts of the corporation shall be conveyed to the temple, Shriners International Education Foundation or Shriners Children’s.

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March 1	Steven	Sterns	March 10	John	Kerr
March 2	William	Bennett	March 10	Adam	Vietti
March 2	Ronald	Bishop	March 11	Joe	Corlett
March 2	Bruce	Cole	March 12	Craig	Handy
March 2	Wes	Morris	March 12	Ronald	Lester
March 3	Garry	Black	March 12	Joseph	Stinemates
March 4	James	Carpenter	March 14	Robert	Baker
March 4	Steven	Driscoll	March 17	Gary	West
March 4	Robert	Fisher	March 20	James	Doering
March 5	Daniel	Drefs	March 21	Ray	Westmoreland
March 5	James	Robinson	March 22	Gregory	Viertel
March 5	Gregory	Winther	March 24	Charles	Madden
March 6	Don	McCormick	March 25	Ned	Millard
March 7	Arthur	Kilton	March 26	Mischa	Brady
March 8	Ray	Liercke	March 27	Danny	Harkins
March 9	John	Henry	March 29	Daniel	Siddall
March 10	William	Grant	March 30	Ronald	Wood



Daughters of the Nile

by Shellie Smith, Princess Badoura

March brings a fresh sense of momentum to Iras Temple No. 40, as we continue to move forward with purpose, fellowship, and dedication to our mission. With winter loosening its grip, our members are stepping into spring energized and ready for what lies ahead.

A highlight of the month is our Election of Officers, an important and meaningful part of our Temple year. This process reflects our shared commitment to leadership, continuity, and the future of Iras Temple No. 40. We thank all members who are willing to step forward in service and those who participate thoughtfully in this responsibility.

Looking ahead, please mark your calendars for the Installation of Officers on April 4th at 2:00 pm, to be held at the Scottish Rite. This special ceremony allows us to formally welcome our new leadership while honoring the dedication that guides our Temple forward.



We extend our heartfelt thanks to Queen Terri for her unwavering commitment, leadership, and devotion to our Temple. Her service and care for Iras Temple No. 40 have made a lasting impact, and we are grateful for all she has

done on behalf of our members and the children we serve.

As always, our shared dedication to supporting Shriners Children's remains at the heart of all we do. Through fellowship, service, and generosity, we continue to make a difference together.

As we welcome the changing season, may we be reminded that growth begins through service, kindness, and shared purpose. Thank you to everyone who continues to give their time and talents to Iras Temple No. 40.

Here's to a meaningful close to winter and a bright spring ahead.

Greeters

by Ill Sir Ric Bobier, President



I would like to thank Past President Bob Martin for covering for me for the January Greeters meeting while I was convalescing. I really appreciated Bob's help.

We had an excellent Valentine's Brunch event on Sunday February 15th at the Riverside Hotel. It was well attended and we had several visitors that were able to join us. We had 55 folks total and a fun time was had by all. A thank you goes to Chief Rabban Bruce Drewes who served as our photographer. Thanks Bruce!

Due to a scheduling conflict, the March Greeters dinner and meeting will be on Friday, March 13th at 6:00 pm at Banbury Golf Course. Our speaker will be Courtney Boyce from the Central District Health Department. She will be talking about Kratom and Fentanyl. This will be a presentation that you will not want to miss!

We are always looking for new members to join us. You will not be sorry because we always have a great evening with dinner, mixed with fellowship and generally an excellent presentation on a variety of subjects. Everyone is always welcome to join us and see if the Greeters might be a good fit for you.



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Black Light Patrol

by Bob Julian, President

Here we are moving into March. The first two months of January and February have been extremely busy for the Black Light Patrol with seven nights of Crab Feeds hosting over 1000 attendees. This was our 28th year of holding these Crab Feeds. They take a lot of time and effort, along with up to 20 members and their ladies, to make this event a success. A high number of our attendees are non-masonic related so it's their opportunity to see what our organization is all about.

Our next project is assisting with the El Korah and Scottish Rite Cinco De Mayo party on May 9th, which will be held at the Scottish Rite Center.

On February 7th, the Black Light Patrol by invitation performed the Fellowcraft Degree under blacklights at Ashlar Lodge #29 in Nampa. There were twelve of our members in attendance that evening.



2026 Winter PNSA Meeting - Feb 19-21, Sheriden, WY

by Bruce Drewes, Chief Rabban

El Korah Shrine had 9 Nobles attend the Pacific Northwest Shrine Association (PNSA) meeting in Sheridan, WY including Imperial Sir Rick Holloway, Potentate Dave Brannan, Chief Rabban Bruce Drewes, Assistant Rabban Jason Morales, High Priest and Prophet Danny Harkins, Orient Guide Darrell Forester, Captain of the Guard Leonard LaTour, Ill Sir Clyde Schrader PP, Ill Sir Dave Thomas PP, and Ill Sir Ric Bobier PP (and PNSA 3rd Vice President).

On February 19th, Darrell Forrester (President of the El Korah Clowns), Dave Thomas, and Len LaTour attended the Clown College at the beautiful Kalif Shrine Center. On the

same day, the rest of us attended either the Oriental Guide School or the Chief Rabban School. All of the courses were well received and of great interest to everyone.

Four Imperial Officers and one Trustee attended PNSA: Imperial First Ceremonial Master Timothy Forbis, Imperial Marshal David Hamm, Imperial Captain of the Guard Dale Vrsalovich, Hospital Board Tustee Ron Capps, and Imperial Outer Guard (and El Korah Past Potentate) Rick Holloway.

The last two days of the meeting we filled with information from the Imperial offices and information for all of the other Temples. This program was filled with conversations and presentations concerning the operation of the Shrine.

Summer PNSA will be held at Kimberely, BC on July 30 through August 2, 2026.

The next Winter PNSA will be held in San Mateo, CA on February 19-21, 2027

If you have an interest in attending either of these meetings, contact a Divan Member or the Recorder's Office.



2026-27 PNSA Officers: President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, 3rd VP, Trustee, Administrator



Missing Kart Kore Karts - A Silver Lining

by Noble David Stonhill

Despite extensive efforts, the missing karts still have not been recovered. I fear that the karts are permanently idled. While this was a disappointing outcome, it also marked a turning point for our Shrine activities.

I am pleased to share a very positive development. The Upper Snake River Shrine Club has officially restarted, and through the generous support of Shriners from across the state, we have been able to establish a new group in the area. Thanks to their assistance, 10 Tin Lizzie cars have been donated to our club, giving us a renewed opportunity to participate in parades, events, and resume our community outreach on behalf of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Of course, these cars have been in storage for a few years, so part of the fun will be getting them parade-ready.

With an upcoming Ceremonial scheduled this spring, now is the perfect time to become a Shriner, get outfitted with a Fez and Tin Lizzie, and join in the fun.



Our next club meeting is on February 26th, 6:30 PM at Dixie's Diner in Idaho Falls. This timing is ideal as we prepare for the America-250 parades, where Shriners are always one of the biggest draws and a crowd favorite.

I look forward to hearing from potential new members and showcasing the renewed energy of the Upper Snake River Shrine Club as we head into an exciting parade season.

Contact: David Stonhill rocksnobster@gmail.com

Superbowl IX Party

by Mitch Davis, Ambassador Emeritus



New England Patriots vs Seattle Seahawks

MARCH 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Tin Lizzies	4 Provost Guard	5	6 Greeters Players Red Shrine Shirt Friday	7 Twin Falls Ice Breaker Idaho Grand Lodge Exemplification-Poky
8	9 Board/Divan Meeting Twin Falls SC	10	11 Stated Mtg	12	13	14 Red Fez Lunch - Payette
15 Daylight Savings Time Starts	16	17 St Pat's Party Cameleers Sand Duners High Country SC	18	19	20	21
22	23 Black Light Patrol	24	25	26	27	28 Scottish Rite Reunion
29 Scottish Rite Reunion	30 Snake River SC El Korah Clowns	31				

APRIL 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 Provost Guard	2	3 Greeters Players Red Shrine Shirt Friday	4 DON Installation
5	6 Divan Meeting	7 Tin Lizzies	8 Stated Mtg	9	10	11 Grand Lodge Unity Banquet Red Fez Lunch-Arco Rainbow Meeting
12 Gold Rush SC	13 Twin Falls SC Football Players Banquet - TF	14	15	16	17	18 Pote's Ball Oxford Inn, Boise
19 Grand York Rite	20	21 Cameleers Sand Duners High Country Sidewinders	22	23	24	25 Ceremonial Jerome Lodge
26	27 Black Light Patrol Snake River SC El Korah Clowns	28	29	30		