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Illustrious Potentate Reuben Ritthaler

My goodness how time flies when you are having fun or are sedated. I wish I knew which one describes me. If I knew, I'd get more sedation or definitely have more fun. I think we all need more fun in what has been far to long spent in isolation, depression, the threat of serious illness. Happily, I think things might finally be moving forward. Lady Shelly was front and center to get her first Covid shot. More and more of us are doing likewise. The more we get, the better we feel about gathering together and fellowshipping. Recently we had our first public event at the Shrine. Fittingly it was a wedding, a sure sign we are finally moving forward and hope.

The Jackson Shrine cub held a grand and successful Chariot Race. It made a lot of money for our Shrine Hospital. This is a remarkable achievement considering the sub-zero weather in most parts of Wyoming coupled with the ever-present Covid scourge. Well done Jackson Shrine Club.

A word of wisdom to all, stay the course be patient, we are getting through this. I'm tentatively looking at April for our Potentate's Ball. Since we haven't been able to hold functions, we will combine it with our Spring Ceremonial. Shelly has had centerpieces ready forever and the ladies are all ready to dance. Let's do it.

We are having a 15 gun raffle to raise money. We'll need help from every member to sell tickets to make it a success. We will be getting tickets out soon.

One of our Shrine's pressing issues is our membership. We are addressing our falling membership and what we need to do reverse it. What do we need to do to attract more members and make being a Kalif Shriner more accessible, user-friendly and inviting?

Please consider this and bring forth ideas and suggestions. We need help from everyone.

When we talk about new and more members, remember it is about fellowship and sharing a common goal. Shrinedom is about good fellowship and fun. Let's create more of both. It won't be long until we are comfortable getting together and sharing a laugh, a toast, a dance floor, a hug and a meal with each other. I look forward to the coming day with excitement to see everyone and the deep satisfaction of feeling like we troopered through and came out of the dark together and survived with grace.

May God smile upon us and bless us with all we need, good health, hope and love,

Reuben

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We will resume with the Friday night stag starting in March 5th. Our first dinner will be Spaghetti, salad rolls, and dessert. Join us for so good old much needed Brotherhood. We will be doing a different meal as summer gets closer. Because of the price of beef we will not do steaks yet but our prices will reflect lower cost meals such as 10.00 dollars for March 5th, so we will see you soon - take care.

Scott Stewart President, Kan -o-bulls

Editor's Note

Chin up; it's only a short time until spring? Right now it doesn't feel like it but it will come. Greetings Brothers, I attended the 2nd annual Shrine Chariot Races in Afton over President's weekend and what a great time it was. Please read the SLC Hospital article by Noble Schroeder then make plans for next year. This is a great time for Kalif and Korein and other Temples to get together for the fun and fellowship that Shriners are all about. Maybe we can organize a bus? Lastly I want to thank Noble Lou Scarlett for taking the reins for the Jackson Hole Club and Noble Chris Schroeder for writing such a great review.

On the Calendar for April, I've listed the Ceremonial as tentative as it will depend on the pandemic guidelines as the time. If that doesn't work, Ill. Sir Reuben says we'll keep trying dates in the future, but he expects to have one and combine it with his Potentate Ball.

I want to let you know about a new section of the Kall. Prior to this edition, we only listed donors and memorials to the Travel Fund. Many of you wanted to donate instead to the building fund either in direct donation or as a memorial, so we created a space to recognize your generosity for this important cause as well. Please note, however, that donations to the building fund are not tax deductible.

Again, I want to talk a little about Shriners Wyo. First, I just want to tell you to get your email to us so we can communicate more of what's going on in the Kalif and Korein Shrines in real time. Next, we are now adding Shrine Ladies to the database so they can see a directory of other Shrine Ladies and their contact information. They will not have access to Nobles information or website pages that are exclusive to the nobility. I think this will greatly assist communication in our extended Shrine Family. For your Lady to register have her go to http://shrinerswyo.wildapricot.org/join-us and go to the bottom of the page to put in their information, starting with their email address. When completed I will get an email and approve the request.

Have a great entrance to Spring,

Bill Rathburn,
PP, Editor

Salt Lake City Hospital Fundraiser Report

Nobles,

" IT'S A GREAT TIME TO BE A SHRINER!!!"

Especially in Afton Wyoming when the Western Wyoming Chariot Association (WWCA) and the All American Chariot Association get together.

A few years back, the Jackson Shrine Club made the painful decision to cancel the yearly Cutter Races that had been held for the past 46 years!
Mother Nature just wouldn't cooperate any more.

Enter the WWCA and the All American Chariot Association, who scooped up the ball and have consistently run for a score!

This was the second year for the Afton Shrine Chariots and boy was it a doozy! It all started Friday night with a spaghetti dinner at Dad's Bar in Thayne and Calcutta betting with Kip Attaway providing entertainment. The races started Saturday morning, bright and early at NOON (Did I mention that the Korein Potentate Jesse Sutphin came with friends and had an Oasis room?) We had 14 races the first day, with kid races, a frozen T-shirt contest (you have to un-wad a frozen T-shirt, in the winter, standing in mud) and MORE Calcutta betting, followed Saturday evening with a banquet, dinner, speakers, and..Calcutta!

Sunday, the weather had turned cold and the track froze, so a couple of teams backed out. We delayed till noon thirty to let it thaw. But when they ran, MAN what a race! As you can see, the competitors get a fresh coat of mud with every run!

These horses are born to run. They live for it, they love it, and once they get going, it is hard to get them to stop!

If you have never stood next to the track as these horses come down at full speed, the sound of the hooves in the mud and the chariot wheels is like nothing you have ever experienced. I'll put it up against NASCAR or NHRA any day!
(Did I mention Sunday was even MORE Calcutta betting?)

After all was said and done, $42,000.00 was raised for the Salt Lake Shriners Hospital, and a great time was had by all.

This is a growing event, and we have the community behind us!

We had a contingent of Calam Shriners https://www.calamshriners.com come down, and they had so much fun they are coming back for next year. Do I hear Potentate busses??

I want to close with a special thanks to Toby Merritt and his committed committee: Jennifer Woodie, Jen Barber, Tomi White, Chris Allred, Susan Jaracz, and Noble Lou Scarlett

Words cannot express the debt we owe them. THANK-YOU!

And special thanks to Noble Lou Scarlet for whipping the Fez-wearing cats into line!

Bye for now, see ya next year…
Fraternally,

Brother Chris Schroeder PM

MARCH 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Oriental Band House committee	2 Kefar Club York Rite	3 Lodge #43	4 Lodge #8	5 Stag	6
7	8 Klowns Uniformed Units	9 Jackson Hole Club	10 Chief Washakie Club Bah GueWana Club	11 Scottish Rite	12 Horse Patrol	13 St. Patrick's Day Dinner
14	15 Membership Committee	16	17 Freemont County Club Lodge #43	18 Lodge #8	19 Divan Meeting Stated Meeting	20
21	22	23	24	25 Jackson Hole Hill Climb Powder River Visit	26 Jackson Hole Hill Climb	27 Jackson Hole Hill Climb
28 Jackson Hole Hill Climb	29 Potluck	30	31			

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APRIL 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Lodge #8	2 Stag	3
4	5 Oriental Band House Committee	6 York Rite Kefar Club	7 Lodge #43	8 Scottish Rite	9 Horse Patrol	10
11	12 Kalif Klowns Uniformed Units	3 Jackson Hole Club	14 Chief Washakie Club Bah GueWana Club	15 Lodge #8	16 Divan Meeting Stated Meeting	17 Spring Ceremonial (Tentative)
18	19 Member ship Commitee	20	21 Lodge #43 Fremont County Club	22 Powder River Club	23	24
25	26 Potluck	27	28	29	30	

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$15 PER PERSON $5 KIDS

Greetings Ladies

Dear Friends,

I am excited to report a couple of things to you. Number one exciting thing—we now have a Facebook page. Check out Kalif Shrine Ladies on Face book. Please friend the page. Hopefully we can get all our Kalif Ladies friended and we can share friendships, news of our members, and news on what is going on in a timelier manner. Thank you to my niece Des Ford, an internet genius. She spent the whole afternoon helping me get it up and going. In time we can post more pictures and news. Can't wait.

Next, we have exceeded our goal for making capes for the super-hero walk of love to be held in Salt Lake City in September (105 capes to date). Thank you to all who made capes or are in the process of doing so now.

I would like to do a new fund raiser to help forward the work of our shrine. I have trolled the sales for Pioneer Woman stuff. People got so excited about it in our last raffle. I have some great stuff and I think we should start ticket sales soon to catch the gun shows and spring happenings that are good ticket selling events. I will do a better job of getting tickets out so everyone has a chance to buy and sell them.

I've been sheltering in-place while this last blast of Arctic fun blew through. Thank goodness we are better prepared for sub-zero temperatures, and it ended in a couple of weeks, not non-stop from October to May. My heart broke for our Shrine family in Texas and other places who don't normally have this kind of weather and have been damaged or struggled through it.

Recently while the wind was shrieking around the house and you couldn't see anything out of the windows but swirling white stuff, the heater kicked in with its comforting warm hum. How many people did it take to keep my house warm in the storm? Coal miners, railroaders, power plant operators, electric companies, linemen on the job to keep the lines working. It's the same as the work we do for our Shrine.

How many People does it take to heal a burn and help a child walk? It takes a lot--clear down to the Shrine Ladies at the top of the line who sell raffle tickets, sew blankets and capes, have dinners and support the cause in uncountable ways. A special thanks for all you do.

God Bless and keep you, Lady Shelly

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Klown Alley

Fellow Knobles;

January and February are always slow times for us klowns but spring is around the corner, so we need to think of all the fun and fellowship to be had. We have a temporary parade schedule. I will be getting out courtesy of "JoJo", he is helping me out with all that's gone on. I still think with snow on the ground we need to clean off our costumes, wigs and shoes and put on a smile to start the year out right, amid the covid and everything else a smile cures soo much and as a quote from brother Harland Sanders. "I've only had two rules: Do all you can and do it the best you can. It's the only way you ever get that feeling of accomplishing something."

I do want to say Thank You for all the thoughts and prayers that have gone out for me the past few months.

Matt "Otis" Nielsen
President Kalif Klowns

"Prayer of a Shrine Child"
by Anissa Cantin '06

Thank you God for the Shrine clown
He makes me laugh when I feel down
He makes magic instead of pain
He makes sunshine out of rain

In my heart I really know
To a real job this man must go
A lawyer, a plumber or an engineer
But he gets no pay for coming here

I wonder if his shoes weigh a lot
Or if, like my burns, they get hot
I wonder why he even cares
To visit me in my rolling chair

I'm not sure what brought him here
Other than to bring me cheer
As he leaves I think I see
A tear in his eye, is that for me?

God let him know I think he's great
His visits I appreciate
The time he spends next to my bed
Is the time when sad things leave my head.

Thank you God

In Memoriam

Tom Kuiper

Chuck Lee. P.P.

Robert "Bob" O'Leary

" God rested them in Peace"
To the land of promised rest, Their
work is done and the setting sun
Has sealed their life's request.
They have left this earthly strand
For the house beyond the sea,
Though the past is gone,
They will still live on
To us all– Sweet is our memory

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Come see us at the Oasis. Our new hours are Monday through Saturday from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. We may be there a little later on some evenings or open earlier on special occasions. If you're visiting from out of town, we always want to see you, so stop in and say "howdy" and share the fellowship of Shrinedom. We're currently still using the lower bar which does offer more room for "distancing". We've still been using volunteer bartenders on Saturdays and I want to thank Pam Leeper (and Walter), Chief Rabban Don Pelesky, Nobles John Peterson and Kelly Leeper. They have been great help, and in case you didn't know, several of our regular Nobles and Ladies have been providing food on Saturday nights, so come on down, visit, have refreshment, and get something to eat. Potlucks the last Monday of the month and stag dinners the 1st Friday of the month are back on a regular basis so join us for those. Our next major celebration will be our annual St. Patrick's Day party on Saturday, March 13th with a great meal courtesy of PP Dave Coleman and Lady Vonnie. Again, come see us and support your local Temple Oasis.

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