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## Potentate's Message *by Ill Sir Dave Brannan*



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brothers. I will continue these visits and hope to get other Shriners to join me in these visits and show our support for these brothers. If you haven't been to your lodge in a while, this is an excellent opportunity to reconnect. Remember, there could be no Shriners without the Masons.

I was privileged to attend two special Masonic youth events. The North/South Magic Valley Shrine Football banquet honored the players and their families at a dinner hosted by the Twin Falls Shrine Club. I also represented the Shrine at the annual Rainbow Girls Grande Officer Reception held at the Scottish Rite Center in Boise. It is wonderful to see the dedication and leadership skills of these exceptional young people who will be the next generation of our Masonic community.

The popular Red Fez lunches continue. This month we traveled to Arco. Three Shriners and their ladies joined Chief Rabban Bruce Drewes and I for a great time of fellowship and lunch at Pickle's Place. There will be two Red Fez lunches in May. We will be meeting with the Nobles and their ladies in Mountain Home on May 9<sup>th</sup> and then traveling to Blackfoot for lunch at the Blackfoot Barbeque on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the Recorder's office if you wish to participate in either of these events.

The annual Potentate's ball hosted by Chief Rabban Bruce Drewes and his Lady Jerri was held at the Oxford Suites in Boise. We had a wonderful time putting on our glad rags for a night of dancing to the music of Rockin' Rooster and a delicious meal. The room was beautifully decorated and we were surprised by a visit from fellow Salt Lake City Board of Governors member Illustrious Sir Randy Peters and his Lady Cindy from Phoenix! Terri and I wish to say thanks again to Bruce and Jerri and all those who helped to plan and make this such a special event.

The final event for April will be the L. Dan Rowell Spring Ceremonial which will be held at the newly renovated Masonic Lodge in Jerome on April 25<sup>th</sup>. We will be

Spring is a busy time at El Korah with many Shrine events and activities as well as those of the other masonic bodies. I am continuing to visit the Blue Lodges whenever possible and have received positive feedback from the Masonic

welcoming five new Shriners and three Shrine Ladies to our family. The next Ceremonial will be in November, so be thinking about Masons you might know who would make good Shriners and encourage them to join us at the Fall Ceremonial in Boise.

Events planned for May include:

**1)** The Kentucky Derby Watch Party which will kick off First Lady Terri's project "Building Confidence and Comradery Through Camping" which will raise funds for Camp Un-Limited. This event will be on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Boise Masonic Center - Westgate from 3pm-6pm. There will be race fans in their finest southern apparel, a delicious feast of favorite southern foods, mint julips and our own special "Thoroughbreds" will be racing to entertain us. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased by contacting Recorder's Office.

**2)** The Shrine/Scottish Rite Cinco de Mayo dinner will be at the Scottish Rite Building on May 9<sup>th</sup>. A Mexican Feast will be served and your Potentate will be showing off his baking skills. There will be items up for raffle and you are encouraged to wear your best Mexican attire to this celebration. Tickets are available through the Recorder for \$25.

**3)** The North South Magic Valley Football game will be held in Twin Falls on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**4)** There will be a special guided tour of the Shriners Children's Hospital in Portland May 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. The group will leave Boise by van and travel to the facility in Portland. Staff from the hospital and Al-Kadar Shrine will lead us on a tour of the hospital and highlight the services they offer. We will have an opportunity to see first-hand the kind of outstanding work our facilities do for the children. We will then travel to Wilsonville, just south of Portland, where the Nobles of Al Kader will be hosting a dinner for us at their Temple. Discounted overnight accommodations will be available at the Best Western in Wilsonville.

Additional information on any of these events is available through the El Korah Recorder's office at 208-343-0571. I hope you will be joining us!

Fraternally Yours,  
Illustrious Sir, David Brannan



## Building Confidence and Comradery Through Camping

*by First Lady Terri Brannan*

The First Lady of the El Korah Shrine has the privilege of selecting one of the many programs offered by Shriners Children's each year and hosting an event to raise money for that program. These monies are then contributed on behalf of El Korah Shrine. This year I have chosen:

### Camp Un-Limb-ited

This camp offers teen patients of the Shriners Children's health care system with limb loss or limb deficiency the opportunity to participate in a camping experience in the Utah wilderness. There are both winter and summer camps with sporting experiences including skiing, snow boarding and white-water rafting.

I had the opportunity to work with students with complicated medical conditions during my time as a school nurse for the West Ada School District. These children had received outstanding medical care that allowed them to attend school safely despite their physical limitations, but I soon became aware that their childhood experiences were in no way like those of their classmates. They had often spent months in medical facilities surrounded only by their families and the medical staff and had never really been able to "play".

My first encounter with one of these kids was with a first-grade boy who had been treated for a brain tumor. He came to my office every day during recess. He always called me by my first name and I soon realized I was his only school friend. It was heart-breaking to see how his inability to do things like catch a ball and ride a bike isolated him from his peers.

The importance of play to the development of a child is well documented. The goal of programs like Camp Un-Limb-ited to provide activities that children with limb differences would not be able to safely experience without specially trained professionals and special equipment for support. Camp Un-Limb-ited offers teens with limb differences the opportunity to gain confidence in their abilities and form lasting friendships with other kids like them through participation in these camps. The camps are staffed by qualified professionals from the Shriners Children's and just like the other services at Shriners are offered at no cost to the participants.

The only source of funding for this program is through contributions from people like you. The difference a program like this can make in the life of one of these kids is priceless. Please consider making a donation to this cause knowing the impact your kindness will have. All proceeds generated by the fundraisers and any presentations made on behalf of the 2026 El Korah First Lady's Project will go directly to Camp Un-Limb-ited. (Contributions which do not include tickets or prizes are tax deductible and documentation from the Shrine will be available). Thank you for your consideration for this cause that is so close to my heart.

Fraternally Yours,

Terri Brannan, First Lady 2026, El Korah Shrine

## Red Fez Lunch - Arco, ID

*by Bruce Drewes, Chief Rabban*



A Red Fez lunch held on April 11, 2026 with the Lemhi Shrine Club was held at Pickle's in Arco.

Attending were: Noble Doug Hammon and his Lady Sandi (she took the photo), Potentate David Brannan, Chief Rabban Bruce Drewes, Noble Steven Siebers and his Lady Jill, Noble Russ Smith and his daughter (she is not pictured).

A great visit was had by all that attended and it was good to see everyone.

### 2026 Potentate's Ball Photos



# EL KORAH SHRINERS SCREENING CLINIC



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

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 **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.

# Join El Korah Shrine and Scottish Rite for a Party!

## Saturday May 9th, 2026

Scottish Rite Masonic Center  
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### Chaplain's Corner

by Jason Morales, Assistant Rabban



Most Worshipful Dave Triplett, Chaplain for El Korah Shrine, asked me to write something for Chaplain's Corner in his stead. I consider it a privilege.

I've grown very fond of MW Triplett over the years. When we connect before a meeting, or at an event, he will often tell me about his daily Tai Chi and Qi

Gong practice. Sometimes, he will even demonstrate a form, talk about what the form represents, and then relate it to freemasonry and to the work we do as Shriners.

If he has spoken to you about this, you also know that when he practices his forms in the morning, he grounds himself near a tree. Being near a tree is part of his ritual, whether he is in Idaho or in Mexico. He practices Tai Chi barefoot and with his bare feet he feels for the roots of the tree, he feels for the energy flowing through the roots and through the ground beneath the tree, and then while doing his form he moves in a way that connects with the tree.

Many of us connect with forms of Nature, like the soil, the air, the water and snow, when we reflect deeply upon our lives, when we meditate, and when we pray.

What forms of nature do you connect with?

Like MW Triplett, I often connect with the tree during moments of self-reflection. Living in Idaho, I'm drawn to pine trees and how our mountainside slopes are covered with blankets of tall, straight arrows, these green rockets that shoot up from the ground and seem to grow forever. Pine trees have popped up in several things that I've written over the years.

Nature possesses life force that we experience through its different forms.

I hope that for you this month's Chaplain's Corner provides a reminder to make time to move with Nature and to experience the life force that connects you with and through it.

### Ill Sir Ray Breshears Receives Memento From 2025 East/West Football Game

Photos by Jason Morales, Assistant Rabban



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# El Korah Shrine

First Lady's Project

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*by Ill Sir Ric Bobier, PNSA 2nd Vice President*



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# CIRCUS



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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 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.

**NEW**

(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.

### Imperial Potentate Challenge Coin

*by Imperial Sir Rick Holloway*

If you haven't purchased an Imperial Potentate Challenge Coin yet, I will have them at the next two El Korah Stated meetings. 100% of the money raised from the sale of these coins goes to the Shriners International Education Foundation (SEIF), which improves lives by promoting, supporting and fostering education, training, study, research, and leadership skills for aspiring leaders within Shriners International and members of the Masonic family, including both men and women from appendant allied and affiliated bodies, and nonprofit organizations.

SEIF also sponsors the Grand Master's Conference at Imperial Session.

The coins are \$20 and are VERY CLASSY! They will only be available through the 2026 Imperial Session.



## El Korah Nobility Birthdays

May 1	Jorge	Castaneda	May 11	Mitch	Davis	May 23	Howard	Gautschi
May 1	David	Combs	May 11	Terrell	Dufur	May 24	Matthew	Stallsmith
May 1	William	Lawrence	May 11	John	Warner	May 24	Michael	Yavno
May 3	Alan	Fox	May 12	Clarence	Jones	May 25	Noah	Serna
May 4	James	Franklin	May 15	Mark	Combs	May 27	Douglas	Blandford
May 5	Randy	Watts	May 18	Joe	Rose	May 27	John	Williams
May 8	Jimmy	Donald	May 18	Clyde	Schrader	May 28	Michael	McKinney
May 8	Marc	Essary	May 19	John	Blake	May 28	Richard	Murphy
May 10	Michael	Glanders	May 20	Gregory	Bishop	May 29	Bert	Bollar
May 10	Larry	Sutton	May 20	Bradley	Dunlap	May 31	Wesley	Gates
			May 20	Jon	Riggs			



## Twin Falls Shrine Club

*by Jeremy Barnett, President*

The Twin Falls Shrine Club is chugging along. We were proud to play a significant part in the 2026 Spring Ceremonial which was held in Jerome on April 25th. Congratulations to our new Nobles!!

The Spring Screening Clinic is proceeding as planned. It will be on Saturday, May 16th at Twin Falls Boys & Girls Club on Frontier Rd. Please plan on turning out to support one of main events of the year.

The North-South All Star Football games will be on Memorial Day (May 25th), and is another major event for the Twin Falls Shrine Club. Grab your fez and come on out and support our Club and enjoy the games. See the flyer on the cover page for details.

## Greeters

*by Ill Sir Ric Bobier, President*

Hello Nobles and Ladies, our April meeting was held on Friday, April 3rd at the Boise Masonic Center - Westgate with a fantastic meal provided by our Chef Wayne Foster. We had 43 people in attendance and our speaker was Ron Berglund from the Pontiacs of Idaho Club. Ron talked about organizing and putting on a Classic Car Fund Raiser and what things we could do to make it successful, bring in outside sponsors, and make a little money.

We had several Greeters present at the Spring Ceremonial in Jerome and they made the morning complete by providing Gin Fizzes. All went great! Congratulations to our new Nobles and their Ladies who were initiated into El Korah Shrine at this Ceremonial.

Our May Meeting and Dinner will be Friday, May 1st at Casa Mexico Restaurant, by Harbor Freight on Fairview in Boise. Our speaker will be our own Nora Carpenter who has a great evening planned for us, so you do not want to miss this one!

Our summer picnic will be Sunday, August 16th at Tulley Park at 11:00 am. Lunch will be served at 11:30. More info to come on this later.

The summer session of Pacific Northwest Shrine Association (PNSA) will be Jul 30 - Aug 2 in Kimberley, BC, Canada. It will be an epic event at a phenomenal location! Registration forms will be out shortly.

That's all for now. Have a great summer and we hope to be greeting you at many of our upcoming El Korah Shrine events.

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## From Ashlar Lodge to El Korah, a Generational Thread

by Jason Morales, Assistant Rabban

Every year around this time, I think about the Spring Ceremonial in 2019, one of my most memorable experiences in freemasonry, the day I received my Fez.

At the Ceremonial Banquet, I sat at the banquet table with my petition signer, Noble Rod Burke, and his wife Gretchen. On my other side was Illustrious Sir Paul Winther, and his son, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of Idaho AF&AM, Greg Winther, who was sitting beside his lovely wife.

I asked Illustrious Sir Winther what drew him to Freemasonry. He smiled with pride, said to call him “Paul”, leaned in, and told me a story that shaped my understanding of what freemasonry is about.

Paul told me that he followed his father into freemasonry. At the time, there were two lodges in Nampa, the Nampa Lodge #29, which was considered more of a businessman’s lodge, and Ashlar Lodge #90, which appealed more to laborers. Paul told me that Ashlar Lodge was founded by railroad workers who had been blackballed when petitioning the Nampa Lodge, and rather than walk away from freemasonry altogether, they sought a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Idaho AF&AM to open a new lodge. Paul was very proud that Ashlar Lodge #90 was his Mother Lodge.

Despite being a highly successful businessman himself, the proprietor of his family business – Winther’s Music Company – Paul related more to the Ashlar Lodge and he carried forward his father’s legacy when he later served there as Worshipful Master. In 1993, Paul became Illustrious Potentate of El Korah Shrine, and soon after, his son, Greg, went on to serve as Most Worshipful Grand Master of Idaho AF&AM (1995–1996).

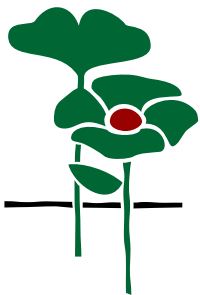
What I learned from Ill. Sir Winther at that Spring Ceremonial was that freemasons are men who persist, men who, in Idaho, persisted to form their own lodges and to develop their own cultures and communities – despite being denied and rejected. In another way, I learned how Freemasonry is universal, for in every country and in every clime are Masons to be found.

In a fraternity dedicated to the principles of equality and merit, classism existed. Men of good character were rejected because of external factors. But they couldn't accept that, they refused to let that definition stand, and because they understood our craft, they built something new.

I learned a story about what the Winther family understood firsthand: that Freemasonry's ideals—fraternity, equality, merit—are not automatic. They must be lived and stood up for, across generations. They must be protected, renewed, and passed forward by men who are willing to do the work and are persistent in doing so.

In preparing this article, I had an opportunity to reconnect with MW PGM Greg Winther, to verify some of the things that Paul had said to me, and to hear a little more about their family legacy. This conversation led me to even more history about Idaho Freemasonry and El Korah, and I'll have to meet up with Greg for lunch again soon so that I can learn more.

I hope more Nobles consider sharing their stories here in the Desert Dust, including those that help us to further preserve clues and artifacts from El Korah's notable past.



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## 2026: The First Four Months A Review of Leadership, Engagement, and Growth

by Bruce Drewes, Chief Rabban

### Leadership and Engagement

Illustrious Sir David Brannan began his term with notable enthusiasm and dedication, quickly addressing important concerns within El Korah. He recognized that Masonic Lodges are the cornerstone of the Masonic Family and has continually emphasized the value of active participation at the lodge level.

Since membership in the Masonic Family originates in the Masonic Lodge, Dave encouraged his Divan members not only to attend their own lodges, but also to support other lodges in the area. This commitment has helped reinforce the foundation of our organization and inspired greater unity among members.

### Supporting Masonic Lodge Activities

To further support Ill Sir Dave's commitment, the Blacklight Patrol has scheduled five Second Degrees to assist three lodges in the coming weeks. This collaborative effort strengthens the bonds between lodges and further nurtures the spirit of unity.

A recent example of collaboration occurred when Boise #2 invited El Korah to participate in their Saint Patrick's Day celebration. Despite both groups planning corned beef and cabbage dinners on the same night—one at the Boise Masonic Center and the other at the Scottish Rite Building—joining their efforts led to a more successful event for both organizations. Members from both bodies were able to connect, resulting in benefits for everyone involved.

*"The Family is always stronger  
when everyone is working together."*

### Red Fez Lunches:

#### Fostering Meaningful Connections

Ill Sir Dave's dedication is also evident in his efforts to organize Red Fez lunches, which are open to Shriners, Masons and interested friends, have required significant personal investment of his time and resources. So far he has traveled—at his own expense—to eateries in Boise, Payette, Mountain Home, and Arco, with an upcoming lunch planned to Blackfoot.

These lunches have proven invaluable, providing opportunities for attendees to connect, share ideas, and strengthen relationships throughout the region.

### Investing in Ourselves

As we continue through 2026 and look ahead to 2027, our focus remains on investing in the organization and pursuing both internal growth and lasting external impact. We are moving through doors of understanding and stand on the verge of becoming a stable Masonic Family. Success will be achieved by continuing to work together.

*"Light work is made with many hands."*

## Bringing a Shrine Tin Lizzie Firetruck Back to Life A Restoration Story from the Upper Snake River Tin Lizzies

by Noble David Stonhill

If you have been following some of our articles in the Desert Dust, you might recall me mentioning a go-kart firetruck we received from the Mountain Home Tin Lizzie Patrol to help our new unit get started; it wasn't exactly parade-ready—it was a basket case. In fact, when Doug and I loaded it into my pickup, we didn't even know it was a fire truck.

It was completely disassembled: no engine, frame chopped up and welds broken, parts missing, the red paint faded to orange, and whatever personality it once had was buried under years of wear, rust, cannibalization, and, yes, multi-generational rodent nests. But underneath all that, after taking a closer look, one could see pieces of small wooden ladders, ropes once coiled for display, red light covers, and even a brass bell; you could still see hints of what it used to be: a crowd-pleasing little fire engine that once proudly drove down parade routes.

Tearing it down already feels a bit like archaeology. Every bolt and bracket tells a story. Some parts are clearly handmade, likely built by a Shriner with big dreams and ambition. There's no manual for these machines—just ingenuity, trial and error, and a lot of community spirit. I recently joined a group of Shriners and supporters on Facebook who are dedicated to the preservation of these “Shriner Parade Cars.” I have already received lots of support identifying parts and how to start the restoration:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/843643482503098/>

Right now, this project is at the very beginning. What sits in the shop isn't a finished piece—it's a work in progress with a long road ahead. And that's part of the appeal. We hope to share the little fire truck's progress as it slowly comes back to life, step by step, piece by piece, as it returns to where it should be: out on the street, in a parade, driven by a Shriner.

Working on this kart, and the three other Tin Lizzie projects the unit has, already makes one thing clear: these aren't just machines. They're part of a tradition and history of how Shriners connect with communities and support their charitable work.

Bringing this firetruck back from the brink isn't just about fixing something old—it's about keeping that tradition alive. There's only one place this little firetruck belongs—not in pieces in a shop, but out on the parade route, again making people smile. And I'll be sharing the journey as it gets there. To be continued...



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## Planting the Seed of Fraternal Friendship and Philanthropy

*Presented at the 2026 Spring Ceremonial Ladies Luncheon by Ann Triplett*

I would like to digress a bit today and speak to you about the founding of the Shrine.

This story was told to me many years ago by an old Shriner from Albany, New York. Albany, that old historic city so rich in tradition, is the oldest chartered city in the United States and is also very old from a Masonic standpoint. In 1957, there were over 600,000 wearers of the Red Fez in North America, but very few of them knew the origins and expansion of this great fraternity.

In January 1871, nearly 155 years ago, two Masons met and formulated the plans for the then A.A.O.N.M.S. They were Dr. James R. Fleming, an eminent physician and Civil War veteran and Mr. William Florence, a distinguished actor who was born in Albany. They met in Mr. Florence's home and it was there that the idea was conceived for the fraternal organization of Masonic background with all of the Arabic glamour, pomp, and pageantry of the Orient. Mr. Fleming had traveled extensively and with his great knowledge and sense of dramatics, he used the symbols and ancient rites he had learned in the East for the founding of the Shrine.

In June of that same year, Dr. Fleming and Mr. Florence met with eleven Masonic friends in New York City. There, the plans of their embryonic stage were discussed and adopted and this Mother Group of 13 Masons became the charter members of Mecca Temple, the first Shrine Temple. When the initials A.A.O.N.M.S. are rearranged, they form the words, "A MASON".

As happens in every growing city, the old residential section over time becomes the business section and today Mr. Fleming's home is a "seed store". How very apropos as Mr. Webster says that "a seed is that part of the plant which contains the embryo of the future plant". Little did these two Masons realize the great fraternity which would spring forth from that seed they planted when they met in Albany 155 years ago. Another offspring from that seed was yet to come forth as in 1922 the project for Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children was launched. Today, these Hospitals and

Clinics, known as Shriners Children's, stand as the greatest service to humanity carried on by a group of Nobles that you are with today at this Ceremonial.

The men becoming Nobles today will belong to El Korah Shrine Temple which was founded in Boise in 1891 and Chartered in 1898. Early meetings were held at various places around Boise including the Natatorium, a skating rink, and even a bank building. In 1914, El Korah purchased a burned out livery stable in downtown Boise and rebuilt it using the original sandstone structure. In 2023, the building was sold to a private investor and is used as a music venue, and an event and culture space. Now the El Korah Nobles meet in a building off of Fairview Avenue in Boise.

In 1908, Twin Falls formed a club of El Korah and were seen in many parades with their Magic Minis, which were small Honda motorcycles; and also the Oriental Shrine Band. Through the years, the Twin Falls Shrine Club has absorbed the Wood River Shrine Club and the Oasis, or Buhl Shrine Club. The Twin Falls Shrine Club is very proud that they support their own Patient Travel Fund which sends patients and their families to a Shrine Hospital or Clinic for care and support.

Noble Ray Aas told me that many years ago the Nobles had two busses filled with players, cheerleaders, coaches and chaperons who would be participating in the North/South High School All Star football game go to the Hospital in Salt Lake City to tour the facility and meet the patients. Noble Ray said the football players played harder and the cheer leaders cheered louder because of that personal contact with the patients.

As you have heard me say before, a speech should be long enough to cover everything and short enough to be interesting, so I will leave you with these final words: support your Noble by encouraging him to attend meetings, join a Unit or Club, help with a fundraiser or event, and to enjoy the fellowship of like men. You won't be disappointed.

## Daughters of the Nile

by Michelle Bollar, Princess Badoura

Spring has officially arrived, and with it comes a renewed sense of energy, connection, and excitement. As April unfolds, our calendar is already brimming with activity—from club meetings and sewing gatherings to friendly card games—bringing members together in meaningful and enjoyable ways.

We also recently marked an important milestone with the Installation of Officers for the upcoming year. Held on April 4th, the ceremony celebrated both tradition and new beginnings as we welcomed our newly elected leaders:

Queen: Sidonia Miller

Princess Royal: Meeka Pedersen

Princess Tirzah: Shellie Smith

Princess Badoura: Michelle Bollar

Princess Recorder: Jacque Rose

Princess Banker: Mary Baldwin



With leadership in place, we launched the year with our first Stated Session on April 16th, which went off without a hitch and set a positive tone for the months ahead. As always, the new year brings a blend of meaningful fundraising efforts alongside opportunities simply to enjoy each other's company—what we like to call “fundraisers and fun-raisers.”

Our first fun event of the season will be the Annual Silver Tea, held on Saturday, May 30th from 2:00–4:00 PM at the Rosecrest Clubhouse in Boise. This cherished gathering is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy an afternoon of fellowship, refreshments, and tradition in a warm and welcoming setting.

We're also excited to look ahead to a major upcoming event: the 110th Supreme Session, taking place June 6–10 in Victoria, Canada. Attendees are looking forward to gathering with members from across the organization, strengthening connections, and learning more about our incredible philanthropy and the impact it continues to make.

## SHRINE CIRCUS

by Gail Sivey, Co-Chairman



**The Circus is Coming!** Yes, the Circus will be here before we know it, and we need your help.

First, we need help delivering kids tickets throughout our area. I have given tickets to members in Eastern Idaho and Twin Falls to distribute, now we need Nobles to distribute them throughout the Treasure Valley. Please contact me to help out.

Second, we need a few Nobles to travel with the Circus. I have been contacted by several Nobles that want to travel with us, but we still need a few more. Again, please contact me if you can travel with the Circus. I will have a sign-up sheet at the May Stated meeting.

[gailsivey@gmail.com](mailto:gailsivey@gmail.com)

If you can't work at the Circus (or prefer not to), please consider coming to performances in your area. You can wear your fez and Shrine shirt and show the community that we support the Circus. Patrons often seek out Shriners to thank them for bringing the Circus to town.

Noble and Honored Lady tickets will be arriving in your mailboxes soon.



# 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL...Saturday August 1, 2026

## Lakeview Golf Course in Meridian



### Taking care of children at Shriners Hospitals!

Enjoy a complete program of special events: 18 holes of golf (including cart), lunch, raffle and silent auctions.

- Men's and Women's longest drive contest
- Closest to the pin challenge
- Team awards

Available for purchase:

- Mulligans
- Ropes
- Raffle Tickets
- Golf Poker 50/50 \$20

**Available for Pre purchase**

Raffle: 6 for \$10.00  
 Mulligans: \$5 ea or 3 for \$10  
 Ropes: \$10 ea or 2 for \$15

- Proceeds support the children at Shriners Children's® and Iras Temple No. 40
- **Saturday, August 1** at Lakeview Golf Course in Meridian
- Registration at 6:30 am Shotgun start 8:00 am
- Breakfast items for purchase in the clubhouse
- Cost \$125 per player or \$500 per team. Includes golf, cart, lunch, & awards.

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Raffle Tickets: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Ropes:\$\_\_\_\_\_ Mulligans: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Player 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Raffle Tickets: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Ropes:\$\_\_\_\_\_ Mulligans: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Player 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Raffle Tickets: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Ropes:\$\_\_\_\_\_ Mulligans: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Player 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Raffle Tickets: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Ropes:\$\_\_\_\_\_ Mulligans: \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Total Remittance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

SCAN TO REGISTER



**Make Team Registration checks payable to Iras Temple No. 40**

**Please pay by July 25, 2025**

Send to Iras Temple, PO Box 140345, Boise ID 83714

Contact: Mary Baldwin (208) 484-3330 or [irastemple40don@gmail.com](mailto:irastemple40don@gmail.com)

*Monies paid before June 27th will receive 1 Mulligan and 1 Rope per person*



# Daughters of the Nile 12th Annual Golf Tournament

August 1, 2026

Lakeview Golf Course - Shotgun Start 8:00 am

## Sponsor Form

- Event Sponsor .....\$3,001 to \$6,000
- Corporate Sponsor .....\$500 to \$3,000
- Driving Range Sponsor.....\$300 (1 only)
- Putting Green Sponsor .....\$300 (1 only)
- Hole Sponsor .....\$100
- Donation .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you want to promote your company during the tournament, bring your own table and chair to your hole location. If you need a cart, you must reserve it by July 25th through Lakeview Golf Course (208) 888-4080. The rental fee is \$25. All sponsors will be featured at the event.

**Please Print Clearly** (Complete this section to receive a Foundation Receipt)

Sponsorship Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment

Check \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card: Visa \_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ CVV Code \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Sponsor Checks payable to Daughters of the Nile Foundation**  
 Send to Iras Temple, PO Box 140345, Boise ID 83714-0345  
 or email to [irastemple40don@gmail.com](mailto:irastemple40don@gmail.com)

# MAY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> Greeters Players Red Shrine Shirt Friday	<b>2</b> First Lady's Kentucky Derby Watch Party
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Tin Lizzies	<b>6</b> Provost Guard	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Cinco de Mayo Party Honored Ladies Luncheon
<b>10</b> Mother's Day	<b>11</b> Divan Mtg Twin Falls SC	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Stated Mtg	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Red Fez Lunch-Blackfoot Blackhawk BBQ
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Black Light Patrol	<b>19</b> Cameleers Sand Duners High Country Sidewinders	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> DeMolay Conclave
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Snake River SC El Korah Clowns Office CLOSED	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> ← Shriners Children's Portland Hospital Tour →
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# JUNE 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Red Shrine Shirt Friday	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Shrine Circus ← Idaho Falls Sandy Downs	<b>10</b> Shrine Circus Rupert Fairgrounds	<b>11</b> Shrine Circus Filer Fairgrounds	<b>12</b> Shrine Circus Jerome Fairgrounds	<b>13</b> Shrine Circus Boise → Expo Idaho
← DON Supreme Session - Victoria, BC →						
<b>14</b> Shrine Circus Boise Expo Idaho Father's Day	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Juneteenth Recorder's Office CLOSED	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Job's Daughters Grand Session	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				