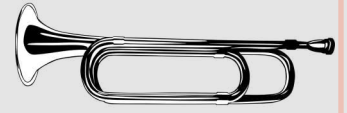


# CALAM CLARION



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## Potentate's Message

Greeting Nobles and Ladies,

Boy has it been busy. Reno for Imperial, quarterly meeting, and a lot of travel for me and Lady Becky. There's a lot coming up in August.

August 3rd we will be in Pierce, Idaho for their 1860's Days celebration and parade. The Director's Staff will be bringing the tin lizzies. We had a great time last year and I am sure this year will be no different.

August 10th we will be hosting our 4th annual Corn-hole Hootenany. This has always been a great fundraiser for Calam and I am sure this year will be no different.

The quarterly meeting in Bonners Ferry I believe was a success. Thanks to Moyie Shrine Club for hosting and thank you to the blue lodge for letting us use their building.

As some of you know, Shoshone County Shrine Club is working on getting active again. If you can help them, please do.

Thanks to all of the Nobles and families for your support.

If you ever have any questions about what Calam is doing, please call me anytime.

Fraternally,

Kenny Buckner



Illustrious Sir Kenny leads the Calam Crutch Patrol in Reno.



The St. Maries Shrine Club proudly represents Calam at the Imperial Potentate's parade!

## Imperial Session Parade



The Calam Crutch Patrol staged and ready for the Reno parade.



PP & Recorder Jim Logan sports his famous vest and trikes through the streets of Reno!



Illustrious Sir Kenny finally found a truck bigger than his own.



Calam Divan and PPs Ron Hodge, and John and Burt Johnson pose with a counterpart from Mabuhay Temple—Philippines.

## From your Assistant Rabban

Greetings Nobles and Ladies:

June/July has been busy for all Shriner's in North Idaho. As summer has begun along with hotter than normal temperatures, we must learn to pace ourselves as to meeting our duties and obligations. Of course, family always comes first. Then we set priorities thereafter. I for one have been attending Lakeside Masonic Lodge #42 as often as I have time. I've learned much by watching degree work performed and observing how proficiently the Worshipful Master and stations have conducted themselves.

The past three months I've been planning a fundraiser to benefit Calam Temple. This fundraiser occurred July 6. It mirrored the highly successful Lewiston ATV/UTV event held April 20th. This event was held at Trestle Creek, east of Sandpoint where over 60 adults and children attended and over 30 vehicles entered. Shriners who attended were Potentate Kenny Buckner, Past Potentate Rob Turnipseed, Outer Guard Jack Nelson, Marshall Maurice Simmons, CDA Shrine Club board member Mark Combs and Shriner Phil Voelz. Phil Voelz and Levi Beek (entered apprentice) manned 1 station each. Our friends and family were the real worker bees. Without their assistance we would not have been able to be operationally successful. Maurice Simmons provided tables, chairs and tents.

Next year we hope to add the Ralphi BBQ trailer and games for children at the stops. I did not have any sponsors but we still had donations for Calam. We broke even on the drawing of prizes. The AR- multi rifle (7.62 X .39) drawing is ongoing and has ONLY 70 tickets remaining of the 200 available tickets. Pricing is \$20 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$100. Shriners, even if you do not win, your donation is benefiting Calam Temple. Contact me directly or Jeff Rowden for your ticket(s) purchase.

July 27th Potentate Kenny Buckner drove 3.5 hours to have a fantastic breakfast with the Panhandle Shrine Club. Thank you, Sir Kenny. Attending were nearly 16 Shriners and wives at the Blue Heron restaurant.

I must add a plea to all Shrine members, their families and friends. I am active with the CDA Shrine Club as a board member and accept other collateral responsibilities. I am personally inviting those within reach of this letter and beyond to attend our monthly dinners (3rd Wednesday of each month at 5PM). We have a wonderful time discussing families, grandchildren, vacations, etc..

Come out just once maybe twice. Your dinner is on me, no charge. We only ask for \$5 donations, but I'll cover that with a big Shriner smile. If you do not like my smile, I'll introduce you to my favorite Klow, Doc Schoonover. I hope to meet you and your family soon.

Thank you.

Always in the Faith,  
Dan McDaniel,  
Assistant Rabban



**Calam Divan and Past Potentates gather in Sandpoint at the fruitful ATV fundraiser**



## Klowning in July



On June 28, we had a Klown Kollege in Moscow. In attendance was an old Shriner Klown and his 12-year-old daughter, as well as four ladies; I am not sure what ladies organization they were affiliated with. We started with tying balloon puppies, kitties and swords. Those skills were caught on very quickly and we ended up tying a parakeet in a swing. Lots of balloons were tied as well as lots of laughs and giggles. We then did wax on and wax off with makeup. A discussion was had about character and costume development. It looks like we may very well have a lady sailor in the future. We talked about general contact with the public and of course stickers. Everyone needs a klown sticker you know! We then traded ideas for crafty things we could also do. A fun time was had, and we look to repeat it in the Coeur d'Alene area soon. We would like to thank Rich Bryan for taking his time to let us in the Paradise Lodge in Moscow, as well

as WM Russ Graves. Your good deeds are appreciated tremendously!

On July 20, a new Calam Klown record was set! We not only flocked Pote Kenny, but he was also conferred the Sublime Degree of the Flocking Pink Flamingo. This is the first Sublime Degree of the Flocking Pink Flamingo in Calam Shrine Klown history! All present were wearing a set of pink flamingo headgear for this hysterical event. As we all know a very important part of being made a Shriner is being fezzed. In the Flocking Pink Flamingo degree, our Pote was flamingoed by his lady Becky with pink flamingo headgear. Pote Kenny received the degree of the Flocking Pink Flamingo standing on one leg, his left hand raised (just like a pink flamingo). He solemnly swore to all the terms and conditions of the degree and was greeted, or maybe applauded, for his sense of humor and was duly and truly flocked.



**Illustrious Sir Kenny shows off his flamboyance with Doc & the Klown unit.**



## Klowning continued



It is very important to know that Pink Flamingos are known for their migration from south Florida to north Florida. The Pink Flamingos heard that our Pote and his divan were in the upper reaches of Calamdom. They migrated in his honor for being able to find Bonners Ferry, Idaho and then return safely back to civilization in Lewiston.

Once the Flamingo Degree was completed, our Pote Kenny was tasked with taking the soon-to-be Potentate's test to Lewiston and administering the test to our soon-to-be Potentate, Dan Bundy. We will be grading the soon-to-be Potentate's performance test at our quarterly meeting in October to show our support. Oversight of the soon-to-be Potentate's test administration will be supervised by the Sitting Potentate, Assistant Rabbit, Hired Priest for Profit, Ornamental Guide, First and Second Harmonious Master

and Marshall Mellow. We have no doubt that soon-to-be Potentate Dan will do well on this test.

The Klowns had a coffee raffle, which was won by Beanie Dickman of Spokane, Washington. She won three pounds of Starbucks Coffee and the klowns now have a few bucks to put in our kitty.

Friendship, fun and fraternity were celebrated with the Moyie Shrine Club and their hospitality was greatly appreciated.

Doc Schoonover

## Hospital Transportation Fund Update

Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

I am sending this quick little note out to let you know that we have been busy scheduling transportation for those that have reached out to us for help. It gives a sense of fulfillment in knowing that we have been able to help those that are in need to reach a treatment facility so their child can live a better life. Our commitment to this care truly is one of the greatest gifts that we can give to our community, our neighbors, as well as to ourselves.

These things help us stay grounded, and in a way, it renews the oath we took when we became Nobles of Shriners International.

Our Hospital Transportation Fund could use a boost to increase the amount of dollars that we have available.

We are not in an urgent state of need.  
I am asking that you keep it in mind.

Yours in Faith  
Kirk Ross, PP

## “THANK YOU!”

### from the Kemper family

I will start with a little story of a little once-orphaned girl in southern India who was waiting for a forever family. She had black curly hair, the longest eye lashes, and a smile that lit up the room. There are not many details known of her story before she came home at 15 months old, but what is known we will leave to her to decide how to share one day. She was born with a cleft lip and palate and was therefore placed on the special needs list for international adoptions. She was matched with a waiting family in November of 2022 and came home to her forever home in June of 2023.

That girl is our daughter, Eden. She is our 3<sup>rd</sup> child and the favorite sister of two big brothers. When we got home and got settled, giving her a few months to adjust to her new life and family, we began making arrangements for her cleft lip and palate repair surgeries. We were expecting to receive care at the Shriners in Portland, OR where we would have also had a free place to stay with relatives. Unbeknownst to us our surgeon had to leave the medical field to deal with his own medical issues. We were so sorry to hear about his struggles, and were also confused with what to do next. After weighing all options, we felt it best to transfer Eden’s care to the Shriner’s Children’s Hospital in Chicago. We did not know how we were going to be able to afford flights and

traveling expenses in the city, but we prayed and trusted the Lord.

I was encouraged by a friend to reach out to our local shrine to inquire about assistance. Without hesitation we were blessed with me and my daughter’s or my husband and our daughter’s flights covered for multiple trips in order to plan for and then go through with her surgeries. On top of it all, we had to fly out for an emergency repair of the 1<sup>st</sup> repair and Calam Shriners covered all the flights and our in-city taxi services! Eden would not have been able to receive the life-changing surgeries by one of the very best in the field if it had not been for God’s provision through the generous donors to the Calam Shriners! Eden’s life is forever changed for the better because of the generosity we have received, and we wish there was a bigger way to say thank you. But to anyone reading this who has given towards Shriners, know you are changing lives, you were part of bettering my daughter’s life and forever giving her a brighter future and we will forever be grateful as a family!

THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts!

The Kemper Family



**Shriners patient Eden Kemper and her mother beam with joy after successful treatment.**



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# **4th Annual Cornhole Hootenanny**

**August 10, 2024**

Riverport Brewing Company

150 9th St, Clarkston WA

Registration for the Cornhole Tournament starts at 10am.  
Hootenanny starts at 11am. Entry fees are \$50 per team.  
Entry fees are NOT tax-deductible.

**1st place—\$750, 2nd place—  
\$500, 3rd place—\$250.**

Food will be available on site. Questions: Call Kenny 208.791.5195.

## Notes from the President of the CDA Shrine Club

What a month we have been having with breaking temperatures. At my home it has been between 100-105 for days. At our old ages for many of us, it is hard to take these temperatures and be outside. Usually, I go to the parades and obtain donations for flags, which we use as a fundraiser for LOH. We at LOH have not been putting go-karts in the parades because LOH members are in our 70s and 80s. The karts are low and very hard for a member to get in and out of them. As Commander of LOH all members of LOH receives this newsletter. Please reply to Jerry Johnson, my Adjutant, or me as to what is the future of LOH and the go-karts. I still would like them to represent the Shrine Organization and suggest that Masonic clubs in North Idaho take on two karts and keep them active in parades. We have 6 karts. Please advise.

At our July general meeting a report from Queen Esther Chapter 12, Karen Nelson, WM and Lady Comes, gave a report on the car show that they put on in Rathdrum last May 4<sup>th</sup>. They had 72 car registrations. The purpose of the car show was to get scholarship funds for seniors from Post Falls and Lakeland high schools. The car show was such a success that they obtained enough funds to support \$500 scholarships for 7 seniors. Congratulations to Queen Esther and all the volunteers that made it a success. It was so great that plans are in the makings for another car show next year on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Let's consider helping them next year and volunteer.

On July 18<sup>th</sup> Queen Esther had their annual potluck picnic at the Scottish Rite Center inside their new Gazebo area. Masonic families and guests were invited. I was happy to attend and represented the

Shrine Club. It was a great success and a lot of fun. These are great ways to work together and meet others from our Masonic organizations. Let's start doing more of this.

It is sorry to see that we are not volunteering to represent the Masonic Organizations in the parades. Is it because we are too old. We need to remain representing the Shrine both at Masonic meetings and the community. Give us some feedback as to what can be done. If we give up, we are dead.

I received no report on High 12 speaker, but they still meet the last Monday of the month at the Coeur d'Alene Inn Motel at 11:30 for lunch. They always have a good speaker. You are all invited and can bring a guest. Check with Wally Adams. 208-661-1503.

We had a great dinner again at our general meeting. Thanks to Bob and Lady Virginia Balser for wonderful ham dinner, and the others that brought salads and desserts. Come and join us next month August 21<sup>st</sup>. Doors open at 5 p.m.

Robert Green, President 208-210-6404

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**Meet our  
Patient Ambassadors!**

Every year Shriners Children's selects two International Patient Ambassadors to represent the healthcare system's patients. We are proud to introduce our 2024-2025 International Patient Ambassadors Paige and Grayson, and to share their incredible stories.



*Paige*

**Patient since:** 2013

**Location:**  
Shriners Children's Texas

**Treated for:**  
Stevens-Johnson Syndrome

**Education:** College student  
studying business management

**Hobbies:** Fashion, makeup,  
health & fitness



*Grayson*

**Patient since:** 2006

**Location:**  
Shriners Children's Lexington

**Treated for:**  
Proximal Femoral  
Focal Deficiency

**Education:** Studies construction  
science at Harding University

**Hobbies:** Outdoor sports,  
youth ministry

# Rewriting Destiny

the stories of  
Paige and Grayson

Watch *Rewriting Destiny* by scanning the QR code below, visiting [shrinerschildrens.org/international-patient-ambassadors](https://shrinerschildrens.org/international-patient-ambassadors), or watch and share on [Youtube.com/Shrinershospitals](https://Youtube.com/Shrinershospitals).

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# SAVE THE DATE

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## *2024 Calam Temple Nobility Ball Weekend*

*October 18 and 19, 2024*



**Friday, October 18**

6-9pm ~ No-Host Gathering

Riverport Brewing Company, Clarkston, WA

**Saturday, October 19**

10am ~Quarterly Meeting

12pm ~Lunch on your own

2pm ~ Knickerbocker Presentation

5pm ~Hospitality Suite opens

6pm ~ Social Hour

7pm ~ Dinner Buffet ~ Barron of Beef and Salmon (\$50 per person)

All events on Saturday will be at the Holiday Inn, Clarkston, WA

**Special rate rooms available at Holiday Inn 509.758.9500**

**More Details and RSVP information to follow**

Congratulations to the Panhandle Shrine Club on their successful Lost in the 50's BBQ fundraiser!  
With the funds raised they were able to donate \$1,037.00 to Shriners Children's Spokane.



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June 21, 2024

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We are **Celebrating a Century of Care** in Spokane! As we begin 2024 celebrating the history and successes of our first 100 years, we also begin planning for the next 100 years. Generous donors like you have made it possible for Shriners Children's Spokane to continually be there for those who need us most, regardless of the families' ability to pay or insurance status. **Thank you!**

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***"We truly appreciated the work of all the wonderful doctors, nurses, and staff. Each time we visited the clinic they made it a fun experience. The level of support we received over the years was greatly appreciated."***

We look forward to sharing more of the Shriners Children's Spokane 100 year history and centennial celebration with you throughout the coming year. **Because you give, Shriners Children's is able to make medical miracles happen every day!**

Warm regards,

Bill Gross  
Senior Director of Philanthropy  
Office of Philanthropy

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## Calam's 2024 Schedule

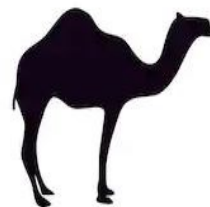
Date	Event	Location
<b>August</b>		
3rd	1860 Days	Pierce, ID
10th	4th Annual Cornhole Hootenanny	Riverport Brewing, Clarkston, WA
13th	NP Lodge #10 BBQ	Lewiston, ID
<b>September</b>		
7th	Lewiston Roundup Parade	Lewiston, ID
21st	Shrine Corn Feed	Hells Gate State Park,

### BLACK CAMEL REPORT

*Remembering those who have gone before us*

**George Follett, PP**

**4/11/1929-6/29/2024**



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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**