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

September 1776 was a critical month during the American Revolutionary War, marked by the official naming of the new nation and the world's first combat submarine attack. The American submersible craft *Turtle* tried to attach a time bomb to the hull of the British flagship *HMS Eagle* in New York Harbor. The attack failed, but it made history as the first use of a submarine in naval combat.

On September 9th the Second Continental Congress officially voted to change the name of the country from the "United Colonies" to the "United States of America." On September 11th Benjamin Franklin and John Adams met with British Admiral Richard Howe on Staten Island to discuss a possible peace treaty. The peace conference failed because the Americans refused to cancel the Declaration of Independence.

I often reflect on what it must have been like to lead during those early days, risking life, family, and fortune through acts deemed treasonous by the Crown. These were men committed to doing the right thing, even when it was difficult, as they laid the foundation for a prosperous new nation. I wonder what they would think if they could see what the great USA has become.

Recently, we have had opportunities to reflect on, recognize, and honor our legacy leaders. We were fortunate to host Emory Bear's son and granddaughter; Emory Bear was Past Potentate in 1957. Hearing their stories and viewing photos and memorabilia from PP Bear was both inspiring and meaningful. If you would like to learn more about the visit, please stop by the museum and speak with Diana.

We also enjoyed a Past Potentates dinner organized by Ron and Marcy Cockle, featuring an excellent "memory lane" slideshow for each Past Potentate. In September, we hope for a strong turnout as we continue honoring those who came before us and helping our newer Nobles and families learn more about them.

Also in September, the museum staff has been hard at work preparing a time capsule to be placed in the base of the Silent Messenger, where it will remain sealed for 100 years. To learn more about the time capsule and its "virtual" component, please stop by the museum.

I always smile when we prepare to go "dark" for July and August. Ironically, that time of year can be just as busy—if not busier—with Imperial Session, Summer PNSA, club and unit picnics, parades, car shows, family time, and vacations. By the end, we all need time off from the time off.

Finally, regarding the August firestorms: Nobles, Clubs, and units, thank you. You represent what the Shrine is all about. Through your generosity, approximately \$15,000 was donated to WAMS for fire relief efforts.

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

It is hard to believe that we are headed back into September with our regular Stated meetings along with all those of our concordant bodies. The summer has been filled with lots of picnics, parades, BBQ's, Summer PNSA in Kimberley and Shriners International Convention in Tampa Florida. It is always fun to meet Nobles, their Lady's and family's in different venues and outside of the normal meetings. I would like to Thank Ill Sir Chris and Lady Peggy and the Divan for all of their efforts in making sure El Katif is well represented at the many functions throughout the summer and across Shriners International. Remember that we are doing more things in the community with our Stated meetings- Look for the information inside about October.

I would like to thank Nobles Ken Masseder and Doug Baker along with the Property Management team for their efforts this past summer. There have been a number of improvements that have taken place around the Event Center. The area in which we now have our Silent Messenger placed has been cleaned up. The upper building has new siding on the east and southern walls. The roof on the upper building has been double checked and resecured to help prevent any leaking. When you see these Nobles that are on this committee please make sure to say "Thank You" for their efforts in helping improve the facility in which we call home. I would like to thank Noble Ron Cockle and his team from Custom Welding for their efforts in building a long lasting podium for our Silent Messenger to be placed on.

I would like to thank all of the Nobles responsible for their Club or Units parade equipment for requesting the Certificates of Insurance ahead of the needed dates for the parades and fairs. This helps us in the office to be more pro-active and less re-active in getting things to all of you in a timely manner. Please continue to work ahead with your articles for the Word, Please send us pictures from your vents so that they can be included for all of the El Katif Nobles to see and understand what goes on in our surrounding area. Thank you goes out to all of the Nobles, Clubs and Units for their efforts in supporting the families and community affected by the fires this past summer. Remember that together we make a difference not only through what we call is the greatest Philanthropy but also through the strength and passion of what I would call as the greatest Fraternity.

I am very grateful for all of you and your efforts to continue to grow the Shrine- Mason Fraternity through your leadership and dedication to our communities and fellow mankind.

May your days be easy and your journey be filled with laughter and good fortune.

Yours in True Faith, John Robertson PP -El Katif Recorder.

SHRINERS CHILDREN'S SPOKANE SPORTS MEDICINE PROGRAM

As students are heading back to high school, sports activities are starting too. Did you know that Shriners Children's Spokane has the most comprehensive Sports Medicine program in the system?

Multidisciplinary Orthopedic Sports Medicine Team

- (2) Pediatric orthopedic surgeons
- (2) Sports medicine specialized pediatricians
- (4) Physician assistants
- (3) Sports Physical therapists
 - o (1) PT Concussion Recovery Physical Therapist
- (14) Athletic Trainers
 - o (1) Lead ATC
 - o (9) ATCs, one each in nine area high schools
 - o (2) Clinical ATC
 - o (2) Community/Clinical ATC

The Shriners Children's Spokane Sports Health and Medicine team treats a wide range of acute and chronic sports injuries; from strains, sprains and broken bones to ligament injuries and concussions.



Shriners Children's Spokane is committed to injury prevention and empowering youth through sports. Part of that commitment comes through a partnership with local school districts to place a Certified Athletic Trainer (ATC) at nine local high schools; Mead and Mt. Spokane, all five Spokane Public Schools, West Valley and just added East Valley this school year!

Shriners Children's Spokane's Sports Medicine team works in an efficient model where our nine athletic trainers in the community are supported by our sports medicine medical staff, giving our athletic trainers access to physical therapists, doctors and a full medical team to support athletes in need of medical care.



Student athletes have a collaborative team who will provide a customized care plan for a safe return to activity. No injury is overlooked – they are taken care of in real time, which oftentimes makes it easier for students to get back to the sports that they love.

Community ATCs are assigned to a specific high school where they are staffed full-time, working in the school's training rooms and assessing injuries from the sidelines of games. Our sports medicine doctors attend many of the games with our ATCs as well! Some students may not have access to physical therapy every week for their injury. Having access to care where at their school, helps keep young athletes in school and keeps them competing in their sport. Some of the ATCs are also part of the high school sport medicine curriculum, educating future athletic trainers.

"Being an athletic trainer gives me a chance to work with athletes on a day-to-day basis while teaching sports medicine kids at a high school level what athletic training is all about," said Meagan Mansfield, MS, LAT, community ATC.

If an athlete experiences an injury, their ATC assesses the injury and offers a solution for care -- with one option being an easy referral to Shriners Children's Spokane's Sports Medicine program. "I love the wraparound care we provide," said Liz Gelhaus, MS, LAT, clinical ATC. "Ultimately, we get to see the start and end of this patient's care by having them come in from the community and working with physicians through their rehab and recovery."



September Birthdays

Sept. 1: Robert C McWatters
 Sept. 2: John E Norling,
 Keith A Nielsen
 Sept. 3: Scott W Looper
 Sept. 4: Joseph B Kilbourne III
 Sept 5: Rick Richardson III
 Sept 6: Eric E Berman
 Albert C Statler
 Dale S Flanigen
 Sept. 7: Floyd E Johnson P.P.
 Jay D Baird
 Sept. 9: Richard W Coleman
 Lee O Malmquist
 Sept 11: Jay A Johnson
 Todd B Berliner
 Jeffery R Wood
 Sept 13: Manfred Tappe
 Sept. 14: John S Ranck
 James R LeBlanc
 Sept. 15: Orlow K Kelly,
 Frank B Delis
 Randal P Strand,
 Bret Tremble
 Sept. 16: : Daniel D Knautz
 Sept. 16: Levi C Abrams

Sept. 17: Stan R Webb,
 David L Farris
 Scott R Duncan
 Sept. 18: Chris L Ellis, Denny Hogan
 William P Cox,
 Jeffery L Pietila
 Sept 20: Chris L Ellis
 Sept. 22: Charles R Hix,
 Gregory McNickle
 Sept. 23: Douglas B Schroeder
 John R Jamison,
 Mark A Howard
 Sept. 24: Roger Bennett
 Sept 25: Miles Lodmell
 James C Wood
 Lawrence J Peterson
 Sept. 26: Jeff K Newgard
 Sept. 27: James M Oliver
 Richard J Mumby
 Scott C Sonneborn
 Sept. 28: Darin Minden

Sept. 29: Charles J Purcell
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 Sept. 30 : Richard L Willmering Jr



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**We are happy to report
 that there is nothing
 to report this month.**

***May peace, love
 and harmony prevail!***

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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.

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September 16, 2026 on KXLY 4NewsNow

\$25,000

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- Includes everything listed in Children's Champions, plus recognition during the broadcast.
- Logo will be included on all printed materials.
- Opportunity for two 30-second spots during the broadcast.
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- Recognition on Shriners Children's Spokane social media platforms.

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!

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Jerry Schieche, PP - Reporter

Hopefully as you read this, we are not surrounded by smoke. Please keep all of the fire victims in your prayers. If there is anything we can do to help, it will be greatly appreciated. Don't miss the Stated Meeting on September 2. Check the information in this issue for everything happening. It will be great to get back together again for fun and fellowship. Please support our Potentate Chris and Lady Peggy as they work hard to make El Katif a lot of fun for all.

The 1899 Club will be volunteering to work at the South Spokane Shrine Club Food Booth at the Interstate Fair this month. I am sure there will be times when IS John Robertson and the Shrine Club will need help in the booth. I also know that the Moonshriners can use some help in the Elephant Ear Booth. You can contact Illustrious Sir Mike Harper to volunteer in that booth. Please do your best to help when you can. It is very gratifying when the general public comes to the booth to support the Shriners and express thanks for helping a member of their family at our Hospital.

Well, the parade season is coming to a close and we have had a great time being visible in the communities as Shriners. We participated in parades in Spangle, Rosalia, Fairfield, Tekoa and Oakesdale. A big thank you goes out to all that road 4-Wheelers or drove the Ambulance. The Ambulance and 4-Wheelers & More will participate in the Valleyfest Parade on September 25 which is a well-attended parade in the evening and the Southeast Spokane County Fair Parade in Rockford on September 26 for our final two parades of the season. You are encouraged to come out and enjoy the fun with a fez or a 4-Wheeler.

There is a lot of Degree Work going on in our Local Blue Lodges and we need to remember where our members come from and attend Lodge to show that the Shriners also participate in our Lodges. We could definitely use a few more Shriners to join our fun and fellowship.
Jerry Schieche, PP

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

For The Word from Blue Mountain Shrine Club
Blue Mountain Shrine Club's calliope has been on the move recently. It has been in three parades, so far this year. We took part in the Waitsburg and Dayton parades in May and the Caledonian Games Parade in Athena, Oregon in early July. Our next parade will be Walla Walla's Fair and Frontier Days Parade on Saturday, September 5th at 10:00 am.

The calliope is mounted on a covered trailer, which is pulled by a pickup truck. See photos that show the calliope inside the trailer as well as the truck and trailer from the outside.

Our club gathered for a summer picnic on Saturday, August 15. Noble President Jay White reminds us that our next regular meeting will be Friday, September 11 at 7:00 pm at the Masonic Center in Walla Walla.

Doug Warnock, Reporter

Heritage

(This is a passage from the Northwest Masonic News. Date and author unknown)

Our heritage came to us from those who saw visions and dared greatly. Their courage reached for ne frontiers and new hopes for freedom and independence as a nation.

Our forefathers pioneered a civilized world, a world of order and progress for the human race. We believe that it is time to revive our pioneer spirit and give it world dimensions.

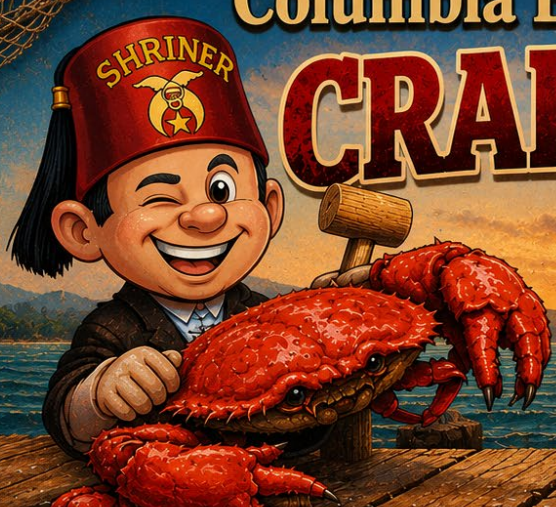
The Continental Congress of 1776 gave to us our independence and ever since that time we have had to fight to retain it as a nation.

The men who signed the Declaration of Independence were daring, resourceful, and had one distinguishing quality above all others, that of faith. The realized "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

It was Carl Sandburg who wrote: "The republic is a dream, nothing happens unless first a dream." Those two lines contain the very essence of our faith.

Summer Memories





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- ★ BBQ RIBS
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- ★ BACON RANCH POTATO SALAD
- ★ COLESLAW
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Fraternal Relations
Ryan Leonard - Reporter

Greetings Nobles!

I hope this note finds you doing well, enjoying the summer and time spent with family and friends. It won't be long before we will resume our Masonic labors.

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

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

On Wednesday, September 2 El Katif will be holding its September stated meeting at 7:00 PM. September is traditionally Past Potentates night, where the meeting is run by the Past Potentates of El Katif. I've been informed that we will have a candidate to receive the Cold Sands Ceremonial that evening. Please watch for details in your Constant Contact emails or in the September edition of The Word.

The Spokane County Interstate Fair will take place from Friday, September 11 thru Sunday, September 20. Nobles will be needed to work the food booth or to help with Duck Race ticket sales. More details will be presented during the September stated meeting.

On the youth group front, Noble Doug Schroeder reported the following: Rainbow Girls are meetings on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00 pm at Audubon Park Lodge, located at 2821 W Northwest Blvd. They initiated 2 girls on Monday, August 17 at 6 pm. NO meeting will be held on Monday, September 7 due to Labor Day. Please join us anytime – all are welcome. If you have a girl or know of a girl between the ages of 11-20 who would like more information about Rainbow Girls, please connect them with Robin Abbinanti, Mother Advisor, 425-328-9290, or Chayse Roberts, Eastern Washington Deputy, 509-496-7351. We would love to meet with them and ask them to join us in our assembly.

Empire Chapter DeMolay meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at Audubon Park Lodge, located at 2821 N Northwest Blvd in Spokane.

Job's Daughter Bethel 44 meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at Concordia Lodge, located at 3219 N Argonne Rd in Millwood.

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

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

Fraternally,
Ryan Leonard

South Spokane Shrine Club
John Robertson, PP - Reporter

The South Spokane Shrine Club would like to invite one and all to come out and join in the fun working at the Food Booth. We enjoy having everyone there helping in making Hot Dogs, Germans, Pizza and Cotton Candy. The booth is all cleaned up and ready for action. We also have invested in a brand new Cotton Candy machine that will hopefully double the amount we can make in less time than before. Thank you to Noble Ken Massender, Kinsey Hiatt and my Lady Bridget for their help in getting things ready. Each year we improve on how we left it in the fall and it has really helped in what we walk into as we get ready for the next round.

This year we have been able to donate to El Katif for the Telethon in 2025, the 2026 Inaugural Grand Masters Gala on the East Side, for the Masonic Services Fire Fund to support the Spokane Fire Complex and we will be making another donation to a worthy cause after this year's fair. Thank you all for helping us be able to help our fraternal family and our community.

Parade season has been a little lighter this year with the extra summer events and we have been short on a driver. Thank you to Noble Mat Hiatt and is Lady Kinsey for getting the float out a couple of times this year. If you are interested in joining the fun and would like to learn how to drive the 1960 Cadillac Presidential Limousine please reach out to John Robertson. We will arrange a time for you to get acquainted to the equipment and what is needed to participate in the parades.

The South Spokane Shrine Club continues to meet on the third Thursday of the month at Darcy's in the valley next to Rosauer's on Sprague and University. We meet at 5:30 for social and fellowship and dinner off the menu followed by the meeting at 7. Call Denny Hogan, Rod Higgins or Brande Bersante if you would like to know more about the meetings. Thank you all again for your participation in helping El Katif be out supporting our community, fraternity and philanthropy.

03Immortality – "Surely God would not have created such a being as man, with an ability to grasp the infinite, to exist only for a day. No, no, man was made for immortality." Abraham Lincoln

John Robertson PP Reporting

In the Beginning.....

This article was originally written by Potentate Illustrious Sir Kurt Kimberling in 1998 and with all the devastation that has taken place this summer with the fires here in Spokane and the surrounding areas it felt right to rewind and remind us about the past and how it all began. This is the complete article as written for the El Katif Shrine Word in December 1998.

The Founding of El Katif Temple

The following short history was in a directory of members, very similar to the ones we currently publish. The directory was "Presented to the Recorder of El Katif Temple-Spokane, Wash. March 13, 1933, by Adrian O. Egbert, Initiated Nov 29, 1900. Attest R. H. Greely, Recorder."

I hope this short history is of interest to you. At the time it was written, El Katif had been functioning for less than 10 years. I found it to be very interesting and you also enjoy it. If I find some other tidbits, I will include them in future articles when space and time permit.

During the winter and spring of 1889 and 1890 a number of Knights Templar and Consistory Masons, residing at Spokane, Washington, held several informal meetings to devise ways and means to organize a Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. After due deliberation it was decided to communicate with Illustrious Noble Frank M. Luce of Chicago Illinois, Imperial Recorder of the Imperial Grand Council for North America.

Accordingly a petition was sent to Noble Luce, praying that the Order of the Mystic Shrine one conferred on a suitable number of those qualified, and that a dispensation be granted to them to form and open a Temple of the order, to be known as "El Katif Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine," with Clarence Sydney Scott, 32 degree, as Illustrious Potentate.

After considerable correspondence in regard to details, the prayer of the petitioners was granted, and it was arranged that Illustrious Noble W. N. Baldwin Illustrious Potentate of Algeria Temple of Helena, Montana, would come to Spokane and confer the Order on the petitioners.

In pursuance of the arrangement, on the 32st day of July, 1890, at 3 P.M., the Temple was opened in due form, with the following Nobles acting as officers: W. N. Baldwin, Ill. Potentate; John T. Thompson, Ill. Chief Rabban; Richard Lockey, Ill. Assistant Rabban; C. B. Nolan, Ill. High Priest and Prophet; John C. Mayor, Ill.

; James H. Hathaway, Ill. 2nd Ceremonial Master; James McGee, Ill. Marshal; Joseph B Eakins, Ill. Captain of the Guard and John Steinmetz, Ill. Outer Guard.

Illustrious Noble W. N. Baldwin then introduced the Illustrious Noble Geo. W. Millar, who then instituted El Katif Temple with Oriental ceremonies, with the following members: Clarence S. Scott, John F. McEwen, Nathan B. Rundle, Eugene A. Sherwin, James M Buckley, Daniel McGuane, Horace W. Tyler and George D. Sherman.

After which the Illustrious Noble James McGee installed Noble Clarence Sydney Scott as Illustrious Potentate of El Katif Temple.

The Temple then adjourned, and a dinner was given to the visiting Nobles at the Hotel Spokane.

At 7 P.M. the Temple was called to order, the officers of Algeria Temple of Helena, Montana, taking charge of the work, and the Order was conferred upon forty-two applicants.

On Monday, October 20, 1890, the Temple was opened in due form and the Illustrious Potentate appointed and installed the following officers: Nathan B Rundle, Ill. Chief Rabban; F. E. Snodgrass, Ill. Assistant Rabban; H. W. Tyler, Ill. High Priest and Prophet; E. M. Bloomer, Ill. Oriental Guide; John F. McEwen, Ill. Treasurer; Fred Furth, Ill. Recorder; M. D. Smith, Ill. 1st Ceremonial Master; C. W. Ide, Ill. 2nd Ceremonial Master; John H. Stone, Ill Marshall; L. L. Rand, Ill. Captain of the Guard; W. S. Rogers, Ill Outer Guard and George Stocker, Ill. Musical Director.

Sessions were held U. D. from November 3, 1890 to May 4, 1891 when it was decided to ask the Imperial Council for a permanent charter, which was granted over the seal of the Imperial Council on June 9, 1891, and signed by Sam Briggs, Imperial Potentate and Frank W. Luce Imperial Recorder.

The Temple was regularly constituted under the charter on September 21, 1891, with seventy-one members.

If you take nothing else from this trip through memory lane, please remember those that started it all for us here in our Shrine. They made all that we endeavor to accomplish with our charity and service within our Shrine possible. If we do not teach the past it can be lost to us in an instant as we were reminded of lately.

If you desire to learn more of the History of El Katif Shrine, please come to the Shrine Center and tour your Museum and experience our history.

Robert Broliar
Museum Reporter

Mobile Unit
John Robertson, PP - Reporter

The summer season of parades is coming to a close with the last couple of parades being the Valleyfest, Rockford Parade and the Odessa Deutsch fest all the same weekend Sept 25 and 26. We hope you all take an opportunity to get out and enjoy the crowds and fellowship with other Nobles and Brothers sharing with the community that which we represent. Good hearted men having fun showing off our toys and bring my awareness to our Fraternity and our Philanthropy.

Thank you goes out to all for your help at the many parades around our jurisdiction from Walla Walla to Omak and from the Tri Cities to Spokane. Thank you all for your efforts in helping make a difference in your communities through the many other functions you participate in.

Together we all make a difference when we are pulling in the same direction. Together we have more fun when we are laughing together. As masons we helped form our great country. As Shrine Masons we can help make sure we leave a legacy for the future to continue to build upon. Something to think about-

"Individual commitment to a group effort – that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work." Vince Lombardi

My grandfather always told me "A man's wealth is not judged by what he has that can be sold. But rather, what he has that can not be sold."
Reporting on behalf of the Mobileers-
John Robertson Robertson PP

Actors
Ryan Leonard - Reporter

Greetings Nobles!

I hope this message finds you doing well, enjoying the summer and time spent with family and friends. It won't be long before we resume our Masonic labors.

Here is September's trivia question. Back in 1998, there were two movies in theatres that explored the threat of human extinction, one being due to an oncoming asteroid and the other due to an oncoming comet. What are the names of these two films, and what was the object in each film that posed a threat to the Earth?

The answers will be revealed in the October edition of the Word.

As I write this, I've been informed that there will be a candidate in September to receive the Cold Sands Ceremonial. That Cold Sands will be performed at the September stated meeting on Wednesday, September 2 at 7:00 PM. The Actors previously performed their first Cold Sands ceremonial of 2026 during the April stated meeting on Wednesday, April 1 at 7:00 PM. That candidate

received the Cold Sands and also participated 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 other Cold Sands ceremonials throughout the year, as we have candidates to initiate. We will also look forward to to hosting next year's Hot Sands Ceremonial at El Katif.

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 ryanleonard1969@gmail.com.

That's it for now, Nobles! I look forward to seeing you soon!
Fraternally,
Ryan Leonard

Legion of Honor
Robert W Brolliar - Reporter

It has been a long hot summer for the LOH. We had the honor to provide "Funeral Honors" for one of our own Shrine members and say goodbye in our military way. Noble Gene Lane our most seasoned active member chose to "retire" from the funeral services and he deserves it as he closes in on 100 years old, but fear not he still participates in our group and will ride in the Commander's Position in our parade vehicle any time he wishes.

Our Unit has also flown the colors in several parades this summer and were even asked to perform the Opening Ceremonies for the Spokane County Fair this year. It is an honor we are very proud of for ourselves and El Katif Shrine. We also donated 10 32" televisions, 32 cases of soda, 100+ books, and many hygiene products to the Spokane Veterans Home, something we hope to be able to continue to support. LOH made a sizable financial donation to the Masonic Services Spokane Complex Disaster Relief Fund to assist our Masonic family and others in our community affected by the wild fires this summer. We even donated many products to Fairchild AFB to help their displaced members keep going forward as they recover.

We are shifting our gears and getting back into our meetings and hope that any of you veterans that want to join us are welcome to come to a meeting and check us out. We are always actively recruiting so don't be shy, we need more members to continue our important mission.

Robert Brolliar,
Commander, LOH 2026



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 29 (Sat)	Valley Cops & Cars	Balfour Park	4:00–7:00 PM
Sept 12 (Sat)	Step to Remember	Hop Mountain	2:00–6:00 PM
Sept 19 (Sat)	SVFD Family Days	18903 E. Garland	9:00 AM–2:00 PM
Sept 26 (Sat)	Great Pumpkin Fest	Brick West Brewery	12:00–5:00 PM
Sept 27 (Sun)	Great Pumpkin Fest	Brick West Brewery	12:00–5:00 PM
Oct 3 (Sat)	SFD9 Mead Demo Daze	Mead	9:00 AM–2:00 PM
Oct 11 (Sun)	Great Pumpkin Fest	Brick West Brewery	12:00–5:00 PM
Oct 13 (Tue)	Spirit Halloween	Shrine Event Center	4:00–7:00 PM (TBD)
Oct 17 (Sat)	Great Pumpkin Fest	Brick West Brewery	12:00–5:00 PM



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Noble Richard Redick, CBSC

Dear Nobles:

The CBSC looks forward to coming out of the dark, and into the light come September 4th. That is when we will resume our stated meetings. We will have a great meal provided by our youth groups, but what we really want to get onto your CALENDARS is our Crab Dinner fundraiser.

This is our main fundraising activity in 2026. We invite ALL SHRINERS AND THEIR FAMILIES. While we are not opening this to the community this year, we are definitely opening it to the entire expanse of Shrinedom. Fast facts:

always appreciated! No alcohol will be served.
Family-friendly event. Thank you, and God bless!

Event: CBSC Crab Dinner

Date: Saturday, October 17, 2026

Address: 601 W. 6th Avenue / Kennewick, WA 99336 (Kennewick Masonic Temple)

Cost: \$50 donation (per person), non-tax-deductible. Please make checks payable to CBSC.

Doors open at 5 pm, and dinner served at 6 pm. We will auction off a number of desirable items or services, as well. No obligation to purchase, but it is always appreciated! No alcohol will be served. Family-friendly event. Thank you, and God bless!
- Noble Richard Redick, CBSC Reporter

Chaplain Corner

Ron Cockle- High Priest & Prophit

Here we are quickly moving into the Month of September. With our thoughts & prayers firmly with all of the victims of the area fires. It really hits our hearts when the people affected are our loved ones as well as friends and acquaintances. We should be ever mindful to keep all who have been affected, known or otherwise, in our prayers.

With that, we from El Katif, are excited for our gatherings to once again resume for the fall and winter of this year and hope to see each and everyone of you in the near future more healthy, wealthy and wise.

May the Architect of The Universe look blessed upon us all in all we do. Amen

Chaplain Corner

Ron Cockle – High Priest & Prophit

Welcome September!

El Karnak Temple No. 6, Daughters of the Nile, meet on the **second Tuesday of the month with the exception of June, July and January** at the Millwood Masonic Center, 3219 N. Argonne Rd., Spokane, WA 99212. All members are welcome to attend. Please remember to bring your current dues card.

- 11:30 No - Host Luncheon made from scratch yummys for the nominal cost of: \$ 12.00
- 1:00 PM – Stated Session

Save

the Date: Pasta Dinner and Bottle Auction

Saturday, October 10 is our annual Pasta Dinner and Bottle Auction. Contact **PQ Jennifer Bockstruck** for tickets. (509) 230-7311

Nile Love, Princess Cathi Heart

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Daughters of the Nile

**FREE Beverage
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**Saturday, October 10, 2026
Millwood Masonic Center**

3219 N Argonne—Millwood
No Host Beverages
Social Hour: 4-5:00pm
Pasta Dinner: 5-6:00pm
Silent Auction
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Tickets: \$15.00 / Under age 10: \$5.00

Must be 21 yrs of age to participate in auctions! Proceeds from Dinner and Auction go to El Karnak's General Fund. Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle go to Shriners Children's Spokane.
For Tickets or more info, please contact PQ Jenn Bockstruck (509) 230-7311.

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Help Nickey Simpson Fight Against Terminal Cancer!

Nickey is a loving mother of 4 precious children (Daniel 9, Sophia 5, Stella 2, Lance 1) and awesome wife to Mason.

Weeks after her son was born, in March of 2025, Nickey was diagnosed with Adenocarcinoma of the lung Stage IV, which had already metastasized to her liver, sternum, and spine. After exhausting all treatment options, the tumors continue to grow fast and the lesions in her brain are blooming.

Nickey's prognosis has changed to a life expectancy of about 6 months.

Nickey is going through chemotherapy and radiation. We are raising money for hospital bills, and to keep Nickey comfortable and at peace knowing her family will be taken care of. As we continue the fight Nickey has an appointment in August at a cutting-edge oncology center in Buffalo New York.

We are holding a Fund-Raising Event in Connell, WA on **September 4th**. The event will feature a raffle, silent auction, door prizes, a dessert run, music and a **Back 40 BBQ** dinner. \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 12. Scan the QR code below for all the details and to secure your seat, only 200 are available.

Missy Tremble: (509) 551-5850 help.nickeysimpson@yahoo.com

Facebook: Fight for Nickey

You do not need to be present to win a raffle prize. If you cannot make it, please consider buying **raffle tickets, donating to the **Go Fund Me**, or **donating prizes for the raffle or silent auction**.**



Nickey Simpson - Fund Raiser

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		1 Rosalia #84	2 Stated Meeting LOH Post Potentate Oakesdale #55	3 Greeter Meeting Waverly #231 Temple #42	4 CBSC Meeting	5
6	7 Labor Day Bethal 44 Meeting OCSC	8 Demolay Meeting WCSC Meeting	9 Whitman #48 Audubon Park #272 Spangle #131	10 Concordia #272	11 SPOKANE COUNTY INTERSTATE FAIR (11-21) BLSC & NEWSC Meeting North Hill #210	12
13	14 Rainbow Girls Meeting Moonies Meeting Oriental #74 Hospital Board Meeting	15 Balden #88 Spokane #34	16 Oakesdale #55	17 Waverly #231 SSSC Meeting	18	19
20	21 Bethal 44 Meeting	22 Demolay Meeting	23 Spangle #31 Ladies and Friends	24	25 Valleyfest Parade North Hill #210	26 Rockford Parade Deutschfest @ Odessa
27	28	29	30			



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