

THE WORD

OF EL KATIF SHRINERS



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Hello
February



Month of Love, Hope, and
New Beginnings

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NOTES FROM THE POTE - *Il. Sir Chris Wirts*



Dear Nobles,

Peggy and I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who was able to attend the installation ceremony. Your support has truly made a difference, helping us launch 2026 with great enthusiasm and energy.

As many of you know, this year marks the 250th anniversary of the birth of our great country. To honor this significant milestone, we will be commemorating this event throughout the entire year.

We look forward to sharing important moments and key pieces of history that are meaningful to us all. This is especially important as we reflect on the courage and sacrifices made by our forefathers, as well as the men and women who fought bravely for our freedom. Their legacy continues to inspire us as we celebrate this historic occasion together.

February of 1776 was a pivotal month in the American Revolution, marked by the decisive Patriot victory at the **Battle of Moores Creek Bridge in North Carolina**. **Colonel Richard Caswell** defeated Loyalist Scottish Highlanders and others attempting to join British troops, preventing a major Loyalist uprising in North Carolina. This victory secured the South for the Patriots and boosted momentum for independence. The Continental Congress debated foreign alliances and colonial leaders faced escalating calls for separation from Britain.

Join us for our birth year celebration on 07 February at the Event Center, featuring games, a costume contest, and a show by **Hero Event Support** (owned by **Noble Danny Nelson**). Later, on 20 Feb, we'll attend Shrine Hockey night at the Arena to promote our Fraternity and Philanthropy. Please wear your Shrine gear. Fraternally yours, **Chris Wirts, Potentate El Katif Shriners**



NOTES FROM THE RECORDERS DESK - *Il. Sir John Robertson, P.P.*

The year is off to a very busy start. Congratulations to Ill Sir Chris, Lady Peggy and the 2026 Divan. The Public Installation was well attended and it was great to see Ill Sir Chris's grandkids participate in the event and to have all of our Lady's and families join us. We have had three Official Visits and we are looking forward to three more in February. The 250th Celebration Birthday Party of our Nation/ Nobility Ball looks to be a fantastic event. We have a lot to be proud of as a Nation and our Fraternity has a lot to celebrate as we begin another fun year building on the tradition that has been gifted to us by our forefathers.

We will NOT be having a stated meeting on February 4th as we are consolidating this into our Saturday morning February 7th Potentates Seminar for all the Club and Unit Officers and those Nobles interested in finding out what the agenda looks like for 2026. We will be having presentations from our Fundraising, Membership, Insurance, Parades, and the Patrick Scholarship committees. The Potentates Seminar will start at 10am here at the Event Center, Rolls, Donuts, Coffee and Bloody Mary's will be available. We will be meeting in the Conference Room. We look forward to seeing you all here to participate in helping help your Club and Unit become stronger than ever.

I would like to wish Holly the very best of luck in the new chapter of her journey in life as January 26th was her last day. She will continue to be involved as she is very active with her family and all of the things they do in helping lead El Katif into the future. I would like to introduce you to Linet Lamb who has stepped in to be our Office Administrator. She comes to us with experience in catering, event planning, experience in the banking industry, accounting as well as worked in coordinating care transportation with a local patient transport company.

As we start the year it is always good to double check and make sure you have all your fraternal dues up to date. Thank you to all of you that have paid your 2026 dues. For those of you that have paid your dues you will be receiving a new Black Membership card in the mail. You can also go to the app store and download the MyFezcard reader to your smart phone, fill out the appropriate information and down load the app to your phone and you will always have your card with you. If you have any questions on this please call me here at the office and we will work together to get it setup. For those of you that would like to learn more about leadership, membership, Shriners International please go to our webpage elkatif.org log in and go to the WebFez login. There are lots of items in the library that can help you become a better recruiter, leader and a well informed Noble. Look on the last page for the QR codes to help you in the process. Remember- Together we are stronger when we are all pulling the wagon in the same direction. Thank you all for what you do in making being a Shrine Mason more fun and rewarding for us all.

Until we meet again, may all of your travels be filled with Laughter, Smiles and Fun.

Respectfully, John Robertson PP

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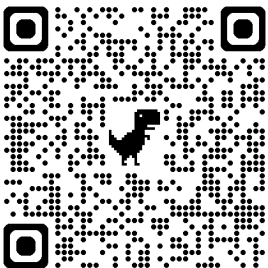
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Created a Shriner: May 21, 1982

Please take a moment to look in your copy of the directory and make sure we have not missed anyone.

Please email OfficeAdmin@elkatif.org or call 509-624-2762 if you know of any Noble who has passed!



We regret when Nobles pass away without proper acknowledgement.

As Brothers, they are worthy of our recognition.

**When you learn of a Nobles passing, please contact us:
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February Birthdays

February 2: Harvey Macquarrie	February 19: Richard H Ross
February 3: Ivan M Iverson	February 20: David L Easley
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Elijah Dalager	Austin Gast
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Matthew R Holling	Timothy J Mildren
February 8: Alan F Snell	February 25: James L Hay
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Joseph B Dennis	Thomas R Stegeman
February 10: Robert A Brockman	February 27: Calvin M Thomas II
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George R Manson	William Bialozor
Michael J Anderson	February 29: Scott R Hamilton
February 14: Robert C McNickle	
February 17: Jay E Holling	
February 18: Richard C Roark	
Keven A Kidder	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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Erik Haynes Chief Rabban
Shawn Biggs Assistant Rabban
Ron Cockle High Priest & Prophet
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John Patterson IV 2nd Ceremonial Master
Jon Lind Ceremonial Director
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PROSPECTS WELCOME ON THE 4TH FRIDAY

HAS YOUR CONTACT INFO CHANGED?

We are getting ready to publish the New El Katif Roster!

We have had several bounced emails, wrong phone numbers, return mail.

Please check WebFex or Current Roster to verify if your info is correct!



Have any updates?

Email:

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Thank You!

EL KATIF CLUB & UNIT REPORTS

Welcome to all, and thank you for your support here! Have an article to submit? Email your article to OfficeAdmin@elkatif.org no later than the 10th of every month!

Mobile Unit

John Robertson, PP - Reporter

This winter has been mild and now that I have said that "Look Out". We are starting to put the planning of the parade season together and looking for a good day to clean -up and prep the Red Caddie and help anyone else that may need assistance with their parade equipment over at the Airway Heights storage area. Are you interested in participating in helping get everything ready, participating in the parades by being a driver for any one of the Clubs or Units? If we can get volunteers to help in the driving I know we can get volunteers to participate with riding in the parades. We will be sending out a constant contact before the St Patrick's Day parade and hopefully the weather will hold so we are ready to go. We are off to a great start in celebrating our 250th birthday of our nation. Let's plan to continue to build on this theme and support Ill Sir Chris and the Divan with our involvement in as many of the events they have planned this year. Watch for more information in the coming weeks about this years parades and public events. We look forward to seeing you all at the February 7th Birthday Party here at the Event Center.

Our slogan this year is "Just One More." What will you do in brining this slogan to life? Attend one more event or parade/ Bring in one more Mason or Shriner? Help one more Shrine Mason to an event or make a call to check on them? Help one more child receive services from our philanthropy? Remember that together we make a difference. We look forward to seeing you and celebrating "Just

Greeters

Bob Valentine, - Reporter

GREETERS -- Our January meeting was held on the 8th and was attended by 11 Greeters. The Greeter's Unit was selected as the "*Unit of the Year*" by **Potentate Michael Castelan** for 2025 and is well deserved with many THANKS to the many volunteers. It was mentioned that the SCHEDULE for the Greeter Duty was not reaching everyone to view by E-mail, so Noble **Bob** will investigate that issue and come up with a solution, hopefully soon. Discussions were related to 1) - A BENCH Donation that the **BABB** family wants to have made to be placed adjacent to the Silent Messenger Statue. **Noble Ron Cockle** will fabricate the Bench and the **BABB** family will provide the Powder Coat Finish for it.

2) - Greeter Fez's and the "GREETER STRIPS" for the Fez's are very expensive and **Jim Stewart** is looking into finding a way to pay for them and potential other sources.

Hospital Administrator **Peter Brewer** joined our meeting and brought us Up to Date on the Year End Operating Results, which were quite favorable. There has been an addition to the Medical Staff, the new Doctor has Specialized Experience necessary for our Pediatric, Orthopedic Specialty and she has experience working in the SPORTS injury area as well. The new North side Clinic has been opened, and is operating currently on a limited schedule, which may have to be expanded in the future. There were several questions, unresolved for now, around the new Hospital Facility future, but much more information will be coming out in the future.

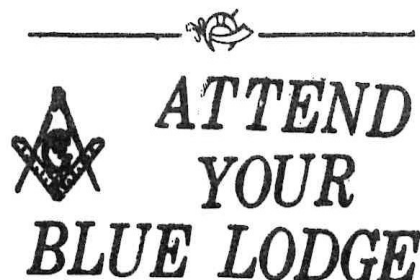
We all had a great time at the Public Installation of our new POTENTATE, **Ill. Sir Chris Wirts & First Lady Peggy**, and the 2026 DIVAN.

Remember to congratulate **Illustrious Sir Chris** the next time you see him. Don't forget to call or text **BOB VALENTINE at (559) 740-6014** or e-mail **robervlntn44@yahoo.com**, with your desired date to get on the Greeter DUTY Calendar. We have had great coverage at the Greeters Station in the last few months - LET'S KEEP up the Good WORK. We hope that all the NEW Candidates that just went through the Ceremonial will consider getting involved with a UNIT or CLUB very soon.

Happy New Year to ALL NOBLES!!!

The upcoming Greeters Meeting will take place on February 5th at 11pm in the Hospital's Board Room, located on the 4th Floor.

Why not become a volunteer and join the Greeters, who help all the Staff members at the SHRINERS CHILDREN'S SPOKANE hospital - It only requires committing to 1 day per month! **COME JOIN US & HAVE SOME FUN MEETING OUR PATIENTS & PARENTS!**



Fraternal Relations
Ryan Leonard - Reporter

Greetings Nobles!

I hope this note finds you doing well, and that your 2026 is off to a great start!

For the last few years, I have asked the Nobility to share with the Fraternal Relations committee important events such as a Lodge's centennial celebration, a Brother Mason reaching his 50-year membership milestone or receiving an award, or other events going on within our El Katif jurisdiction that we can share with the Nobility! We're now going to shift gears a bit and ask you to let us know what sort of information you would like for us to share with the Nobility.

On that note, I'd like to remind the Nobility of some upcoming events.

On Tuesday, January 27 at 4:00 PM will be the East-West Shrine Bowl Watch Party, to be held at the No-Li Brewhouse, located at 1003 E Trent Ave, Ste 170.

On Saturday, February 7, El Katif will be holding a 250th birthday party for America! Please check your Constant Contact email or call the Shrine office at 509 624-2762 for more details.

On Friday, February 20 we will be having an El Katif Shrine night with the Spokane Chiefs for their game against the Vancouver Giants. The puck drops at 7:05 PM. If you haven't already done so, please get in touch with our Illustrious Potentate, Chris Wirtz, as soon as possible.

On the youth group front, Noble Doug Schroeder reported there is no new youth activity at this time, but reminded the Nobles to attend youth group meetings when and if within the length of your cable tow. They love to have Masons on the sidelines!

Just a few reminders.

At Audubon Park Lodge, Rainbow Girls meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7 PM, and DeMolay meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. The 1st meeting is a business meeting, and the 2nd meeting is a fun night. The Lodge is located at 2821 W Northwest Blvd.

Job's Daughters Bethel 44 meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday at 7 PM at Concordia Lodge, located at 3219 N Argonne Rd.

If you have anything you would like to share with the Fraternal Relations committee, please contact Noble Ryan Leonard at 509 951-1263 or via email at ryanleonard7470@comcast.net, or Noble Doug Schroeder at 509 999-3702 or via email at dbschroeder-1@msn.com.

That's all for now Nobles!

Fraternally,
Ryan Leonard

Whitman County Shrine Club
Jeff Pietila - Reporter

22 Nobles and Ladies attended the January 13th meeting of the Whitman County Shrine Club. The guests of honor were our potentate, the newly installed Illustrious Sir Chris Wirts and Lady Peggy. Also in attendance were past potentates Gary Wood and John Lind as well as their Ladies.

The main business of the evening was the installation of officers for the 2026 calendar year. The new officer, as installed by PP Jon Lind are:

President	Gary Wood
Vice President	Gary Newton
Secretary	Jeff Pietila
Treasurer	David (The Legend) Swannack

President Wood spoke about his plans for the coming year. In addition to beginning the planning for the Corn Hole tournament in June the night before the races at the Webb Slew. Gary indicated that the tournament has become a good fundraiser for the club, and that last year it raised approximately \$4,000. He also thanked Ryan and Julie Stolz for their dedicated efforts to make the event such a success. Wood spoke about the food booth at the Palouse Empire Fair, saying he would check with Steve VanDyke to see if he will be continuing as the booth manager. The president also asked the group to come to the February meeting with ideas for fun events that we as a group can plan for, once the weather warms up.

Tom Simpson was thanked for his efforts to ramrod the club's involvement in the various parades, and was asked to create a parade schedule and coordinate the club's involvement with the El Katif office.

Ill. Sir Chris represented the divan for the meeting, and gave a passionate talk on his plans for the year. Sir Chris indicated that he is leading the temple's efforts to engage with the public both as part of the America 250 celebration activities, and as we as clubs and members go about our programs and services throughout the year. Ill Sir Chris distributed printed schedules of events for the year.

Next Meeting: The next WCSC meeting will be a dinner meeting on February 10th at the Malden Community Center at 6:00 pm.



Cheers to the New Year! 2026





250TH BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR USA

Nobles, Ladies & Guests are all welcome

February 7, 2026

IN LIEU OF FEBRUARY STATED MEETING JOIN US FOR OUR CLUB AND
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1899 Club

Jerry Schieche, PP - Reporter

We are all proud of **Illustrious Sir Chris Wirts** and **Lady Peggy**. They have worked very hard to become the leaders of El Katif in 2026 and we owe it to ourselves to support them in all the activities that we are able to attend. We also want to thank **Illustrious Sir Michael Castelan and Lady Jana** for their tireless dedication to El Katif Shriners.

Please read carefully all of the articles in the WORD so you know what is happening in our great Shrine Center. The 250 Birthday Party will be something very special to all. Don't miss the fun and fellowship. If you miss the Hockey Game on Feb 20, you will miss a great evening. Please be aware that there is a hockey game of young players prior to the Chief's game. The doors open at 4:30 and representatives from our Shrine Hospital will be recognized on the ice. We have a lot to be proud of at El Katif and a lot of it is due to those who have encouraged the membership to get involved. Do your best to participate.

The Annual Spangle Lodge Chicken Dinner and Potentate Visitation is set for February 25 and is for MASONS ONLY. **Illustrious Sir Chris and his Divan** will be honored at a short Lodge Meeting that will be opened on the 1st Degree at 7PM. That means that all of the Entered Apprentice Masons in the area are welcome and their attendance is encouraged. The Chicken Dinner will start at 6PM at the Spangle Lodge Hall at a cost of \$15. The Dinner is catered by the world famous "**Nordic Smoke**" and is always a great meal. **Illustrious Sir Chris** and his Divan will close the Lodge Meeting, and the meeting is always interesting. The drawing for the Live Market Hog will also be part of the evening. Please try to attend and support Spangle Lodge. All of our local Lodges need our support, and we need to remember where our Shrine Members come from. We all need to do what we can to increase the membership numbers for El Katif in 2026.

Jerry Schieche, PP

Northeast Washington Shrine Club **Darren Butler- Reporter**

Hello Nobles and Ladies,

Motors are roaring again for this year's lineup of parades! Well not yet, we have a workday on the Tin Lizzies in February.

Want to help tinker with the cars or drive in an upcoming parade? Reach out to Club President Rob Daigen.

Congratulations to the new I.S. Chris Wirts and Lady Peggy and the Divan team for 2026.

Thank you to P.P. Michael Castelan and Lady Jana and the Divan for your leadership in 2025.

Have a great year in 2026!

MoonShriners

Jamie Bockstruck - Reporter

We had our official visit on Jan 19th at the downtown Onion restaurant. Over 30 Moonies, Divan and ladies were in attendance. Good time was had by all.

Parade season is just around the corner! The season starts with the St Patrick's day parade in downtown Spokane in March. Date and Time TBA.

Happy Valentines Day!

Actors

Ryan Leonard - Reporter

Greetings Nobles!

I hope this message finds you doing well, and that 2026 is off to a good start for you!

For the January edition of The Word, I posed the following trivia question. What year was the film To Kill A Mockingbird released in theatre?

The answer is...1962.

And now, February's trivia question. In To Kill A Mockingbird, who played the part of Robert E. Lee "Bob" Ewell?

The answer will be revealed in March.

As I write this, Illustrious Sir Michael Castelan and his lady Jana have finished their term as Potentate and First Lady of El Katif, and Illustrious Sir Chris Wirtz has been installed as Potentate, with his lady Peggy as First Lady. To Illustrious Sir Michael and lady Jana, thank you for your outstanding year of leadership. To Illustrious Sir Chris and Lady Peggy, congratulations! The Actors are looking forward to the year ahead and to assisting you in any way possible to help make your year a successful one!

If you were at the Installation of Officers on Wednesday, January 7, you heard our Illustrious Potentate announce that this year's Hot Sands Ceremonial will be a joint ceremonial between El Katif and Gizeh Shrine, to be held from May 28-31 at Gizeh Shrine, located in Kimberly, BC. However, the El Katif Actors will be ready to perform Cold Sands ceremonials throughout the year, as we have candidates to initiate.

Finally, the Actors are always looking to add to their ranks (a subtle hint for you Nobles who haven't yet joined a club or unit). If you enjoy dressing up in costume and performing on stage, or if you enjoy working with stage lighting as well as set up and take down, then we want to hear from you! Please contact our president, Noble Ryan Leonard, at (509) 951-1263 or via email at ryanleonard7470@comcast.net.

That's it for now, Nobles! I look forward to seeing you in the year ahead!

Fraternally,



Museum Committee
The Museum Curators - Reporters

Highlighting the Arab Patrol

The Arab Patrol was started in 1890!! It was disbanded in 2005. This unit was started for the sole reason to serve at the will and discretion of the Potentate. Besides doing the Potentates bidding, the Patrol was very involved in parades as a precision drill team, the bowling league and the 10-gallon club, and many more. In 1974, the unit had the most volunteers to donate with 69 pints of blood in one year. In 1975, member James Giles donated the 100th pint!

The Arab Patrol received the honor of the Unit of the Year in 1979, 1983, 1993, and 1998!

Check out the pictures below and come see their display in the Museum.

Jim and Michele Stewart

Diana Postlewait



Legion of Honor
Billy Eberly - Reporter

Legion of Honor, February's stated meeting will take place on 9 February 2026. This meeting will be a member only meeting and we will be meeting at Noble Billy Eberly's house (2840 W Everett, Spokane WA) with a show time of 5:30pm, Dinner at 6pm, and meeting at 6:30 pm. I am also asking that members that will attend please RSVP to me by Monday February 2, 2026, so I can order the proper amount of food. If you to wish assist in the cost of the meal, it will be donatd to the Patient Transporation fund in the name of the LOH.

Please reach out if you have any questions,

Robert Broliar
Commander LOH 2026

Columbia Basin Shrine Club
Richard Redick - Reporter

The Board recently decided to raise the price of a meal from \$15 to \$20. We have been having DeMolay and Rainbow, and, occasionally, Eastern Star take turns at providing our meals. This price change will allow that practice to continue. Some of the meals were recently provided by adults who donated meat, or bread, or some other part of the meal. In other words, cash receipts did not cover costs incurred. We look forward to many more wonderful meals the first Friday night of each month. Thank you.

Noble Richard Redick , Club Reporter

Nobles one and all,

Please keep February 21 open for the Tri-Cities All Masonic Nights. This event will be held at the Kennewick Lodge 601 W 6th Ave. Kennewick WA. 99336. The festivities will start at 5:00pm with a great Cuban meal and a program honoring the United States 250 year anniversary. The meal is \$35. a plate for adults and \$10. for children under 14. We will be having a 50/50 drawing and the youth groups will be having a desert auction. This is a formal event. Please RSVP Bret Tremble 509-554-9971 or Sid McCord 1-(208)-640-9431, no later than February 7th. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Fraternally

Noble Bret Tremble



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January 5, 2026

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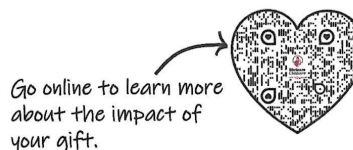
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Blue Mountain Shrine Club
Doug Warnock, Reporter

Recently, Blue Mountain Shrine Club was graced with the presence of the Leonetti family. Joe and Angie Leonetti are the proud parents of Miley, who is a "Shriner Kid."

As the Blue Mountain Shrine Club Nobles were positioned for the Frontier Days Parade in Walla Walla last fall, a woman, Angie Leonetti, and her daughter approached our calliope and began a conversation about her family and daughter, Miley. Miley, who, from birth, has had to endure extreme and progressive scoliosis. Angie shared that she and her family love the Shriners for all they have done and continue to do for their family. From birth, Miley has had to endure severe and progressive scoliosis.

After being recommended to Shriners Children's, Miley was accepted as a patient and went on to have a number of surgeries and is scheduled for an upcoming surgery as well. Angie stated that their family had never been charged... in fact, had never had to pay a penny for all the care, including transportation and lodging, for all her surgeries and treatments.

Miley is a sweet, well-adjusted young lady, and following the surgeries, she is now two inches taller than she was.

That said, we invited the family to our November stated meeting and dinner and asked whether Angie would consent to serve as our keynote speaker. Angie accepted, and not only did we get Angie, but in addition, Joe and Miley were also speakers for the evening. The family shared touching, meaningful stories, including their personal feelings and their appreciation and admiration for Shriners.

Thanks to Skip Winchester for this report. Blue Mountain Shrine Club's next meeting is Friday, February 13.

WALK IN 2026

The El Katif Community Portal website will serve as the main hub where you can find all current fundraising events and events where we'll be out in the community. By making it easier to engage, collaborate, and stay informed, we're creating a digital home that reflects the strength and spirit of the El Katif community. Whether you're here to participate, learn, or contribute, this platform is built for you.

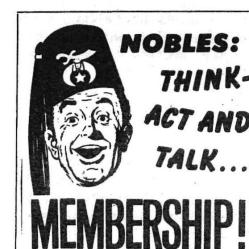


South Spokane Shrine Club
John Robertson, PP - Reporter

January is already in the books, and the year is off to a great start. Our president Jamie and the officers are working on putting the finishing plans together for this year's club activities that will help bring awareness to the club and our philanthropy. For our first meeting we hosted Ill Sir Chris, Lady Peggy and Divan at our Stated meeting. We enjoyed the comradery, libations, and dinner. We received a head start on the theme and plan for this year. The club is ready to do all it can to support the 250th birthday of America and Ill Sir Chris with getting out in public celebrating not only our birthday but also as Shrine Masons. He has several events that we will be participating in at local venues. The first one is coming up in February with participating at the Shrine Hockey night February 20th, make sure to get your tickets early, bring your fez and come celebrate a great evening with fellow Nobles, Lady's and friends. February looks to be our annual Valentines Celebration with our Lady's on February 19th. The club is planning to participate in the St Patrick's Day parade and we will be having a St Patrick's Day celebration on March 19th. Make sure to mark your calendars for these events as I am sure we will have something fun planned for everyone in attendance.

The Interstate Fair is celebrating its 75th birthday at its current location and El Katif Shriners have been there since the start. We will be making some more upgrades this year as we continue to invest in being proud of our Food Booth. If you have time and would like to join us, please contact John Robertson and you will be added to the list of volunteers. This year's fair will be September 11th to September 20th. Through your efforts and dedication, we look forward to supporting El Katif and the hospital again this year. Let's set the future up for success by continuing to support each other by being involved in other Clubs, Units, events, and our concordant bodies. Together we make a difference and together we continue to change the lives of children and families through all our Philanthropies. Celebrating our milestones in history together brings more awareness to us as Shrine Masons. Each day is filled with opportunities to serve and make a difference. Sharing a smile or a friendly gesture such as opening a door for someone is a start. The world around us will change if we make it a habit each day.

John Robertson PP Reporting





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Ever agreeable to the nature and will,
 Of the Supreme and Guardian of all yet still
 Employed for our rights and freedom’s thrill:
 Thus proves the only Source of Liberty.

Though our civil joy is surely expressed
 Through hearth, and home, and church
 manifest,
 Yet this too shall be a nation’s true test:
 To acknowledge the divine Source of
 Liberty.



Giggles ‘n’ Smiles
Jamie and Jenn Bockstruck - Reporter



Giggles and smiles are pleased to announce that we have donated \$450.93 to the Shrine Transportation Fund! This money that was received was from donations given to us for face painting. The ladies put in some long hours and enjoyed it all. Looking forward to doing even more events in 2026 and bringing in even more money to the transportation fund. We are always looking

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Nobles of El Katif,

The Board of Governors of the Spokane Shriners Children's Spokane wishes to inform you there is an opportunity for Supporting Temples to submit applications for open Position(s) on the Spokane Hospital Board for 2027. The nominating committee will interview the candidates and make a recommendation to the Board of Governors based on the applicant interview and the criteria provided by Shriners Hospitals for Children's Bylaws, Section 105.

If you are interested in this process all nomination applications must be received by **El Katif Shrine office no later than April 15, 2026.**

Please contact the El Katif Shrine Office if this is something you are interested in and/or would like more information on. We will forward you the information needed to complete the application process.

Respectfully,

John R Robertson

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February 2026						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Divan Meeting Night Rainbow Girls Meeting Manito #246	3 No Stated Meeting of Installation Officers	4	5 Greeter meeting Waverly #231 Temple #42	6 CBSC meeting	7 Club Funds meeting at 10am 250 th Birthday Party for USA
8 BIG GAME W/POTLUCK STARTS @2:30	9 LOH & OCSC & Bethel 44 & Job's Daughters meeting	10 WCSC & DeMolay meeting	11 Whitman #49 Audubon Park #272 Spangle #131	12 Concordia #249	13 North Hill #210 BMSC & NEWSC meeting	14 Valentines Day
15	16 Hospital Board Meeting AM Moonies & Rainbow Girls Meeting	17 Malden #88 Spokane #34	18 Oakesdale #55	19 SSSC meeting Waverly #231	20 Chiefs Hockey Night	21
22	23 Oriental #74 Bethel 44 & Job's Daughters meeting	24 DeMolay meeting First Responder OV	25 Spangle Chicken Dinner Spangle #131 - Ladies & Friends	26	27 North Hill #210	28



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