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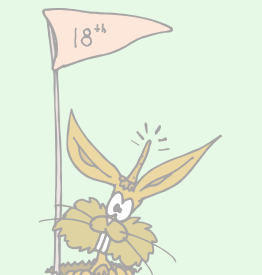
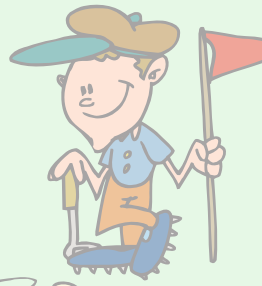
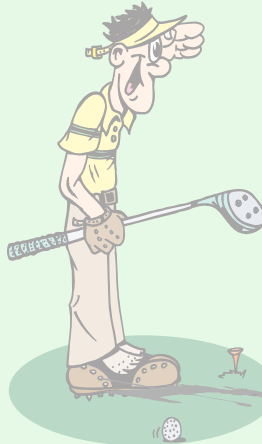
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The Desert Dust is published monthly, except July and August.

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Pictures should include a caption, if appropriate.

Email your submission to Gary at gsbetts@msn.com

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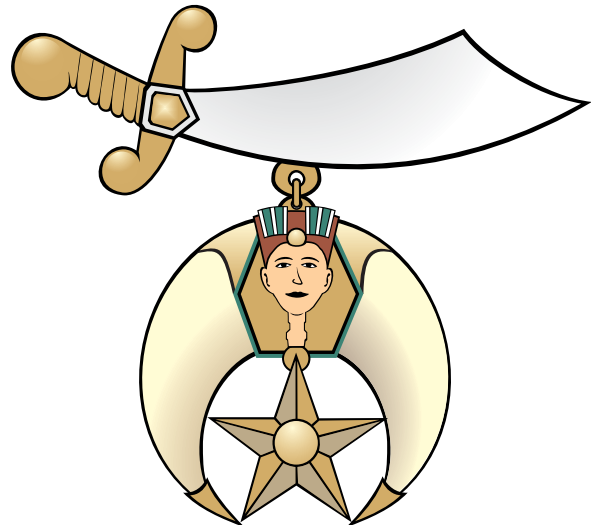
2025 Shrine Dues were due by **12/31/24**.

If you do not have a current 2025 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.



March Stated Meeting

**Wednesday Mar 12th, 7:30 pm
Boise Masonic Center - Westgate**

Potentate's Message *by Ray Breshears*



**Potentate Ray Breshears
and Lady Lonna**

Greetings Nobles and Ladies, March is already upon us, and February seemed to pass in the blink of an eye! El Korah Shriners have been busy with many exciting events.

We kicked off the month with a well-attended Clubs & Units meeting and I'd like to extend my gratitude to the

Nobles, Ladies, and officers who participated.

The Greeters' Annual Valentine's Brunch at the Riverside Hotel was, as always, a fantastic event with great attendance.

The Ambassadors' Annual Super Bowl Party provided a wonderful opportunity for socializing and we even welcomed new guests this year.

Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the February Stated Meeting due to a medical procedure. However, Chief Rabban Dave Brannan stepped in to lead the meeting with the support of the Divan and I deeply appreciate their efforts to ensure everything ran smoothly.

The Winter PNSA, hosted by El Katif Shrine in Spokane, WA, was another highlight of the month. As the oldest association in Shrinedom, it offers a valuable opportunity for the Divan to connect with counterparts and gain important insights. Nearly all of the Divan attended, along with Ill Sirs Ric Bobier and Dave Thomas. I returned to Boise early Saturday morning to attend Daughters of the Nile Supreme Queen Jackie Holloway's Homecoming, which was a wonderful event.

We have several exciting events coming up in March:

- ◆ March 1 – The Annual Ice Breaker in Twin Falls. The Divan and other Nobles will be traveling to assist the Twin Falls Shrine Club. This is always a great time!
- ◆ March 15-16 – Boise Valley Scottish Rite Spring Reunion. Many of our Nobles are involved in exemplifying the 4th - 32nd degrees members for the new Scottish Rite members.
- ◆ March 17 – St. Patrick's Day Dinner. Recorder Wayne Foster will be preparing corned beef and cabbage and I encourage all Nobles to attend. Proceeds from this dinner will help support the Shrine Fundraising Association conference that will be held in Boise this October.
- ◆ March 29 – Daughters of the Nile Installation. It would be wonderful to see many Nobles attend since our ladies continuously support our events.

First Lady Lonna's 2025 fundraiser supports the Adaptive Bicycle Program for the Salt Lake City Clinic. These specialized bicycles allow children with physical challenges to experience the joy of riding a bike, which is something they might not otherwise be able to do and is a meaningful cause and we appreciate your support.

2025 Challenge Coins are for sale. Assistant Rabban Bruce Drewes is handling this project as a fraternal fundraiser. Only 300 coins are available at \$20 each. Each coin represents an entry into the drawing at the December Stated Meeting for two \$500 cash prizes and yes, you can purchase more than one. Contact Noble Bruce to get yours before they're gone.

This year I am committed to increasing the visibility and awareness of El Korah Shrine. To that end, I will be holding a "Dinner with the Potentate" at various restaurants and events where we will proudly wear our fezzes. When I was growing up, Shriners were well-known in the community and I want to ensure that continues. Let's remind the public who we are, what we do, and how much fun we have!

I truly appreciate the support and enthusiasm from the Nobles and Ladies so far. Together, we will make this a successful year! Your participation makes a profound difference, and I encourage you to stay involved. Thank you for your dedication and support.

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Ray

2025 El Korah Potentate



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Chaplain's Corner

by David Triplett, Chaplain



Glancing back at February, we had Groundhog's Day on Feb 2nd and since Ann and I were in Mexico, we didn't know whether or not he saw his shadow. But when we got home on Feb 12th, Old Man Winter was there ready to greet us travelers. What a refreshing treat!

However, the warm welcome of our Masonic Family brought real warmth. Feb 14th was Valentine's Day, which has it's own shrouded history. But in Boise, we had a special Shrine Valentine's dinner on the 15th at the Boise Masonic Center, which was wonderful not only for the excellent meal, but the warm fellowship that reminds us of the love in our hearts for each other and the purpose we serve. Praises are due to Recorder Wayne Foster and his Lady Candie, their staff and helpers, and especially to the Job's Daughters who did an outstanding job serving our meal.

Speaking of March, we have Stated meetings galore as we start each new month. Ash Wednesday is on Mar 5th, which is a solemn reminder of human mortality and the need for reconciliation with God. It marks the beginning of the

penitential Lenten season and is commonly observed with the distribution of ashes and fasting.

The excitement of spring is in the air! St. Patrick's Day, with its history and feast day is on Mar 17th. St Patrick is the patron Saint of Ireland. Born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century, he was kidnapped at age 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but returned about 432 Common Era (400 BC) to convert the Irish to Christianity. By the time of his death on March 17, 461 CE, he had established many monasteries, churches, and schools. Many legends grew up around him—for example, that he drove the snakes out of Ireland and used the shamrock to explain the Trinity. Ireland came to celebrate his day with religious services and feasts.

Then March 20th is on our calendars as the first day of Spring when daytime and nighttime are equal, and should bring spring showers and flowers. Don't forget our dreaded "spring ahead" on the Mar 9th for Daylight Savings Time.

Spiritually speaking, let's all look forward and reflect on the special days in April (Palm Sunday on Apr 13th and Easter on Apr 20th).

Suggested Reading: 1. Acts 10:34a, 37-43.



Performance Dates

- Jun 17 Idaho Falls** . . . Sandy Downs Arena
4 pm & 7 pm
- Jun 18 Rupert** Minidoka County Fairgrounds
4 pm & 7 pm
- Jun 19 Jerome** Jerome County Fairground
4 pm & 7 pm
- Jun 20 Boise** Expo Idaho Grandstands
4 pm & 7 pm
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Greeters

by Bob Martin, President

For the Month of February we had our Greeters Annual Valentines Day Brunch. We had 38 people show up at the Riverside Hotel in Boise. After brunch, many of the Greeters headed over to the Boise Masonic Center for the Super Bowl. Fun was had by all at both events.

On March 7th we will have our Friday night dinner meeting at the Banbury Golf Club. Come on over for a good meal. We should have a speaker, too.

Also some of the Greeters will be helping out at Supreme Queen Jackie Holloway's Banquet on February 22nd at the Waters Edge Event Center in Eagle.



Shrine Circus

by Gail Sivey, Chairman

Now that we know the dates and locations of the Circus it is time to start gathering volunteers to help at the Circus performances and with getting ads for the program.

We are looking for Nobles and their Ladies to help out with the day-to-day goings on at the Circus venues. This could involve answering questions from the Circus goers to pointing out seat locations and everything in between. We will need help at all locations and at all performances. Please contact me if you are available to help us out. (gailsivey@gmail.com)



We also need leads for program ads. If you are a business owner or work for a business, please consider advertising in the Circus program or getting your business to place an ad.

We will publish pricing sheets soon, but in the meantime, contact me for pricing info. (gailsivey@gmail.com)

Nobility Birthdays for March

March 1	Jacob	Loveland
March 1	Steven	Sterns
March 2	William	Bennett
March 2	Ronald	Bishop
March 2	Bruce	Cole
March 2	Wes	Morris
March 3	Garry	Black
March 4	James	Carpenter
March 4	Steven	Driscoll
March 4	Robert	Fisher
March 5	Daniel	Drefs
March 5	James	Robinson
March 5	Gregory	Winther
March 6	Don	McCormick
March 7	Arthur	Kilton
March 8	Shane	Curry
March 8	Raymond	Liercke
March 9	John	Henry
March 10	William	Grant
March 10	Douglas	Hammond
March 10	John	Kerr
March 10	Adam	Vietti
March 11	Joe	Corlett
March 12	Craig	Handy
March 12	Ronald	Lester, PP
March 13	Joseph	Stinemates
March 14	Robert	Baker
March 15	John	Earl
March 17	Gary	West P.P.
March 20	James	Doering
March 21	Raymond	Westmoreland, PP
March 22	Gregory	Viertel
March 24	Charles	Madden
March 25	Ned	Millard
March 26	Mischa	Brady
March 27	Danny	Harkins
March 29	Daniel	Siddall
March 30	Ronald	Wood



Portland Shrine Hospital Report

by Ill Sir Joe Randall



Shriners Children's Hospital has officially launched its Vision 2035 and Strategic Plan that focuses on providing the best pediatric sub-specialty healthcare.

- * **Best Care** – Intensive focus on excellence for patients and employees, while delivering on the mission research, clinical care, and education.
- * **More Kids** – Focus on seeing “More Kids” in terms of more individual patients within each service line, from the routine to the rare.
- * **Right Places** – Focus on providing our services in the right markets with the right care delivery models where we can most effectively compete and win.
- * **More Value** – Revise lower cost to more value to include elements focused on sustainability and quality.

The Portland Shrine Hospital had an excellent year in 2024 when compared to 2023!!! In patient surgeries and the number of outpatient surgeries treated have exceeded our financial and growth goals for 2024. The Medford Clinic continues to perform phenomenally. New patient visits were up 45% over 2023. The clinic expanded its opening time to include full days on both Fridays and Saturdays.

Our Portland Walk-in Sports Injury and Fracture Clinic had a 45% increase in total surgeries year over year. Our Redmond Clinic, although it has not been open a full year, continues to do well. Donations for the Portland Hospital this year has had a great year, total donations almost doubled our goal.

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

The Portland Board of Governors is accepting applications for terms starting in 2026. Please reach out to Recorder Wayne Foster for more information.

Salt Lake Shriners Children's Clinic

by Dave Brannan, Salt Lake Board of Governors



The Shriners Children's Clinic in Salt Lake City is dedicated to its mission of delivering “The Best Care Anywhere” and “Caring for More Kids in More Places.”

In 2025, the clinic will commemorate a century of service with a gala event on May 10th at the Eccles Alumni House. This gala will serve as a fundraiser, with tickets priced at \$250 per person. Due to the venue's limited capacity, attendance will be restricted. Although we have been allocated one table for eight guests, there are currently twelve individuals planning to attend. The administrators have agreed to accommodate this additional request. We have extended ticket offers to past, current, and potential future members of the Shriners Children's Clinic Board of Governors.

The walk for Love that will be held in September of 2025, please let me know if you are interested in attending this event.

The Philanthropy Department raised 165% of their goal for 2024, an 81% increase from 2023. This will result in a much lower draw on the endowment than was predicted for 2024.

In December, a total of 73 clinics were conducted, resulting in 629 unique patient visits. The month saw the performance of 38 surgical procedures and 3 infusions. Additionally, there were 567 therapy sessions, 20 motion analysis sessions, and 31 Locomat sessions. The Orthotics and Prosthetics Department successfully delivered 288 orthotic devices and 15 prosthetics, culminating in a total of 303 devices. Furthermore, the wheelchair department attended to 138 wheelchairs throughout the month.

See the attached one sheets “Former Patient, Kechi, featured on America's Got Talent”, and “Help Prevent Serious Injuries, Be Burn Aware”.

If you have any questions regarding the Shriners Children's Clinic in Salt Lake City or about joining the Board of Governors, please feel free to reach out to me.

Help Prevent Serious Injuries

**BE
BURN
AWARE**

Shriners Children's stresses the importance of burn prevention

For more than 20 years, Shriners Children's has been working to help reduce the number of preventable pediatric burn injuries by increasing awareness of the causes of burn injuries and offering prevention tips.

Burn Awareness Week, observed annually during the first full week of February, is the kickoff of our yearlong educational campaign. Free materials available via our website, including tip sheets and fact cards, are designed to be a resource for firefighters, teachers, parents and others concerned with the safety and well-being of children.

Be Burn Aware

Burn Awareness Week is Feb. 4-10, 2024. Building on the theme *Be Burn Aware*, our efforts focus on preventing burn injuries in the home, because that's where the majority of preventable burn injuries occur. Homes are the sites of thousands of burn injuries to children every year, including scalds, fire-related injuries, electrical burns and flammable liquid burns. With some simple precautions, many of these types of injuries may be prevented.

We have found that educational efforts have an impact: In the U.S., the occurrence of major pediatric burn injuries has decreased since campaigns like this one have been in place.

Free Educational Materials Available

In addition to tip sheets and fact cards that emphasize the prevention of scalds, fire-related and electrical burns, Shriners Children's has also created an animated video, *Boots and Brewster: The Burn Awareness Pair*, which kids are sure to enjoy. In the video, available on beburnaware.org, Boots and Brewster take viewers on a fun and educational adventure that includes burn prevention lessons.

FAST FACTS ABOUT BURN INJURIES

FIRES

- Fires occur quickly. In less than 30 seconds a single flame can become a fire. In two minutes, it can become life-threatening; in five minutes a residence can be destroyed.
- Every year, hundreds of children under age 10 die in home fires.
- Fires and burns are a leading cause of injury-related fatalities among children under age 15.

SCALDS

- Young children have thinner skin that burns more quickly than adults'. People of all ages can be burned in 30 seconds by a flowing liquid that is 130° F; at 140° F, it takes only five seconds; at 160° F, it only takes one second. For children under 5, these temperatures can cause a burn in half the time.
- Hundreds of children are taken to the emergency room every day with burn injuries, including scalds.
- Most scald injuries occur in residences. Scald burns are typically related to ordinary activities, including bathing, cooking and eating.

All materials are available for viewing, ordering or downloading at beburnaware.org. To learn more, visit shrinerschildrens.org and beburnaware.org.



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Burn Awareness
Preventing Burn Injuries



Former Patient, Kechi, Featured on *America's Got Talent*

On December 10, 2005, 16-year-old Kechi Okwuchi and 60 of her boarding school classmates were flying home to Port Harcourt, Nigeria, to be with their families for the holidays. After an uneventful flight, violent turbulence shook the plane 20 minutes before it was scheduled to land and it slammed to the ground, killing all but two of its 109 passengers. Kechi was one of the survivors.

She awoke five weeks later in a South African hospital with third-degree burns over 65 percent of her body. She spent seven months there, fighting to survive. Two years after the accident, officials at Shell Hospital, Nigeria, contacted Shriners Hospitals for Children® — Galveston about her injuries, knowing the hospital's international reputation for changing the lives of children from all over the world who have been severely burned.

Kechi arrived at the Galveston Shriners Hospital in March 2007. Since then, she has had more than 100 surgeries, including releases of burn scar contractures, skin grafts, adjustments to web spacing between her fingers and ear reconstruction.

A New Opportunity

Fast forward to summer 2017, when Kechi began her incredible journey on the hit TV show *America's Got Talent*. During her first audition performance that aired on May 30, Kechi impressed the judges with her incredible vocals and received an emotional standing ovation from the audience. Her voice, coupled with her inspiring story of survival, instantly captured the hearts of viewers. Kechi made it through the rounds to the live show finale on Sept. 19, and placed in the top 10.

While she was a contestant on *America's Got Talent*, Kechi was also featured on the *TODAY* show, where she gave a tour of the Galveston Shriners Hospital and talked about her earliest days of treatment at the hospital, and how the music therapy program gave her hope.

The Healing Power of Music Therapy

Patient care at Shriners Hospitals for Children extends far beyond medical procedures. Our team also focuses on helping patients gain the inner strength needed to cope with changes in their lives caused by their injury or condition, and



offers numerous counseling and therapy programs designed to help our patients build confidence, recover and thrive emotionally.

Regular visits from the Galveston Shriners Hospital's music therapist gave Kechi the encouragement she needed to fight and stay strong, she said. Kechi eventually performed in concert for her fellow patients, which was the first time she sang for an audience.

"Singing is what helped me survive," Kechi said. "Music helped me pull through all the emotions of surviving the crash and through all the surgeries and recovery."

Kechi certainly has a bright future ahead. She graduated in 2015 from the University of St. Thomas in Houston with a degree in economics, and is currently pursuing an MBA in economics there. After graduation, her dream is to work for the United Nations or the Federal Reserve.

"Kechi is an inspiration to other burn patients and those who provided her care," said Mary Jaco, R.N., MSN, administrator of the Shriners Hospitals for Children — Galveston.

We look forward to seeing what's next for this talented and strong young woman.

To learn more about Shriners Hospitals for Children, please visit shrinershospitalforchildren.org.



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Ordering 2025 Divan Jackets and Caps

If you are interested in purchasing an official 2025 Divan jacket or baseball cap, Ambassador Mitch Davis and his Lady Sue are now taking orders. **Orders must be turned in by the March Stated Meeting on March 12th**

The jacket is Slate Gray and comes with the same embroidered logo that is on the cap, as shown in the photo below.

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Images from the 2025 Winter PNSA in Spokane, WA



The New PNSA Officers - III Sir Ric Bobier was installed as 3rd Vice President



III Sir Ric Bobier with Chief Rabban Dave Brannan and Assistant Rabban Bruce Drewes)

Membership

by Jason Morales, Chairman

For March, the Membership Committee (consisting of Nobles Danny Harkins, Darrell Forrester, Dan Jennings and myself) continue to prepare engagement strategies for the year ahead and to update our internal Temple Database by following up with a simple El Korah Shrine (EKS) Membership Survey.

At our February Stated Meeting, we reported 411 Active Nobles, 1 Candidate, and 3 Prospects.

March is an action-packed month with several opportunities for Shriners to enjoy fraternal activities and to shine with the local public, particularly in the Magic Valley, including events such as the Twin Falls Shrine Club Ice Breaker (March 1) and the St. Patrick's Day Parade (March 15), both in Twin Falls.

What can we do to drive membership at these events, and other points of visibility and engagement within our local communities?

At the Winter Conference for Pacific Northwest Shriners Association (PNSA), El Korah Divan members who attended were reminded by presenters from Imperial that all Shrine

temples, including El Korah, can welcome non-Shriners and non-Masons to participate in our Committees. Our by-laws do not prohibit this level involvement of others to contribute their time and energy to help us to organize, evangelize, and fundraise.

Why is this important? We may know and work with individuals in our communities who are not Masons but who are very supportive of our philanthropy and fraternity. Although non-Shriners are not able to wear the Fez and they will not be able to vote for issues that pertain to our Nobility, there is plenty of work that can be done by these non-Shriner members.

Will there be a benefit to adding non-Shriners to our Membership Committee? This will be a topic of discussion at our next Membership Committee meeting.

Final note: if you wish to share information about what Shriners do, visit the "Be A Shriner Now" website (<https://beashriner.com>), which is hosted by Shriners International. There, you will find online petitions and inquiry forms and a wealth of related resources.



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and Lady Lonna for the 2025***

Potentate's Nobility Ball

April 12, 2025



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Daughters of the Nile

by Meeka Pedersen, Princess Badoura

Wow! What an amazing weekend we just had!

February 20-22 was three days of fun, fellowship and a super Ceremonial. We welcomed home our Supreme Queen, Jackie Holloway, after nearly a year of traveling throughout the United States, Canada, Brazil and Bolivia.

Our Meet & Greet and Game Night was so much fun. We played Bunco, put together puzzles and didn't even get pizza grease all over the place. There was more royalty than the British Monarchy at our Ceremonial. We welcomed fourteen new fabulous Princesses into Iras Temple No. 40.

Our High Tea at Chateau des Fleurs was delicious and amazing. So many of our visiting dignitaries, who were also here in June for Supreme Session, couldn't complement our cities of Boise and Eagle enough BUT also mentioned to several Iras Temple members how friendly we Idahoans are.

Iras Temple would like to congratulate Illustrious Sir Ray Brashears, his Divan and Officers with what will be a most successful 2025! As you know, we are so proud to have you as our Nobles and to have such a good working relationship with our El Korah Shrine. Congratulations!!

Lastly, this is my last article writing as Princess Badoura. I have enjoyed working with Noble Gary Betts, he's simply the best when it comes to putting together the Desert Dust. Thank you to all who make it such a successful communication for our Masonic Bodies!

We want Everyone to know they are invited to the **Daughters of the Nile Installation of Officers**
Saturday, March 29th at 1:30 PM
Meridian Masonic Lodge



Provost Guard

by John Kinney, Secretary

The Provost Guard is in a rebuilding year. We are keeping our heads above water line. The Guard gained three new members in December. Our Unit is still looking for new members (Shriners, especially any First Responders) to help with our changing responsibilities. For a number of years, we sponsored the Wine Tasting, but with the wineries having their own tasting rooms in Boise, they no longer have

enough staff to participate! So, the Guard is looking for new events in the coming years. We are still available to help other Units and Clubs with their projects.

The Provost Guard is selling Jewelry items before the Stated meetings. Our Jewelry case is now located in the Clubs and Units room at the Boise Masonic Center, Westgate Plaza. See John Kinney or Wayne Foster.



Samples of the Provost Guard's Items for Sale

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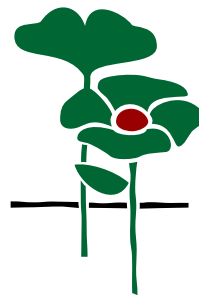


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Nomads

by Brad Foltman, Scout

The new camping season is fast approaching. Things kick off with a “shakedown” campout at Mountain Home on April 21. See attached note for the full schedule and contacts for the entire season. All Shriners, and those thinking of being a Shriner, are encouraged to join us for comradery, fun and great food. Registration for the Nomad club can be made after you've arrived at the campground. Prices are reasonable - only \$10 per person for the entire year. That's a great value for all the benefits of getting fresh air and catching up with Shriners and friends.

With expected changes in the availability of federal campgrounds, it behooves Nomaders to get their reservations made with the campgrounds ASAP. Be sure to mention that you're with the “Shriner Nomad group” as there have been blocks of sites set aside so that our group can be together to facilitates appetizer functions, etc. Don't wait! Further meal planning is underway so you won't go away famished. Get on board today!

2025 Nomad Outing Schedule

Mountain Home RV Resort

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Mountain Home, Idaho 83647
(208) 580-1211

Arrive April 21, Depart April 24

Hagerman RV Village

18049 US-30
Hagerman, Idaho 83332
(208) 837-4906

Arrive May 22, Depart May 25

Grande Hot Springs RV Resort

65182 Hot Lake Lane
(They recommend using Exit 265)
La Grande, Oregon 97850
(541) 963-5253

Arrive June 24, Depart June 27

Waters Edge RV Resort

620 North Main Street
Cascade, Idaho 83611
(208) 382-3120

Arrive August 12, Depart August 15

Save the Date!

Saturday, June 28th

2025 El Korah Shrine Fun Ride

“Idaho's Gold and Masonic History”



ATV/UTV Ride

from Idaho City Masonic Lodge #1
to Placerville Masonic Lodge #3

Walt's Legacy Gift

by Bruce Drewes, Assistant Rabban

Walt contacted me the week before his passing to make a request of me. He had purchased a mini truck that he drove in parades and other celebrations in the Mackey and Challis areas. He had also purchased a Henry's Golden Boy 22LR Shriners Tribute Rifle.

Walt requested that I raffle the Shrine Rifle for \$10 per ticket with only 500 tickets being sold. The money from this raffle was to be split between El Korah and the Shriners Children's Clinic in Salt Lake. These tickets are now on sale. Please contact Bruce Drewes (bdrewes@3tgroup.org) for tickets.

After his funeral on April 12, 2025, his mini truck and trailer will be raffled under the same requirements, except that the tickets will cost \$20 each.

All funds given to El Korah will be placed in the new Building Fund and will be a part of Walt's legacy when a new Shrine building is built.

Walt's Memorial Service will be at
1:00 pm on Saturday, April 12, 2025
Wilks Magic Valley Funeral Home
2551 Kimberly Rd, Twin Falls

EL KORAH SHRINE WALT HAMBY'S LEGACY 2025 GUN RAFFLE



**Henry Golden Boy
22LR Shriners Tribute
Heirloom Rifle**

NOTE. Raffle is for this particular rifle which has never been fired and comes in its original box
** Rifle was donated by Walt Hamby **

\$10 per ticket

*Only 500 Tickets Available
Need not be present to win!*

Drawing to be held
October 8, 2025
at the El Korah Shrine
Stated Meeting

Contact Bruce Drewes for Tickets
bdrewes@3tgroup.org

Proceeds benefit El Korah Shrine and are NOT Tax Deductible

MARCH 2025

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1 Crab Feed at Scottish Rite
2	3	4 Tin Lizzies	5 Provost Guard	6	7 Greeters Players	8
9	10 Board/Divan Meeting Twin Falls SC	11	12 Stated Mtg	13	14	15 Scottish Rite Reunion
16 Scottish Rite Reunion	17 St Patrick's Day	18 Cameleers Sand Duners High Country Sidewinders SC	19	20	21	22
23 Gold Rush SC	24 Black Light Patrol	25	26	27	28 Scottish Rite Crab Feed	29 Scottish Rite Crab Feed
30	31 El Korah Clowns Snake River SC					

APRIL 2025

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 Tin Lizzies	2 Provost Guard	3	4 Greeters Players	5
6	7 Board/Divan Meeting	8	9 Stated Mtg	10	11	12 Potentate's Nobility Ball
13	14 Twin Falls SC	15 Cameleers Sand Duners High Country Sidewinders SC	16	17	18 Crab Feed at Scottish Rite	19 Spring Ceremonial in Jerome
20	21 Twin Falls Football Players Banquet	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Black Light Patrol El Korah Clowns Snake River SC	29	30			