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OF EL KATIF SHRINERS



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NOTE FROM THE POTE - *Il. Sir Michael Castelan*

Important Events and Messages for Our Nobles and Families

Happy fall to all! As we transition from autumn into winter, our organization has many exciting events and important activities planned before the end of the year. We encourage everyone to participate and stay engaged as we celebrate our fraternity and honor our traditions.

Upcoming Events

- Salute to Veterans – November 5th: Please join us for our Annual Salute to Veterans, where we honor those who have bravely served to keep our country free. This special event is an opportunity for us to express our gratitude and respect for our veterans.
- Annual Ceremonial – November 14th & 15th: We welcome all new nobles and their families

who have joined our organization this year. The annual ceremonial is a cherished tradition that recognizes and celebrates our newest members.

- Cornerstone Ceremony – November 21st: The Washington Grand Lodge will perform a cornerstone ceremony for our new Silent Messenger statue. This meaningful event marks a significant moment for our organization and the community.
- Annual Christmas Party - December 6th: During our festive Christmas party, we will draw the winning number for the \$500 prize. Coins are still available for sale to support the Silent Messenger statue, so don't miss your chance to participate!

Recent Highlights

- Halloween Haunt with the Potentate: Our Halloween event was a great success and provided fun for all attendees.
- Moonshiner's Official Visit: A heartfelt thank you to the Moonshiner's for a fantastic official visit. It was a wonderful way to conclude our official visits for the year.

Jana and I want to extend our sincere appreciation to all the nobles and their families for the support and kindness we have received throughout the year. Your involvement and dedication are what make our organization strong and vibrant.

Wishing everyone a happy and blessed Thanksgiving season. May you enjoy time with loved ones and reflect on the many blessings we share.

Fraternally yours, **Michael A. Castelan**, Potentate El Katif Shriners

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

The seasons are changing around us again; frost is in the air early in morning and the leaves change every day and are filled with vibrant colors of fall. The fruits of the gardens are being harvested, and the plates of bounty are filled to the brim. Your efforts in making El Katif stronger are very similar to those in raising and harvesting our gardens. We must continue to plant the seeds of what it is to be a Shrine-Mason and cultivate conversations with others around us. We must be prepared to help those that ask questions to see the path to join us and give them good guidance along the way. It is through your efforts that El Katif will continue to grow and prosper for generations to come. More importantly, is that we work together with our concordant bodies and each other to continue to build on the foundation that was built for us. We must continue to labor in the quarries so that we can leave a legacy for those that shall be our leaders of tomorrow. Sometimes it may seem impossible, but these are the times we dig in, stand together and work a little harder. The Brotherhood bond is the secret to success and creates a brighter future.

I would like to thank all of you for your efforts in helping support **Illustrious Sir Michael** and **Lady Jana** on their special project to raise money for a Silent messenger. The Cornerstone Laying Ceremony has been changed to November 21st, 5-9pm at the Event Center in the Fireside room. Thank you for helping through the countless parades, meetings, activities and events this year to bring awareness to El Katif and building on what it means to be a Shrine Mason.

Please remember to send your 2026 Club and Unit Officers lists to the office asap so that we can get things updated for the next roster to help get it out to you by the Potentates Seminar. **Please share your updated list of Special Ladies with their most current contact information** to Holly and myself so that we can keep our list accurate. We hope that all of you will continue to utilize and learn to use the **El Katif app, My Fez Card reader and Web Fez**. WebFez has an excellent Library of information that can help you in recruiting membership and operating your Club and Unit and be more knowledgeable about Shriners International and all that we do. **Remember that you can go onto the El Katif Web Site to pay your 2026 Dues at any time**. When paying for them early you help save on the cost Shriners International charges us for sending out another notice to you. You can also call the office and we can assist you in this process.

Remember to check the calendar for all the upcoming events. Watch your email for Constant Contacts with more details on the events and please remember to RSVP well in advance of the events as this helps us to better prepare for all of you that plan on attending. Remember that working together we help build a stronger bond giving us all more time to laugh and enjoy the journey together.

The 2026 proposed budget will be posted for your review at the November 5th Stated meeting. **Remember our elections are at the December Annual meeting and we will be voting on the approval of the 2026 Budget**. May you all continue to have safe journeys filled with laughter, good cheer and happiness.

Yours in True Faith, **John Robertson PP**, Recorder

EL KATIF
CHRISTMAS PARTY

*It's a
Wonderful
Life*

SATURDAY DECEMBER 6
BEGINS AT 4PM
EL KATIF SHRINE CENTER

Enjoy an evening filled with a holiday
dinner, El Katif Annual Awards, and
White elephant exchange.

A special theatrical show with our
own Jimmy Stewart

**Nobles & Ladies please invite your friends
and family!**

This is an adult party, childcare will be provided.

RSVP by November 21st

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IN MEMORIAM

The following Nobles were summoned to mount the Black Camel and across that sublime desert since our last publication:

Ed L Ray

October 22, 1926 to August 29, 2025
Created a Shriner: November 19, 1954

William L “Bill” Mitchell

October 20, 1937 to October 01, 2025
Created a Shriner: June 03, 1982

Donald R Barton

September 14, 1936 to October 01, 2025
Created a Shriner: May 30, 1975

Thomas E “Tom” Hodges, P.P.

November 10, 1931 to October 06, 2025
Created a Shriner: November 14, 1986

Christopher G Petersen

December 12, 1948 to October 13, 2025
Created a Shriner: March 04, 2012

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

November Birthdays

Happy Birthday

November 1: Walter J Haig II
Ed D Williams
Kevin R Holling
November 3: Edward E Booker
November 4: John Hoffmann
David J Askey
Thomas C Shirk
November 6: Douglas D Morgan P.P.
Ronald G Tee
Jay A Smith P.P.
November 7: Randall J Kimberling
November 8: Jon C Lind P.P.
Gordie T Cockle
Fred W Nowland
November 9: Leo E Soucy
Robert L Davis
Hunter D Fulton
November 10: Thomas R Williams
William K Buterbaugh
November 11: William O Musgrove
James A Abajian
November 12: Floyd F Klinkenberg
Kevin D Geris
Marshall J Lichtenwaldt
November 13: Alphonso J Conetto
Mark Schreindl

November 14: Kenneth R Massender
Stephen M Sykora
November 16: Robert S Lobdell
November 17: James W Babb
Kurt G Kimberling P.P.
November 19: Robert W Valentine
November 20: James R Walesby
Joseph Baird
November 21: Paul Lindley
November 23: Roy K Breedlove
November 24: David D Burnham
November 25: Terry L Reed
Martin Rinehart
November 26: Daryl W Miller
Ron A Cockle
Brendan T Monroe
November 27: Clarence S Brown
Daniel X Cook
November 28: Brett T Westerman
Barry Baker
November 29: Jessie D Salazar
Carson M Gemmill
Jacob Thomason

EL KATIF SHRINE

EASTERN WASHINGTON TEMPLE FOR THE SHRINERS

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Chris Wirts Chief Rabban
Erik Haynes Assistant Rabban
Shawn Biggs High Priest & Prophet
Ron Cockle Oriental Guide
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John Robertson, PP Recorder
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Andrew Hasler Chaplain

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Reporter TBD Klowns
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Ken Massender Provost Guard

INTERNATIONAL

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A Puzzler

Pick any three-digit number. Then repeat the same digits to form a six-digit number, e.g., 498,498.

Now, divide that new number by seven. For whatever number you choose, there will be no remainder.

Next divide that result by eleven. Again, you'll have no remainder.

Finally, divide the new result by 13. Once more, no remainder.

Do you notice something vaguely familiar about the three-digit result of that exercise?

Found in the
April 1982
Word

“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.”
- **Winston Churchill**

NORTH HILL LODGE NO. 210

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Fall Ceremonial 2025

November 14th & 15th

Friday, November 14th

Meet & Greet 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Saturday, November 15th

Check in @ 8:30 am, activities until 3:00 pm

RSVP by November 7th, 2025

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Price - \$35

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HERE

Pancake Feed

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DEMOLAY
WASHINGTON

SALUTE TO VETS

Nobles, Ladies & Guests are all welcome

November 5, 2025

Social- 5:30pm

Dinner- 6:00pm

Meeting- 7:00pm

Reach out
to a fellow
noble if you
need a ride!



Please call to RSVP (509) 624-2762

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!

1899 Club

Jerry Schieche, PP - Reporter

Don't miss the annual Tribute to Veterans on November 5. This is always a great evening and well worth the effort to attend. Don't forget that it is open to the public and maybe this event will show your prospective candidate that we do care about people.

Please do your best to have a candidate for the Ceremonial on November 15. We need to all attend and make it a special evening for our new Candidates and for the Nobles that received a cold sands earlier this year. Remember when you joined. Someone took time out of their busy schedule to make it special for you. You need to return the favor and make it special for someone else.

November is a time of year for giving thanks and for family. May each and every one of you enjoy the holidays with your family and whenever possible, you can always enjoy your Shrine Family. That is the part of our Fraternity that is so hard to convey to a non-Mason. We truly have a very caring family of Masons and Shriners.

-Jerry Schieche, PP

Northeast Washington Shrine Club

Darren Butler- Reporter

Greetings from NEWSC!

We have a new round of officers elected for the upcoming parade year. **Noble Rob Daigen** is the new President of the Tin Lizzie Patrol. We recently had a nice banquet and meeting held at 1st Street Bar and Grill in Deer Park. We enjoyed the service and food wonderfully provided before conducting the meeting and elections. Club Liaison, **Chief Rabban Chris Wirts and Lady Peggy** joined us for the evening.

Next meeting is November 14th at 6:30 pm, location to be determined. We will be planning for the next parade year. If interested in joining the club and driving in a parade next year, you can contact me or **Noble Rob Proctor**.

NEWSC has new officers for next year:

President: **Noble Rob Daigen**

VP1: **Ill. Sir Tom Richardson, P.P.**

VP2: **Noble Mike Boggs**

Secretary: **Noble Darren Butler (me)**

Treasurer: **Ill. Sir Jim Stewart, P.P.**

Sincerely,

Darren Butler, NEWSC Secretary

208-901-2121

Notice: The proposed 2026 budget will be posted in the office Wednesday November 5th.

Fall Fun Has Begun!





THE PUMPKIN

By John Greenleaf Whittier

Oh, greenly and fair in the lands of the sun,
The vines of the gourd and the rich melon run,
And the rock and the tree and the cottage enfold,
With broad leaves all greenness and blossoms all gold,

Like that which o'er Nineveh's prophet once grew,
While he waited to know that his warning was true,
And longed for the storm-cloud, and listened in vain
For the rush of the whirlwind and red fire-rain.

On the banks of the Xenil the dark Spanish maiden
Comes up with the fruit of the tangled vine laden;
And the Creole of Cuba laughs out to behold
Through orange-leaves shining the broad spheres of gold;

Yet with dearer delight from his home in the North,
On the fields of his harvest the Yankee looks forth,
Where crook-necks are coiling and yellow fruit shines,
And the sun of September melts down on his vines.

Ah! on Thanksgiving day, when from East and from West,
From North and from South come the pilgrim and guest,
When the gray-haired New Englander sees round his board

The old broken links of affection restored,
When the care-wearied man seeks his mother once more,
And the worn matron smiles where the girl smiled before,
What moistens the lip and what brightens the eye?
What calls back the past, like the rich Pumpkin pie?

Oh, fruit loved of boyhood! the old days recalling,
When wood-grapes were purpling and brown nuts were falling!

When wild, ugly faces we carved in its skin,
Glaring out through the dark with a candle within!
When we laughed round the corn-heap, with hearts all in tune,

Our chair a broad pumpkin,—our lantern the moon,
Telling tales of the fairy who travelled like steam,
In a pumpkin-shell coach, with two rats for her team!

Then thanks for thy present! none sweeter or better
E'er smoked from an oven or circled a platter!
Fairer hands never wrought at a pastry more fine,
Brighter eyes never watched o'er its baking, than thine!

And the prayer, which my mouth is too full to express,
Swells my heart that thy shadow may never be less,
That the days of thy lot may be lengthened below,
And the fame of thy worth like a pumpkin-vine grow,
And thy life be as sweet, and its last sunset sky
Golden-tinted and fair as thy own Pumpkin pie!

Fraternal Relations
Ryan Leonard - Reporter

Greetings Nobles!

I hope this note finds you well. It's hard to believe that as I write this, we are halfway through October, Halloween is almost upon us, with Thanksgiving and Christmas not far behind.

I know I sound like a broken record, but I have a favor I would like to ask of you. If you have something special taking place in your Lodge (a Centennial for the Lodge, a Brother reaching a 50-year membership milestone, a Brother receiving an award, etc.) please tell us about it so that we may share your good news with the Nobility! Please email either **Noble Doug Schroeder** at dbschroeder-1@msn.com or me at ryanleonard7470@comcast.net with your special event!

As stated throughout 2025, El Katif (and the Fraternal Relations Committee) needs Shrine ambassadors! The purpose of the Fraternal Relations Committee is to keep our respective Lodges informed of the fun activities in which the Shrine is engaged. These include the annual All Masonic Night, and so much more! The committee would also like to report to the Nobility special events taking place in the Blue Lodges within our El Katif jurisdiction.

On the youth group front, **Noble Doug Schroeder** reports that on September 22, Bethel 44 initiated 3 wannabe Jobies! These are girls ages eight to 10 years old that are prepared to be Job's Daughters. The ceremony is really something to see. If you ever have the chance to see one, DO IT!

On Saturday, October 4 the Rainbow Girls had their District Official Visit with a pajama theme. The Lodge room was filled with much enthusiasm and good cheer. For all of you that did not come you all missed a great night.

Let's get out and have NOBLES on the sidelines at our youth meetings.

Audubon Park Youth meetings:

- **Empire Chapter DeMolay** 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7PM.
- **Rainbow** 1st and 3rd Monday at 7PM.

Concordia Lodge youth meeting:

- **Job's Daughters Bethel 44** meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7PM. located at 3219 N Argonne Rd in Millwood.

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

Fraternally, **Ryan Leonard**

"Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace, and gratitude." - **Denis Waitley**

Mobile Unit
John Robertson, PP - Reporter

Fall is in the air with cooler nights and shorter days. The leaves are changing colors bringing vibrant yellows, reds and gold colors. This is a great reminder of the exciting things coming in next few weeks and months. If you didn't have a chance to make it to the Halloween party you missed great time with laughter, great costumes excellent treats and a Wedding.

The Tribute to Veterans was well attended and thank you to **III Don Lane and Noble Stacy Roark** for their help in putting things together.

November is also a time to Celebrate being a Noble of the Mystic Shrine as we bring in new Nobles to our Fraternity at the Fall Ceremonial. And then we have all the holidays of November and December where we celebrate being a family, being with a family and enjoying the company of our friends at many of the assorted holiday parties. Isn't it great being a Shriner? We need to remember to talk with our friends and family that are not part of our Fraternity telling them the stories of all the fun we have. This might stir them to ask that question "How do I become part of all that fun." Celebrating new Nobles joining our fraternity, laughing with our friends are keys to the success of our Fraternity to grow. Make sure you participate in the activities. The Mobile Unit Nobles are generally around helping in the background to make sure things go smoothly, your glasses are filled, and they are looking for Nobles to help them out. They will be planning to get together over the next few months to put a schedule together for the 2026 Parade season. If you are looking to have fun on short journeys to local communities to bring attention to El Katif through riding on the Fez is a great place to start. We look forward to seeing you out-and-about laughing and playing.

Columbia Basin Shrine Club
Richard Redick - Reporter

Nobles and Ladies, Columbia Basin Shrine Club has its annual fund-raising raffle coming to a close. There are 2 prizes: Cash drawings of \$500 and \$1000. Tickets are priced at \$50 for a book of 10 tickets. You do not have to be present on December 5th to win. This is how CBSC stays afloat, and keeps the lights on. Contact a member of the Club, NOW, to purchase your tickets.

Calendar:

- **November 7, 2025** – Stated meeting of the CBSC. Always at 1811 W. Sylvester Street in Pasco. Social hour begins at 6 pm, and dinner is served at 7 pm. The meal will be provided by our youth groups, and will be something very appetizing.
- **November 8, 2025** - West Richland Veterans Day Parade. Parade begins at 9:30. We will be expected to be there in place by 8 am. The weather will be cooler. This is truly one of our most enjoyable parades, and it is the last one of the year. Please, Nobles, let's make a strong showing for this parade.

- **Noble Richard Redick**, Reporter

Museum Committee

The Museum Curators - Reporters

If you're reading this, you probably are a Mason and/or a Shriner.. Just going to give a small update on the history of both.

The first Grand Lodge was in London established in June 24, 1717.

The earliest Shrine history, written in 1887, stated that the fore-runner of the Mystic Shrine of North America was the Beekdashy, or Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, established in Mecca in the 6th century.

Our first Temple met on September 26, 1872 in New York City and the 13 members decided to name our first temple, Mecca.

El Katif was chartered on June 9, 1891 making El Katif the 53rd Temple. Since that date, eight of our El Katif Nobles have risen to the Grand Master of the Great State of Washington, and only one has held the title of both the Grand Master of Washington and Past Potentate of El Katif.....**MW Roger Nelson.**

They are...

MW Clyde Mix
MW Elmer "Roy" Foss
MW Harold Tucker
MW Tom Ehlers
MW Bill Wood
MW Robert Van Zee
MW Doug Tucker
MW Roger Nelson PP

Come see the display in our museum.

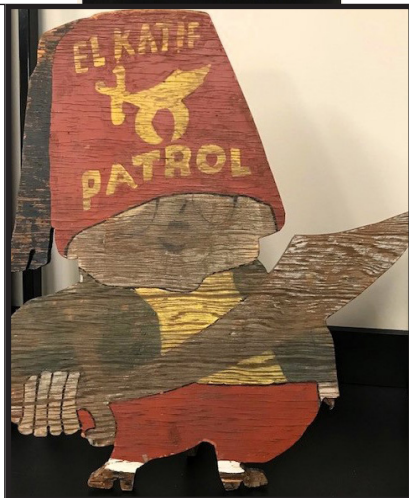
Ill Sir. Jim Stewart and Lady Michele, PP
Lady Diana Postlewait



The Museum Committee, is asking if anyone has more information about the wood Patrol man pictured.

Who created him?
 When was he created?
 Why was he created?
 If there is further information, please contact

Lady Diana Postlewait,
Ill Sir. Jim Stewart and
Lady Michele, PP



Legion of Honor

Billy Eberly - Reporter

Greetings from the Legion of Honor!

Well, the Legion of Honor had our monthly meeting at the home of **Bill and Judi Eberly** with a potluck. The wives made the delicious food and there was even enough for everyone to take home otherwise **Billy** would look like a house. The wives really enjoyed getting to know one another a little better. I think it will make our Unit more cohesive. It is important when you can break bread together and share thoughts and ideas with one another.

Noble Josh Rindal was voted on and accepted into our ranks. We think he will make a great addition to our ranks. We get a bonus to have **Lady CJ** as well! We reminded him of his obligation as a Mason about the Wives, Mothers, Sisters and Daughters. Therefore, the Halloween party was **Josh and CJ's** wedding ceremony and our current **Potentate Illustrious Sir Michael Castelan** was the officiant.

Illustrious Sir Michael had the honors of swearing **Josh** into the Legion. **Ill. Sir Michael** filled in as our Divan Liaison and informed us of the happenings at the Shrine. Many topics were discussed, By law changes, meeting schedules and locations, raffle teams. The meetings will be at the discretion of the Commander. The time and location are still being determined.

Come join our Legion of Honor if you were prior military, we would love to have you. It will do your heart good to honor our fallen brothers and sisters by paying respects to them as they are laid to rest.

If you are interested in joining, please talk to any members and pick up an application. Please contact **Dave Campanella at 509-570-3808**, **Robert Broliar at 509-869-5715** or myself, **Billy Eberly at 509-995-5404.**

Hope to see you at the Salute to Veterans event on Wednesday November 5th
 Yours in Brotherhood, Bill Eberly

Chaplain Corner

Andrew Hasler - Reporter

"If they say to you, 'Where did you come from?' say to them, 'We came from the Light, the place where the Light came into being through itself alone.'"

— *Gospel of Thomas, Saying 50*

Nobles, we came to the Mystic Shrine from the Light. We are called to reflect it through gratitude and service. Every smile we bring into the world, every mile we travel in service, and every hand extended in brotherhood is labor upon the true Temple. When we endeavor to count our blessings, we remember that the same Light which once formed the stars still guides the work of our hearts and hands.

May we continue to live thankfully, letting our good works be our prayer.
 Amen

Whitman County Shrine Club

Jeff Pietila - Reporter

The Whitman County Shrine Club held their October meeting on the 14th at C&Ds in Tekoa. In addition to the regular Nobels and their ladies, the club was honored by the attendance of **Past Potentate Jon Lind and his lady, Sue**, as well as Divan representative, **Assistant Rabban Erik Haynes**.

- **President, Tom Simpson**, reminded the club that the group had voted to support the September Telethon in the amount of \$1,000.00, and directed the club **treasurer, David Swannack**, to send the check as soon as possible.
- A discussion was held about the need to purchase a containerized shipping unit for the storage of the Cushman Scooters. Additionally, the group discussed locations where the unit might be stored. **Simpson** also thanked the Nobels for their involvement in the various parades across the region this past year.
- The club is still waiting for a report from the **Palouse Empire Fair**. Once the receipts are all in, and the bills paid, the club can expect a report from the booth manager, **Noble Steve Van Dyke**. **Noble Ryan Stolz** is in discussion with the Fair Board regarding adding Pulled Pork to the menu option for next year. The club is also looking for a different vendor for the German Sausages as the ones we have been using for years have changed. Their casing was tough, and the flavor was missing this year. Club members also voted to allow the Oakesdale Lodge to use the new cash register for the booth for their upcoming Prime Rib dinner.
- The club has reached out to individuals and businesses to thank them for their support of club facilities and events over the past year. Supporters have included **Signs and Designs, Cobra Drain Services, Federated Auto Parts, P1FCU, Cougar Graphics, Jones Trucking and Implement, Ritzville Warehouse, Rock Lake Sporting Clays, Eric's Auto Body, Greg and Sharon Stolz, Steptoe Butte RV Park, Startin's Repair, Via Family Chiropractic, McGregor's, and Booker Auction**. Their support allows the club to continue to support the Palouse Empire FFA and 4-H Livestock market sale, and the Shriner's Children's Hospital of Spokane.

The club's next meeting will be at the Rialto in St. John on November 14th, and the annual Christmas Party will be held at the Colfax Golf Course on December 9th.

Fraternally, **Jeff Pietila**, Club Secretary

Greeters

Bob Valentine, - Reporter

GREETERS -- our OCT. 2nd Meeting was well attended by **Lind, Babb, Schroeder, Roark, Neil Cooper, Haglin, Swannack, Stewart, Morgensen, Allen, Eberly, and Valentine**. The meeting was called to order by Treasurer, **Illus. Sir Jim Stewart, PP**, in the Board Room of Shriners Children's, because the **Pres. Ken Masender and vice-Pres. Jim Tourtillotte** were not able to attend.

Well, Fall is upon us and so far, it is not too BAD. We will be glad to see more rain to get caught up on our needed moisture going into the Winter. But we will take what we get, I suppose?

The Water Buffalo Degree was a big HIT at the Stated Meeting, resulting in several requests for another Degree to be put on. So, watch for the Next One at Future Shrine Events...

The new Greeters Necktie progress is SLOW but progressing. We still have NO Costs or Cost-sharing, yet. But it is still a "work in progress". It will be completed prior to Winter PNSA, so that we can offer them for SALE when that event is put on.

Our annual Election of officers was conducted and the following survived in their roles:

President – Jim Tourtillotte

V.P.-- Ken Massender

Secretary – Illus. Sir Jon Lind, PP

Treasurer – Illus. Sir Jim Stewart, PP.

Good Luck to all of them in the year ahead in 2026.

There was a short discussion on MEMBERSHIP recruitment, and **Stacy Roark** volunteered to check on NEW Shriners for the last FIVE years to see what participation he could develop.

Jim Babb reported on the Greeter Blankets and told us that we had given out a TOTAL of 2,960 blankets since the program started. Inventory will be available at the next meeting.

Nobles – Please keep the Greeters Blanket Project in mind if you want to make any donations to our cause, We would greatly appreciate any cash you can spare!

Greeters -- Don't forget to call or text, BOB VALENTINE at (559) 740-6014 or email him at robertvlntn44@yahoo.com, with your desired date to get on the Greeter DUTY Calendar.

We have had quite good coverage at the Greeters Station the last couple months – LET'S KEEP it UP!!!

Be sure to attend the Salute to Veterans next month on Wed. November 5th at the EL KATIF EVENT CENTER. It's always a GREAT time !!!

The next Greeters Meeting is on NOVEMBER 6th in the Board Room of the Hospital – 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!

Actors
Ryan Leonard - Reporter

Greetings Nobles!

I hope this message finds you doing well. It's hard to believe, but as I write this we're already halfway through October, and Halloween is almost upon us, with Thanksgiving and Christmas are not far behind. Where has the year gone?

For the October edition of The Word, I posed the following trivia question. *What is the name of the actor who played Nakoma on "The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams" and Michael Myers in the film "Halloween 5: The Revenge of Michael Myers?"*

The answer is.... Don Shanks.

And now, November's trivia question. *A portion of Sprague Avenue in downtown Spokane was recently renamed (a ceremonial renaming only) after a certain actor who got his start here in Spokane. Who is that actor?*

The answer will be revealed in December.

The Actors were scheduled to confer the Cold Sands for a new Noble at our October stated meeting on Wednesday, October 1 at 7:00 PM. Unfortunately, due to a scheduling conflict with the candidate's Blue Lodge, the candidate was unable to join us for that October meeting; but we are looking forward to having him go through the Hot Sands Ceremonial on Saturday, November 15.

To all of our new Nobles, just a little reminder. Somewhere along your Masonic journey, you have undoubtedly heard that you will get out of Masonry what you put into Masonry. The same holds true for the Shrine, so I encourage you to check out the different clubs and units that the Shrine has to offer and then get involved in the fun! I will admit some bias, though, when I say the Actors, Unit is the best.

To our new Nobles, you might be wondering what the difference is between the Hot Sands ceremonial and the Cold Sands ceremonial? In the Cold Sands, you are initiated by an average of four Nobles in jacket and tie. In the Hot Sands, you are initiated by several Nobles in full costume and performing on an elaborate stage. **Even if you were initiated during a Cold Sands, you are highly encouraged to attend the Hot Sands.**

Finally, the Actors are always looking to add to their ranks (a subtle hint for you new Nobles). 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, Illustrious Sir John Robertson, at (509) 590-5441** or via email at **jbrobertson8@gmail.com**. That is it for now, Nobles! I look forward to seeing all of you at the November stated meeting. Fraternally, **Ryan Leonard**

Blue Mountain Shrine Club
Doug Warnock, Reporter

Noble Jay White, Blue Mountain's First Vice President, served as master of ceremonies on our meeting of Friday, October 10th. **Noble President Mark Schreindl and Lady Kenna** were absent while visiting family members in Arizona. Guest speaker **David Fetterman** spoke about the Walla Walla Area Crime Watch (WWACW). It is a not-for-profit organization that assists local law enforcement, fire departments and emergency management agencies in the area of crime prevention.

WWACW has been in existence for over 20 years supporting crime prevention efforts in the Walla Walla Valley and is comprised of citizens with law enforcement, fire and prevention specialists as advisors who meet monthly at the Walla Walla Police Department in the Fulton Community Room.

Crime prevention programs supported by WWACW are: **Block Watch, Citizens Academy, D.A.R.E., McGruff, 911 Cell Phone Bank, Radar Reader Board Project, Graffiti Abatement Project, Safe Assured ID Program, National Night Out and Shred Events.** **David Fetterman** gave examples of these programs. WWACW also supports and recognizes the volunteers involved in making the Walla Walla Valley a safer place to live, work and play.

Nominees for 2026 officers of Blue Mountain Shrine Club were announced by **Noble Richard Coleman**. The nominees are: **Jay White for President; Jacob Thomason, Vice President; Skip Winchester, Secretary; Richard Coleman, Treasurer.** At our next meeting, on November 14, our guests will include a young lady who greatly benefited from her treatments at Spokane Children's. She and her mother will share their experience with us. We are looking forward to that program.
-Doug Warnock, Reporter

MoonShriners
Jamie Bockstruck - Reporter

On October 30th, the Moonshriners held their Official Visit of **Ill. Sir Michael Castelan, his Lady Jana** and the Divan. It was a great evening and it was well attended.

The Moonshriners Christmas party and installation of Officers will be on Dec 13th. The 2026 officers will be announced in the next word.

We will be busy with the Salute to Veterans, Fall Ceremonial, and Shrine Christmas party. We hope to see you all there.

On a sad note, Noble **Bill Mitchell** passed away on Oct 1. He was also a member of the Moonshriners. He will be missed.

Giggles 'n' Smiles

Jamie and Jenn Bockstruck - Reporter

Giggles and Smiles have been quite busy this past month. We had the Spokane Valley Fire Department open house where we had an hour plus wait for kids to get their faces painted. We had the Beyond the Call of Duty event at the Lone Wolf Harley Davidson dealership, Sprit Halloween event at the Shrine Center and the RMH Trunk or treating event.

We need help with all the events! We are looking for helpers, volunteers, and members to:

- » Greet parents and their children
- » Facepaint (training will be provided to those who are interested)
- » To make a difference in a child's life
- » Bring smiles to young and old.
- » Hear stories about how Shriners Children's helped their child.

Donations we receive will go to the Shriners Children-Spokane transportation fund.

Please contact **President Jamie Bockstruck at (509) 496-0902** or **Jennifer at (509) 230-7311** for more information.

"America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination, and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand." - **Harry S. Truman**

South Spokane Shrine Club

John Robertson, PP - Reporter

Thank you to **Ill Sir Michael, Lady Jana** and the Divan for joining us for the Official Visit. We had great fun, laughter, excellent dinner and libations with our Brown Bag auction. It is also hard to believe that the parade season is all but in the story book for 2026 and the year is winding down. There are loads of holiday parties and activities fast approaching and we hope you had a great Halloween and that Thanksgiving is a blessed holiday for you. Thank you to all of the Veterans that have given us the opportunity to meet, enjoy the company of others and to have the freedom to do so.

We participated in several parades around the NW including a trip to Wenatchee for Summer PNSA. We wish the best of luck to those Clubs and Units in the warmer regions with the Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas parades. Our White Caddie and the Hospital float are tucked away for the winter.

The fair was a success as we generated funds for the Club, money set aside for next year as well as being part of donation from El Katif to the Shriners Children's Spokane facility. The food booth is buttoned up for the year, and we are in the process of preparing to celebrate 75 years of participation with the Spokane Interstate Fair. We hope everyone had a fabulous Halloween and that your Thanksgiving is filled with family, laughter, smiles and great food. Our next meeting will be November 20th. We look forward to seeing everyone there. Until then travel well and enjoy the journey.

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Pote's Lady Corner



Special Events and Opportunities This Month

November is already upon us, and exciting events are planned for this month. Ladies, mark your calendars and get ready to participate in meaningful celebrations and ceremonies.

Salute to Veterans – Wednesday, November 5th

Join us for the Salute to Veteran's event, open to all! On Wednesday, November 5th, we honor our armed forces and celebrate each branch of the military. This is a wonderful opportunity to show appreciation for those who have served our country. Bring your friends and family as we pay tribute to our veterans together.

Fall Ceremonial – November 14th and 15th

This year's fall ceremonial will be held on Friday, November 14th and Saturday, November 15th.

- * Friday night features a casual meet and greet for all new candidates and their families, a great way to welcome new members and connect with the community.
- * On Saturday, the program and luncheon will take place. Stay tuned for details via our constant contact updates. Everyone is encouraged to attend and make this event memorable!

Cornerstone Ceremony and Statue Dedication – Friday, November 21st

The statue has arrived, and we invite you all to be a part of history! The cornerstone ceremony is scheduled for Friday, November 21st, with **MWGM Roger B. Nelson, Jr. P.P.** and his Grand Lodge Line officiating the dedication ceremony. Don't miss this special occasion to witness and celebrate a significant milestone. There are still plenty of tiles, coins, and beads available for sale. All proceeds will go toward covering the cost of the statue. This is a chance to support El Katif and contribute to a lasting legacy.

Be on the lookout for updates through our constant contact communications. We encourage everyone to participate, stay engaged, and help make November a month to remember!

We look forward to seeing you at these events and sharing the excitement together! May you all have a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!!!

With Appreciation, **Jana Castelan**, Potentate's Lady of El Katif Shriners



First Lady's Project for 2025

Be a part of this history making project. A Silent Messenger statue, will greet all visitors to the El Katif Shrine Center. Donor names will be on tiles surrounding the statue pedestal.

See sample below.

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November						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <i>Día de muertos</i>
2	3 Divan Meeting Night Rainbow Girls Meeting Manito #246	4 Rosalia #84	5 El Katif Salute to Veterans Event Oakesdale #55	6 Greeter meeting Waverly #231 Temple #42	7 CBSC meeting	8
9	10 LOH & OCSC & Bethel 44 & Job's Daughters meeting	11 <i>Veterans DAY</i> WCSC & DeMolay meeting	12 Whitman #49 Audubon Park #272 Spangle #131	13 Concordia #249	14 Fall Ceremonial Meet & Greet BMSC & NEWSC meeting North Hill #210	15 Fall Ceremonial Event
16	17 Hospital Board Meeting AM Moonies & Rainbow Girls Meeting Oriental #74	18 Malden #88 Spokane #34	19 Oakesdale #55	20 SSSC meeting Waverly #231	21 El Katif Statue Cornerstone Laying Ceremony	22
23	24 Bethel 44 & Job's Daughters meeting	25 DeMolay meeting	26 Spangle #131 - Ladies & Friends	27 <i>happy thanksgiving</i> Office Closed	28 Office Closed North Hill #210	29
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Who are the Shriners?

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