

THE
WORD
OF EL KATIF SHRINERS



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*Hello
May*

A SEASON
OF GROWTH,
GRATITUDE &
NEW BEGINNINGS



INSIDE: NEW YEAR AND NEW CHANGE | TENTATIVE 2026 CALENDAR

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



In May 1776, the Second Continental Congress encouraged the colonies to reject British rule and form new governments. France and Spain agreed to supply weapons to the American rebels. Many Colonial Masonic Grand Lodges, still under English or Scottish charters, debated ending those affiliations, as many Masons actively supported independence. Their advocacy of self-determination, freedom of the press, and religious liberty played a key role in revolutionary thinking.

The first quarter of 2026 has been rewarding for Peggy, me, and the Divan. We appreciate visiting many organizations and thank the Nobility for this opportunity. This month, our meeting will be held at David's Pizza. We anticipate a strong attendance as we aim to enhance our visibility within the community and demonstrate support for locally owned businesses.

Our plans include heading to Okanogan for the May Day parade and festivities, celebrating our Special Ladies at a luncheon, joining the Lilac Parade, and possibly wrapping up the month with a spring ceremonial trip to BC. Lastly, I will attend the annual Grand York Rite gathering in Spokane. Interest in the trip to BC has been low, possibly due to its proximity to Memorial Day or concerns about crossing the border. The bus trip may be cancelled by the time you read this article.

As Chairman of the Board of Governors, I'm happy to share that we've just wrapped up our first quarter Site Plan review with the home office as part of Compass 2035. Highlights include a 7.9% rise in new patients, a 10.6% boost in provider referrals, and a 12.8% annual increase in outpatient visits.

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

April is all but in the books. Another busy month for El Katif. We had our stated meeting on April 1st with a great turnout of Nobles, Lady's and family. Our fantastic dinner was supplied by Nordic Smoke. Thank you Dusty, Gary and Donna for a great meal. May's Stated meeting looks to be another great night for hospitality, friendship and being out in the community as this meeting will be at David's Pizza. Ill Sir Chris is doing a great job in mixing things up and getting us out in the community. We hope you come out and join in the fun and celebrate being a Shriner with great friends and family.

Your Divan has been working hard getting the Word out about events, being a Shriner and meeting with all othe Clubs and Units. They recently went to the Almira Lodge and supplied burgers, dogs and sides. They joined the Brethren for Lodge and then stepped into the stations and places to close Lodge. They took time on a Saturday to go to Ritzville in order to meet with a group of Nobles from Moses Lake, Othello and surrounding areas of Ritzville to discuss the forming of a new Club in that area. They are leading by example. Let's all work hard at being involved looking for just one more noble, mason and participating in one more event.

Club officers please make sure you have current signers and either the El Katif Recorder or Treasurer are on your financial accounts. Have you filed your 990 yet? If so, please send in your receipt and if you need help please call me at the office so we can get things up to date and on file. Keep working on sending in the Vin numbers, license plates, registrations, pictures and locations for all of your rolling stock and equipment. Please send your updated records for your Special Lady's to the office as we work at keeping our main list accurate which is printed in the roster each year. Thank you for your help in making sure we are compliant with Shriners International bylaws as well as with the local, state and federal entities. I appreciate your help in gathering this information so that the El Katif records are as accurate and up to date as possible. Don't be surprised when your Liaison asks to see your records or if you have sent the information into the office.

I would like to take a minute to say "Thank you" to Ill Sir Justin for his dedication to El Katif. He has helped us put together our new budget process in order to bring more financial clarity to the daily operations or our fraternity and businesses. His commitment to the fraternity is greatly appreciated and I will miss working with him on these projects. I know he will always take a call to discuss things should assistance be needed. You are a great role model for all of us to look up to, respect and walk together in this journey of being a Shrine Mason enjoy your next chapter in this journey.

"It is amazing at how much you can accomplish when it doesn't matter who gets the credit." Harry S.


Truman
John Robertson PP El Katif Recorder


Shriners Night


at



Join us for a great night of fellowship, fun, and food!

 **Location:** 803 West Mallon

 **Dress:** Wear your Shrine gear

 **Purpose:** Support a local business

6 May

6pm start

FOOD: First ten pizzys are on the Shrine!



May Birthdays

May 1: Dudley E Frick,
Michael K O'Brien
May 2 : Alan P Ray, Dennis J Singer,
Henry P Konrad,
May 3: Bradley T Hodges,
Dustin R Klinkenburg,
May 5: Kevin L Holt , Steven W
Henning, Corwin Starr
May 8: Michael J Furrer
Robert S Gerwitz
May 9: Robert M Hill
May 10: Gary D Berg
May 11: Justin D Rowland
May 13: Thomas D Upchurch
May 14: Clarke R Foerstner
Jon N Klaveano
May 15: Dennis E Dickerson,
Kevin A Erickson
May 17: Ronald D Chard, Randell D
Ader, Brent T Oty

May 18: Don H Henderson, Larry
Auvil, Derik L Fausett,
Aaron P Benjamin
May 20: Michael G Selix P.P.
Lincoln L Jordon
May 21: Gerald D Hanan
Richard Sayer
May 22: James T Miller
Ron R Green
May 23: Stuart B Palmer
May 24: Richard S Bennet
Guy M McCaw, John P Harris iii
Michael J Port

May 26: Bruce E Keyser Sr.
May 28: Greg G Gales
May 29: Lonny H Blowers
May 31: Dennis L Barron
Daniel F Speropoulos
Robert G Smith



IN MEMORIAM

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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NORTH HILL LODGE NO. 210
COME VISIT OUR LODGE, RUSTY NAILS WELCOME

Ritual Meetings the 2nd Friday at 7:30pm
Casual Fraternal Gatherings the 4th Friday at 7pm
We meet at the Spokane Masonic Center
506 W 2nd Ave

CONTACT ERIC THOMPSON | (509)714-6169
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 WebFez or Current Roster to verify if you info is correct!



Have any updates?
Email:
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Call:
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Thank You!

NEWS FROM SHRINERS CHILDREN'S SPOKANE

Shriners Children's Spokane Using Motion Analysis Center for Return To Sport Readiness

Shriners Children's Spokane Sports Medicine Program continues to expand and evolve specialty care services for our patients. A critical part of sports injury recovery is assessing the athlete's readiness to return to activity. Sports injury patients receive care from a multidisciplinary team within Shriners Children's Spokane Sports Health and Medicine program including sports medicine physicians, sports medicine physical therapists, athletic trainers and strength and conditioning specialists.

Returning too soon to activity after an injury is one of the biggest risk factors for reinjury. Allowing young athletes the time to fully recover and return safely through a structured Return to Sport (RTS) protocol is critical to protecting long-term health. Shriners Children's Spokane's RTS program is a systematic treatment approach to injury recovery, designed to ensure our patients can safely and effectively resume participating in their chosen sport or physical activity.

Our sports medicine specialists are utilizing the technology and research in our Motion Analysis Center (MAC) for our sports medicine patients. Our providers are sending these athletes to the MAC for comprehensive RTS testing to find objective and quantitative information to help with clinical decisions for the athlete's sports medicine rehabilitation and to assess the potential risk of re-injury.

Allowing young athletes the time to fully recover and return safely through a structured RTS protocol is critical to protecting long-term health. We test, measure, and track progress to ensure our sports medicine patients are truly ready to return.

"Our goal isn't just return to play—we are committed to using evidence-based programs and proven protocols, to ensure our patients are strong enough to return to sport with confidence," says Kelly Bartleson, Shriners Children's Spokane sports medicine physical therapist.

The MAC team performs functional and performance assessments. "These studies provide precise, objective assessment data for the physical therapist and physician to help tailor the patient's treatment plan; ultimately helping get them to a place where they are biomechanically ready to return to the demands of their sport", Kris Holden, MAC Physical Therapist, tells us.

Return to sport is a complex process that varies depending on the individual, the injury and the patient's chosen sport. Utilizing our Motion Analysis Center for RTS assessment is just one more way our experts are embracing state-of-the-art technology to provide our patients with individualized treatment plans which includes data driven assessments throughout their patient care journey.



One Mission, One Future: Vision 2035



Strategic Indicators March 2026

	March	YTD
TOTAL Outpatient Clinic:	1895	5117
<i>New Patient Visits</i>	557	1493
<i>Other Clinic Visits</i>	1207	3251
<i>Outreach Visits</i>	95	260
<i>Telehealth</i>	36	113
Outpatient Surgeries:	76	226
Inpatient Surgeries:	20	46
Surgeries performed at other facilities:	4	7
Spine Surgeries:	5	14
Total Local Donations:	\$220K	\$597K
New Hires:	2	9
Volunteer Hours:	196	490
Inpatient Satisfaction:	Q1 2026 = 100%	
Ambulatory Surgery Satisfaction:	Q1 2026 = 98%	
Medical Practice Satisfaction:	Q1 2026 = 95%	
<i>(The quarterly number reflects percentile rank as compared to our peers)</i>		

Vision 2035: Four Pillars

Visit the *Compass 2035 Dashboard* for current SC Spokane statistics.

- Best Care
- More Kids
- Right Places
- More Value

2026 Hospital Operating Budget: \$ 27M



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!

*****ATTENTION*****

Special Election for the Office of El Katif Treasurer

**Date: June 3, 2026
Stated Meeting starts at 7:00 PM**

7217 W Westbow Blvd Spokane WA 99224

**Open to all Nobles
interested in running for office.**

**Treasurer
Justin Hughes- PP**

Dear Nobles, Friends, and Brothers,

I am writing to inform you of my resignation as Treasurer of El Katif Shriners, effective June 3, 2026.

My ten years on the Board of Directors has been deeply insightful, and I consider it time well spent serving our great philanthropy. I am proud of the accomplishments we achieved together. El Katif remains financially stable as we look toward the future and our mission to provide care for children in need.

I hope to return to the Board in 2027 as an advisor, should Erik Haynes be elected Potentate. Thank you to those I have served with and to those who continue to serve.
Respectfully yours,

Justin Hughes

**Fraternal Relations
Ryan Leonard - Reporter**

Greetings, Nobles!

I hope this note finds you well. I have previously asked the Nobility to share important events with the Fraternal Relations

Committee—such as a Lodge's centennial celebration, a Brother Mason reaching his 50-year membership milestone, awards, or other events within our El Katif jurisdiction that we can share with the Nobility. We are now going to shift gears slightly and ask you to let us know what kind of information you would like us to share.

On that note, I would like to remind you of some upcoming events: Wednesday, May 6 at 7:00 PM, instead of a stated meeting, El Katif will be gathering at David's Pizza, 803 W. Mallon Ave., in downtown Spokane. Please remember to bring your Fez, and check your Constant Contact email or call the Shrine office at (509) 624-2762 for more details.

Saturday, May 16, is the annual Lilac Parade. Let's turn out in force and make ourselves known to the Spokane community!

Thursday, May 28 through Sunday, May 31, the Spring Hot Sands Ceremonial will take place at Gizeh Shrine in Kimberly, BC. Please check your Constant Contact email or call the Shrine office for more details.

For the youth group front, Noble Doug Schroeder reports that on Tuesday, March 10, Empire Chapter DeMolay installed three new Squires, and rumor has it that a new DeMolay Chapter may be starting up.

On Monday, March 23, the Lilac Assembly of Rainbow Girls initiated a new member and installed a new Mother Advisor.

Masonic Youth Night at the Ballpark will take place on Friday, August 21, and funds are still being solicited to make this event possible. It is a great way to show Spokane that we still have Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls, and DeMolay.

Finally, Job's Daughters Bethel 44 will be holding an Installation of Officers in May. The date and time have yet to be determined.

Just a few reminders:

At Audubon Park Lodge, Rainbow Girls meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00 PM, and DeMolay meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. The first meeting is a business meeting, and the second is a fun night. The Lodge is located at 2821 W. Northwest Blvd.

Noble Doug Schroeder at (509) 999-3702 or via email at dbschroeder-1@msn.com.

That's all for now, Nobles! We look forward to seeing you soon.

Fraternally,
Ryan Leonard

Events From March and April



Fun and Fellowship



South Spokane Shrine Club
John Robertson, PP - Reporter

Well here we are heading into May with the Bloomsday, Cinco de Mayo, Lilac Parades, Mother's Day and Memorial Day Weekend. El Katif is also having their annual Special Lady's Luncheon. We have lots of opportunities to be involved in one, two or more of these events. They say that the more you are involved the more you enjoy being a Shriners. Make sure to take some time and look into helping or participating. Contact our Club Officers Jamie Bockstruck, Denny Hogan, Rod Higgins or John Robertson for information on when and where things might be happening. If you know of a Special Lady in our group please make sure to get their contact to Shawn Biggs so that he can confirm they have been invited to the Special Lady's Luncheon.

The weather has been excellent for spring cleaning. We will not be in the Junior Lilac Parade this year but have registered for the Torchlight Parade and I know there are a lot of Nobles planning on attending. It will be a shorter parade so here's to thinking it will be completed a little earlier. Let's get out and support Ill Sir Chris and the Divan at as many of these functions coming our way in the next few months.

As individual Nobles we do great things but as a group of Nobles we make great statements to the community that we are here to support them as well as our Fraternity and Philanthropy. Make sure to put September 11, 2026 through September 20, 2026 on your calendar so you can help work one or more shifts out at the Interstate Fair and celebrate being involved since 1951. El Katif is celebrating 75 years of having our Food Permit at the current fairgrounds location. We look forward to seeing all of you out at any number of these events. "All things seem possible in May" -- Edwin Way Teale
John Robertson PP Reporting

1899 Club
Jerry Schieche, PP - Reporter

Spring is finally here and there are so many activities to get involved in. Parade season is actually here and the first parade that the 1899 Club will be in is Spangle Days on May 16. If you have the time, come out and take part in it. If you have a 4-Wheeler, you can ride over the Ramp Truck or if you want to ride in the Ambulance, just bring your fez and we will get you involved. It is very gratifying to have the people thank us for what we do for the Hospital patients when we are going through the parade. They appreciate the Shriners. After Spangle, we will go to Rosalia on June 6 Fair-field on June 13 and quite a few more.

The more Shriners we have in the parades and the more exposure we get, the better we look to the public. Please get involved.

I hope to see many of you at David's Pizza on May 6. What better way to show the public that we are still alive than to meet in public with our fezes on.

If you are able to attend the Spring Ceremonial in Kimberly, BC at Gizeh Shrine, I am sure you will enjoy yourself. It is always good to spend time with our Shrine Brothers from other Shrine Centers. There are many other events coming up to attend. I never go to a Shrine or Masonic function and go home wishing that I had not attended. That is so much better than feeling the regret when I don't attend. I am looking forward to seeing many of you down the trail.

Jerry Schieche, PP

Legion of Honor
Robert W Broliar - Reporter

Legion of Honor will be participating and representing the El Katif Shrine in two parades this month-- the Junior Lilac Parade and the Torch Light Parade. We are actively honoring our deceased veterans and their families by providing Military Funeral Honors at the Medical Lake Veterans Cemetery each month. Our monthly stated meeting for May 2026 will be at the Illinois Ave Bar and Grill located at 1403 E Illinois Ave, Spokane Wa 99207 on Monday May 11, social starting at 5pm and meeting beginning at approximately 5:30 pm. Please come out and see us at the parades and if you are interested in possibly joining the Legion of Honor, come to our stated meeting and see if we are a good fit for you.

Robert Broliar
Commander, LOH 2026



ALL MILITARY VETERANS
Contact Your Local
Legion of Honor Unit



Giggles 'n' Smiles
Jamie and Jenn

Help!! We are looking for face painters to help us with all the events that we have signed up for this year. No experience necessary. We will train you. If you have any questions, please call Jamie at 509-496-0902 or Jennifer at 509-230-7311.

We have several events coming up this year, including the adaptive field day at Shadle Park High School in May, SVFD open house, MFD open house, Cops and kids event, the Highlander Games in August (300 plus kids at this event) and other events.



Jamie Bockstruck, President (509) 496-0902
Jennifer (Glitterbug) Bockstruck, Facepainter 230-7311



Greeters
Bob Valentine, - Reporter

GREETERS --
Our April Greeters meeting was held on April 2nd, and there was a good turnout, with 11 members attending.

Peter Brewer, our Hospital Administrator, and Illustrious Sir Potentate Chris Wirts gave a presentation regarding the Shrine Hospital System Leadership Conference and the "Compass 35" Strategic Plan. We want Shriners Children's to be the #1 specialty orthopedic children's care provider in the world!

There are four pillars in the Compass Plan: Best Care, Better Value, More Kids, and Right Places.

Also, "Compass Plan 35" will make data drive future decisions, so our numbers are vitally important.

Our new Potentate, Illustrious Sir Chris Wirts, is asking all Shriners to help increase visibility by wearing their fez and other Shrine attire while in the hospital, as well as at other venues in the community when appropriate.

A great opportunity to do that will be at our next Stated Meeting on May 6th at 6:00 PM, being held at David's Pizza on Mallon, near the Veterans Memorial Arena. Be sure to bring your lady—and the kids!

Recently, we had several opportunities to show the fez at the Spokane Chiefs hockey game and the East-West Shrine Game at the No-Li Brewing Beer Hall. We all had a great time at the Saint Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Spokane—right?

We'll see you at the next Stated Meeting—no April Fool's shenanigans this time... or will there be? Be there or be square!

Greeters Update

You are doing a great job of getting your schedule choices in to me well in advance—thank you very much for that! Remember to call, text, or email me when you want your selected dates added to the calendar. Keep up the good work!

The next Greeters meeting will be May 7th in the hospital board room on the 4th floor at 11:00 AM. Why not become a volunteer and join the Greeters? We help staff members and greet all patients and parents at Shriners Children's Spokane Hospital. It only requires committing to one (1) day per month.

One of the upcoming projects the Greeters are involved in is the placement of two benches near the Silent Messenger statue at the El Katif Shrine Center later this year. Noble Ron Cockle, High Priest and Prophet, has been commissioned to fabricate the benches—one at the request of the Jim Babb family, and the other by Ken Massender (Greeters President) and Doug Baker.

For those who were unable to attend, it was also discussed that the Water Buffalo Degree will likely be presented again during the Hog Roast meeting on June 3rd.

Summer Greeter attire for June, July, and August will be the white, short-sleeved Greeter shirt with Greeter tie (or a suitable bolo tie).



Shriners Hospitals
for Children

Mobile Unit
John Robertson, PP - Reporter

The old saying "April Showers bring May flowers" seems to be true to it's form. April also came in like a lion so maybe it will go out like a lamb. The Mobileer's are ramping it up to be in the Lilac Torchlight Parade again this year. With the new parade route this year we will hopefully be through the parade in a timely manner. We are looking at getting out a little more and if you are interested in riding with the Mobileer's at a parade that might be taking place in one of our outlying communities please reach out to DeeJay Askey to see if he is willing to help get the Red 1960 Cadillac and the Red Fez float out on the road.

The more we have working together to be in the parades the more fun we have. The more fun we have the more questions folks ask about how to be a Shriner as well as in helping our Philanthropy.

This is also a time of year to thank our Lady's for all they do for us. I remember one of my mentors wife always making sure we had refreshments after the parade. If you new Bud Zigler then you understand, if you don't, please ask to hear the rest of the story. We always enjoy getting together, laughing and sharing stories about things we have done or things we would like to do. This is where friendships and memories are made that last a life time.

Today is the history that we are all living. Let's make it together so they will talk about it in the future.

Until we meet again, "May all of your fantasies come true!" – Tommy Rousseau
'If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself.' Henry Ford
John Roberton PP reporting on behalf of the Mobileer's

Actors
Ryan Leonard - Reporter

Greetings Nobles!

I hope this message finds you doing well. Spring is finally here!

For the April edition of The Word, I posed the following trivia question. In the film "Top Gun: Maverick," what is the name of the game Maverick hashis pilots play to build a sense of team unity? The answer is...dogfight football (where both teams play offense and defense at the same time). And now, May's trivia question. We are celebrating America's 250th birthday this year, the question is "who played Benjamin Martin in the movie "the Patriot," and who played his son, Gabriel Martin? The answer will be revealed in June.

The Actors performed their first Cold Sands ceremonial of 2026 during the April stated meeting on Wednesday, April 1 at 7:00 PM.

One new Noble has joined our ranks and may also be taking part in the spring Hot Sands Ceremonial at Gizah Shrine in Kimberly, BC from May 28 thru May 31 While there will be no Hot Sands ceremonial at El Katif this year, the Actors will be ready to perform more Cold Sands ceremonials throughout the year, as we have candidates to initiate. We will also look forward to hosting next year's Hot Sands Ceremonial at El Katif. I want to give special thanks to Noble Andrew Hasler, Illustrious Sirs Roger Nelson, Dale Hearn and John Robertson for their assistance in putting on the Cold Sands.

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 soon!

Fraternally,
Ryan Leonard

A Gentle Reminder
To the ladies in our lives

God's Masterpiece Is Mother

By - Herbert Farnham

God took the fragrance of a flower...
The majesty of a tree...
The gentleness of morning dew...
The calm of a quiet sea...
The beauty of the twilight hour...
The soul of a starry night...
The laughter of a rippling brook...
The grace of a bird in flight...
Then God fashioned from these things
A creation like no other,
And when his masterpiece was through
He called it simply - Mother.



Museum Committee
The Museum Curators - Reporters

Nineteen hundred and twenty was a pivotal year for the Shriner's because at the National Convention it was decided to establish a system of hospitals to aid children. The idea was born right here in Spokane when the convention members stopped over at the Hutten Settlement. The convention was held in Portland Oregon, where the "new idea" evolved into the project of building hospitals. The first hospital was opened in 1922, in Shreveport LA. In 1924, El Katif Shrine in Spokane WA opened the 7th hospital and it was unique because it was the 1st "mobile unit" hospital.

During the 1930s in the depths of the Great Depression the Shriner's and local community came together and raised money and resources through many means to build a standing structure for their hospital. In 1939 the new hospital was finished and built to resemble the Mystic Shrine. El Katif Shrine worked in conjunction with St Luke's Memorial Hospital for the next 32 years until St Luke's moved to a new location in Spokane.

After more than 52 years, in 1991 a new "modern" hospital was built which is the current Shriner's Hospital for Children location. There are current plans in the works for the next evolution of support for children in Spokane.

In the spirit of the El Katif Shrine's dedication to the hospitals they support, they have had 2 variations of floats representing the hospitals in local parades over the years, showing what charity and community support can achieve. (See pictures below.) So, come on out and cheer on the Shriner's in the parades towing the current hospital float and celebrate our successes together.

The El Katif Shrine Center Museum is open on Thursdays from 10 am to 3 pm. Stop by and learn more of the history of our organization! Museum Reporter -Robert Brolliar



Moonies
James Bockstruck - Reporter

The MoonShriners participated in the St. Patrick's Day parade and were well received. We will be also participating in several parades this year. We also participated in the Grand Masters ball that was held on April 11. We put together the May Stated meeting at David's Pizza. We hope for a big turn out as there will be lots of pizza there. We are looking forward to the All Masonic night at the June stated meeting.



2026 El Katif Parades of Interest

May 2	Cinco De Mayo Parade – Pasco	June 27	Newport Rodeo Parade
May 9	Junior Lilac Parade	June 27	Cashmere Founders Day
May 9	Okanogan Mayday Parade - Okanogan	July 4	Grand Ole Fourth Parade – Pasco
May 9	Colorama Festival Parade - Grand Coulee	July 4	Tri City Parade – Kennewick
May 9	Trail Fire Fighters	July 11	Community Days Parade - Royal City
May 16	Waitsburg Parade	July 11	Old Mill Day Parade – Oakesdale
May 16	May Day – Garfield	July 11	Cheney Rodeo Days Parade Parade
May 16	Wild Goose Bill Days – Wilbur	July 18	Pioneer Days Parade – Davenport
May 16	Lilac Torchlight Parade – Spokane	July 25	Summer Festival Parade – Colfax
May 16	Spangle Harvest Parade	July 25	Settler’s Association Parade - Deer Park
May 23	Last Stand Rodeo Parade - Coulee City	July 25	Downriver Days Parade – lone
May 23	Community Parade – Creston	Aug 1	Hillyard Festival Parade – Spokane
May 23	Moonlight Parade - Moses Lake	Aug 8	Peach Festival Parade – Penticton, B.C.
May 31	West Valley Community Parade – Spokane	Aug 8	Omak Stampede Parade – Omak
June 6	Battle Days Parade – Rosalia	Aug. 8th	Elk Days Elk, WA
June 6	Town and Country Parade - Kettle Falls	Aug 15	Lentil Festival Parade – Pullman
June 6	Mule Days Parade – Reardon	Aug 15	Benten-Franklin Co. Parade –Kennewick
June 13	Sage-and-Sun Parade – Ephrata	Aug 22	Airway Heights Festival Parade – Airway Heights
June 13	Flag Day Parade – Fairfield	Aug 22	North East Washington Fair – Colville
June 6	Lions Club Rodeo Parade – Lind	Aug 29	Ritzville Community Parade – Ritzville
June 6	Prospectors Day Parade – Republic	Sept 5	Labor Day Parade-Northport
June 20	Rodeo Parade – Colville	Sept 7	States Day Grand Parade – Prosser
June 13	Pioneer Days Parade – Elk	SEPT 11- 20	SPOKANE INTERSTATE FAIR
June 20	Founders Day Parade - Medical Lake	Sept 12	Sprague Day Celebration
June 20	Farmers Festival Parade-Lacrosse	Sept 19	Odessa Deutsch’s Festival Parade –
June 20	Slippery Gulch Parade-Tekoa	Sept 19	Southeast Spokane Fair Parade – Rockford
		Sep 25	Valley Fest Spokane/Hearts of Gold-Spokane

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Daughters of the Nile
Cathi Heart - Reporter

Spring is here and we are excited to welcome the warm weather and beautiful flowers. On April 3, 2026 — The Coeur D Alene Nile Club installed its new officers for the ensuing year:

- P.Q. Bobbie Kynaston — President
- P.Q. Sherry Sims — Treasurer
- Virginia Balser — Secretary
- P.Q. Peggy Miller — Chaplin

A heartfelt farewell goes to P.Q. Jana Castelan, who is moving to Florida, she will be missed by everyone. Wishing Jana and Michael the best in their next adventure! Our next meeting will be May 1st at 11:30 and will be held at Best Western Plus, Coeur d’Alene. All members are welcome. Please RSVP to PSQ Sherry Sims alandsherry@roadrunner.com.

Nile Nighters Club Meeting

The Nile Nighters club met on April 13, 2026. Our current project is collecting books for the Hospital. Queen Marcella Layton installed the club officers for the ensuing year. The next meeting will be on May 11th at Denny’s 3525 N Division St, Spokane. Meeting begins at 5:30, all members are welcome! Please come join the fun and the comradery.

El Karnak May Stated Meeting

Please join us Tuesday, May 12th at 11:30 AM social, lunch at noon, meeting at 1:00. Please remember your dues cards. All members are welcome.

Save the Date, Saturday, October 10th El Karnak’s 8th Annual Pasta Feed!

Nile Love,
Princess Cathi Heart

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Monday	Tue.Sday	Wedne.Sday	ThursDay	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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4 Rainbow Girls Manito #2446 LGH & ECSC Bethel & Job's Daughters	5 Rosalia #84 WCSC DeMolay	6 Whitman #49 Audibon Park# 272 Spangle #131 Shriners Night Davids Pizza	7 Greeter Waverly #231 Temple #42	8 CBSC Okanagan May Day----->	9	10
11 Hospital Board AM Monnie's Rainbow Girls Oriental # 74	12 Malden Spokane #34	13 Oake.Sdale #55	14 Concordia #249	15 BMSC & NEWSC North Hill #210	16 Lilac Parade	17
18 Bethel 44 & Job's Daughters	19 DeMolay Meeting	20	21	22	23	24
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