



Potentate's Message

Greetings Nobles & Ladies,

July was a hot, humid, and productive month starting out the second half of 2023. The Shriners International Imperial Session in Charlotte, NC went well. And the Calam Divan quarterly meeting in Moscow was a success.

The Imperial Session was a great experience for PP's Russ Graves, Jim Logan, Chief Rabban, and me. Our Imperial Divan did a wonderful job organizing our events. New attendance technology worked very well and ensured more participation from the voting nobility. Perhaps the most hotly debated legislation on the call was the proposed per capita dues increase of \$30 per year. After much tumultuous deliberation, heated debate from the floor, and careful handling of parliamentary procedure, the nobility finally passed a motion to increase our per capita dues by \$20 annually. Years of declining membership and rising operation costs have put our Imperial Divan in financial peril with only a few short years of reserves. However, our fraternity's situation has an upside. As PP Dustin Hatfield reported recently, this year Shriners International has shown positive net membership growth for the first time since 1979. This means our fraternity is gaining in awareness and interest from prospective members. Through our continued efforts our temples will gain more new members. This rise in membership and the increased per capita dues will

ensure a healthy Shriners International and a more productive Imperial Divan for years to come.

The quarterly meeting on July 15 in Moscow went very well and was well attended by our Calam nobility and ladies. Many thanks to Lady Dawn Heath for organizing the Ladies' Activities, and many thanks to Lady Joan for providing refreshing beverages for our lunch afterwards. PP Jim Logan was gracious in hosting our meeting and the Latah County Fairgrounds, and his pulled BBQ pork sandwiches were delicious. Oriental Guide Bill Ronzzo did a fabulous job handling our props for the meeting. Well done, all!

Three important points from the meeting were Calam's membership, the state of our Legion of Honor, and a view of our temple from a member of another temple. Calam's membership stands at about 224 right now. Due to normal factors our numbers are lower than last year. However, we have two new potential nobles to bring in, and we will have another joining the books in August. Our membership efforts in Calam are strong and our numbers will be on the rise slowly but surely. We all look forward to bringing in these three or more new members at our Ceremonial in October, and this is very exciting.

Potentate's Message continued

The Calam Legion of Honor unit in Coeur d'Alene is in a tough position with its members. The Divan was asked to consider whether to continue the LOH unit or to fold it. Although our LOH membership is not as active as it has been, the Divan feels that we should keep the unit active knowing that our membership will be on the rise. We also feel more military veterans will be part of our growing membership. Shutting down our Legion of Honor would be a detriment to us when we have new members who wish to have an active LOH. I believe our Legion of Honor Commander Dustin Hatfield will see to it that our LOH unit finds a positive path forward.

Our meeting was visited by El Katif Shriner and Klown, Chuck "Doc" Schoonover. Doc performed at our Calam Circus in Post Falls recently, and it was a pleasure to have him at our meeting. Two observations Doc imparted to us: 1. El Katif's Legion of Honor unit is experiencing the same situation as our LOH unit. Just like Calam, El Katif is looking forward to bringing in new military veteran Shriners who can breathe life into their LOH. 2. Doc commended Calam for being so active in our social activities and fundraising efforts, and how important it is to us to boost our membership numbers. He relayed to us that we are staying busier than he sees El Katif in many ways. Doc's words certainly make me proud of Calam Temple and our Nobility. All of us cannot always be at our events. However, I am proud of Calam Nobility's desire to always move

forward and never give up even when membership wanes. Calam works hard for what we have, and we will never go down without a fight.

August is here, and our Calam Cornhole Hootenanny is about to heat up! For the third year in a row, we will be hosted by Riverport Brewery in Clarkston, WA. Please join us on Saturday, August 12! Registration begins at 10am, but arrive early to set up tents if you wish. We will have plenty of bags and boards, cold beer, and a hotdog cart.

GET OUT and enjoy the hot August nights! 23!

Fraternally,

Matt Plemmons
Potentate 2023



From your Chief Rabban

Greetings, Nobles and Ladies!!

Lady Becky and I have recently returned from our cross-country trip to Charlotte, NC for Imperial Session, and then further east to see family. Charlotte was a real experience. I now know what I will need to do in Reno next year!

Speaking of Reno next year, it's time to start planning to attend. It's within a long-day's drive of most of us and may not be this close to us again for a long time, so this is your chance! Please plan to spend June 30 thru July 4, 2024, in Reno with me and Lady Becky!

Don't forget the Calam Shrine Hootenanny is coming up on Saturday, 8/12/2023 at Riverport Brewing in Clarkston! We will start registering players at 10, with competition to heat up at 11. Even if you don't play, please come to visit and support Calam Shrine!

PNSA is coming up the end of this month in Spokane!

Attend if you can!

Fraternally yours,

Kenny Buckner



Update from the Legion of Honor

Greetings from the Shrine Legion of Honor members,

We are writing this letter to inform you that our organization is doing very well and are getting together. We will call a meeting regarding how to much to spend our endowment for the veterans and shrine organizations.

As before, we have provided income to the disabled American veterans, the USO, Honor Flight, and the new veterans rest home in Post Falls. We have also donated to ladies organizations such as the Star and other Shrine organizations. We have endeavored to keep a reasonable income available, presently \$4,000, which is managed and owned by our 20 Legion of Honor members. We want to continue to maintain a reasonable income to support Shrine organizations and military decision, which is established by the International Legion of Honor regulations.

One of our problems is providing income, and one of our biggest incomes came from our flags that were

purchased by our potentate in 2016, Ted Graff, and the Legion of Honor. We presently have 400 flags to sell. We will be going to Rathdrum Days parade on July 22 and will be promoting these flags. It is a good venture and still can make a little money if we want to work the parades.

As for our activities, I suggest that we consider having an event for friends and Shriners at the building when available, serving sausages or burgers. We are happy to work. Of course, with the Shrine Club, we can assist in any ventures that would be worthy.

We will call a meeting of available members to authorize our spending for the various organizations. This will be a short meeting held at a restaurant or my house.

Jerry Johnson, LOH Adjutant

Dustin Hatfield, Commander

Notes from the LOH and President of CDA Shrine Club

Greetings to all LOH and Shrine Nobles,

We are the last unit in our club. We need to have a meeting to decide what to do with all our equipment and money in the bank, or the members can keep it active by voting in new officers. We can still keep it going to the end of the year. I have spoken with our potentate about this matter. I will contact you when we can schedule a meeting to discuss everything. Please contact me or Jerry Johnson as to your feeling on this problem in the event you cannot attend. Do not wait. Call ASAP. It will be like your vote, and we will record it. Your input is very important.

Our Shrine meeting on 7/19 dinner was given by Bill and Gerlinde Hamilton . Those that did not make the meeting missed out of a great dinner. There was a lot to eat. Plan to come to our next meeting on August 16th. We need a volunteer to make the main dish for this meeting. Contact Noble Bill.

Our board has set up a special bank account to build up funds for maintenance items that come up unexpectedly and not take from our general fund. An amount was decided to put in each month and keep building on it.

I attended El Katif club meeting Thursday night 7/20 starting at 5 p.m. in Spokane. They meet each month the day after our general meeting. You are welcome to come. Meeting is held at Darcy's restaurant on Sprague Ave. I held a discussion of working together on the parades. They would help us out and we with theirs.

We need to work together on various events. I had mentioned the rental of our cookie wagon and insurance. They liked the idea. They will have further discussion on it. They are having problems of riders for the Octocycle. I made the suggestion to tow it on trailer and have members sit of seats waving. It may happen at the next parade.

We are so sorry to hear of Fred Sorsabal's passing. He was a wonderful man and a truly great Mason and Shriner. He will be missed!

This is also a reminder of High 12 meeting on the last Monday at 11 AM. Check with Wally Adams. Guest speaker is from Kootenai Highway District. Come and make comments about our roads.

Robert Green 208-210-6404



Calam's 2023 Schedule

Date	Event	Location
<i>August</i>		
12th	Cornhole Hootenanny	Riverport Brewing Co.
<i>September</i>		
7th-9th	Shrine Concessions @	Lewiston, ID
9th	Lewiston Roundup Parade	Lewiston, ID
14th-17th	Shrine Corn Feed	Hells Gate State Park
21st-22nd	Idaho Grand Lodge	Boise, ID

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CLUB MEETINGS, DATES, TIMES and LOCATIONS

Please check with your local club before attending

CDA Shrine Club meets the third

WEDNESDAY of each month; 5:00 PM

CDASC Building,

1250 W Lancaster Rd,

Hayden, ID

Latah Shrine Club meets the fourth

THURSDAY of each month

Lewis/Clark Shrine Club meets the third

WEDNESDAY of each month

Moyie Shrine Club meets the first

WEDNESDAY of each month

Panhandle Shrine Club

Shoshone Shrine Club

St. Maries Shrine Club meets in the first **THURSDAY** of each month at 6:30 at the St. Maries Masonic Lodge building prior to the Blue Lodge monthly meeting

NOTE: Clarion submissions should be submitted NLT the 20th of the month