

EL KORAH SHRINERS DESERT DUST



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2024 East-West High School All Star Football Game Cancelled

by Will Votaw, El Korah East-West Game Chairman

Bishop Kelly Coach Jack Parker has been the driving force for the El Korah/District III East-West High School All-Star Football Game for over 25 years. He did most of the behind-the-scenes work with the players and coaches to bring it all together. Unfortunately, Jack passed away suddenly in early September before the coaching selections had been made.

The District III Coaches Association has been unsuccessful in their attempts to find the needed coaches. So with time running out, it was decided to cancel this year's game.

The East-West Game is a Southwest Idaho tradition that is enjoyed by everyone. Look for it's return in 2025.

27th DISTRICT III HIGH SCHOOL
EAST → WEST
SHRINE ALL STAR GAME
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2024
SPONSORED BY EL KORAH SHRINE
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High School
8 Man 11 am
11 Man 2 pm
Donations are deductible as charitable contributions.
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2024 Divan

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

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Email your submission to Gary at gsbetts@msn.com

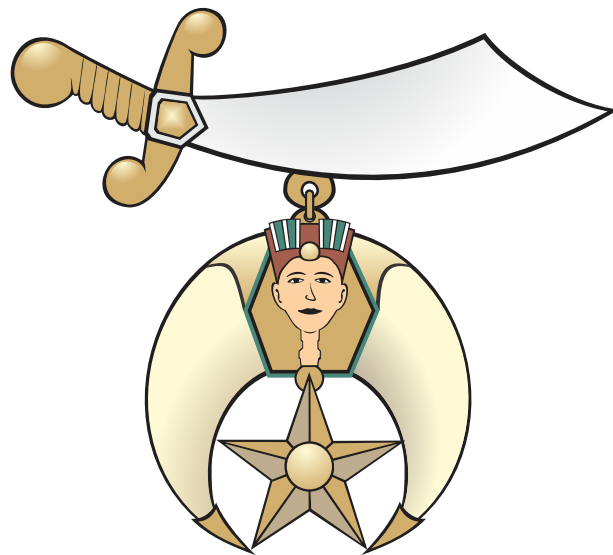
2024 Shrine Dues were due by **12/31/23**.

If you do not have a current 2024 dues card, you are delinquent and cannot attend meetings, etc.

Avoid the dreaded NPD list and contact the Recorder's Office today (343-0571).

Did you know that El Korah's budget relies on members paying their dues on time?

You dues help pay our bills and keep our doors open.



Potentate's Message by Ric Bobier



Happy All Hallows' Eve to everyone!

October began with our Noble Recorder and me attending the Shrine Fund Raising Association (SFA) Meeting and Seminar in Clio, Michigan. This session is incredibly valuable, though it was lightly attended by a few Shrine Centers looking to expand their fundraising knowledge. It's unfortunate that more Shrines and Shriners were not present, as there's so much to gain from this experience.

A special congratulations to Wayne who was appointed President of the Association! We're excited to support him throughout the next year, and we look forward to hosting the SFA Seminar in Boise in 2025.

Our October Stated Meeting was expertly conducted by the Past Potentates, led by Illustrious Sir, Grand Master Rick Holloway. They all did a fantastic job.

On Sunday, October 13th we had our final Gold Rush Shrine Club meeting and dinner for the year. It was well attended by Nobles and their Ladies. Chaplain PGM Dave Triplett delivered an inspiring message on kindness, and everyone enjoyed a delicious meatloaf lunch. Congratulations to Noble Bob Martin on being elected as the new President of the Gold Rush Shrine Club! The club is in great hands with Bob at the helm.

Several Divan members attended Fidelity Lodge in Glens Ferry, where they enjoyed dinner and a presentation by a Shrine patient sharing his journey and hopes. These members also represented me at the Daughters of the Nile Fall Ceremonial Luncheon. A big thank you to them for stepping up and helping out!



First Lady Tandy and III Sir Ric

The First Lady's project and the Divan ladies have been hard at work preparing for the Oktoberfest celebration on Saturday, October 26th. We're hoping for a fantastic turnout to support the Salt Lake Shriners Children's Camp Un-Limb-ited project. Thank you in advance for attending and making this event a success.

Looking ahead, our 2024 Dale Rutter Fall Ceremonial is coming up on Saturday, November 9th. We will welcome nine Candidates and their Ladies as they become Nobles and members of El Korah Shrine. Congratulations to you all—we're excited to have you join our Shrine family!

Our November Stated Meeting will be led by Chief Rabban Ray Breshears. Please join us in supporting Noble Ray as he presides over his first Stated Meeting.

Finally, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to the entire Divan for their hard work and dedication this year. Your persistence and unwavering support have made this year a success, and I'm deeply grateful to each of you.

Remember, "Energize More in 2024!"

Ric



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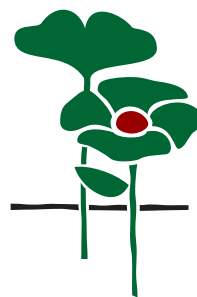


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NOVEMBER 9, 2024

MERIDIAN MASONIC TEMPLE 800 E 2ND ST, MERIDIAN

Noble _____ Lady _____
First Name Last Name First Name

Saturday - Breakfast - \$5.00/person
with Gin Fizzes

Saturday - Nobility Luncheon - No Host Attending: Yes No

Saturday - Ladies Luncheon - \$15.00/person

Saturday - Ceremonial Banquet - \$50.00/person

Select Entrée(s): _____ Stuffed Pork Loin
_____ Salmon
_____ Vegetarian

Total _____
(includes taxes & gratuities)

Candidates and their Lady are Hosted for All Meals

Mail your payment with this registration form to El Korah Shrine
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Or contact the Recorder's Office
343-0571 recorder@elkorahshrine.com

***BANQUET RSVP
REQUIRED***

El Korah Shrine Dale Rutter, PP 2024 Fall Ceremonial



Ceremonial

Saturday

- 9:00 am No Host Breakfast (*Gin Fizz*)Downstairs
- 9:30 am Public Opening Ceremony..... Lodge Room
 - Introduction of the Potentate
 - Hospital Presentation
 - Voice of the Shrine
- 10:15 am Ceremonial 1st Section Lodge Room
 - Nile Dancers
 - Orator
- 10:30 am Tile Lodge.....Lodge Room
- 10:40 am Ceremonial 3rd SectionLodge Room
- 11:00 am Ladies Luncheon Downstairs
- 11:00 am Nobility Lunch (*No Host*) Downstairs
- 1:00 pm Clubs & Units Presentations Downstairs
- 2:00 pm Ambassadors MeetingLodge Room
- 4:30 pm Ceremonial Class PictureLodge Room
- 5:00 pm No Host SocialDownstairs
- 5:45 pm Arches CeremonyDownstairs
 - Old Red Fez
- 6:15 pm Introductions & FezzingDownstairs
- 7:00 pm Ceremonial BanquetDownstairs
- 7:30 pm Potentate's Clubs & Units Awards
- 8:00 pm DancingDownstairs

2024 Potentate's Challenge Coin



Just a heads up . . . You'll want to start bringing your Challenge Coin with you whenever you attend a Shrine gathering, such as a Stated Meeting.

You never know when a Potentate's special drawing might pop up.

El Korah Shrine Nobility Birthdays for November

November 1	Charles	McNiel
November 2	Michael	Parke
November 3	Dennis	Tanikuni
November 4	Reginald	Attix
November 4	Robert	Seal
November 6	Richard	Miller
November 7	Charles	Turner, PP
November 7	Gary	Faw
November 8	Geoffrey	Miera
November 9	KC	Farrar
November 12	Gary	Portello
November 12	Robert	Campbell
November 14	Charles	Smyser
November 15	Kenneth	Harnden
November 16	Leroy	Trader
November 16	Richard	Martin
November 17	Robert	Martin
November 18	Dan	Rowell, PP
November 18	Melvin	Meyers
November 18	James	Hovren
November 18	William	Bamber
November 19	Michael	Keas
November 19	Alexander	Lewis
November 20	Cal	Ledbetter, PI
November 22	Steven	Brown
November 23	Mark	Leming
November 23	Christian	Manaloto
November 24	Marcus	Delgado
November 28	Matthew	Stebbins
November 29	David	Murray
November 29	David	Brannan
November 29	Skylor	Lenz
November 30	Sollie	Callender

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Portland Shrine Hospital Report

by Ill Sir Rick Holloway



The Portland Shrine Hospital had a slightly slower September compared to budget for inpatient days but total outpatient surgeries are the highest they have ever been. Net patient revenue remains slightly under budget on a year to date basis and but total income is \$253,000 higher than budget. We remain second only to NorCal in terms of net patient revenue. The number of adjusted patient days is the highest it has been in several years. Rehab services is still above budget. The number of new patients is 21 percent higher than last year while the average length of stay is the lowest of any of the hospitals in the system.

We also measure the total draw on the endowment per patient, and have reached a point where it is the lowest it has ever been, drawing only \$630 per patient currently when it was nearly \$2,000 per patient in 2018.

The new clinic in Redmond, OR now has Dr. Krajbich, an orthopedic surgeon who spent several years practicing at the Portland Hospital until retiring. He has returned to us on a part time basis to support the Redmond clinic during its clinics set for the second and fourth Fridays each month. The Medford clinic is still growing and we are now recruiting for a nurse practitioner for that location.

They had a very successful food drive in October, supported by the Snake River Shrine Club of El Korah.

If anyone has any questions about the Portland Hospital, please reach out to Joe Randall or I via text, email, or phone. We are always willing to provide any additional information you may have regarding the Portland Hospital. If you have any questions about what it is like to serve on the Board of Governors, please contact Joe Randall or I. We would be happy to tell you what it is like and how rewarding it is to serve on the Board of Governors for Portland.

Salt Lake Shriners Children's Clinic

by Dave Brannan, Board of Governors



The Shriners Children's Clinic in Salt Lake City continues to work toward their mission of providing patients with "The Best Care Anywhere," and "Caring for More Kids in More Places".

In 2025, Shriners Children's Clinic in Salt Lake City will celebrate 100 years of service. I will be working to schedule a trip to Salt Lake for the 100-year celebration, and also a trip for the 2025 Walk for Love in September. Please let me know if you are interested in attending either event.

The Philanthropy Department raised 54% of their goal for the year.

There were 75 clinics held in September and 705 unique patient visits.

There were 44 surgical procedures performed and 2 infusions.

There were 569 Therapy sessions, 16 Motion Analysis sessions, and 35 Locomat sessions.

The Orthotics and Prosthetics Department delivered 382 Orthotics and 11 Prosthetics for a total of 393 devices delivered.

The wheelchair department worked on 126 wheelchairs for the month.

The Walk for Love event was held in Salt Lake City on Saturday September 21st and raised \$130,000.

See the attached one sheet "Recognized Leadership in Pediatric Orthopedic Care".

Please contact me if you have any questions about the Shriners Children's Clinic in Salt Lake City.

Recognized Leadership in Pediatric Orthopaedic Care

Since our first hospital opened its doors in 1922, providing care for orthopaedic conditions has been a hallmark of Shriners Hospitals for Children®. The diseases and disorders we treat are wide-ranging and diverse, and include bone deformities such as clubfoot, neuromuscular conditions such as cerebral palsy and conditions with a genetic cause, such as osteogenesis imperfecta (OI, also known as brittle bone disease). Our goal is to help each child become as healthy and independent as possible.

With a large staff of experienced pediatric orthopaedic surgeons, as well as a comprehensive team of physical, occupational, speech and other therapists, we are able to provide each child with a customized care plan designed to meet their specific needs. Our orthopaedic experts are able to address a wide range of conditions, including hip problems, foot deformities, limb deficiencies and discrepancies, spinal deformities, and the orthopaedic difficulties associated with neuromuscular disorders such as cerebral palsy.

Sophisticated Technology and Techniques

At 13 of our locations, the orthopaedic physicians and clinical staff have access to movement analysis laboratories. These high-tech labs use a system of reflective markers, high-speed cameras and computers to develop a model of a child's walking pattern that can provide data to assist the medical team in recommending the best treatment plan.

Shriners Hospitals for Children are leaders in providing customized orthotics and prosthetics (O&P) devices. The O&P teams collaborate closely with the physicians, nurses and occupational and physical therapists to achieve the best possible outcomes for their patients.

Research and Medical Education

Shriners Hospitals for Children is committed to research in orthopaedics. In addition to searching for an understanding of the workings of the bones, muscles and joints themselves, researchers are looking for answers and solutions in the basics of genetics, cell structures and growth and development patterns.



Some specific research projects underway in orthopaedics include continued research into the specific genetic causes of OI, and finding ways to correct spina bifida. Shriners Hospitals for Children is also proud of its role in medical education. By maintaining relationships with several medical teaching institutions, Shriners Hospitals for Children fosters an academic environment committed to providing high-quality education for its medical staff and expert care to all patients.

To learn more about Shriners Hospitals for Children and our expert orthopaedic care, please visit shrinershospitalsforchildren.org.



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Annual All Masonic Christmas Party

Sunday December 15, 2024

RSVP: to eks.mc2024@gmail.com

(you must RSVP to attend)

Limited to 100 in attendance

El Korah Shrinz is proud to host our
Masonic Families and invites you to join us
for a full turkey dinner, complete with all the trimmings,
caroling, crafts and an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

1 pm – 3 pm doors will open at 12:30 pm

Meridian Masonic Lodge

800 E 2nd Street, Meridian ID

Santa arrives at 2:15 pm

Kids will take home
a personalized ornament.



**If you would like to volunteer or donate to
the All Masonic Christmas Party.**

Please contact

Dave Brannan

(208) 340-5273

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Gold Rush Shrine Club

by Nyal Pedersen, Treasurer



The Gold Rush Shrine Club is still having lots of fun and fellowship in Idaho City! At our last meeting on October 13th we enjoyed 27 members and guests. All are welcome to attend! Look for an email in February or March announcing the next meeting in April 2025.

Greeters

by Bob Martin, President

Here we are already at the end of October. Our meeting at the Banbury for October went well. We didn't have a speaker but everyone had a good time.

We held our elections for 2025:

- Bob Martin - President (for a 2nd year)
- Sam Young - Vice President (thanks for stepping up Sam!)
- Mitch Davis - Treasurer (again)
- Ed Hume - Secretary (again).

Don't forget our next meeting on Nov 1st at the Banbury Golf Course. All our meetings are on the first Friday of the month at 6pm.

In December, we will have our Christmas Party at the Riverside Hotel on December 6th.

Everyone is invited, but **please RSVP** so that I can give an accurate head count.

Potentate's Challenge Coin

by Bruce Drewes, High Priest & Prophet

If you are looking to buy one of the Potentate's 2024 Challenge Coins with a number lower than 200, you will be in for a real challenge. Over half of the 500 available coins have been sold in just the first three months. The popularity of this coin has even surprised me. Many Nobles (and spouses, too) have purchased more than one coin. Some have five or more. Challenge Coins are being bought as gifts for family members, children and grandchildren, and even for people outside the area. Remember that this is a fundraiser that supports El Korah. Don't forget that we'll draw two numbers later this year for \$500 prizes.

Yes, you'll have **two chances** to win a **\$500.00** gift card!

Only 500 of these beautiful coins have been created and will be offered for sale to the Nobility and the general public for \$20.00 dollars each.

ANYONE can own one (or more) of these beautiful keepsakes!

The proceeds of this fundraiser will be set aside for future El Korah activities.



Front



Back

NOTE. The proceeds of this fundraising activity support El Korah Shrine and are not tax deductible.



I Have a Quilting Project!

Noble Steve Priest is looking for any old uniforms with emblems on them that could be used for making quilts. If you have something that might be useful, please contact Steve directly via text or email.

(208) 869-1752 pspriest1@gmail.com

Chaplain's Corner

by David Triplett, Chaplain



Kindness

Kind people are thoughtful. We see kindness when someone takes the time to think about people besides themselves. This internal thoughtfulness expresses itself in external action: considerate

gestures, empathetic words, and a constant concern for others.

Building on thoughtfulness, we can see the expression of kindness through gentleness. Because they are thoughtful and empathetic, kind people naturally express their thoughtfulness through gentle words and gentle actions. Even in confrontation and rebuke, they maintain this gentleness.

Knowing the reality of human weakness kind people cannot be judgmental or legalistic, because such actions are fundamentally opposed to gentleness. This gentleness is also expressed by recognizing the value of other people, they avoid cramming their schedules full of trivial distractions. When they are busy, their genuine care for others finds time to express itself.

The next focus is on seeing kindness is generosity. We are taught in our Masonic Rituals that to relieve the distressed is the duty incumbent on all men, especially Masons. Rather than viewing 'things' as a gift to be enjoyed by themselves, they view their possessions as a blessing that they are meant to pass on to others. They are stewards who have been entrusted with the means to encourage others.

Being generous with our compliments and positive words of encouragement is another way we see kindness expressed. Kind people are thoughtful enough to identify the positive qualities of others – and they care enough to verbalize their thoughts. They do this, not because they wish to gain anything from the compliment, but because they recognize unique gifts and want to encourage those who possess them.

This generosity of positive words shows that kind people have a deep caring for others. They realize that life does not center around themselves. Instead, they celebrate the joys and sympathize with the sorrows of those around them.

- They ask genuine and reflective questions – and they are great conversationalists – because of their genuine love for others.
- They have developed great listening skills.
- They remember what is told them, because they view all communication as an undeserved gift entrusted to them by others.

William Law wrote:

“Let every day be a day of humility; condescend to all the weaknesses and infirmities of your fellow-creature, cover their frailties, love their excellencies, encourage their virtues, relive their wants, rejoice in their prosperities, compassionate over their distress, receive their friendship, overlook the unkindness, forgive their malice, be a servant of servants, and condescend to do the lowliest offices of the lowest of mankind.”

In closing, I offer these quotes . . .

Our task must be to free ourselves... by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty. The ideals which have lighted my way, and time after time, have given me new courage to face life cheerfully, have been kindness, beauty, and truth.

— Albert Einstein

Kindness is the only service that will stand the storm of life and not wash out. It will wear well and will be remembered long after the prism of politeness or the complexion of courtesy has faded away.

— Abraham Lincoln

Kindness in words creates confidence.
Kindness in thinking creates profoundness.
Kindness in giving creates love.

— Lao Tzu



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Daughters of the Nile

by Meeka Pedersen, Princess Badoura

You help us keep our dreams alive. Thank you Nobles for including us in your endeavors of supporting the Greatest Philanthropy In The World.....Shriners Children's.

On Saturday, October 19th, we held our Fall Ceremonial where we initiated five fabulous ladies into Iras Temple No. 40. They are so excited to become one of us; and we welcome them with open arms. We have extended to them the gift of membership and now it is up to them to open the gift and enjoy it to the fullest. They listened intently as your High Priest and Prophet, Noble Bruce Drewes, brought greetings from Illustrious Sir Ric Bobier who was home suffering with pneumonia. Then they had the opportunity of finding out more about the Salt Lake City Clinic and the Portland Hospital from Hospital Representatives Noble Dave Brannan and Illustrious Sir Rick Holloway. Illustrious Sir Rick switched hats and brought us greetings from the Grand Lodge of Idaho A.F. & A.M. We were all interested to hear their stories and enlighten us as to the changes being made in the hospital system.

On November 19th we will be holding our Annual Fashion Show and I am happy to report to you that it is a sold out event .

Iras Temple No. 40 will be having a float in the Holiday Parade once again this year on December 7th, so please look for us and give us a shout out if you are in the crowd. We are always striving to leave our footprint within the public.

We thank El Korah, and Illustrious Sir Ric, for inviting our Iras Temple Dancers and our Iras Temple Guards to perform at the El Korah Shrine Ceremonial. We are so proud of our two Units and their dedication to Daughters of the Nile.

Membership

by Dave Brannan, Chairman

We will be holding the 2024 Dale Ruter El Korah Shriner Ceremonial on November 9th. We have 8 new candidates plus one that was brought in through a Cold Sands for a total of 9 Candidates for the Ceremonial. See the Registration Flyer in the Desert Dust for more information.

Please see the flyer for the 2024 All Masonic Christmas Party. This event will be limited to 100 attendees, so please RSVP to EKSMC2024@gmail.com if you are planning to attend.

We are continuing to contact new prospects that were generated from the Western Idaho Fair Booth and we have had positive responses from many of them.

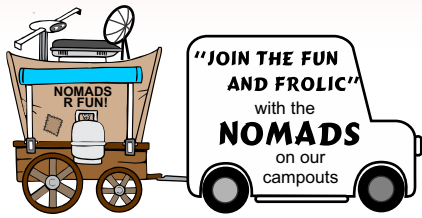
The Shrine Mystic Band Cigar group continues to meet monthly on the 3rd Sunday at 2:00pm at Sturman's Cigar Shop at 4204 W Chinden Blvd in Garden City. Come join us for a cigar and beverage and some great conversation.

We have 52 Nobles that have not yet paid their dues their 2024 dues and we have 12 projected suspensions NPD which will occur at the end of the year. Some of these Nobles will have their names removed from this list and remain in good standing because of their age and years of service to the El Korah Shriners. If you are behind in your dues, please call the Recorder at (208) 343-0571 and take care of them as soon as possible.

Please do your part to help our Temple grow. Talk to men you know who would be good Masons about your Masonic journey. If you know a Mason that would make a good Shriner, ask them to consider joining the Shrine. You can also invite them to one of our activities. Talk about our philanthropy and tell them about the children we serve. These children are the reason that many of us ended up in the Shrine and is something that we can all be proud of.

Nomads

by Brad Foltman, Scout



The Nomads closed out their camping season with the annual meeting held October 26th at the Outback Steakhouse in Boise.

Retelling of the year's stories were heard in abundance and spirits were high as planning began for activities for next year.

The kickoff event for next year will be similar as recent years with a shakedown trip scheduled for April at Mountain Home RV Park. The May outing will be the traditional week just before Memorial Day in Hagerman. Then there will be a new campout in LaGrande for the June gathering and an August schedule for Lava Hot Springs. At this point, it appeared that there were too many conflicting events of various means as well as heat/smoke related implications that scheduling for July should wait until camping gets underway in the spring.

Elections were held and resulted in Greg Winther being elevated to the position of Trail Boss (President), being ably assisted by Ron Bishop as Assistant Trail Boss (Vice President) and Brad Foltman continuing on as Scout (Secretary/Treasurer).

Lively discussion addressed meal planning and how the social functions were to be conducted and rotated among the members. There was no need to alter the \$10 yearly dues per Shriner and the \$10 per meal donation per couple as the revenue and expenses were roughly equal throughout the past year.

Everyone enjoyed the evening and excitement is already building for the fun fellowship next year.

Eastern Idaho Shriners

by Steve Siebers

We get together once a month for lunch and a little camaraderie. Meeting on the last Saturday of each month, we change the meeting place to various local towns in the area. Life and other commitments sometimes get in the way of having a good time, but we did manage to meet in Salmon for a nice lunch and some laughs at Bertram's Salmon Valley Brewery. Here's some pictures! This is just a blurb to say we're making sure people know we're here to make a difference, because that's what Shriners do!



Why we are Shriners!

by Bruce Drewes, High Priest & Prophet

Every day that I have been a Shriner with El Korah, I have asked myself “Why do I do this?”

Is it because of the friends that I have that are fellow members of not only this organization but all the Masonic organizations that I’m a member of and work with? I have times when I think, “Why am I doing this? It takes so much of my time.”

Then I meet a Shriner kid, like the one I meet on Tuesday, October 15th at Fidelity Lodge 80 in Glens Ferry. At the October 9th Stated meeting, everyone was invited to attend a meal with Bryce Sterling. The following are excerpts from the presentation given by Bryce’s mom, Miss Mianda Sterling:

When Bryce was six years old, he started to have a limp. He would still try to run and play but it definitely slowed him down. We had his knee x-rayed and it was fine. We thought he had pulled a muscle. Weeks went by with no change and one day my brown-eyed boy looked at me and said: “I can’t run like the other kids”. I felt like a terrible mom.

Bryce was taken to a specialist in Boise who diagnosed him with Perth’s Disease, which is also called Legg-Calve-Perthes disease and is a rare childhood hip disorder that occurs when the head of the femur (the thigh bone) temporarily loses its blood supply and causes the head of the femur to dissolve, which means a new one would need to grow back. That day Bryce was placed in a wheelchair with a brace on his leg which he would wear for several years.

As his parents, we didn’t not know what to do. Bryce’s Grandparents suggested a second opinion, which is when we turned to Shriners Children’s in Salt Lake.

The was definitely the choice and WOW are we glad we did! Bryce had a couple of surgeries and then he began to heal. Within a few months he was out of the wheelchair, off his crutches and playing sports again.

Shriners Children’s in Salt Lake has an outstanding team of doctors, nurses and staff. Bryce’s femur took 5-1/2 years to fully heal. If you saw an x-ray of Bryce’s leg today, you wouldn’t even know that he had a problem.

Bryce saw Dr. Teresa Hennesy throughout his 12 years of care. When Bryce entered middle school, he wanted to play football.

“Mom really didn’t want me to play, so she made me ask my doctor. I’m pretty sure she thought that he would say ‘no’, but he said: Bryce you’re a kid and you can do anything you want to. If something happens, we’ll deal with it.”

Bryce is now a two-time state wrestling qualifier. He also plays basketball and held the Idaho State record last year for stolen bases in baseball.

Bryce has two goals for his senior year at Glens Ferry High School:

1. Raise as much money as he can for the Shriner’s Children’s Clinic Salt Lake.
2. Play in the Southern Idaho’s North/South Game on Memorial Day in May 2025.

Bryce has asked the Glens Ferry Fire Department to conduct a local “Fill the Boot” event to support the Salt Lake Shriners Children’s Clinic.

He is also selling raffle tickets for a couple of quilts that they have made. Please contact David (Skip) Owen or Johnny Willis about the quilts if you are interested in supporting Bryce with his quilt project.



Bryce and his Mother



Attendees

Oktoberfest Fundraiser for Camp Un-Limb-ited

by First Lady Tandy Boyce

On October 26, 2024, our Divan Ladies hosted a memorable Oktoberfest event to raise funds for Shriners Children's Camp Un-Limb-ited, a camp dedicated to supporting children with limb differences. It was a Huge Success! YEAH!!

With bratwursts, hot dogs, and authentic German potato salad on the menu, the evening was filled with good food, fun, and generosity. Thanks to the 60 attendees, and the contributions of those who couldn't make it, we successfully raised a total of **\$1,620!**

We want to give a special thank you to our cooks extraordinaire! **Bruce Drewes**, our grill master, cooked all the bratwursts and hot dogs to perfection. **Terri Brannan** made the authentic German potato salad, while **Sue Davis** whipped up a delicious American-style potato salad. **Jerri Drewes** delighted us with her homemade cheese sauce and pretzels, **Donna Julian** baked a delectable German chocolate cake, **Hayley McDonald** served a flavorful spice cake, and **Tandy Boyce** treated us to chocolate chip cookies.

We'd also like to extend our thanks to **Dave Brannan**, who provided music and video entertainment, and **Rosie Mews**, who generously donated the bratwursts. A big thank you to **Carla McWilliams** for managing the raffle ticket sales.

A heartfelt special thank you to **Bob Julian and Ill Sir Ric Bobier** for their leadership, emotional support, and hand-holding throughout the event. Your guidance was invaluable!

We are deeply grateful to **Marilyn Henery** for her generous \$200 donation. Thank you to everyone who contributed raffle prizes, including **Terri Brannan, Hayley Macdonald, Tandy Boyce, Jerri Drewes, Lonna Breshears, Ann Triplett**, and a special mention to **Mitch Davis** for crafting a beautiful charcuterie board. The raffle prizes were a huge hit, adding an extra layer of excitement to the event.

On behalf of the **Divan Ladies**, thank you to everyone for your support and for making this Oktoberfest a fantastic success! Your contributions will help provide more life-changing experiences for the children at Camp Un-Limb-ited. We appreciate your generosity and community spirit!



NOVEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 Greeters Players	2
3 Daylight Savings Time Ends	4	5 Tin Lizzies	6 Provost Guard	7	8	9 Ceremonial at Meridian Masonic Temple
10	11 Veterans Day Board/Divan Meeting Twin Falls SC	12	13 Stated Mtg (Chief Rabban Nite)	14	15	16
17	18	19 Cameleers Sand Duners High Country Sidewinders SC	20	21	22	23
24	25 Black Light Patrol El Korah Clowns Snake River SC	26	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	30

DECEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Tin Lizzies	4 Provost Guard	5	6 Greeters Players	7
8	9 Board/Divan Meeting Twin Falls SC	10	11 Stated Mtg (Elections)	12	13	14
15	16 Black Light Patrol	17 Cameleers Sand Duners High Country Sidewinders SC	18	19	20 Divan Christmas Party	21
22	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27	28
29	30 El Korah Clowns Snake River SC	31		Thanksgiving		