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

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Pictures should include a caption, if appropriate.

Email your submission to Gary at
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2026 Shrine Dues

were due by
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September Stated Meeting

**Wed, Sept 9th, 7:30 pm
Boise Masonic Center - Westgate**

Potentate's Message *by Ill Sir Dave Brannan*



"Timeless" Jacket, Shirt and Cap

Imperial Session in Tampa, participate in several parades and attend club picnics and fun activities. We also had a booth at the Fair providing information to fair attendees on the services available through Shriners Children's as well as information for men wishing to join our fraternal organization.

We hosted another successful Circus under the leadership of Noble Gail Sivey. Attendees were treated to a great show along with information about Shriners Children's and our organization. I would like to personally thank Gail and all the Nobles and Ladies who were willing to travel and help out with this week-long event.

El Korah hosted a Shriner's Night at a Boise Hawks game in August. There were around 60 people from our group in attendance at the game. A big thanks to Chief Rabban Bruce Drewes, Assistant Rabban Jason Morales and our Office Assistant Victoria Schweigert for organizing and promoting this event.

El Korah was represented at the 2026 Imperial Session by Chief Rabban Bruce Drewes, Recorder Wayne Foster, Treasurer and Most Worshipful Grand Master Randy King and myself. Elections for Imperial officers were held with the following results:

Imperial Potentate: Imperial Sir Larry Lieb

Imperial Recorder: Past Imperial Sir Richard Burke

Imperial Captain of the Guard: Imperial Sir Rick Holloway

Imperial Outer Guard: Imperial Sir Richard Loomis

The Nobles serving as Trustees were also re-elected to serve for the coming year.

Several significant items of legislation were also voted on. Due to the complexity of these issues and need for further explanation and discussion, these results will be discussed at the September Stated Meeting on September 9, 2026.

El Korah Nobles and their ladies traveled to Summer PNSA in Kimberly, British Columbia for a time of networking and fellowship with Nobles from other Shrine Temples in the Northwest area. I was unable to attend and greatly appreciate

Welcome back to the Shrine Year. I hope you had a fun and relaxing summer. I was privileged to represent El Korah at the annual Shrine Circus that traveled through Eastern Idaho and the Boise area, travel to the 2026

Nobles Bruce Drewes and Ill Sir Ric Bobier for organizing the event. Thanks also go to Ill Sir Ric for serving as a PNSA officer. We hope to have another good turnout for the 2027 Winter PNSA in sunny California in February.

The "Racing To Help Kids" Fundraiser is still active and raising money for the Shriners Children's Clinic in Salt Lake and the Portland Hospital. You can contribute to this Fundraiser in several ways:

1. Make a donation designated for "Racing To Help Kids" through the Recorder's office
2. Purchase a Potentate's Challenge coin with the special America's 250th Birthday insignia for \$20
3. Enjoy a beer at Boise

Brewing during the month of December. (the brewery is donating \$1 for each of their featured beers purchased during December)

Upcoming Fall Events:

Sept 9: Stated Meeting

Sept 17-19: Grand Lodge

Sept 19: Salt Lake City Walk of Love

Oct 3: Portland Walk of Love

Oct 14: Stated Meeting (Past Potentate's Night)

Oct 30: Oyster Feed (tentative)

Nov 11: Stated Meeting (Chief Rabban Night)

Nov 21: Fall Ceremonial at Boise Masonic Center

Nov 22: E/W Shrine Football Game Banquet at Middleton High School

Nov 27: E/W Shrine Football Game at Middleton High School

Dec 5: All Masonic Christmas Party

Dec 9: Stated Meeting (Elections)

Red Fez Lunches:

Sept 5: Challis

Oct 17: Idaho Falls

Oct 24: Twin Falls (Milner's Gate Pub)

Nov 21: Boise (Boise Brewing)

Dec 19: Payette

Please watch for the BSU football game watch party schedule and other events and schedule changes coming out via Constant Contact.

Fraternally Yours,
Ill Sir David Brannan





Portland Shriners Children's Hospital

by Ill Sir Joe Randall, Portland Board of Governors

Board of Governors Meeting Highlights

Everyone is invited to participate in the Walk for LOVE fundraiser, taking place on October 3, 2026, at the Oregon Zoo. This family-friendly event will feature food, games, giveaways and activities for all ages. It is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community alongside patients, families and staff while supporting a meaningful cause. Register **now!**

Save the Date! The Philanthropy Office will host Taste of Fall on October 22, 2026, at Battle Creek Cellars in Portland, Oregon. This special fundraising event will include wine tastings, delicious food, inspiring guest speakers and a commemorative take-home gift, all included with event admission.

We are proud to celebrate a remarkable achievement in advancing our mission. Over the past several years, we have continued to serve more children while significantly strengthening our financial sustainability. This success reflects the dedication of our teams, leadership, and Board members, whose commitment and stewardship have helped expand access to care and position our organization for long-term impact. Thank you to everyone who contributed to reaching this important milestone.

Congratulations to Hailey Elliott for her outstanding dedication, teamwork and commitment to patient care. Since joining the Sterile Processing team in 2025, Hailey has become an invaluable member of the department, consistently ensuring instruments are properly processed and available for procedures while supporting her colleagues whenever needed. Her leadership in developing standardized work processes has improved quality, consistency and compliance, making her highly deserved of this recognition.

A review of the Amazon registry has been requested to

support enhancements to clinic waiting areas. The goal is to improve the "Likelihood on a successful approach used in Surgical Services.

Families shared overwhelmingly positive feedback, highlighting the exceptional compassion, patience and attention to detail provided by staff. They appreciated the welcoming support from front desk and security cleared to Recommend" score by providing engaging, age-appropriate activities for children during wait times, built communication from care providers, and the outstanding care delivered by physicians, nurses and the surgical team, with special recognition for the small gestures that helped make children feel comfortable and supported throughout their experience.

Doug Keene announced his retirement at the end of 2026, concluding an extraordinary 42-year career of dedicated service to the organization. We are grateful for his lasting contributions, leadership and unwavering commitment to our mission. Among his many accomplishments, Doug played a key role in advancing the laboratory's capabilities and supporting the Micro-Imaging Center's recognition as the "Gold Standard of Core Facilities" — a distinction that reflects excellence in research, innovation and operational performance. We thank Doug for his remarkable service and wish him all the best in his retirement.

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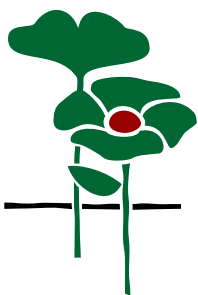
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September 2	Scott	Syme	September 16	Johnny	Willis
September 3	Robert	Mahar	September 17	Russ	Smith
September 4	Donald	Charbonneau	September 17	Bill	Wheeler
September 5	Virgil	Sisiam	September 18	Grayson	Stone
September 6	Monty	Bixby	September 20	Ken	Beaudreau
September 6	Thomas	Case	September 20	Rex	Labrie
September 7	Nyal	Pedersen	September 23	Glade	McDougall
September 8	Stanley	Garrett	September 23	Vernon	Patrick
September 8	Leonard	Latour	September 24	Michael	Claymore
September 8	Ray	McGoldrick	September 27	David	Bennett
September 9	Dave	Call	September 27	Allen	Simmons
September 10	Edgar	Simmons	September 29	Gary	Dizes
September 12	Paul	Lesneski	September 29	Harold	Ford
September 13	David	Hart	September 30	Kyle	Bush



A Special Birthday Greeting for Two incredibly Special People



A Birthday Celebration (95 years young) for longtime members of El Korah Shrine Charlie and Marlene Bull. They are members of both the El Korah Black Light Patrol and Greeters Units and their lifelong commitment and participation in our efforts are both commendable and enduring.

The celebration will be **Thursday, September 10th** at the Touchmark Grand Lodge (4037 East Clocktower Lane, Meridian) from **2:00 to 4:00 pm**.

Enter through main entrance and go to the Lemhi Room on the 2nd floor. Signs will help point the way. Dress is casual.

The entire membership is invited to join us for light hors d'oeuvres, cookies, cake, and non-alcoholic beverages. We hope that you will be able to come and visit with Charlie and Marlene on their special day!



Summer of 2026 — June through August

by Bruce Drewes, Chief Rabban

This summer brought a full schedule of El Korah Shrine activities, events and organizational activities. Here is a recap of our participation and accomplishments.

El Korah Shrine Circus (June 9 - 14)

Our 2026 Circus blew into Idaho Falls at the beginning of the circuit on June 9th with the debut of El Korah's newest clowns, Tool Time (Noble DW Forrester) and Wabbles (Noble Len La Tour). The Circus clowns were a hit at every show. Noble Robbie Swofford worked with the youth groups in each community to help sell the programs. I sincerely want to thank all the Nobles and Ladies who traveled with the Circus across the state. Without their dedicated support, this would have been a very long and challenging week.

Fourth of July Parades (July 4th)

The celebration of the United States' 250th anniversary made this year's Fourth of July parades especially meaningful. El Korah Nobles participated in communities across Idaho:

Cascade: Sidewinders

Boise: Black Light Patrol, Tin Lizzies, and Sand Duners

Mountain Home: Tin Lizzies

Twin Falls: Twin Falls Shrine Club

Challis, Clayton, and Idaho Falls: Upper Snake River and Upper Lemhi Shrine Clubs

Shriners and Masons represented our organization throughout the state while celebrating Idaho and its people. Thank you to everyone who proudly participated in a parade!

Imperial Shrine Session in Tampa, FL (July 13 - 17)

Thank you for sending my Lady Jerri and me to represent El Korah at Imperial Session. We joined Ill Sir David and Past Queen Terry Brannan as representatives. Treasurer and Idaho Grand Master Randy King and Recorder Wayne Foster also attended concurrent sessions related to their respective offices.

It was my pleasure to support Imperial Sir Rick Holloway as he advanced to Imperial Captain of the Guard. Additional important legislative matters will be discussed at our upcoming Stated Meetings.

Pacific Northwest Shrine Association (PNSA) Summer Session (July 28-August 1)

The 2026 PNSA was held in Kimberley, British Columbia, Canada and was the second Canadian PNSA session that Jerri and I have attended. Our first was on Vancouver Island, BC in 2014. Both trips were highly enjoyable and the hospitality was outstanding.

Twenty two Nobles and Ladies attended PNSA at their own expense. Although the schedule included a few business meetings, the trip focused primarily on networking with members of other Shrine Temples. The experience was well worth the travel for everyone who attended. Of special note was the extra attention that Ill Sir Clyde and Lady Dana Schrader received when crossing the US-Canada border.

During the session's Clown College, El Korah clowns Tool Time and Wabbles were elected President and Second Vice President, respectively, of the PNSA Clowns. Imperial Sir Tim Forbis administered the oath of office to the newly elected clown officers.









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Sat, Sep 26	@ Western Michigan	TBD
Sat, Oct 3	vs Utah State	5:30 PM
Sat, Oct 10	@ Fresno State	8:30 PM
Sat, Oct 24	@ Washington State	4:00 PM
Sat, Oct 31	vs Texas State	8:00 PM
Sat, Nov 7	@ Colorado State	4:00 PM
Sat, Nov 14	vs Oregon State	4:00 PM
Sat, Nov 21	vs San Diego State	7:30 PM



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Shriners at the Boise Hawks Game



Greeters

by Ill Sir Ric Bobier, President

Summer was busy for the Greeters Unit since many of our Nobles are also regularly active in the other Units and Clubs at El Korah. Several Greeters traveled to Kimberly, BC, Canada for the PNSA Summer Session where an enjoyable time was had by all, and all returned home safely.

We had great participation and assistance from several of the Units for the El Korah Shrine Circus performances. Several Greeters participated in the summer parades around the region.

We had 38 Nobles and significant others join us for the Greeters Picnic on Sunday August 16th. The smoke from the area fires had lifted and it was not extremely hot, so it made the day quite enjoyable. Thank you to Noble Mitch and Lady Sue Davis for bringing the bar and picking up the chicken for the picnic. Congratulations to the Noble Ron and Lady Linda Bishop for winning the 50-50 raffle. Psst, I think Ron will probably be purchasing drinks for everyone at our next event!!

Our next event is coming up on Friday, September 4th at the Westgate Masonic Center with hospitality starting at 5:30 pm. Chef Wayne Foster will be providing the meal. At this point, we are not expecting to have a guest speaker.

We will be accepting nominations for our new slate of Officers for 2027 year at the October dinner and meeting, which will be held at Casa Mexico, adjacent to Harbor Freight on Fairview in Boise.

That is all for now . . . See you on Sept 4th.

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SHRINE CIRCUS

by Gail Sivey, Co-Chairman

The circus has come and gone, but my memories of it still exist. First, I remember the good times, seeing the crowds smile and cheer for the performers. I remember the worries that I had; what if nobody shows up? I remember the brotherhood

of having someone come up to me and say "you have better things to do, let me do this." This year I remember the wind, last year I remember the heat.

I tried to remember the names of everyone that came out to help us, and I failed miserably. I would like to thank everyone, but I am going to not be able to get every person that was there with us. However, I would like to thank Dave Stonhill, and Doug Hammond. First of all, they got tickets and helped distribute those tickets in the areas in Eastern Idaho. Doug came to Sandy Downs in Idaho Falls and helped us. More Nobles also came and, of course, I forgot their names.

In Rupert, Filer, and Jerome, I have to thank Twin Falls Shrine Club as a whole, and the Nobles from the Club. The Twin Falls Shrine Club made sure that we were taken care of by feeding us and making sure we were hydrated. Again, I will try to name everyone, but I did have a few things going on and forgot some of those names that I should have remembered, so here it goes. Jeremy Barnett, Twin Falls Shrine Club President, thank you Noble. Laird Stone, you were there with us those three days, all day long. Kris Carney, and Lady Melody, and Virgil Sisiam and Lady Elaine. Again, I am only able to name a few.

At Expo Idaho, so many Nobles came to help, I know I am going to miss quite a few, but again, I will try. Assistant Raban Jason Morales, 1st Ceremonial Master Rob Mahar, Ray Aas, Jim Franklin, Ray Sackett and his daughter Wendy, Coleman Medcoff, Rod Horn, Steve Safar-Fashandi, and again there were others.

Steve Safar-Fashandi also sent a couple of pop-up canopies with me during our travels. My daughter Morgan also came and helped out during those last two days. I would like to especially thank my Lady Barbara for her help with the food while we were at Expo Idaho.

Now to those that I owe a great big and huge Thank You; the crew that traveled with us. Ill Sir Dave Brannan, Chief Rabban Bruce Drewes, High Priest and Profit Danny Harkins, and Lady Danna, Oriental Guide Darrell "DW" Forrester, AKA Toolbox, and his Lady Sally, Captain of the Guard Len LaTour, AKA Wobbles. Director Robbie Swafford. Did you notice how many elected and appointed Divan are named? I would also like to thank Ric Bobier PP, and Dave Thomas PP and Lady Pam. Pam was in Canada at Nile Supreme and came directly from the airport and caught up to us in Filer. Noble Bob Martin and Lady Susan and Ambassador Coordinator Mitch Davis and Lady Sue. If Sue Davis hadn't come and counted the money, I don't know what I would have done. I'd probably still be counting, I'd guess.

Noble Robbie deserves an even bigger Thank You since he was my liaison with the DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and Rainbow Girls. Those kids took all our programs and sold every one of them during the six days and were not very happy when we ran out on Sunday during the final show. Robbie please make sure they know how proud I am of them all!

I also want to thank Recorder Wayne Foster, Administrative Assistant Victoria Schweigert, and Mary Baldwin for everything that they did to assist the Circus.

Now unfortunately, we did not make a lot of money. But we did not go into the red either largely because we were able to reduce some of our expenses.

We have already started working on the 2027 Circus, if we decide have one. We have talked with Jody Jordan two or three times about how we can improve and got a few of his ideas. We also have ideas of our own, particularly about advertising and promotion.

Again, my thanks to one and all!

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6	7 Labor Day Divan Mtg Recorder's Office CLOSED	8	9 Stated Mtg	10	11	12
13 Gold Rush SC	14 Twin Falls SC	15 Cameleers Sand Duners High Country Sidewinders	16 ← Idaho Grand Lodge	17	18 Idaho Grand Lodge →	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Shriner's Sacred Hospital Tour	26 DON Oktoberfest
27	28 Black Light Patrol Snake River SC El Korah Clowns	29	30	31		

OCTOBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Greeters Players Red Shrine Shirt Friday	3
4	5	6 Tin Lizzies US Klowns	7 Provost Guard	8	9	10
11	12 Divan Mtg Twin Falls SC	13	14 Stated Mtg (Past Pote's Nite)	15	16	17
18	19	20 Cameleers Sand Duners High Country Sidewinders	21	22	23 DON Supreme Queen Visit and Ceremonial	24 Red Fez Lunch-Twin Falls Milner's Gate DON Trick-or-Trot
25	26 Black Light Patrol Snake River SC El Korah Clowns	27	28	29	30	31