

Korein Klarion

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Illustrious Sir Zac Breed takes the oath of office as Korein Shriners 132nd Potentate during the Installation of Officers in Rawlins on January 5th.

Pote's Notes

Nobles and Ladies

It is an honor to be serving as your Potentate for 2024.

The year is off to a wonderful start for Korein Temple. Installation was a great success with 101 people in attendance. I extend my heartfelt appreciation to all who graced us with their presence, demonstrating unwavering support for both your Temple and your Divan.

As we embark upon the bustling visitation season, Lady Jackie and I eagerly anticipate the opportunity to meet each and every one of you. Our journey will commence with the Torrington/Laramie Peak visit scheduled for the 2nd of March in Guernsey, followed by the Cheyenne visit on the 16th of March. For updates on upcoming events, I encourage you to regularly consult the Wyoming Shriners website at shrinerswyo.wildapricot.org.

The Divan will be heading to Billings MT for the Winter session of the Pacific Northwest Shrine Association on February 15th-17th. These sessions are imperative to the members of the Divan. They provide us with an opportunity to network with our counterparts from other Temples and communicate the successes and failures of our temples pertaining to finance, membership, fellowship, etc.

Additionally, the incorporation of preparatory clas-

ses equips Divan members with the tools necessary for effective service in the years ahead.

On some Hospital news, Imperial Sir Tim Forbis and Illustrious Sir Mike Reed have been working with many of the major hospitals in Wyoming to develop a direct referral program to our Shrine hospitals.

On the fundraising front, now is more important than ever to get out and sell 52 Club tickets. The proceeds from this fundraiser are imperative to the operations of our Temple. I am asking each and every Noble to purchase or sell at least two tickets.

We are quickly approaching the 51st Wyoming Shrine Bowl! This event is made possible by countless dedicated Nobles and Ladies throughout both Kalif Temple and Korein Temple. This annual event not only generates substantial contributions for the Salt Lake City hospital but also makes a lasting impact on the young men that participate. It is a wonderful opportunity to gain community support and recognition for our mission.

Even if you are not able to attend in person, the purchase of your game tickets illustrates the dedication and commitment we have to supporting our hospitals.

Shrine Bowl Executive

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Pote's TENTATIVE Calendar for 2024

February

2/15-2/17 Winter PNSA in Billings, MT

March

Sat 3/2 Torrington/Laramie Peak Visit
Guernsey (Divan Uniform)

3/14-3/16 Oriental Guide Leadership
Conference in Tampa

Sat 3/16 Temple Meeting in Cheyenne &
Cheyenne Visit (Formal Dress)

3/18-3/20 Assistant Rabban Leadership
Conference in Tampa

April

Fri 4/5 Lander Visit (Divan Uniform)

Sat 4/6 Pinedale Visit (Divan Uniform)

Sat 4/13 Temple Meeting in Casper &
Casper Visit (Formal Dress)

4/19-4/20 Deadwood Bus Trip (Departing
from Casper)

May

Thurs 5/2 Cheyenne Club Thankful
Thursday Fundraiser

Sat 5/4 Rock Springs Visit (Divan
Uniform)

Sat 5/18 Temple Meeting in Rawlins

June

6/3-6/8 Shrine Bowl Week in Casper

Sat 6/8 Shrine Bowl Game in Casper

6/29-6/30 Summer PNSA in Reno, NV

July

7/1-7/4 Imperial Session in Reno, NV

August

8/2-8/4 Shriners Lake Weekend -
Location TBD

September

TBD Laramie Visit and Tailgate
Party

TBD Temple Meeting in Rawlins

October

1-/26 Temple Meeting in Rawlins

November

TBD TBD

December

Sat 12/7 Temple Meeting in Rawlins and
Elections



Imperial Sir Tim Forbis:

Elston Gibbs from UW is playing in the East/West Shrine Bowl.

It was a great honor taking a picture with him.

Pote's Notes (continued from page 2)

Director Frank Selby is looking for help selling Shrine Bowl ads and sponsorships along the I80 corridor. If you are able to help, please contact Frank.

In planning your local events and fundraisers, I challenge each of you to infuse FUN into your endeavors. In an age dominated by

digital screens and social media, the spirit of fun is truly infectious and motivates people to participate in our events and support our causes with enthusiasm and joy.

Let's harness this infectious energy to create engaging and memorable experiences that resonate with our community members and in-

spire them to join us in making a positive impact.

Thank you all for your continued support and I look forward to meeting with each of you throughout the year!

Zac Breed
Potentate

From Noble Treasurer

If you are interested in a Life Time Membership here are your options.

1. PCM (Hospital Levy)
\$150
2. PCLM (Per Capita Tax) \$1,500
3. LM (Temple Life Membership)

Over the age of 65 it is 10 years times the Temple dues amount. $10 \times \$100.00 = \$1,000.00$

Under the age of 65 it

is 20 years times the Temple dues amount. $20 \times \$100.00 = \$2,000$

Over 65 total \$2,650

Under 65 total \$3,650

You will no longer be billed for dues and you will not be subjected to any increases.

In other news:

Don't forget your Club and Unit reports (each club and unit must report monies they control. See your Club

President for the forms).

Thank you to the Clubs and Units that have completed this task.

52 Club fund raiser is always in need of more sales. Please help the Temple have its best year ever. April 1 is the kick off for this event.

David Mertz
Korein Treasurer
307-441-1030

From Our Hospital Representative

Greetings Nobles, Ladies and Friends of Shriners Children's -Salt Lake City!

It's February! The perfect time to travel the State of Wyoming if you want to experience why it is we still live here and love it! I recently took a spin on I-80 to help with the celebration of the lifetime contributions of Past Grand Master Teense Wilford in Saratoga! What a wonderful evening filled with tributes from his community, his State and his Masonic Family! Truly a wonderful man, citizen and Mason!

Just a couple of days later I had the opportunity to traverse good ol' South Pass here in the West! Although the weather was not what it can be this time of year, it was sufficiently robust to keep travel a challenge!

The one thing I carry with me as I travel around our great State is what a great job our dedicated employees with the Wyoming Department of Transportation do for us every day! From the plow drivers in their massive machines, to the supervisors in their pickup trucks identifying needed attention to whatever section of road, to our State Patrol Officers keeping up

with all the challenges associated with less than qualified big rig drivers and less than intelligent speedsters who think their four-wheel drive is indestructible! Please join me in thanking these great men and women for all the work they do for us!

What does this have to do with our Salt Lake City clinic? Nothing – but it was on my mind, so there you go!

What is going on in Salt Lake City? With conviction I can tell you that the help and healing for our precious patients continues! I will not bore you with a string of statistics except to say that over the past year we had 8,300 patient encounters! We performed in the neighborhood of 400 surgeries and provided over 4,000 prosthetics and orthopedics!

We have been busy, and we have been doing it short-staffed, to say the least! Fortunately, we are seeing many of the long-term vacancies we have been working around, filled over the past few months, with the hope that we will be back to full force this year.

The problem is not Shriners per say, rather, it is

the industry as a whole. Every provider in our market is searching for help. Our pitch and our draw are the patient/family centered operation we run. We, as Nobles, should be proud of the work that is going on and anytime you can, thank these folks for the fantastic job they do for us,

In addition to the ongoing staffing challenges, the board has been focused on what we should do with our hospital building. As I have discussed with some of you over the past couple of years, our building is ill suited to our current operation and incredibly expensive to maintain. The lingering hope that we may someday return to a full-service hospital has faded to black! It makes no sense to own and operate a hospital that the market has told us they do not want.

Health care, particularly for kids, has moved into the age of high-tech, immediate delivery. Our patients' families want to keep their kids close to home and involved in their usual, daily routines. We are working hard to find the sweet-spot that satisfies both their comfort and the, sometimes technical demands of

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Top row, l to r: Chief Rabban Weston Hubele, Oriental Guide Lonnie Bull, Recorder Johnny Mote, PP, 1st CM Disco Harris, Outer Guard Quinn Carroll, HP&P Charlie Custer, Chief Aide Craig Warner. Bottom row: Chaplain Bob Williams, Treasurer Dave Mertz, Pote Zac Breed, AR Bill Elmore, 2nd CM Seth Snyder, Marshal David Darlington

Below: Lady Kathryn Mote (left) is presented with the Lady Shriner of the Year 2023 plaque by Lady Janice Santa (right).



Right: Lady Jackie Breed fezzing our new Potentate.



Installation Fun



North/South Shrine Bowl Coaches Selected

Executive Director Frank Selby is pleased to announce that Head Coaches for the 51st Annual Wyoming Shrine Bowl have been selected:

South Team Head Coach is Russell Stienmetz of Torrington High School.

North Team Head Coach is Rob Hammond of Buffalo High School.

Wyoming High School

football coaches across the state nominate one coach from among their peers to serve in this role. From the nominations, one coach is elected from the North and one is elected from the South.

These coaches will be selecting their respective staffs over the course of the next several weeks. Once assistant coaches accept, they will assemble to collectively select players (which have

been nominated by their coaches from across the state).

The Shrine Bowl will be played Saturday, June 8th, 2014 at Natrona County High School in Casper, WY.

Please join with the Wyoming Shrine Bowl of Wyoming Board of Directors in congratulating these Head Coaches.

From Our Hospital Representative (continued from page 5)

their care.

In our November board meeting, we started the process of building a business plan that specifically addresses the best answer to how we move forward and continue to grow in an environment that meets all the needs of our care model. We are very early in this process and, other than getting options vetted and on paper for consideration, we are not in anyway ready to take a position.

One of the options is to sell our facility and create a new space that meets our needs now and into the future.

Another option is to stay in our facility and make the in-patient/surgery space functional for our operation or to take on a partner and lease that space. These are just two of the possibilities we are considering. Much work must be done, and many decisions will have to be made as we find our way to the right solution.

What is most important for us, as Nobles, is to understand that the care and comfort of our kids and their families will drive any decision we make! Thank you for your patience and we will keep you informed.

I know I have said this before; however, it remains as true today as it has ever been. Thank you for trusting me to represent Korein Temple in this work. I remain committed to doing the best job I can do and will remain available to you to answer any questions you may have. I am proud to be a Shriner; proud to be your Brother and proud to be one of your voices on the Salt Lake City Board of Governors.

Mark Mickelson, PGM, PP
Hospital Representative

Thank You, Swire Coca-Cola & Associated Food Stores!!



The great folks from Swire Coca-Cola and Associated Food Stores visited our SLC Hospital just before Christmas and gave \$25,781.50!!

They also left some new friends for Fezzy.



Black Camel

Byron E. Hacker Cheyenne
 Stephen A. Anderson
 Wheatland
 Charles N. Raffelson
 Cheyenne
 Dr. Roger N. Sybrant
 Casper

Ronald K. White Cheyenne
 Clarence J. Vranish, PGM
 Evanston
 James C. Kochevar
 Kemmerer
 Maurice W. Brown
 Cheyenne

Larry Burt Taylor TX
 John S. Bastian Casper



East-West Shrine Bowl Players Take on Shriners Children's Patients in Friendly Competitions



The competition was fierce on the field at the Ford Center at The Star in Frisco. Players in the East-West Shrine Bowl drilled alongside patients from Shriners Children's in games like "duck duck goose" and wheelchair races.

"That was tough," BYU player Ryan Rico said after a wheelchair race. "She's been giving me lessons, but I'm still not as good as the professor."

"The players are trying to reach their ultimate goal, which is the NFL," Shriners Children's Chief Marketing Officer Mel Bower said. "Every day our patients are trying to reach their ultimate

goal, which is to lead their very best life."

Some patients have prosthetic legs, others are in wheelchairs. Gabby Trujillo, a Shriners Children's patient from Fort Worth, was born without wrist bones.

"I like being special...I feel lucky to have arms and legs so I can run, I can hold my lunch for school," Trujillo said. She added that she loved the event because she got to meet new people. "And meeting other people that are kinda like me, but they have different conditions, and I'm ok with that."

"This is what is special and different about it," Bowers said. "You've got all these

perspective NFL players who are looking forward to the draft, but today what's happening is they're meeting patients from our system who've overcome health challenges each and every day."

"It's really fun," Shriners Children's patient from Eagle Pass said as she threw the football with some of the players.

"Just the love for the game, I think you see, so pure from them," Rico said. "It's an honor to be out here sharing the field with them."

NBC5 Dallas
2/1/2024

52 Club Winners

December

1	C H Brown	Wheatland	\$100
8	Kolbe Christianson	Casper	\$100
15	Bob Conley	Casper	\$100
22	Laramie Shrine Club	Laramie	\$100
25	June Hartman	Casper	\$400 (Christmas Day)
29	Jim Miller	Torrington	\$100

January

1	Disco Harris	Guernsey	\$200 (New Year's Day)
5	Dolly Friedian	Torrington	\$100
12	Pat Ghormley	Rock Springs	\$100
19	Chuck Walker	Rock Springs	\$100
26	Don Mulvey	Cheyenne	\$100

February

2	Janis Seid	Oklahoma City, OK	\$100
9	Tami Milliken	Casper	\$100
14	Kevin Homer	Rock Springs	\$200 (Valentines Day)
16	Matt Frost	San Antonio, TX	\$100
23	Ryan Gilson	Fuquay Varina, NC	\$100

The final two months of the 52 Club calendar will be published in the next edition of the Klarion in May.

If you haven't bought your tickets for the 2024 edition of the 52 Club, contact your local Shrine Club or contact Dave Mertz at 307-441-1030. Dave is also the contact if you find your name listed above as a winner and you haven't received your check at least 7 days after the awarding date.

What's going on in Shrinedom in Wyoming??
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Find out what's new, what's happening any time at:

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Otto Petersen, on Santa's lap, is one of our kids. Dad Bryan, Mom. Whitney and Sister Everlee came with him and they all enjoyed the Brunch and a visit with Santa at the Casper Shrine Club in early December.

Noble Bill Elmore was Santa and Lady Joyce Kennedy was Mrs. Claus.