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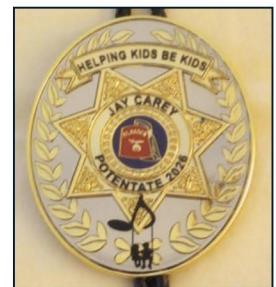
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# Potentate's notes

"So as the year begins we should set our goals and take action to win; don't be stopped by the potholes." ~ Catherine Pulsifer

A new year has begun and we are on our way to new and exciting things at Al Kader. Lady Winnie and I want to thank everyone who attended the Installation of Officers for this 2026 year. Your officers are in place and already working for the best interest of the Temple. We are requesting that each of you consider how you can reach out and assist Al Kader in its growth. Our Chief Rabban will be announcing his fundraising efforts shortly and each and every Noble can help the Temple by participating in the various fundraising events.



This is the time for all of us to review our New Year's resolutions and to see how they fit our goals and action plans for our support of Al Kader Shriners. Let's all get active in the support of OUR Temple. "It takes a village to raise a child," is a message from days gone by but is so true today. Our Clubs and Units are the "children" of the Temple and as such we need to become active in them. We need to attend meetings, be active in their projects and support them in their working for the betterment of our Temple. We also need everyone's support and attendance at our Stated Meetings and events. The more we show support the better we will grow.

This year we are asking all Nobles, Ladies and Masonic family members who wish to attend a social, Stated Meeting, or event to make sure that you use the Reservation Line. Any event that has a RSVP cut-off date will have to be strictly enforced. Due to food cost and the caterer needing a finalized count, anyone who does not call in by the cut-off date, a meal will not be reserved for you. For events, stated meetings, and social event reservations please call the Reservation Line at 503-878-5519. This number is what we are using to receive calls related to all events and socials. You call, leave your name, contact number and the event or social you're calling about. The office will return your call to confirm your reservation and any additional information needed. The office is manned on Wednesdays, so the return calls will be made once a week.

Finally, Lady Winnie and I want to wish everyone a very Happy Valentine's Day. Nobles, don't forget your Lady!

Jay Carey, Potentate 2026

# Chief Rabban's notes

We started off 2026 with a bang. We had a large crowd for the installation. The vibe was great and it was a great way to start the year. Let's keep the enthusiasm going.

There is not a lot on the calendar for February. This is a good time to review the planned events for your club or unit in 2026. Growing a positive image in our communities is important. Look for opportunities to be seen. Remember, the hospital has information materials available if you have a chance to set up a booth or table at a local event.

This month I will be sending out the tickets for the Al Kader Sportsman's Raffle. The tickets will be sent to the clubs and units for distribution to their nobles. This fundraiser will give us a chance to get our finances back on track.

I will be visiting the clubs and units as the year progresses. I look forward to meeting all of you.

Fraternally,  
Blair Hill, Chief Rabban



# Assistant Rabban's notes

Welcome to February.

The year is off to a good start. I.S. Jay's installation was a hit. It was wonderfully attended and it was great to see the Divan from Hillah come up and support.

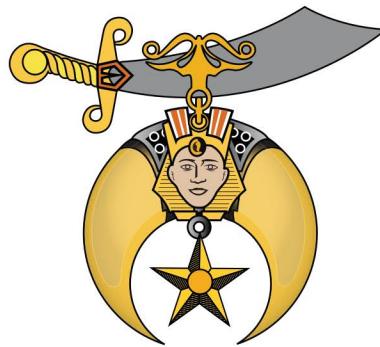
We have a big year coming up and some of the big events this year that we are working on include the Food Caravan. I will be reaching out to the clubs and units in March to get that going. This year's Food Caravan will be at the Fall Ceremonial on October 24th, much like in 2025.

This year we will also be bringing back the Children's Christmas Party on November 28, 2026. The last time this happened was prior to Covid and we had a huge turnout. I would love to see that happen again. I have reached out to many, if not all of the appendant bodies and Grand Lodge about this, as well as a few clubs and units in the general area. If your club or unit would like to help support this, please let me know. I will be scheduling a meeting (in person and Zoom) in February/March. We need help with soliciting donations of toys, snacks, and finances to fund this event. We want to make this a zero cost to Al Kader. We will also need help with decorating the building and putting on games and activities for the children who come.

This year is also the 75th East/West Game on July 25, 2026 in Baker City. It would be amazing to see more Nobles out there and support the players and the Queens and Co-Captains from Shriner's Childrens. With any luck we will also have a Cold Sands out in Baker City as well.

Thank you all for your support and I look forward to working with all of you this year.

Noble Kris Torrey  
Assistant Rabban



# Chaplain's notes

Brother Ben Franklin said that "By failing to prepare you are preparing to fail".

We are fortunate at Al Kader and our Lodges that we have plans with Officers, Masters, Divans and Potentates who spend a lot of time and effort planning. This is also true for our charities, medical systems and our philanthropies.

Do you have a plan? If you have a business, occupation, job or career you probably have a plan. I remember spending considerable time and effort planning. There were weekly, monthly and annual plans. There were also five and ten year plans which I always thought were quite difficult to look that far into the future. But successful businesses and organizations usually spend time and resources planning.

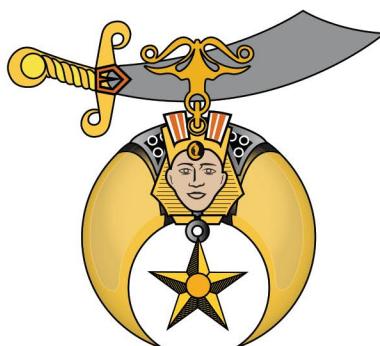
Again, my question – Do you have a plan? Are you planning to become more active in your Lodge and Al Kader this new year? Are you planning to spend more family time this year? Are you planning to take better physical and mental care of yourself this year? Are you planning to be more active this year? Are you planning to hold an office in your Lodge or Al Kader? Do you have a personal plan, a financial plan, and estate plan? The list can go on.

Does your lady and family know about your plans? Have you discussed your financial, legacy, and personal plans with them?

My hope is that you include Al Kader in your plan. Be active, be involved, and consider increased support of our organization. Perhaps show up and be more active and involved. Perhaps consider a financial or other donation to support our organization. There are special needs for our building, activities and budget that can benefit from your support. The support of generous individuals and organizations in the past has improved our facility and our organization.

"If you don't know where you are going, you'll end up someplace else." ~ Yogi Berra

Kenton Wolfe, Al Kader Chaplain



# Oriental Guide's notes

Greetings Nobles and I hope you had a wonderful New Years. First off, I would like to thank everyone for their support, trust and confidence in electing me as your 2026 Oriental Guide. This position comes with a lot of learning and some changes in my path in Al Kader Shrine and Masonry in general. I will do my best to live up to the challenge.

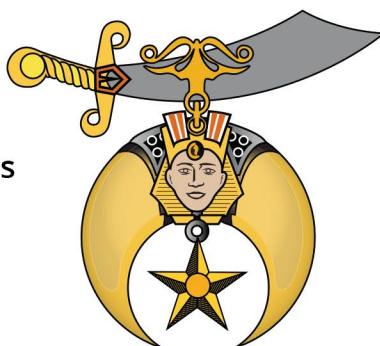
Speaking of challenges, I challenge all to look at their own path(s) and see where it is taking you. Do you look like you represent Shriners when you go to a Shrine event, Blue Lodge meeting, community event, work or even just out for the day or evening? Many times, we walk out the door of our homes without even thinking about our appearance to others. When I say appearance, I'm referring to the image you are presenting to others you interact with or even just pass by at an event or gathering. It is such a simple thing, yet we forget, me included, to do one simple thing to tell the world around us who we are. It is as simple as wearing the Fez when appropriate, a lapel pin on your suit jacket, a pin on another article of clothing such as a hat, shirt or coat. If you have them, wear your Shriner hats, shirts or other items whenever you have the opportunity. Remember, a habit starts with one single action and is then simply repeated.

Be ready to answer questions when you are recognized. Most of the time people ask who we are, what we do, our personal story of becoming a Shriner (brevity is your friend here), and then maybe how do I get involved. These are the most common questions. If we look like and act like we are a walking billboard for Shriners and the Shriners Children's organization, our Shriners network will grow and flourish, as well as Masonry in general. At the end of the day when we take our Fez off, we can take solace in knowing we had a good day and just maybe we made a difference. Wouldn't that be a wonderful feeling when we lay our heads to rest, so we may wake up and do it again tomorrow.

I look forward to this year and all the opportunities it offers and improving myself in the service to the Al Kader Shrine Temple and to you Nobles all.

Fraternal thanks,

Noble Mike Kreger  
Oriental Guide, Al Kader Shriners



## SUDS AND SPUDS

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Family Affair

Join us for an evening of fun and sociability

Bring the family



Saturday, March 14, 2026

Adults: \$25

Children 12 and under: \$10

Oasis 4:00 pm

Dinner 5:00 pm

Entertainment 6:00 pm

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# **FIRST LADY'S RAFFLE**

The First Lady's Raffle is for a Heritage Pendleton Blanket, one of the last to be issued by Pendleton Woolen Mills with the Shrine emblem.



Proceeds from this raffle will go for appropriate tablecloth hangers in the Decorating Room.

Tickets are \$10 and will be available at any stated meeting or social.

Drawing will be at the December Christmas Ball.

# NEWS FROM CENTRAL OREGON

## JANUARY FEZ LUNCH



Our January Fez lunch was held at Laurie's Grill in Bend. We had a great turnout of 9 Nobles and 5 Ladies, who represented Central Oregon Shrine well! Great company and Laurie's did a super job with the food. This is our first stop in giving back and honoring our sponsors for our annual Crab Feed. Laurie's donated \$100 in gift cards for our auction. We will continue to "give back" to our sponsors throughout the year, developing strong partnerships within our community.



# Fez Diners, Pubs and Cafe's

Formerly the  
Fez Lunch



**COME JOIN US FOR LUNCH  
AND FELLOWSHIP WHILE  
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This is open to all Nobles,  
family, friends, Masons and  
potential Masons

**250 W CASCADE AVE,  
SISTERS, OR**

**MARCH 9**

**11:30 AM**

**SISTER'S  
DEPOT**

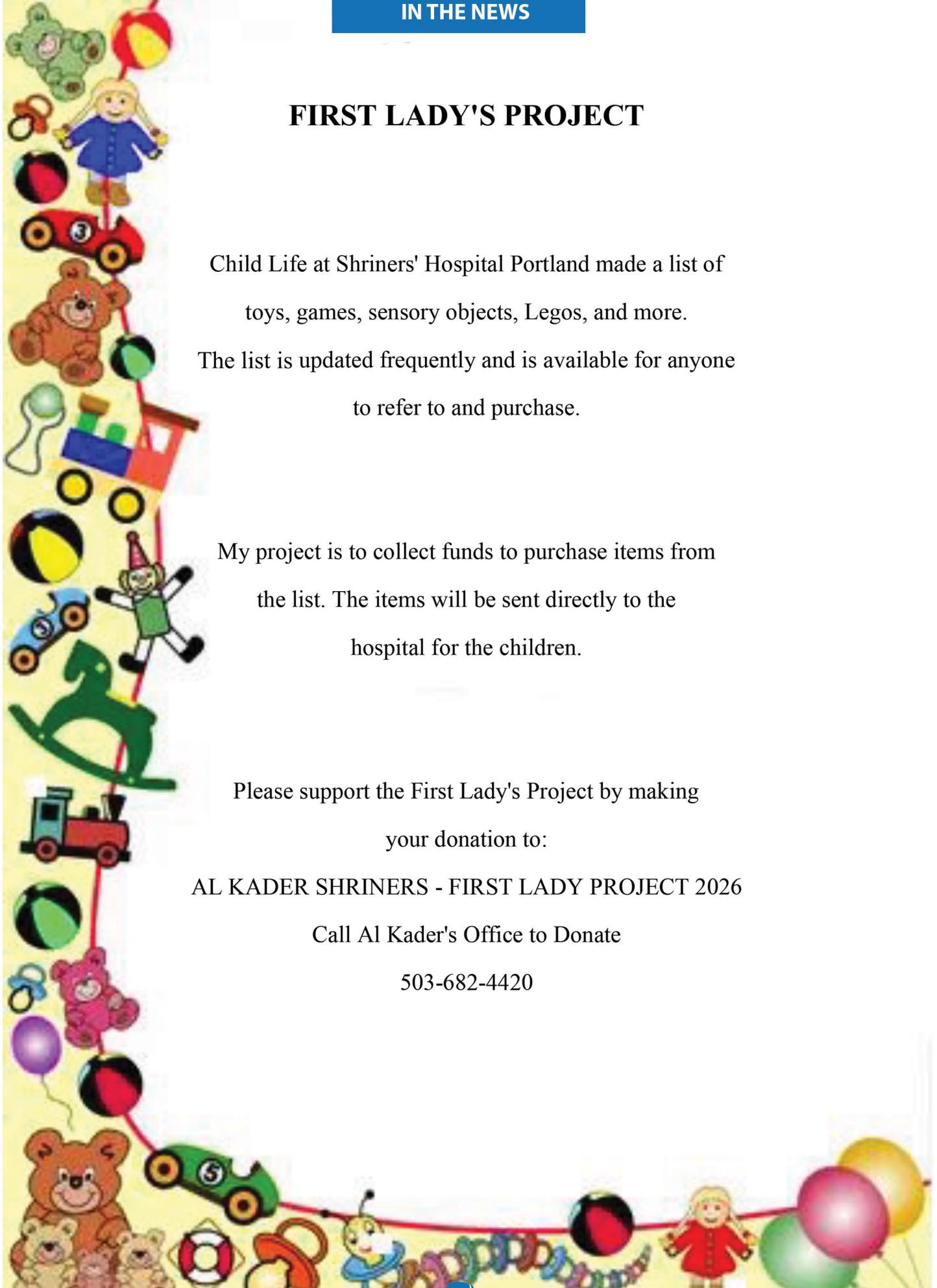


## ***Forklift Experience Needed***

The Al Kader Team needs help occasionally driving our forklift. If you have this special skill or know another Shriner who does, can you please let Michelle or Ron know.



## FIRST LADY'S PROJECT



Child Life at Shriners' Hospital Portland made a list of toys, games, sensory objects, Legos, and more.

The list is updated frequently and is available for anyone to refer to and purchase.

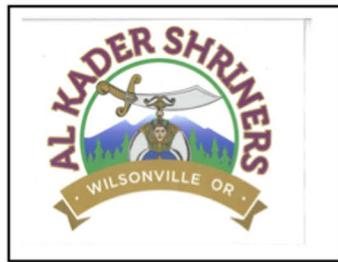
My project is to collect funds to purchase items from the list. The items will be sent directly to the hospital for the children.

Please support the First Lady's Project by making your donation to:

AL KADER SHRINERS - FIRST LADY PROJECT 2026

Call Al Kader's Office to Donate

503-682-4420



## Sportsman's Raffle

October 24, 2026

**TICKETS \$20**

Al Kader Shrine Center  
25100 Parkway Dr., Wilsonville, OR

**51 Winners**

Winners will receive gift cards from Sportsman's Warehouse

**Top prize \$1,000 gift card**

**5 \$750 gift cards**

**20 \$500 gift cards**

**10 \$300 gift cards**

**5 \$250 gift cards**

**Special early-bird drawing on July 4<sup>th</sup>**

**10 \$100 gift cards will be drawn. Early-bird tickets will be put back in the barrel for the top prize drawing.**

**Need not be present to win.**

All proceeds are to support Al Kader Shriners, Wilsonville, OR

# CHAMPOEG LODGE HISTORY STORIES

## Preface & Chapter 2a

Often, some people prefer to read and learn history from stories, not just from dates and places. This is an attempt to tell you some stories so you can read, learn or remember some things Champoeg Masonic Lodge has been all about. We look forward to your responses/stories to tell – send them to me at [StarMason@aol.com](mailto:StarMason@aol.com).

### DR. SEUSS ISN'T LOOSE – Chapter 2a

To paraphrase Dr. Seuss:

"My names not Bauxman or Bisby or Bray  
or Mordecai Ali Van Allen O'Shea,  
I'm not off to great places  
I'm not on my way!"

My name is Champoeg Masonic Lodge and I am not on my way to anywhere. I have been stuck in this same place for over 100 years.

Most of my history lies not in dates and places but in what I have done for others. I went to those same great places watching the movies when Canby's first movie theatre was here and in books when the Public Library was here. I have been home to many of Canby's historic businesses: a pool hall, cigar store, drug store, doctor, variety stores, candy store, music store, and more. I almost was the Post Office and the newspaper office. Upstairs has been an apartment, library, office and more.

I welcomed vets home when America's wars ended, clapped when parades went by, and watched generations grow up. I laughed when the first car rumbled past me, I kept time by the chugs of steam trains and stood through earthquakes and storms. I'm full of over 100 years of great things but I have not traveled 1 foot.

It took over 2 years to plan and build me. The man who built me said I would only cost about \$8,800 (over \$200,000 today). I turned out to cost over \$15,000 (over \$400,000 today). They built me strong enough to hold up 2 wooden buildings.

For many years I was the tallest building in town. At one time, I was dwarfed only by the old volunteer fire tower in downtown Canby.

From afar, I still look the same as I did over 100 years ago. Close-up you can tell I've had numerous "nose jobs," paint jobs and face lifts. I've had at least three different front entrances. About every 10 years I have my roof repaired. I was called "the cats pajamas" when I was young, but today people drive right by me and say nothing.

Masonic meetings were held in me, by candlelight, until 1920 when I got wired for electricity. For my 21st birthday, I received new benches for my dining room, a new paint job and new linoleum upstairs. My 43rd was celebrated with another new paint job. In 1967 my front-room Lodge Room was remodeled. I have been called "warm" and "inviting".

My memory loss issues tend to rise with age. I think I recall that recently I received a new entrance, new stairs, new paint, new windows and {pause} a new elevator. I now have a newer basement, lobby and front windows. My lobby and face have been repainted. I am so awesome!

Sometimes, standing in one place for over 100 years isn't so bad. Oh, I am so special. I have seen so many great things.

Author: John Smith

Source: *Oh The Places You Go by Dr. Seuss*

# Hall of Fame Gala

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Proudly Presents an Evening with Renowned

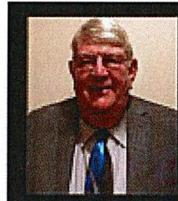
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Elastress Sir Ronald L. Gamble  
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Ovada Chapter



The Honorable John P. Ley  
Friendship Chapter

Oregon DeMolay is proud to announce the selection of our 3 esteemed Brethren to be inducted into the 4th Annual Oregon DeMolay Hall of Fame on April 11, 2026, at Al Kader Center in Wilsonville OR. I would like to take this opportunity to personally invite you to a spectacular evening of tributes, music, and fellowship.

The Oregon DeMolay Hall of Fame was established in 2023 during the Centennial Celebration of Oregon DeMolay to recognize and honor the lives and achievements of Senior DeMolays from Oregon who have lived their lives with excellence, achieved greatness in their fields of endeavor, and truly made a difference in the lives of others.

These DeMolay Brethren will join the esteemed ranks of those who have been bestowed with this high honor, including The Honorable Senator Mark O. Hatfield, Entertainer Mel Blanc, Former Governor Cecil Andrus, Most Worshipful PGM Roland E. Gleason, Former Medford Mayor Albert H. Densmore, Inventor and Author William J. Roesch, Engineer James A. Reardon, and Oregon Masonic Brethren Dale W. Claypool, Spencer H. Benfield, Gregory N. Jordan, Warren R. Cole, Grant I. Sharp, James C. Lamb, Rodney C. Lippert, Weston B. Aanderud, Garth D. Edwards, Dennis R. Dorsett, and Rick Gamble which makes history for the first time with the induction of father and son Brethren Ron and Rick Gamble.

This historic occasion will be an evening of delicious Northwest Cuisine and Wine, Brotherhood, and fitting tributes to our 3 esteemed Brethren. Special guests will include MW Grand Master Marc L. Strong of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, The Grand Junior Councilor of DeMolay International Brad J. Northcutt of Oklahoma, Oregon Secretary of State Tobias Read, and music performed by renowned pianist Myrna Setiawan, as well as rockin' music during the cocktail reception by the Billy and the Rockets Band.

Tickets for this special evening can be purchased through the Oregon DeMolay website at [www.ordemolay.org](http://www.ordemolay.org). Ticket price of \$125 includes a banquet meal with your choice of beef, chicken, or vegetarian. A no-host bar will be available from 5-6 pm during the cocktail reception and throughout the evening. Spouses, significant others, family, and friends are invited to join in this evening of celebration and tributes. Black Tie, Formal, or Dark Business Suit are recommended for this special occasion.

Please join us as Oregon DeMolay and our entire Oregon Masonic Family honors these 3 Brethren for their lifetime of achievement and service to others.

William K. Clark, PIMC | Chairman | Oregon DeMolay Hall of Fame

PURCHASE TICKETS

# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/1/2026	Jack Cooper	2/14/2026	Gary L. Moe
2/1/2026	Johnny D. Garner	2/15/2026	Nathan M. Alexander
2/1/2026	Rodney C. Lippert	2/15/2026	David P. Billings
2/1/2026	Norman G. McLaren	2/15/2026	Brandon R. Curran
2/1/2026	Richard D. Okita	2/17/2026	William R. Heintz
2/2/2026	Steven E. Boos	2/17/2026	Alan D. Strong
2/2/2026	David M. Cramblett	2/18/2026	Dr. David H. Khal
2/2/2026	Bryce Rockwood	2/19/2026	Fadi S. Arnaout
2/4/2026	Jason Z. Levin	2/19/2026	Blair C. Hill
2/4/2026	Sam M. Wade	2/19/2026	David R. Timm
2/5/2026	Bruce W. Dyar	2/20/2026	William B. Allphin
2/5/2026	Ronald J. Eggers, PGM	2/20/2026	Steven W. McCathern
2/5/2026	Richard P. Gerety	2/20/2026	Dana A. Tawney
2/5/2026	Malcolm A. McInnis	2/20/2026	Richard C. Wise
2/6/2026	I.S. Terry L. Griffith	2/21/2026	William H. Davis
2/7/2026	Robert M. Bernstein, MD	2/21/2026	David Gover, III
2/7/2026	Ralph K. Jubb, III	2/21/2026	Louie E. Sansing
2/7/2026	Herbert R. March	2/21/2026	Donald L. Williams
2/7/2026	John L. Nerski, P.P.	2/22/2026	Clyde R. Oliver
2/8/2026	Robert W. Baugh, Jr.	2/24/2026	Victor G. Borlaug, II
2/9/2026	Michael T. Marshall	2/24/2026	Cody High
2/10/2026	Ronald G. Risberg	2/25/2026	Jaren E. May
2/11/2026	Fonte Gladen	2/26/2026	Joseph W. Jarvis
2/12/2026	John A. Bennett	2/26/2026	Chad E. Rice
2/12/2026	Rodney E. Thompson	2/27/2026	Richard J. Gamble
2/12/2026	R. M. Wick	2/29/2026	Francis R. Weatherly

# Mark Your calendar

Please note that all dates and events shown are subject to change without notice.

## February

**February 7th**  
Central Oregon Shrine Club Crab Feed - Bend

**February 8th**  
Live at the Shrine

**February 9th**  
Executive Committee

**February 13th-24th**  
Potentates Cruise to the South Caribbean

**February 28th**  
DeMolay University-  
Upstairs Rainbow Grand  
Worthy Advisor Reception  
Harrington Hall

## March

**March 1st**  
DeMolay Crab Feed

**March 8th**  
Live at the Shrine, 4pm

**March 9th**  
Executive Committee Meeting, 6pm

**March 14th**  
Suds & Spuds Social  
4pm Oasis, 5pm Dinner,  
6pm Entertainment - Family Event

**March 16th**  
Stated Meeting, 5pm  
Oasis, 6pm Dinner, 7pm  
Stated Meeting

**March 21st**  
Caravaners Bazaar

**March 22nd**  
Daughters of the Nile  
Installation

**March 28th**  
Spring Ceremonial

## April

**April 5th**  
Easter Sunday

**April 10th**  
DeMolay Set-up for Hall of Fame

**April 11th**  
Hall of Fame  
(Honoring IS Ron Gamble and two others)

**April 12th**  
Live at the Shrine

**April 18th**  
Hilla Shrine  
Potentates Ball

## Notice of Stated Meetings Monday, March 16th

5pm Oasis - 6pm Dinner - 7pm Stated Meeting

Cost: \$15 - Pre-Paid Reservations Required - Call 503-878-5519

25100 SW Parkway Ave Wilsonville, OR 97070

2026 Dues Card Required

By Order Of: Jay Carey, Potentate - Attest: IS Ron Gamble, Recorder

For all club/unit meeting dates and times, visit [alkadershriners.org](http://alkadershriners.org)

With your phone in camera mode, hover over the QR code above to go directly to the Al Kader Events Webpage!

