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**WORD**  
OF EL KATIF SHRINERS



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# St. Patrick's Day



El Katif Shriners Parade 2026

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## NOTES FROM THE POTE - ELECT. - *ll. Sir Chris Wirts*



Dear Nobles,

Peggy and I want to thank everyone who attended the 250th Birthday party. The costumes were fantastic, Fresh Plate's food was patriotic, and Hero Event Support made the evening memorable. America 250 started strong, followed by a successful Big Game watch party organized by Stacy and Shannon Roark. Shrine Hockey night was our best yet—sold out, fun, and supported our philanthropy.

March starts with our Stated meeting, open to ladies and kids. All meals for Stated meetings are \$10. The month wraps up with the St. Patrick's Day Parade and the 2nd Annual Crab Feed.

I attended the Hospital Leadership conference in Houston, TX, which focused on our Healthcare Systems Strategic Plan, Compass 2035, built around four pillars: Best Care, More Kids, Right Places, and More Value. Our team is advancing the Shriners Children's brand and striving for excellence in care. Although we aimed for a 20% increase in patient volume last year, we achieved a 9% rise. Shriners Children's Spokane has created a site-specific playbook to support 2035, and staff are working hard to meet established goals. At the conference, our sports medicine program and Fairbanks Outreach Clinic were recognized for excellence within the SHC system.

We welcome Dr. Ted Sousa as our new Chief of Staff, say goodbye to Bill Gross from Philanthropy as he pursues new opportunities at SHC, and announce the soft opening of a new North Spokane clinic. Planning also continues for a new location north of Spokane to support an Ambulatory Surgical Center.

In summary, our local fraternity maintains strength and vitality through valuable activities, and Shriners Children's Spokane is strategically prepared to address the future needs of children.

Chris Wirts, Potentate

Chairman, Board of Governors Shriners Children's Spokane

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



Spring is in the air and it is time to start working on the Parade vehicles so they are ready for the year. Make sure your vin numbers match those you have on file with the Club or Unit Secretary. Along with getting the equipment ready we need to have you send us a copy of the parades your Club and Unit are intending on participating in.

Please send this list to [recorder@elkatif.com](mailto:recorder@elkatif.com) as soon as possible so we can get them approved as well as apply for the proper Certificates of Insurance (COI).

Thank you to all of the Nobles that attended the Potentates Seminar. Ill Sir Chris gave us a great state of the Spokane Children's Spokane as well as the direction the Joint Board of Governors is working on. He explained more about some of the events that are planned for this year and thanked the committees for stepping up to take on their responsibilities. I would like to thank Nobles, John Patterson (Fundraising), Mark Howard (Patrick Scholarship), Stacy Roark (Membership), and Landry Smallfoot (Parades) for your presentations. We need all of you to plan ahead for any fundraising, special events and parades you have planned. Shriners International has given us some new processes to follow for fundraising and parades. We need your assistance to make sure El Katif is in compliance with them. Contact your Liaison or the Committee Chairman to which you may have a question to. As a team we will have great success and more fun.

We hope to see you all at the Stated meeting March 4th, St Patrick's Day Parade and Crab Feed March 28th. Please continue to help those Nobles that do not have access to computers and emails so they can stay informed. Keep in contact with all of our El Katif Special Lady's so they know they are still part of our family. Let them know we have our Special Lady's Luncheon scheduled for May 15th.

Stay connected through the El Katif App. There are also a number of tools in WebFez to help you lead your Clubs and Units, build membership, plan events for your Club and Units. BE involved in as much as you can. Your actions speak louder than words and those actions may create a conversation about how to become a Shriner. Each of us is part of the Membership team. If each of us worked on gaining one Shrine Mason per year then our numbers would be greater, our work load would be lighter and the fun and excitement would be incredible. It would be great if we had several candidates to take to Kimberly Canada for a Spring Ceremonial with our counterparts at Gizeh, make sure to mark your calendar for this event May 28th - 31st.

An Irish Blessing- "May your troubles be less and your blessings be more."

John Robertson PP El Katif Recorder



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 March 7: Lee R McGuire  
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 March 14: Tomas B Richardson P.P. Mark A Querio

March 15: David S Fenn, Kalen M Finn, Conner M Ball  
 March 17: John H Jeffries  
 March 18: Chester L Smith, Dale R Hearn, Kent Osborne, Marc Egerton  
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 March 20: Rod Schmitt  
 March 21: Bruce E Vesper  
 March 22: Kim D Berg P.P., Blaine Sullivan  
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 March 31: Dan W Gerth



## IN MEMORIAM

### Aaran Paul Benjaine

May 18, 1995 Passed February 19, 2026

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](mailto: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: (509) 624-2762 [OfficeAdmin@elkatif.org](mailto:OfficeAdmin@elkatif.org)**

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# 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!

## **Fraternal Relations** *Ryan Leonard - Reporter*

Greetings Nobles!

I hope this note finds you doing well. Slowly but surely, we are getting closer to Springs, 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. Friday, February 20 we had an El Katif Shrine night with the Spokane Chiefs for their game against the Vancouver Giants. The puck drops at 7:05 PM. We hope you had fun celebrating with our Illustrious Potentate, Chris, his lady Peggy and all of our Shrine family.

On Saturday, March 28 El Katif will hold its 2nd Annual Crab Feed. Please check your Constant Contact emails or call the Shrine office at 509 624-2762 for more details.

On the youth group front, Noble Doug Schroeder would like to remind the Nobility that when you're out and about talk to people about our youth groups, advertise and brag a little about what they do. They have served our food banks, put wreaths on the graves of our fallen heroes. They promise to honor our country's constitution and laws of our land. I encourage you all to show your support by visiting their meetings, especially their installations and initiations.

Noble Doug is also looking for contributions for the Masonic Youth Night at the Ballpark again this year. This year it will cost \$700 to put this event on. He has not been able to visit lodges as much as he would have liked because of some life changing events.

Just a few reminders.

DeMolay is planning on having a car wash this spring, keep a watch out for the flyer.

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.

## **Blue Mountain Shrine Club** *Doug Warnock, Reporter*

For The Word from Blue Mountain Shrine Club Blue Mountain Shrine Club and Columbia Basin Shrine Club met together for a joint visit with Illustrious Potentate Sir Chris Wirts and Lady Peggy at the Masonic Center in Walla Walla on the evening before Valentine's Day. Blue Mountain Club's Special Ladies were guests at this gathering.

Illustrious Sir Chris spoke about this year being the two hundred and fiftieth year since our nation was founded, and about how much time and effort they gave to develop something new, a democracy. "Our country is not perfect, but it is so much better than the other countries of the world". Sir Chris gave credit not only to men but also to women who helped establish the United States. He told of four women who were key to that process. "We can all give thanks to those who gave so much to design and establish the U.S.A".

Sir Chris gave an update on the hospital and the changes made to improve efficiency and effectiveness in serving the children who need its services. He said the Spokane hospital has become one of the most successful in the Shrine group.

The Blue Mountain Shrine Club will next meet on Friday, March 13th, and will be celebrating Saint Patrick's Day.  
Doug Warnock, Reporter

# BMSC, CBSC OFFICIAL





**Giggles 'n' Smiles**  
*Jamie and Jenn*

Giggles and smiles are looking forward to this year's events that we have lined up so far. We have the adaptive field day at Shadle park high school in May, the Spokane highlander's day in August, SVFD open house, among other events. If you are interested in face painting or letting people know about the Shriners and the hospital, please contact Jamie Bockstruck at 496-0902.

**Giggles**   
**& Smiles**  
 An El Kalf Shrine Club

Jamie Bockstruck, President (509) 496-0901  
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**MARCH 4TH**  
**STATED**  
**MEETING**

Social at 5:30pm  
 Dinner at 6:00pm  
 Meeting at 7:00pm

Ladies and families come join us for dinner!

\$10 per person  
 12 and under no charge  
 payment link for dinner

Bangers (pork sausage)  
 Creamy Mashed Potatoes  
 Onion brown gravy  
 Butter Peas & Honey Carrots  
 Assorted Dessert Bar

**South Spokane Shrine Club**  
**John Robertson, PP - Reporter**

We had our February Valentines Dinner with our ladies and were graciously joined by Ill Sir Chris and Lady Peggy. We had 25 Nobles and guests and it was a pleasure to have them join us as we quickly put him to work helping pass out roses and candy to our Ladies. I haven't heard whether or not he wore a cupid outfit or not, I guess time will tell and if any pictures ever come to light. Ill Sir Chris also assisted with the infamous drawing at the end of the evening. We thank him for his assistance and we thank everyone for joining us.

We will be at the St Patrick's Day parade and we will have a fill in driver helping us out this year. Please come out and joining us. We are always looking for more Nobles to ride on the float and enjoy the camaraderie. Our next meeting will be March 19th at Darcy's and you are all welcome to join us. I am sure we will have an Irish theme with laughter, jokes, good conversations and a couple of libations as it is an Irish tradition.

Make sure to start looking at your calendar to set time aside to help at the Interstate Fair this September. Not only are we celebrating our Nations 250th Birthday but we are also celebrating our tradition of being involved in the community through our 75 years of being a partner with the Spokane County and also the Interstate Fair. Come one, come all and celebrate together these great events this year.

An Irish proverb- "Is fearr caide ná ór" translated to "Friendship is better than gold." This highlights the value of friendships over material wealth, underscoring the importance of personal connections.

**Chaplain Corner**  
**Ron Cockle- High Priest & Prophit**

March has come upon us much faster than most of us were expecting. We have been blessed by the Good Lord with a very mild winter so far. As we all know, living in the Pacific Northwest, it can change for the worse after we go to bed at night.

We will be blessed very soon by the spring flowers and the spring babies of our livestock and the creatures of the forest. Of this we all give thanks in our own varying ways to the Great Architect of the Universe. This is his way of showing us his plan for us to thrive in all we do whether it be with our families, our friends, our communities and with our brother Nobles. We should all look forward to the spring and what great things we can do in the upcoming year.

In his name we rejoice. Amen

**First Responders**  
**Dave Campanella - PP**

**First Responders**

The First Responders had the honor and privilege of hosting the Potentate I.S. Chris Wirts and First Lady Peggy Wirts in Reardon at the Kornfed Ted's Restaurant for his official visit. It was well attended and it was great to see everyone having a great time. I.S. Chris gave a talk about "On This Day in 1776". It was inspiring and thoughtful to know what happened on that specific day 250 years ago. We look forward to hearing more about "On This Day in 1876" With the parade season just around the corner we look forward to coming out of hibernation and attending the St. Patty's Day parade. We may want to go back into hibernation if this St. Patty's Day is anything like years past. Stay safe.

Dave Campanella  
First Responders Club



**Shriners Hospitals**  
for Children



**Sportsman's Club**  
**Gary Newton - Reporter**

We had a Great time at Flat Stick Pub played Miniature Golf with 40 people attending the event lots of a pizzas to go around Club officers were voted on ; Ron Cockle President, Gary Newton Vice Pres, Stacy Roark Secretary and John Patterson IV treasury. To become a Member of the Sportsman Club all you have to do is show up pay the event fee and one dollar goes for your membership and you will need to buy a vest.

Our actives we do are all over the board with Miniature golf, bowling, Fishing derby's, Kayaking and shooting sports of all kinds. All Shriners and their Ladies are welcome to Join us for great times. We are always looking for more events to do if you have an idea let the board members know

Have a great Spring hope to see you at a up and coming event

Gary Newton  
Vice President

**Museum Committee**  
*The Museum Curators - Reporters*

**10 Gallon Club**

When you hear the term 10 Gallon Club, you may conjure up feelings of cowboys with big white 10 gallon hats worn by the stereotypical good guy in the old western movies. In our case we can draw some comparisons for the 10 Gallon Shrine Club and the old west cowboys in that they both wore the signature hat, held themselves to a higher moral code, and served their communities. The 10+ Gallon Shrine Club spawned out of the Blood Donor Club as an elite group that achieved the honor of donating 10 gallons or more of the precious fluid we all rely on to live. It was formally made a Club in the El Katif Shrine in September 1989 by Tom Rousseau as one of his many clubs he was integral in, with 8 original members and grew to a high of 22 members in 2001 before gradually losing membership. They made presentations to many Masonic Lodges and organized multiple blood drives to help out our communities in their 28 years. Over the years many gallons of blood were donated to the Masonic Blood Bank and to other local blood banks. Our last reported existence of the club was 2017, and has since existed in our hearts if not the Shrine.

Our hope in reminiscing about this near forgotten club with a very honorable past and ambitious endeavors is twofold. We would like to let those past members of the club that are still with us (we know there at least 2) know, we appreciate what you did and celebrate the efforts to help save lives in our communities. It is also a hope that if a member or group of members wish to revive the Blood Donor Club and the 10 Gallon Club or even to organize Blood Drives to reach out to Shrine members and leadership for information on how to proceed

**Robert Broliar**  
**Museum Curator**



**Greeters**  
**Bob Valentine, - Reporter**

**GREETERS --** Our February Meeting was held on the 5th of Feb. there was a good turn out of Greeters, actually there were 13 attended, including our newest member KEVIN CONRAD. Welcome aboard Kevin! The meeting started off with a report by our Blanket Chairman, JIM BABB, who reported that since inception several years ago there had been MORE than 3,200 blankets provided to NEW PATIENTS, (mostly under 10 years old). And he reminded us that there is always a need for more, so NOBLES, a Gentile Reminder that if you are looking for a good cause to contribute to, PLEASE remember the GREETERS BLANKET FUND...

The next Topic discussed was the PATRICK SCHOLARSHIP Program, which was funded by a generous donation several years ago to provide a growth fund that provides scholarship funds Patient Applicants of the Shriners Children's Spokane hospital. The funds are provided to approved Applicants for most ALL types of Secondary Education. Our GREETERS are asked to make the process known to Shriner's Patients when we have contact with them.

Our new Potentate, Illustrious Sir Chris Wirts is asking for ALL Shriners to help increase VISIBILITY, by wearing their Fez's while in the Hospital as well as other Venues when applicable! Then we were visited by Peter Brewer, our Hospital Administrator, who reported on recent Staff changes at the Hospital and an overview of the Leadership Conference in Houston, and he also told us that the Hospital is performing very well on ALL metrics as well as getting great recognition for the FRACTURE CLINIC and the Sports Medicine Program.

Greeters – We are doing a great JOB of getting your choices in to ME well in advance of the month ahead, so thank you very much for that!!! Remember to call, Text or Email me when you want to get your selected dates applied to the Calendar. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK !

The next GREETERS meeting will be March 5th in the hospital board room on the 4th Floor, @ 11 AM— Why not become volunteer & join the GREETERS, we help the staff members at the Shriners Children's Spokane hospital - It only requires committing to 1 day per month...

**Greeter Members as of 2026**  
 Paul Allen, Jim Babb, Greg Cooper, Billy Eberly, Phin Haglin, Ben Kruse PP, Jon Lind PP, Ken Massender, Mel Neil, Stacy Roark, Doug Schroeder, Jim Stewart PP, David Swannack, Jim Tourtillotte, Bob Valentine

**Mobile Unit**  
**John Robertson, PP - Reporter**

St Patrick's Day parade is fast approaching, and we are looking for 2026 parade season to be filled with Fun, Laughter and lots of participation from the Nobility. If the weather holds it will be a bright sunny day, but then again, we have seen snow, rain, sun, hail and wind all in the same day at the same parade. Fun is still had by all regardless of what Mother Nature gives us. Parades may seem like they are a lot of work but what a way to get out in the public to say "Thank you" to them as well as hear all the "Thank You's" from the crowd. This is also a great time to spend time with each other building friendships and showing the community, we are here and we have lots of fun when we spend time together supporting each other and our communities.

We will be cleaning up the Red Fez and helping anyone else should they need assistance in getting their parade equipment ready. Contact John Robertson, Doug Baker or DeeJay Askey for more details. We are also looking for more Nobles to assist us in driving several of the other parade units to help support the other Units and Clubs keeping the rolling stock moving.

An Irish Quote - "May you live as long as you want and never want as long as you live."

John Robertson PP Reporting on behalf of the Nobles of the Mobile Unit

**Actors**  
**Ryan Leonard - Reporter**

Greetings Nobles!

I hope this message finds you doing well. We're slowly but surely making our way toward spring! For the February edition of The Word, I posed the following trivia question. In To Kill A Mockingbird, who played the part of Robert E. Lee "Bob" Ewell?

The answer is... James Anderson.

And now, March's trivia question. In the film "Top Gun," Maverick's Commanding Officer reminds him that he has a history of high-speed passes over 5 air traffic control towers and one Admiral's daughter. What is the name of that Admiral's daughter, and who played her in "Top Gun: Maverick?"

The answer will be revealed in April.

If you were at the Installation of Officers back 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 Gizah Shrine, to be held from May 28-31 at Gizah 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. As of this writing, I've been informed that we have no candidates to initiate at the Wednesday, March 4 stated meeting. However, we stand ready to perform when we have candidates.

ranks (a subtle hint for you Nobles who haven't yet

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 March!

Fraternally,  
Ryan Leonard

**Legion of Honor**  
**Robert W Brolliar - Reporter**

The Legion of Honor has taken a step cementing ourselves in the El Katif Shrine by moving from Club to Unit status as of January 2026. We as a Unit are tasked at times to present our Colors at Stated meetings, at school programs, and as well as representing the Shrine by leading the Shrine contingent in several community parades around our region every year. We provided military funeral honors at over 75 funerals at the Medical Lake Veterans Cemetery in 2025. We are a small Unit with a very active core group of members that are tasked weekly with our volunteer duties. Most people know, but some may not, that we are military veterans still honoring our oaths to our nations and continue to represent the values that drove us to serve, to the best of our abilities. Our hopes for this year forward are to further engage with the veteran community in our areas with efforts such as supporting Wreaths Across America (especially our local Veteran's Cemetery), and helping the Spokane Veterans Home as well as other opportunities. If you are a veteran and wish to spend time with others who will understand you in ways most others cannot please contact a member and we would love to have you attend a meeting and see if our group is for you. If you wish to aid our mission in other ways (opportunities to volunteer or financial donations for our causes) please contact one of us. If you have an American flag that needs proper retirement, we can direct you to where to take it or bring it to us and we will ensure it gets where it can be done. We are proud to represent El Katif Shrine in our efforts and hope to do so for many more years to come.

We salute you!  
Robert W Brolliar  
LOH Commander 2026



EL KATIF SHRINE SPOKANE WA.

Landry Smallfoot  
Parade Marshal 2026

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All El Katif Units and Clubs:

Attached is a list of parades of interest to El Katif. It is a compilation of several years of regional Shriner participation. Their dates have been amended for the year 2026 as I have verified their validity with their websites. This list may not be complete so if you know of other parades that would be of interest, please let me know and I will add them to the list..

Please provide your parade schedule to [recorder@elkatif.org](mailto:recorder@elkatif.org) as soon as you can (**a form is available upon request**). Though situations change; with the attached list you should be able to anticipate your participation from past years. When we receive your schedule, it will be submitted to the Pote for his approval as required by regulation. When approved I will then prepare a new list showing all the units attending each parade and send it to you and all members of the Divan. In this way everyone will be “of one mind” regarding these events and you may modify based upon popularity and availability.

Your list will then be given to the insurance company so we can apply for the certificates of insurance you will need for your event. El Katif requires proof of insurance to be submitted with all applications for parades and special events (fair, food booths etc.); those forms will be available from the Temple Recorder prior to the day of the event.

Past involvement has shown that several parades are more popular and participation is “highly encouraged”. They are indicated by an asterisk

Thanks for your cooperation.

Noble Landry Smallfoot, Parade Marshal



# 2026 El Katif Parades of Interest

- March 14**      **St. Patrick's Day Parade-Spokane**
- May 2          Cinco De Mayo Parade – Pasco
- May 9          Junior Lilac Parade
- May 9**          **Okanogan Mayday Parade - Okanogan**
- May 9          Colorama Festival Parade - Grand Coulee
- May 9          Trail Fire Fighters
- May 16        Waitsburg Parade
- May 16        May Day – Garfield
- May 16        Wild Goose Bill Days – Wilbur
- May 16**        **Lilac Torchlight Parade – Spokane**
- May 16        Spangle Harvest Parade
- May 23        Last Stand Rodeo Parade - Coulee City
- May 23        Community Parade – Creston
- May 23        Moonlight Parade - Moses Lake
- May 31        West Valley Community Parade – Spokane
- June 6         Battle Days Parade – Rosalia
- June 6         Town and Country Parade - Kettle Falls
- June 6         Mule Days Parade – Reardon
- June 13        Sage-and-Sun Parade – Ephrata
- June 13**       **Flag Day Parade – Fairfield**
- June 6         Lions Club Rodeo Parade – Lind
- June 6         Prospectors Day Parade – Republic
- June 20        Rodeo Parade – Colville
- June 13        Pioneer Days Parade – Elk
- June 20        Founders Day Parade - Medical Lake
- June 20        Farmers Festival Parade-Lacrosse
- June 20        Slippery Gulch Parade-Tekoa
- June 27        Newport Rodeo Parade
- June 27        Cashmere Founders Day
- July 4          Grand Ole Fourth Parade – Pasco
- July 4          Tri City Parade – Kennewick
- July 11        Community Days Parade - Royal City
- July 11        Old Mill Day Parade – Oaksdale
- July 11        Cheney Rodeo Days Parade Parade
- July 18        Pioneer Days Parade – Davenport
- July 25        Summer Festival Parade – Colfax
- July 25**        **Settler's Association Parade - Deer Park**
- July 25        Downriver Days Parade – lone
- Aug 1          Hillyard Festival Parade – Spokane
- Aug 8          Peach Festival Parade – Penticton, B.C.
- Aug 8          Omak Stampede Parade – Omak
- Aug 15        Lentil Festival Parade – Pullman
- Aug 15        Benten-Franklin Co. Parade – Kennewick
- Aug 22        Airway Heights Festival Parade – Airway Heights
- Aug 22        North East Washington Fair – Colville

# TRIBUTE

Ladies and Nobles: Armistice Day or Remembrance Day, November 11th, was established to honor those who served during WWI. In 1954, following WW II, and as a tribute to all patriots past and present, this day was renamed and declared Veteran's Day. Annually, it is El Katif's honor to recognize these past and current unselfish Men, Women, and Families.

Again, this November 4th, 2026, EL Katif will do our part to acknowledge those who gallantly gave of themselves and continue to stand ready.

Many of us chose to wear period attire at the 250th USA Birthday Celebration. I'm also hoping some will consider another opportunity to sport garments in recognition of our military.

I am looking for several brave souls to participate in a portion of this year's Veteran's Day Honors. Some may be given minimal speaking parts and others may have no lines to learn.

We need props such as: historical (also recent) uniforms, memorabilia (no guns or grenades), and willingness to show pride and respect.

Additionally, please include your name, e-mail, phone #, and possible props

Should you be willing to be part or provider of EL Katif's chronicling of our military history, please e-mail me at the following: [kberg2012@gmail.com](mailto:kberg2012@gmail.com)

Please note that we may not be able to use all that volunteer. However, the presence of respectful audience members are just as important as those who will portray the memory of heroes.

Thank You in advance -- Kim Berg, P.P.

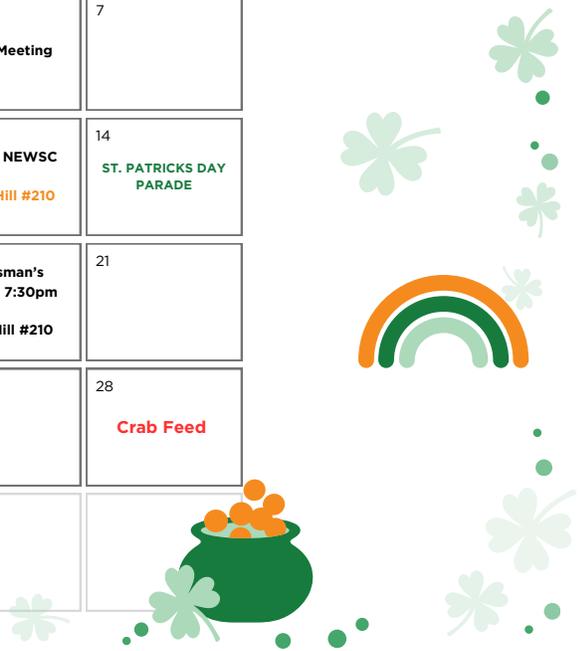




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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Divan Meeting Night Rainbow Girls Meeting Manito #246	3 Rosalia #84	4 Stated Meeting Social & Dinner Oaksdale #55	5 Greeter Meeting Waverley #231 Temple #42	6 CBSC Meeting	7
8	9 LOH & OCSC & Bethel 44 & Job's Daughters meeting	10 WCSC & DeMolay Meeting	11 Whitman #49 Audubon Park #272 Spangle #131	12 Concordia #249	13 BMSC & NEWSC North Hill #210	14 ST. PATRICKS DAY PARADE
15	16 Hospital Board Meeting AM Moonies & Rainbow Girls Meetings Oriental #74	17 Malden #88 Spokane #34	18 Oakesdale #55	19	20 Sportsman's Meeting 7:30pm North Hill #210	21
22	23 Bethel 44 & Jobs Daughters meetings	24 DeMolay Meeting	25	26	27	28 Crab Feed
29	30	31				



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