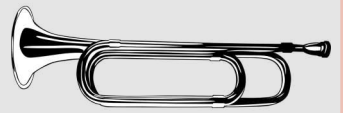


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Potentate's Message

Season's Greetings, Ladies & Nobles!

Goodness gracious, I feel like I just blinked and we only have one month left in 2023. What a great year we have had. November cruised smoothly with very few Calam events. The weather maintained decent roadways for our holiday travels. I hope everyone's holiday dinners with friends and family made great memories. I spent the November celebration deep frying four turkeys and watching all the football I could manage.

First things first, our 2024 Annual Meeting will be Saturday, January 13 at Nez Perce Lodge #10 in Lewiston. Divan meeting begins at 9:30am, and Divan attire is Tuxedos. The regular meeting will commence at 10am. For those traveling to Lewiston, we have several rooms and a hospitality suite blocked at the Hells Canyon Grand Hotel.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please reserve your room before December 13! Our block of rooms is set aside until December 13. You can reserve your room by calling the following phone number, or following the link below: [877-424-6423](https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/HH01U6)

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I look forward to attending the CDA Shrine Club Holiday Dinner on Wednesday, December 6 with Chief Rabban, Kenny & Lady Becky Buckner, and Calam Secretary, Liz Westacott. This will be a fantastic evening and a great event to round out this year of travel (albeit limited) throughout the Calam jurisdiction.

As this year quickly comes to an end, I want to thank everyone in our Calam family--Nobles, Ladies, and children--for your incredible amount of support this year. Our meetings and dinners have been well attended. Our fundraising events have been wonderfully organized, and moreover smashingly successful for all attendees and/or participants. I was very nervous at the beginning of 2023 for how the year would come along. But I could not be more proud of and impressed by our Calam Temple's fundraising and awareness-raising activities. I definitely can't wait to see what 2024 has in store for us.

Thank you all for being part of one of the most magickal years of my life. Remember, GET OUT and enjoy life to the fullest! 23

Fraternally,
Matt Plemmons
Potentate, Calam Shriners
2023



Greetings from the Chief Rabban

Greetings Nobles and Ladies,
Well, here it is the end of November, I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and is looking forward to a wonderful Christmas.

Calam Shrine Band and Directors Staff participated in the Lewiston Veteran's Day parade. We all had a good time. Becky and I are looking forward to the coming month and year. We have both been busy putting together a calendar for next year and working on getting officers lined up for the 2024 year. So far so good. Thanks to everyone who stepped up to help Calam out.

Christmas parties are on the horizon, and Becky and I are hoping to make as many as we can.

Merry Christmas to everyone and hope to see you all soon.

Fraternally,

Kenny Buckner



Calam Shrine Band in the Lewiston Veteran’s Day Parade.

Notes from the Legion of Honor

Greetings to the Legion of Honor members and family,

Our National Legion of Honor is doing quite well. Presently they have over 500 members nationally. Most of the activities are held in the area outside of Idaho. One of the national organizations was held in Las Vegas in June. The various state organizations will put on demonstrations in uniform displaying military-type showmanship. Our director is Dave Smith, and he was the director of the wreath laying at Arlington Cemetery in November.

The LOH again sent money to the National LOH, Shriners Children’s Spokane, the Calam Temple, Disabled American Veterans Association, Order of the Eastern Star, and Lumberjack Days Parade in St. Maries. We are proud to contribute to organizations involved with the Shrine and other

Masonic institutes. Our contribution met the requirements of the National LOH guidelines. One of the requirements is that we must attempt to create \$400 for donations per year. That is a little demanding on our treasury, but hope to make that with our peas and lentils and perhaps a raffle or entertainment.

Hopefully we will have two floats to pull in parades and of course will need LOH and Shrine members to ride floats and sell flags. It is a lot of fun and we will probably have a picnic after the parade for our members. We thank you for all of your help and we will call you and let you know what we have going on.

Jerry Johnson, Adjutant

Attention all Nobles:
If you have ever considered becoming a Per Capita Life Member, this is a great time to do so!

The current Per Capita amount is \$30/year, and a Noble may purchase a PCLM for \$900. However, starting in 2024 Per Capita will be \$50/year and a PCLM purchased after Dec. 31, 2023 will be \$1,500. This may be a great money-saving opportunity to take advantage of.

If you are interested in becoming a PCLM or have any questions, please let me know.
Liz Westacott
Assistant to the Recorder
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From the President of the CDA Shrine Club

Greetings to all LOH and Shrine Nobles,

Winter is on our heels and all concerned hopefully have gotten prepared for it. Snow is on its way and we need to think safety: get ice melt and prevent falls.

Our proposed Shine meeting for November was canceled at the request of members stating it was too close to the Christmas party. Next meeting then will be in January 2024. We will not have a meeting in December nor conduct a meeting at the Christmas party, but possibly a couple of announcements.

Our printer has gotten old and cartridges cost almost the cost of a new printer, thus we purchased a new one, which should last many years like the old one did. We obtained a contract to keep the parking lot cleared of snow as it arrives. A new rear door was installed, and weather stripped to keep the cold and wind out. We will need to clean the carpet but will plan that for spring. We have a new motorized screen for the projector viewing. We continue to keep our building maintained, thanks to members of the board for keeping it that way. The LOH trailer that houses the Go Karts has a canvas covering the roof so it's now protected from snow and rain. It took 4 hours to get it all tied down to the trailer. We want to thank Noble Bob and Lady Virginia Balser for storing our trailers.

Our Christmas party is still scheduled for 12/06/2023. Since the meal will be catered, please contact Noble Bill Hamilton by Dec. 1st. for reservations. This is a must. Many are making reservations so make yours ASAP.

Social time will start at 5 P.M. and dinner at 6 P.M. The meal will be salmon and prime rib, the bar will be open. The ladies requested that this party be a dress-up affair. I agreed with them, and we all should look nice for this party. This is not a regular meeting, therefore please come dressed up nicely, no work clothes. If you are bringing a guest let them know it will be a dress up event, we do not want them to feel out of place.

We had nomination of officers. No takers, but at our board meeting we all decided that we would continue as the officers for 2024. When you meet with an officer please give them a big "thank you" for volunteering to keep this club alive. Normally we swear in the board members at the Christmas party, but we will cancel it and swear them in at our January meeting.

The carousel parade float donated by Panhandle Shrine Club is now in our possession and in a protective area out of the weather. We will need volunteers this coming spring to do some work on it and get it ready for 2024 parades. We will schedule a time come spring. It will be great to have it at city events such as Rathdrum Days and others. It will be a great time to advertise at these events, and even at the fair in August.

For other clubs, if you have an event or anything that we should know, email me and I will add it to our monthly article: cnwbob1958@juno.com

This also is a reminder of High 12 meeting on the last Monday of the month at 11AM. Check with Wally Adams.

Robert Green,
President
208-210-6404



Calling all closeted clowns and clownettes!!! Come on down!!!

Ladies and Gentlemen, boys and girls of all ages, who is ready for the circus? The Calam Shriners has a long history of circuses and clowns. Well, the circus is still surviving but the clowns seemed to have croaked. With a new Potentate and Divan there has been an interest to see if anyone would be interested in putting on the face paint and making smiles wherever we go. Yes, this is an invitation for anyone who may be interested in being a clown. Myself, Doc, and Jingles from the El Katif Shrine clowns are offering to help get a clown unit going again. Any takers?



With the direction of the current Divan a new twist has been added to include not only Shriners, but Eastern Star ladies, Daughters of the Nile, Blue Lodge members and our kids and grandkids. Poppy Jr. was our first grandchild for the Calam Clowns in 2005.

Our initial vision is to have a makeup, character development and balloon tying class including all who would be interested. We would be willing to come to you to put on the class with the initial idea of having a three- or four-hour afternoon or evening session on one day teaching makeup on and makeup off. Then the following day we would come to class in makeup for pointers as well as how

to tie a balloon or two. We will supply a beginner's makeup kit, balloons, and balloon pumps. Maybe start in Lewiston-Moscow, then do another in the Coeur d'Alene area. Also, we have clownettes who would be willing to instruct face painting and kids crafts for anyone interested.

So, why is this be something that a hard-working Shriner would want to do? We have found that we can reach a part of the community not traditionally touched by our "normal" Shrine activities. In the past we have been to nursing homes, parades, circuses, farmer's markets, and businesses to spread goodwill, and to create smiles, laughs and giggles for anyone who happens to be around us. We have also leaked our secret locations where clowns may be found to the local newspapers and television stations to have some "good news" in their daily productions. I think you can see how we can get to people in our communities; we generally do not show off our having fun. Who can resist the "happy" that clowns generate?? (maybe the Grinch?)

In the ancient past, we have gotten Divan members and Potentates to participate in different events as clowns. As you see in the attached pictures, in 2003 Dave Bundy, while at an official visitation, began to come out of the closet as the clown we all know him to be. He just could not resist wearing a clown hat while officially addressing the Shriners in attendance!! I wonder whose clown hat that was????



Dave Bundy, 2003



Clayton "Big Bubba" Keifer



Larry "Seymour" Butts



FREE TICKET!

This ticket is good for a free lifetime membership to the Calam Shrine Klowns.
Call Doc at 208-255-9556 or email at

Calam's 2023 Schedule		
Date	Event	Location
December		
6th	Coeur d'Alene Shrine Club	CDASC
9th	Latah Shrine Club Christmas	Moscow
20th	Lewis Clark Shrine Club	Jollymore's, Lewiston
21st	Lewiston Scottish Rite	Lewiston
January		
13th	Annual Meeting	Lewiston

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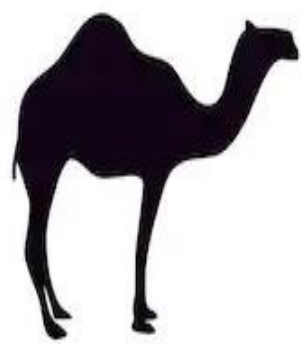
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Rudy Rieken
1/08/48-11/03/23

John Kucera, PP
7/01/39-11/16/23

Paul Westhafer
1/12/43-11/28/23



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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	Moyie Shrine Club meets the first Wednesday of each month
Latah Shrine Club meets the fourth Thursday of each month	Panhandle Shrine Club
Lewis/Clark Shrine Club meets the third Wednesday of each month	Shoshone Shrine Club
	St. Maries Shrine Club meets in the first Thursday of each month, 6:30pm, St. Maries Masonic Lodge build- ing prior to the Blue Lodge monthly meeting

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