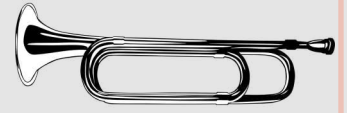


# CALAM CLARION



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## Potentate's Message

Happy New Year, Nobles & Ladies!

My, oh my what a year was 2023. It seems like it is all over in the blink of an eye. But we quickly managed twelve months of wonderful social events and amazingly successful fundraising and awareness-raising. Through it all Calam temple managed its expenses shrewdly. The fruits of our labors not only strengthen our savings account, but we have also discovered effective events that engage our communities on many new levels.

It was a pleasure to attend the Coeur d' Alene Shrine Club's Christmas dinner last month. It was a great showing and a fantastic meal. Thanks to Chief Rabban Kenny and Lady Becky for letting me tag along with them. And it was an honor to have Liz Westacott, Calam Secretary, present for the event. Everyone enjoyed meeting her.

The LC Shrine Club had a great holiday gathering at Jollymore's in Lewiston. Thanks to PP Kirk Ross and Jeff Rowden for coordinating a wonderful year end event for us. I hope we will be able to enjoy more meals there in the future.

Congratulations to our amazing 2023 Divan and all Calam Nobles and families for so much success last year.

We are carrying all of that momentum and enthusiasm into 2024. Our next Illustrious Potentate, Kenny Buckner and Lady Becky have worked tirelessly to set a full calendar of events. I am very pleased that Kenny and our Nobility have come together to fill critical positions on the 2024 Divan. We will have a strong Divan once again, and I know Kenny and Lady Becky are going to lead Calam Temple to another smashing year!

Thank you to everyone in Calam once again for making 2023 one of the most amazing and magical years of my life. I look forward to all that is to come. As always, GET OUT and enjoy life while we can...23!

Fraternally,

Matt Plemmons  
Calam Potentate, 2023



# Calam Shriners

## 2024 Annual Meeting

Saturday, January 13th, 2024

Nez Perce Lodge #10

1122 18th Ave, Lewiston, ID 83501

### 9:30am Divan Meeting

Dress code for Divan: Tuxedos

### 10:00am Annual Meeting

### 12:00pm Lunch

### 1:00pm Installation of Divan

### 2:00-5:30pm Break

### 6:30pm Dinner

Indonesian Beef Rendang

Indonesian Coconut Rice

Pickled Cucumber Salad

Green Salad

\$20/person

Please RSVP for dinner on our website by January 6

## Greetings from the Chief Rabban

Greetings All,

So here it is the end of December. As I write this, we are all waiting for Christmas. I know it comes the same time every year, but it always seems to sneak up on me. Oh well. Earlier this month Potentate Matt, Calam Secretary Liz Westacott, Lady Becky, and I attended the CDA Shrine Club Christmas party. We all had a wonderful time. Thanks to the CDA Club for having us.

Lady Becky and I attended the Lewis/Clark Shrine Club Christmas party on Wednesday, December 20, held at Jollymore's in Lewiston. It was a wonderful time for all there. The food was good and the service was excellent. The pictures will give you an idea of our good time.

January 13 is closing fast, which is our annual meeting and the installation of the new 2024 Divan. Hopefully everybody that can attend will be joining us in Lewiston at Nez Perce #10 Masonic lodge.

Of course, the weekend will start with me being grilled by all the Past Potentates. Looking forward to that. Our Assistant Rabban Dan Bundy and his Lady Stacie will be hosting a gathering for all Shriners and their Ladies at their place that same night. If possible, please drop by, I

know as soon as the Past Potentates are done with me I plan on being there. The agenda for Saturday is included in the Clarion. Please plan on attending.

This is an open installation so if you have friends and family that would like to join us, please bring them along. Dinner Saturday night will be one not to miss. Please get your RSVP in as soon as possible.

Lady Becky and I are looking forward to serving the nobility of Calam Shrine in 2024. We have a lot of activities planned for the year. Of course, the big one will be Imperial Session in Reno Nevada. This is fairly close to us, so if at all possible, please plan on attending.

Merry Christmas,  
Kenny Buckner  
Chief Rabban





Smiles abound at the Calam Christmas dinner. A year well done!



PP Dave Bundy & Lady Linda celebrate Dave's newly earned Emeritus status on the SHC Board of Governors.



Potentate Matt Plemmons & Assistant Rabban Dan Bundy discuss 2024 events while Treasurer Jeff Rowden places an online bid for a 1969 Camaro. We won't tell Tami.



Sue Krueger & Stacie Bundy make plans for the January 12 Calam party at the Bundy's



Noble Rick Pratt & Lady Arlene lead the smiles to close out the evening at Jollymore's.

## Holiday Greetings from the Recorder's Desk

First thing is, HAVE you paid your 2024 dues? If not, please do so TODAY! We will be checking dues cards at the Annual Meeting in January. You can pay online or by contacting the Temple Office.

I would like to thank the Club and Unit Officers for their service in 2023 and welcome any new Club and Unit officers into the group for 2024.

2023 was a good year for Calam Temple, and while we are looking forward to 2024, the pattern of **things changing will continue to happen**. The more Nobles that are involved in and supportive of these changes the better. With Temple membership in the low 200's ... we can't rely on the traditions of

years past to meet our needs going forward. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays and hope to see you in January at the Annual Meeting!

Most Sincerely,

Jim Logan

Recorder



### Annual Meeting Elections Notice

#### **§ 325.11 Election Regulations.**

Electioneering. A candidate for an elected office in a Shrine temple may print, publish and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a résumé consisting of his educational background, his vocational history, and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, email or other devices, by a unit, club, Noble, or group of Nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing, or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited.

**Expenditures Prohibited.** The expenditure of money for gifts, favors, or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for elected office is prohibited.

**Violation.** For any violation of (a) or (b), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of the officers void and order a new election.

**Notice.** At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election, the temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section.

## From the President of the CDA Shrine Club

Greetings to all LOH and Shrine Nobles,

Winter sure has been a yoyo, cold and then warm. Surprised to see it get into the 40s. I hope all have been safe from accidents. We did not have a December board meeting nor a General Meeting due to our Christmas party on the 6th. Two hours before the dinner, yours truly, carrying a box down wet stairs slipped and hit a post and the concrete. Was taken to emergency care by my son. Ended up pretty bruised on shoulder and hips and, not attending the party. Had reported that the dinner was fantastic, being salmon and prime rib. Missed meeting Liz Westacott, who publishes our Clarion. Hope to get a picture of her in the next Clarion so you all can see who our great publisher is. It was good to have members of the Divan at the party.

We look forward to a great 2024 Shrine year of activity. I hope we have many fund raisers, parades, and other activities this year. Plan to be a volunteer and give us your all. We will swear in our board members at our January 17th general meeting.

We will need volunteers this coming spring to do some work on carousel parade float to get it ready for 2024

parades. We will make a time come spring. It will be great to have it at city events such as Rathdrum Days, and other cities. It will be a great time to advertise at these events and even at the fair in August.

To all members of the Shrine Temple, Shrine Clubs, and LOH members, please get your dues in.

Jerry Johnson, my LOH Adjutant, and I wish everyone had a great Christmas and New Year.

Robert Green  
President, CDA Shrine Club  
208-210-6404



## Potentates Dinner

Hello,

Our annual Potentates dinner has been scheduled for Friday, January 12, 2024, at Jollymore's. Cocktail hour will start at 6 p.m. and dinner will start at 7 p.m.

Our guest speaker will be Ken Buckner, Chief Rabban

Jollymore's address is:

1516 Main Street  
Lewiston, ID 83501

Please RSVP to:

John Johnson  
phone: 208-929-2236 (please leave a voicemail)  
or  
email: [st.maries.john@gmail.com](mailto:st.maries.john@gmail.com)

Fraternally,

## Notes from the Legion of Honor

Having served as adjutant for the last 20 years it was a privilege to belong to the national Legion of Honor. I know that some of our Legionnaires have been involved in combat during their regular service of military duty. I have a good friend who was a sergeant in the US Marine Corps. When on duty in Iraq he commanded a platoon of Marines in a firefight against Iraqi insurgents. He commanded two armored weapons carriers with 50 caliber machine guns, and six riflemen on each vehicle entering battle.

In the midst of a raging conflict, my friend of the United States Marine Corps stood as a beacon of courage and tenacity. With his platoon surrounded and the odds stacked against them, his leadership shone brightest in the darkest hour. The battle was fierce, with the air thick with the sound of gunfire and the earth shaking from the blasts.

Despite sustaining multiple bullet wounds, my friend's resolve never wavered. His voice, firm and clear, cut through the chaos, directing his soldiers with precision, and inspiring them with his indomitable spirit. Under his command, the platoon not only held their ground but advanced, pushing back the enemy with unrelenting force.

The tide of battle turned, and under my friend's leadership, the platoon broke through the enemy lines, securing a victory that seemed impossible. But the sergeant's thoughts were not of triumph; they were with his soldiers, ensuring each one made it home safely. Six of his soldiers sustained bullet wounds and were forced to take cover. His actions that day saved their lives and others, including a Major, and turned the course of the conflict.

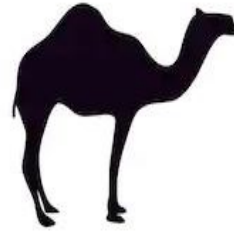
My friend's story is one of legend, not just for the battles he fought but for the spirit he embodied. He was a Marine through and through, a warrior who led from the front, a leader who put his soldiers above himself, and a man who, even in the face of overwhelming odds, never lost his humanity. His legacy is one of bravery, leadership, and an unwavering commitment to his country and his comrades.

The Marines fought bravely and gloriously and represent the bravery that the US military possesses.

Jerry Johnson, Adjutant

## BLACK CAMEL REPORT

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



### Calam's 2023 Schedule

Date	Event	Location
<b>January</b>		
12th	Past Potentate's Dinner	Jollymore's, Lewiston
13th	Annual Meeting	NP# 10
27th	Latah SC Crab Feed	Moscow
<b>February</b>		
15th-17th	Winter PNSA	Billings, MT
24th	Shrine Dart Tournament	Lewiston

*Order of the Eastern Star Scholarship*

# *Car Show*



SAVE THE DATE

**SATURDAY, MAY 4TH 2024**

**MAJESTIC PARK RATHDRUM ID**

*Food—Drink—Raffles—Trophies—Dash  
Plaques*

**Fun for the whole family! - for more information:**

Email — [maurimossman@gmail.com](mailto:maurimossman@gmail.com)



**\$25 ENTRY FEE**

*Classics, Customs, & Special Interest vehicles*

*All Welcome!*

*Times: Field opens at 8 am*

*Awards 2:30 pm*

Sponsored by: Queen Esther Chapter #12 Order of the Eastern Star

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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

**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, 6:30pm, St. Maries Masonic Lodge building prior to the Blue Lodge monthly meeting

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