

Nobles and Ladies,

Thanks for your patience in waiting for a new Monday Message. Elle and I have been travelling a bit and have so much to share with you. We have quite a few upcoming events so check out our schedule at the end of the email for more details. These will also be posted in the Clarion. If you are suffering from a short attention span of just haven't had your coffee yet skip to the end and peruse the schedule.

Lady Elle and I had plenty of fun in the sun and thoroughly enjoyed our cruise. Thank you to everyone for the suggestions on places to visit and where the best beaches could be found. Apologies to Lady Joan for not sending a postcard. We are sufficiently chastised and will attempt to do better in the future. We came back to Idaho late Monday night and started catching up the to-do list so we could be ready to make it to Seattle for the PNSA Conference on Thursday. We packed up the first dog and the motorhome and made the journey through traffic and construction to North Seattle to the Nile Shrine center. If you haven't seen their facilities, you should add it to your list. They have an 18-hole golf course and golf club and a fantastic Shrine building. They were great hosts and got us setup with an RV spot with our neighbors from El Katif and a few from Tacoma. The schedule this year was a little sparse, but we were able to enjoy meeting with our counterparts from all over the NW and enjoy some fun and fellowship. Due to the late cancellation and change in location there wasn't a unit competition or parade other than the Clown competition. The PNSA Legion of Honor met, and we enjoyed hearing from International LOH Commander David Ginapp and his 1st Lt. Commander Russell Gray. Russell is also the representative for Div 5 which covers the PNW Legion of Honor units. The Nile LOH and the International Commanders put on an amazing memorial service for our veteran Shriners. There were veterans from WWII through OIF and OEF present and it was a nice tribute. Elle and I managed to muddle our way through the cornhole tournament and somehow ended up in the final four. We were bumped out in fourth place by Ill Sir Justin Hughes and Lady Shannon Hughes from El Katif. Imperial Sirs Tim Forbis and Marty Bartlett and their ladies swept the tournament and ended up winning the tournament in 1st and second place. Saturday night we had a great banquet and heard from the Imp. Sirs about the amazing things the Shrine is involved in and upcoming Imperial events. Thank you to Outer Guard Jack Nelson and Lady Karen for making the trip with us. This was their first ever PNSA! Many thanks to acting Recorder Jim Logan PP, Russ Graves PP and Lady Kate Graves for continuing to support the Shrine and being constant travel companions. Elle and I have enjoyed having them as travel buddies for all the Shrine Conferences and events.

We also have to thank Russ, Kate, and Jim for their rescue efforts on the way back from Seattle. About 20 miles from the pass our RV had a spectacular tire failure, and we were stranded on the side of the road. Our air conditioner also decided to quit working in sympathy with the tire. We arranged for a tow truck but had three different companies cancel on us while we sweated it out for three hours. I guess Sunday morning isn't the most convenient time to break down. We eventually decided to limp the RV to the next exit to find a repair shop and Jim, Russ, and Kate were the emergency follow car to make sure we didn't end up in a worse situation. We managed to find a repair shop that could get things fixed late on Monday and we made it back home in the wee hours of Monday night.

Next week we will be attending the Supreme Queen visits to El Karnak and Malak Daughters of the Nile on Friday and Saturday and then down to St. Maries for the Paul Bunyan Days Parade. This is the end of the parade season so if you haven't had a chance to get out and show your Shrine pride, please put this on your calendar. The St. Maries parade is always a highlight of the year for us.

September 15-18th is a busy weekend for the Masonic community with plenty going on. Of course, Idaho Grand Lodge is taking place along with the Lewis Clark Corn feed and the Latah County Fair. If you have time, please think about supporting the membership booth at the Latah Fairgrounds. Jim Logan PP and Lady Joan are arranging to have a static display of Shrine units and a membership booth for fair goers. We didn't do a very good job supporting this last year and it would be awesome to get plenty of help to get the word out. Membership needs to continue as our focus as we close out this year.

If you are heading to Vegas with us and would like to volunteer for the Golf Tournament, you will need to sign up on the tournament webpage under the volunteer tab to ensure that you are assigned to a team. Please indicate that you are with Calam Shriners so we can all be assigned together. I will be putting together an event guide so that you can plan ahead for activities throughout the week but Vegas.com is an excellent reference for every possible event going on at any given time. If you can't find something to do in Vegas then you're probably doing it wrong.

Our quarterly meeting is coming up quick and we have a few important things to vote on so maximum participation would be appreciated. Our right to vote is one of our most important benefits of being a Shriner, it would be fantastic to see a room full of Nobles help make the decisions that will determine the future of our Temple. We will also be joined by the new Spokane Shriners Hospitals head of Business development, Bill Gross. Bill is excited to hit the ground running and is very interested in Shriners and how we support our hospitals. We will have a ladies program and lunch after the meeting so be sure to stick around.

Please send in any candidates for Noble of the month. We have so many Nobles that do amazing work above and beyond for our Temple and our communities. Let's make sure they get some recognition for all their labors. The Noble of the Month for August and September will be announced and recognized at the Oct. quarterly meeting.

Finally, if you know of a Noble that is having a hard time making the annual Temple dues payment or if you are a Noble who is having a difficult time with dues, please reach out to anyone on the Divan and let us know. We have the new Pat Waters fund to remedy this situation. As of today, no one has reached out. We can't afford to lose any Nobles at this point especially when we have brothers that are willing to help. These are tough financial times for everyone, especially those on a fixed income. Please don't suffer in silence.

Upcoming Events

Monday Sep 5th Parade Start 10 AM Lineup 830-845 at Heyburn Elementary School, Paul Bunyan Days Parade St. Maries with lunch to follow potentially.

Sep 15-18 Latah County Fair Masonic Membership Booth Moscow, contact Joan to help out 208-301-0732 or Jheisch@msn.com.

Sep 16-18 Pocatello 155th Annual Communication Grand Lodge of Idaho

Sep 16-18 Lewis Clark Shrine Club Corn Feed Hells Gate Park

Sep 24th Garnett family spaghetti feed benefiting Calam Shriners and Kootenai 24

Oct 2-9 Calam Trip to Las Vegas and Shriners Hospitals Open PGA Golf Tournament

Oct 14-15 NW York Rite Department Conference Boise Red Lion Downtowner

Oct 22nd Calam Quarterly Meeting, CDASC Event Center, 0930 Divan Meeting, 1030 General Membership Meeting Lunch after

Oct 23rd Masonic Friendship Day, CDA, Rathdrum, Hayden. Church Service, afternoon tea, and friendship dinner open to all.

Oct 29th York Rite all Masonic Picnic at Scottish Rite center in Hayden

If you haven't fallen asleep yet and are still with me, Lady Elle and I are looking forward to seeing you at one of our many events coming up soon. Thank you to everyone for all the love and support you have provided this year. It is the fuel that keeps us going through the busy schedule.

Yours in Faith,

Dustin Hatfield

Calam Shriners

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Elle Hatfield

First Lady, Potentates Pilot, and RV Emergency Buddy



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