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OF EL KATIF SHRINERS



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EL Katif



September 2025

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

Nobles and Ladies,

Happy fall to all! As we start into the latter half of the year there is a lot going on. We will be doing official visits to **Walla Walla and Columbia Basin** along with the honored Ladies' Luncheon in Walla Walla. The Spokane Fair is coming as we wish the **Moonshriner's and South Spokane Shrine Club** great success!

Our second annual hospital Telethon is coming up on September 4th. Thank you, **Chris Wirts**, for all the time and effort you put into this every year.

The 5th annual **First Responders Day** will be happening on September 20th. Please try to make it out and wear your fez. Let's show our First Responders and public who we are.

Please make plans for our Oktoberfest celebration as well as our Salutes to Veterans in November as well as our Ceremonial celebration. Please mark **November 29th** on your calendar as we will have the Grand Lodge line out to the Shrine Event Center to do the cornerstone ceremony for our Silent Messenger statue. More information to come next month.

Your Potentate, **Michael A. Castelan**

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

September is upon us and meetings are all starting to fill our calendars again. I look forward to seeing you all at the Stated Meeting Sept 3rd. The Past Potentates will be running the meeting as we give the Divan one more meeting off as they recover from all of their journeys this past summer. This is an important meeting as we will be presenting a resolution to update our El Katif By-Laws in order to bring them current with Shriner's International. You will find a copy showing the changes that are being proposed in this article of the Word as this will serve as our written notice to the Nobility. We will be voting on the By-Law changes at our October meeting. The Actors will be performing Cold Sands for a couple of new Nobles; we will be voting on an Associate Membership and with any luck we may be voting on some new Nobles as well.

I would like to thank all of those that attended the Summer PNSA in Wenatchee this past summer. We had a great time meeting with members from all over the NW with picnics, a parade down Main Street and lots of fun hanging out with the Clowns and LOH during their annual meetings.

October looks to be another fun month as **III Sir Michael** is working on a Halloween Party. Keep your eyes open for more details to come.

We will have our November Stated meeting with a Tribute to Veterans and not far behind that we will be having our Ceremonial here at the Shrine Center. It would be great if we were able to finish the year strong with as many as 15 more new Nobles. *Do you know of a Master Mason that is not a Shriner?* Let's talk with them and see if we can bring them into the Shrine before the end of the year. Membership is up to each and everyone of us. Let's help make being a Shrine Mason more fun with more new Nobles.

Thank you all for everything you do in helping bring in new Nobles, keeping them engaged as well as having laughter and fun. If you know of a Noble that you have not seen in a while, please call and check in on them. See if they would like to join you in getting out to a meeting or help in volunteering at any of the events where help is needed. We all make a difference and sometimes it is the littlest of things that matter the most.

Yours in True Faith

John Robertson PP, Recorder



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

Jerry D Schafer

September 05, 1938 to June 06, 2025

Created a Shriner: May 07, 1976

Herb Lee Postlewait

November 02, 1940 to June 19, 2025

Created a Shriner: November 03, 2006

Robert L "Bob" McVicker

January 29, 1932 to June 23, 2025

Created a Shriner: November 23, 2025

Robert J "Bob" Pellegrini

June 01, 1938 to June 24, 2025

Created a Shriner: May 25, 2001

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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September Birthdays

Happy Birthday

September 1: Robert C McWatters

September 2: James F Hoover
John E Norling

September 3: Keith A Nielsen
Scott W Looper

September 4: Joseph B Kilbourne III

September 5: Rick Richardson III
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September 6: Eric E Berman
Albert C Statler
Dale S Flanigen

September 7: Floyd E Johnson P.P.
Jay D Baird

September 9: Richard W Coleman
Lee O Malmquist

September 11: Jay A Johnson
Todd B Berliner
Jeffery R Wood

September 13: Manfred Tappe
September 14: Donald R Barton

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James R LeBlanc
September 15: Frank B Delis
Orlow K Kelly
Randal P Strand
Bret Tremble

September 16: Daniel D Knautz
Levi C Abrams

September 17: David L Farris
Scott R Duncan
Kristopher M Budde

September 18: Henry R Etue Jr
Denny Hogan
William P Cox
Jeffery L Pietila

September 19: Von M Chimienti P.P.
Gary D Newton

September 20: Chris L Ellis
September 22: David J Thompson
Charles R Hix
Gregory McNickle

September 23: Douglas B Schroeder
John R Jamison
Mark A Howard
Roger Bennett

September 24: Greg L Jackson
September 25: Miles Lodmell
James C Wood
Lawrence J Peterson

September 26: Jeff K Newgard
September 27: James M Oliver
Richard J Mumby
Scott C Sonneborn

September 28: Darin Minden
September 29: Charles J Purcell
William D Adams

September 30: Richard L Willmering Jr

EL KATIF SHRINE

EASTERN WASHINGTON TEMPLE FOR THE SHRINERS

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Chris Wirts Chief Rabban
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John Robertson, PP Recorder
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John Patterson IV Marshal
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Reporter TBD Klowns
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Bob Valentine Greeters
John Robertson PP Mobile Unit
Von Chimienti PP Oriental Band
Ken Massender Provost Guard

INTERNATIONAL

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Darren Butler Northeast Washington
Ed Booker Okanogan County
Jim Kirkpatrick Pomeroy
Reporter TBD Shurtah Club
John Robertson, PP South Spokane
Jeff Pietila Whitman County
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Stephen Sykora TAPS Club
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The Things That Count

Ella Wheeler Wilcox 1850 –1919

Now, dear, it isn't the bold things,
Great deeds of valor and might,
That count the most in the summing up of life at the end
of the day.

But it is the doing of old things,
Small acts that are just and right;
And doing them over and over again, no matter what
others say;
In smiling at fate, when you want to cry, and in keeping at
work when you want to play—
Dear, those are the things that count.

And, dear, it isn't the new ways
Where the wonder-seekers crowd
That lead us into the land of content, or help us to find our
own.

But it is keeping to true ways,
Though the music is not so loud,
And there may be many a shadowed spot where we
journey along alone;

In flinging a prayer at the face of fear, and in
changing into a song a groan—
Dear, these are the things that count.

My dear, it isn't the loud part
Of creeds that are pleasing to God,
Not the chant of a prayer, or the hum of a hymn, or a
jubilant shout or song.
But it is the beautiful proud part
Of walking with feet faith-shod;
And in loving, loving, loving through all, no matter how
things go wrong;
In trusting ever, though dark the day, and in keeping
your hope when the way seems long—
Dear, these are the things that count.

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WELCOME BACK!

Hosted By YOUR Past Potes:

SEPTEMBER STATED MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

Nobles Only

SOCIAL- 5:30PM

DINNER- 6:00PM

MEETING- 7:00PM

Reach out to
a fellow
noble if you
need a ride



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!

Chaplain Corner

Andrew Hasler - Reporter

Welcome Back: Let Us Realize Our Blessings

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

-Micah 6:8

What a blessing it is to be a Shriner. Masonry first teaches us to labor upon ourselves. To take the rough ashlar to the heart and, with a craftsman's tools, shape it into a stone fit for the spiritual Temple. This is the Great Work: the inner labor of discipline, of faith, and of Light sought in silence and study. Each of us, as Masons, knows that the quarry is within. That we are always engaged in building a Temple worthy of the Divine Architect.

As Shriners, the inward labor becomes visible. The Shrine is the Great Work made manifest in the world. The Light we cultivate within shines outward in laughter, joy, and charity. In every parade, in every feast, and in every child whose life is touched by our hospitals, Masonry is brought to life in its fullest expression. The Shrine is Masonry fulfilled in action. Turmoil meets fanfare, where service becomes healing and where the hidden Light of the Lodge is revealed as the radiant joy of a Noble's life. Truly, how blessed we are to be Shriners.

MoonShriners

Jamie Bockstruck - Reporter

We hope that everyone had a great summer. The Moonshriners had a good summer. We participated in the Deer Park Parade and won 1st place! Thank you to all Clubs and Units who participated in the parade!

We had our annual picnic at the Shrine Center in August. We had great food and a great turnout.

It's fair time again! As usual, the Moonshriners are looking for volunteers to help out at the Elephant Ear booth! If you can help, please contact **IS Mike Harper at 509-995-3141** and let him know what shifts you can work. We will be having our fair appreciation dinner sometime in October.

The Valley Fest Parade will be on September 19th and the Odessa Parade will be on October 20th. We will be participating in one or both parades.



LOTS OF SUMMER FUN!

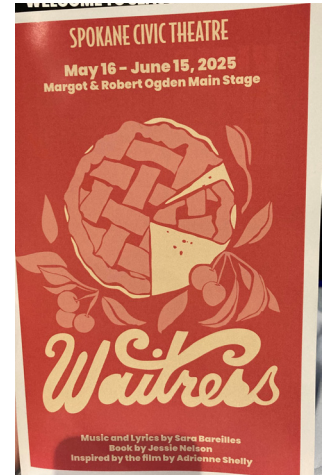


Nobles Dick Dawe, Tom Simpson, and David Swannack
Colfax WA Parade
July 26, 2025



MORE SUMMER FUN!

Showing support for **Kim Berg** at the Spokane Civic Theatre.



Past Potentates gathering 2025



2025 Divan upper-lower Thrifty Threads Patio Party



Masons wear many different hats



One of Them Should Be a **Fez**



Columbia Basin Shrine Club
Richard Redick - Reporter

Nobles, it is a great time to be an El Katif Shriner! Opportunities abound to accomplish good; especially if we work together. It is amazing what we can accomplish when no one is concerned with who gets the credit!

Parades: By the time you read this article, our parades at Ritzville and at Prosser will have been accomplished. Also, we had to cancel our participation in the Benton-Franklin Fair Parade due to little participation among club members. Parades are one of the few times that the public gets to see Shriners in real life. Our summer schedules do get filled up. I understand how that is. Still, it is a lot of fun to get out as Nobles and participate in these parades. Most people will only notice us with passing curiosity. After all, most of them are there to see someone other than us. This is true. There are always a few who are so glad to see us in their local parade. There are always one or two who have a loved one who received care in our hospitals, and they are so glad to see us in their locale. That touch of the heart made much earlier in their life is renewed. When they see us they will tell a few friends, and perhaps a few more. I believe parades are very important "community work" for us to fulfill, and it is a blast doing it! On that note, please, **Nobles, mark your calendars for the morning of Saturday, November 8, 2025, for the Veterans Day Parade at West Richland.** The temperature will be cooler (and hopefully none too cold). This parade is one of the more enjoyable ones, because it does not get too hot. **Also, upcoming:**

Annual Potentate Visitation (and Divan): Will either be in our September 5th club meeting, or in a combined meeting on October 10th with Blue Mountain Shrine Club IN Walla Walla. We will let you know through email, phone calls, etc. We will be making a decision regarding this very soon.

Annual Raffle Sales: This is going forward at this time, and the drawing will be in December. Sales need to be finalized by the end of November. This is THE fundraising vehicle by which we keep the CBSC afloat. This does not benefit the hospital. It benefits your Shrine Club. We really need more Nobles to become involved and get enthusiastic about selling raffle tickets. Sure, we would love for every Noble to purchase \$50 worth. Even more importantly, we would love for every Noble to sell 5 books worth (\$250) to friends, neighbors, family, etc. The purchaser does not need to be present at the drawing to claim their prize.

SIEF Shriner U - At the web site for Shriners International there are several archived courses for virtual learning by each individual Noble. There are a variety of courses to expand our understanding of Shrinedom and expand your capacity to serve the Shrine at every level.

Log-in at: shrinersinternational.org

Greeters

Bob Valentine, - Reporter

Greeters -- Well, WE SURE HAD A GOOD TIME AT THE GREETER'S PICNIC, RIGHT?

To bring you up to date on our August 7th GREETER'S Meeting, We had a Good turnout of 14 Greeters present for **Kristin Monasmith**, Director of Marketing & Communications, sharing some concerns the Hospital has regarding **HIPPA Rules & Regulations** that we need to keep in mind, so please review your recent mailing from **Renee**, and when you are "on duty" be sure that patients & parents go through Security. **PLEASE REFER TO Jon Lind's Greeter Meeting Minutes Email** for other important issues relating to the **HIPPA Rules** & other issues that have recently come to the attention of the Management & what we need to be mindful of while you are there in the hospital. Greeter strips for your FEZ are available from **Jim Stewart** & Please standardize by wearing the MODERN FEZ when on duty at the Hospital.

Greeters -- Please get your HIPPA & Safe Place for Newborns Test returned to Renee by the 29th of August.

Jim Babb gave us an update on the Blanket Project – **If your UNIT or Club is considering donating to the El Katif Greeters Blanket Fund, we will surely appreciate it.**

The new Greeters Necktie design will consist of Artwork from local Shrine Patients & it will be produced by a LOCAL company, and it was voted that the Greeters admin funds would cover the cost of those ties for ALL Greeters & then they would be FOR SALE for any & ALL Nobles @ PNSA Winter session...

GET READY - The LOYAL ORDER OF WATER BUFFALOES will make their first APPEARANCE at the September stated meeting, so be ready for that new DEGREE to be PRESENTED the first time EVER...

Greeters -- don't forget to call or text or e-mail **Don Richard, 509-981-3882** or wsp608@gmail.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 – keep it UP!!!

The next Greeters Meeting is on September 4th in the Board Room of the Hospital – 4th Floor
JOIN the GREETERS & HAVE SOME FUN MEETING OUR PATIENTS & PARENTS!

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!



Museum Committee *The Museum Curators - Reporters*

Summer is meteorologically over and fall is in the air but those summer sunny days are still with us. And that makes the weather perfect for the **FAIR**. Hot dogs, Elephant Ears and all the sights and sounds of the fair.

Over our summer break, the Museum team has been hard at work adding more Potentate history boards to the flip charts and creating new displays in the museum for the Clubs and Units. The displays are still in the process of being created and labeling still needs to be done but there is plenty to see next time you are at the center. So stop in and see what's happening!!!

In memory of Herb Postlewait, Mr. Sunshine, Greeter and Museum Team

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

Spokane Fair 2011



Spokane Fair 2015



Whitman County Shrine Club *David Swannack & Julie Stolz - Reporter*

Whitman County Shrine Club met at Schmuck Park in Colfax, WA for our Annual Picnic meeting. 36 in attendance. In the upper right hand corner of this picture are **Lee and Linda McGuire** and up front is **Wyatt Stolz**. We had Lee McGuire at our picnic, a wonderful man.

Dinner was a Potluck with many making very generous contributions to the food supply.

Illustrious Sir Michael Castelan was presented with the Whitman County Admiralty award by **President Tom Simpson and Hollis Jamison**.

President Tom Simpson introduced Whitman County Commissioner **Art Swannack**. **Art Swannack and Rusty Jameson** cooked the hamburgers and hotdogs. They did a very good job too.

Ron Cockle contributed a flag made out of metal for the 2025 raffle. Tickets are \$5.00, there are only 500 tickets. Drawing will be at the 2025 WCSC Christmas Party on December 9, 2025. **President Tom Simpson** then introduced **Eric Jones** from JTI. **Eric Jones and family** were introduced for the JTI contribution to Whitman County Shrine Club and to the El Katif Telethon. JTI has done a lot for WCSC as well as for Whitman County in so many ways. **The Jones family** was presented with a Thank You plaque from WCSC earlier in the day at JTI. JTI will also have a banner in the Palouse Empire Fair WCSC Food Booth. Pictured is **Dave Swannack, Eric Jones and his sister Julie, and Ryan Stolz**.

Assistant Rabban/El Katif Liaison for WCSC introduced the Divan: **Chief Rabban Chris Wirts and Lady Peggy, Oriental Guide Ron Cockle and Lady Marcy, Recorder Past Potentate John Robertson, Marshal John Patterson IV and Lady Liz, Second Ceremonial Master Jeremy Thomas, and Ceremonial Director Don Lane, Potentate Illustrious Sir Michael Castelan and Lady Jana**. After the Divan introductions, **Erik Haynes** introduced **Bill Gross and Troy Nealy**, two wonderful representatives of the **Spokane Shriners Childrens Hospital**. **Bill** gave a wonderful report on the hospital and all it has accomplished, is accomplishing, and will continue to accomplish into the future.

Bill also talked about the Telethon for 2025. It will take place September 4th on KXLY TV. The telethon will last 14 hours this year with news coverage during specific times throughout the day. **Bill Gross** listed the Shriners Hospitals supported by El Katif from Alaska to Nevada.

First Lady Jana Castelan is working hard on the Statue project with tiles. Thank you to all that attended this picnic, you made it worthwhile for all.



Actors
Ryan Leonard - Reporter

I hope this message finds you doing well, and that you've had an enjoyable summer with family and friends. It's hard to believe that September is almost upon us, and Masonic labor will soon resume.

For the June edition of The Word, I posed the following trivia question. *What British actor played the part of Anakin Skywalker (after the Darth Vader helmet is removed) in the Star Wars film "Return of the Jedi?"*

The answer is.... Sebastian Shaw.

And now, September's trivia question. This summer, another Superman movie was released. But in this film, the Man of Steel has a dog. *What is the name of that dog?* - The answer will be revealed in October.

The Actors conferred the Cold Sands at our June stated meeting on Wednesday, June 4 at 7:00 PM. The new Nobles initiated are **Aaron Benjamin and Elijah Dalagar**, with **Noble Matt Griffin** joining us via affiliation. Following the summer hiatus, the Actors are ready to resume Cold Sands ceremonials for as many candidates as possible before conferring the Hot Sands in November.

I want to take a moment to congratulate all the Nobles initiated so far in 2025. Welcome to El Katif! To those 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. I encourage you to check out the various 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, Illustrrious 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 stated meeting on Wednesday, September 3 at 7:00 PM.

South Spokane Shrine Club
John Robertson, PP - Reporter

Wow!! Where did the summer go! It is hard to believe that we are about to start the Interstate Fair with fun and excitement in the Food Booth. A great opportunity for the Club to raise money for itself and to share with the philanthropy. We did a little more remodeling this year. **Thank you** goes out to **Nobles Doug Baker, Ken Massender and Jeremy Thomas** for a fresh coat of paint on the outside, some new paneling for the eve on the back and wiring for our new Cotton Candy machine. We even have a new sign out front to be installed and to bring awareness to El Katif and the Food booth.

At the time of this newsletter, we are waiting on the installation and will have pictures in the next article. Thank you "ALL" for your support in helping man all three of the booths at the fair. The Moonies, Membership and Food Booth would not be successful if it wasn't for your support, dedication and passion. We would also not be as successful in bringing awareness to the community and to being a Shrine Mason or about the fun we have in raising funds for the Clubs and assisting in helping our Philanthropy. Together we make a difference and together we make the future brighter. Again Many "Thanks".

It is also with a heavy heart that we inform you that our Brother and fellow **Noble Gale Kalk** lost his bride recently. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers. **Maurine** will be greatly missed.


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

Northeast Washington Shrine Club

Rob Proctor - Reporter

Tin Lizzie Patrol

Your NEWSC has had a good summer. We participated in four parades so far this year (St. Patty's, Kettle, Newport and Settlers Days in Deer Park), and are looking into participating in Valleyfest in September.

As always, we are looking for younger drivers to drive with us. Come out and try one of the cars, they are a parade favorite. If you'd like to meet the club members at a monthly meeting, it will be September 12th, Friday, 6:30 pm, location TBD. We'd love to have you and your family join us.

Fraternally,


Rob Proctor, 509-953-8276

Mobile Unit

John Robertson, PP - Reporter

It's time to start looking at getting ready for Stated Meetings as here we are with summertime picnics, pool parties, and parades ending. The Fairs are in full swing so there are plenty of opportunities to volunteer and continue to help bring awareness to us as being Shrine Masons and being part of our communities.

We didn't get the Fez out much this year, but we are planning to be in the Valley-Fest and Rockford parades. Come out and join in the fun. Remember- It is not what the Shrine can do for you but what can you do for the Shrine. We have plenty of opportunities to help make our Fraternity stronger and it is much easier to and more fun when we are doing it together. As our **Illustrious Sir Michael's** slogan states *"Keep the Dream alive in 25"*. We look forward to seeing you out there having fun.

 **ATTEND
YOUR
BLUE LODGE**



Fraternal Relations

Ryan Leonard - Reporter

Greetings Nobles!

I hope this note finds you well, and that you have had an enjoyable summer spent with family and friends. It's hard to believe that we will soon be resuming Masonic labor.

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.

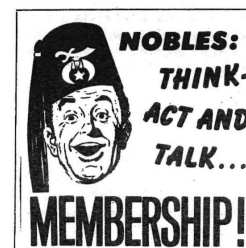
On the youth group front, **Noble Doug Schroeder** reports that, after being dark for the summer, Empire Chapter of **DeMolay** will hold its Installation of Officers on Tuesday, September the 9th at 7:00 PM at Audubon Park Lodge, located at 2821 W Northwest Blvd.

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

Audubon Park Youth meetings:

- **DeMolay** 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7PM.
- **Rainbow** 1st and 3rd Monday at 7PM.
- **Concordia Lodge Bethell 44** meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7PM.

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



Sportsman's Club
Gary Newton - Reporter

Picture is from the pistol shoot. That was held at **Doc Williams** place on May 18th fun times had by all. Even though the weather did not hold out for us. **Doc** did a great job with the course that he has setup for shooting hand guns and his lady had a wonder meal for us. The Sportsman Club had a Shriner Shoot on June 21st.



The El-Katif Sportsman Club had a great time putting on the annual El-Katif fundraiser June 21st. We had 60 plus shooters and a great turn-out of club members. On September 28th, we will have our shooting event for the El-Katif Sportsman Club members, Shriners, Masons, family and friends. The cost for someone that did not work the shooting event is \$50 which includes a round of sporting clays and dinner. For the Shriners that worked, the event is Free. Bring a shotgun and at least 100 rounds. You can bring a UTV, ATV, or golf cart. Shooting begins at 1pm at Rock Lake Sporting Clays.

Please RSVP to Gary Newton at (509) 648-3801 so we can plan food!

All are welcome to attend any events put on by the Sportsman Club (Shriners Masons and friends and family's)



Blue Mountain Shrine Club
Doug Warnock, Reporter

Noble President Mark Schreindl reminds us that **Illustrious Potentate Michael Castelan** and **Lady Jana** will be meeting with us at our meeting on September 12th in Walla Walla.

We expect to see a number of his Divan present.

While we didn't have meetings during the summer, we did enjoy participating in the Caledonian Games Parade in Athena, Oregon on July 12th. The Blue Mountain Shrine Club's calliope mounted on a wagon and pulled by a pickup truck is our featured parade item, but we sometimes have additional vehicles. We'll have the calliope in the Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days Parade in downtown Walla Walla on August 30 this year.

We also plan to participate in the Veterans Day Parade on November 11 in Walla Walla and Christmas parades in Waitsburg, Collage Place and Walla Walla in December.



The Museum Committee, is asking if anyone has more information about the wood Patrol man pictured below. Who created him? When was he created? Why was he created? If there is further information, please contact **Lady Diana Postlewait and Ill Sir. Jim Stewart and Lady Michele, PP**



Pote's Lady Corner



Greetings, hope everyone enjoyed the break! September is here and we are ready to get started

- September 4th The Shriners Children's Telethon powered by El Katif. It will be shown on KXLY.
- September 3rd, is the stated meeting for Nobles only.
- September 5th – 14th is the Spokane Interstate Fair, this is a great way for the two El Katif Clubs to raise money.
- On September 13th we will be having an Official Visit to **Blue Mountain and Columbia Basin Shrine Clubs**.
- September 18th **South Spokane Shrine Club** at Darcy's Restaurant and Spirits, Spokane Valley.
- September 19th Hearts of Gold Valley Fest Parade.
- September 20th the El Katif Shriners **First Responder's Club** will be holding the 3rd annual 911 Celebration. The community is invited to meet and greet as well as honor our local heroes. There are demonstrations and plenty to see as each department will bring their vehicles and tools of their trade. There will be the laying of the wreaths, a moment of silence along with taps in the background honoring our fallen First Responders.

See you next month at Oktober Fest – October 1st at the El Katif Event Center.

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

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Strategic Indicators July 2025

	July	YTD
Outpatient Clinic Visits:	1,654	10,797
Outpatient Surgeries:	80	376
Inpatient Surgeries:	18	109
Spine Surgeries:	7	30

	July	YTD
New Patients Scheduled:	436	3,180
Outreach Visits	39	515
Total Local Donations:	\$140K	\$929K
New Hires:	4	47
Volunteer hours:	168	1,011

Inpatient Likelihood to Recommend: Q2 2025 = 100%
 Ambulatory Surgery Likelihood to Recommend: Q2 2025 = 96%
 Medical Practice Likelihood to Recommend: Q2 2025 = 95%
 (Reported Quarterly: Number reflects mean score)

2025 Hospital Operating Budget: \$ 27.9 M





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 LABOR DAY Office Closed Rainbow Girls Meeting Manito #246	2 Rosalia #84	3 El Katif Stated <u>Nobles ONLY</u> Oakesdale #55	4 Waverly #231 Temple #42	5 CBSC meeting	6 Spokane Interstate Fair (5-14) & Palouse Empire Fair (4-7)
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14 Spokane Interstate Fair	15 Hospital Board Meeting AM Moonies & Rainbow Girls Meeting Oriental #74	16 Malden #88 Spokane #34	17 Oakesdale #55	18 SSSC meeting Waverly #231	19	20 El Katif 9/11 Event at the Shrine Center
21	22 Bethel 44 & Job's Daughters meeting	23 DeMolay meeting	24 Spangle #131 - Ladies & Friends	25	26 North Hill #210	27
28	29	30 <i>hello FALL</i>				



Who are the Shriners?

A fraternity built on fun, fellowship, and the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. Most importantly, it's a group committed to helping children (and their families) with specialized medical treatments.

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