

Nobles and Ladies,

It's been a quick two weeks since I've gotten a message out but Lady Elle and I haven't been idle. We returned from our flying adventure Thursday the 9th, flying in from Great Falls Montana, swapped suitcases and drove down to Lewiston to be on hand for the Calam Shrine Circus. Ill Sir Kirk Ross and the Circus Committee did an amazing job putting this event together and raising sponsors to help pay for it. The Directors staff was out in full force with volunteers and the Legion of Honor had a volunteer to carry the colors. The weather just held off enough to make sure all four Lewiston shows went off without a hitch. Jordans Circus packed up the whole mess and moved it to Coeur d'Alene for Saturday's show. On arrival they found about a foot of mud in the main grandstand arena which meant a bunch of acrobatics to find an alternate site and get bleachers put in place in time. Despite looking like we might have to cancel, the rain waited until the crew was tearing down after the last show to start. Both shows in Coeur d'Alene went really well and it was nice to see some Shriners patients and their families in the audience. Thank you to all of our volunteers, the Circus Committee, the Directors Staff, The Legion of Honor, and my Divan for making this great event happen again after three years away. The comments from the kids and parents and the excited looks on all their faces at seeing the Circus back in town made the long months leading up to this worth it. I would especially like to thank those Nobles that personally sponsored the Circus. I won't list names, but you know who you are and it doesn't go unnoticed.

Our next stop on the whirlwind tour was the public opening of the Idaho Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. Lady Elle and I got to visit with quite a few of our Calam family along with the leaders of the appendant bodies. It was encouraging to see how many Shriners from Calam and El Korah both are leaders in other organizations. Because I was 1 of about 25 speakers I made some extremely brief comments when it was my turn. I was hoping it would help shorten the evening but I don't think everyone finished up until close to midnight.

The next morning, I was able to attend a Board of Governors meeting at the Spokane Shriners Hospital. It is always a shot in the arm to hear how many great things are happening at our Hospital and see all the efforts of their great staff pay off. Our very own Bill Hamilton PP was presented his Emeritus Plaque and thanked for 9 plus years of service to the Board. It is great to see what a long history of service to the Spokane Hospital our Calam Shriners have. I can update more on specifics at our upcoming Annual meeting but there are so many exciting things coming up for the Spokane Hospital. Be on the lookout for some Shriners Hospital commercials that were filmed in Spokane. We recently saw one with little George and his Mom which was really neat. George and his family shared some of his story with us at this years Shriners Ball. Volunteers are back at the hospital and patient numbers are picking up after a February and March slump. There has also been a small uptick in Covid Cases so it seems we aren't entirely done with that particular nuisance.

Last week I was proud to be able to present Rick Garnett his 50 year Shrine Pin and then present former First Lady Susan Garnett Ill Sir Dave's 50 year pin. Dave was just a few months shy of 50 years when the black camel came for him but the Temple was able to convince Imperial to award his pin so the family could have it. Also at the CDA Shrine Club meeting, Rick and family

announced that they would like to sponsor a Spaghetti feed at the CDASC Event center on Sep 10th and split the proceeds between Calam Shrine and Kootenai Lodge 24. Thank you to the Garnett family for this generous gesture. Details on the Spaghetti feed will be forthcoming.

Elle and I, and some of our Past Potes and Divan, are headed to Imperial Session shortly in the first part of July. We recently received the list of resolutions that are proposed to be voted on and the one we were most worried about, the resolution proposing a 300 Noble cutoff for Charter Status, was not present. It looks like we have at least a short reprieve on that resolution. As I mentioned in my Clarion comments, we still need to push hard for new members but we have a little less pressure from Imperial for now.

Upcoming events:

June 25th 4 to 8 PM Latah County Shrine Club and Calam Shrine Wine Expo at the Latah County Fairgrounds

July 2-9 Imperial Session Shriners International Minneapolis Minnesota

July 16th Calam Shrine Quarterly Meeting 10:30 am Nez Pierce Lodge, Lewiston

Aug 14th Calam Cornhole Tournament CdASC Event Center - more details to follow

Aug 18-20th Summer PNSA Conference at Nile Shriners Event center near Seattle - contact me if you are going

Sep 16-18 Corn Feed in Lewiston - details to follow

Last but certainly not least. We lost another Shriner this month, Fritz Benway. He and his wife Betty were pillars of the CDA Shrine club for years and years and we will dearly miss our friend. I will update when I have more information on a memorial for Fritz.

I hope all of you are in good health and can take advantage of the Sunshine when it decides to grace us with its presence. We would love to see all of you at one of our upcoming events. Please come and say Hi.

Yours in Faith,
Dustin Hatfield
Calam Shriners
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