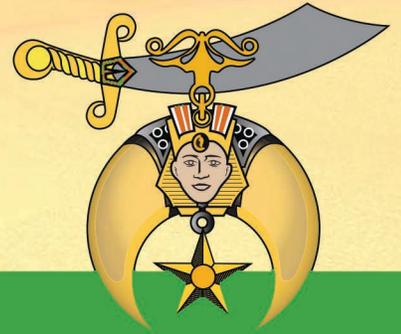


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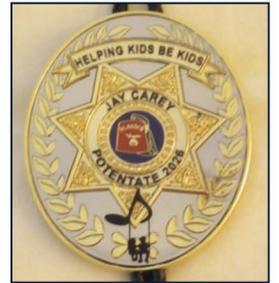
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Potentate's notes

"Alone we plan, together we build wonders beyond expectation." – Ava Mercer

The industrialist Andrew Carnegie once said, "Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision... It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results." This is true for our lives within the Nobility and Al Kader Temple. We have often spoken of the need for each and every Noble to determine how you can best offer your individual services to the Temple, Clubs and Units. By coming together we can build a strong and active team.



So how do we accomplish this? The best way is to participate in the activities at the Temple, attend meetings and socials, and be active in your Clubs and Units. Our Spring Ceremonial is coming up at the end of March and your assistance is requested. Our Ritualist Unit is looking for a "few good men" (aka Nobles) to join them and help to make the experience for our Candidates a memorable one. If you are interested please contact IS Forrest Hatch; he is taking the Director's role for this year. We are always looking for Candidates and if a Noble knows of someone, please contact Noble Kris Torrey, Membership Chairman for 2026. He will follow-up with the Brethren to insure they're moving forward in their Masonic journey into our Nobility.

We are entering Parade season and the opportunity is there for everyone to come out and show the Fez. The schedule is forthcoming from our Director and Assistant Director of Units. To make sure that each Club and Unit is ready to go, please check over your items and do a pre-maintenance safety check. Our Chief Rabban, Noble Blair Hill is handling the fundraisers this year and is putting out the information about the various opportunities each Noble has; join your fellow Nobles and get in on the fun and help raise money for your Temple.

We are also asking the Clubs and Units as well as individuals to consider sponsorship for the various Socials, Stated Meeting dinners, Ceremonials and special activities. If you are of the mindset to do so please send a check to the Recorder with "sponsorship for xxxx" in the Memo Line. We are thankful for your participation.

We wish everyone a great Spring and, in particular, Happy St. Patrick's Day "Erin go Bragh."

Jay Carey, Potentate 2026

Chief Rabban's notes

Now is the time for all good nobles to come to the aid of their temple. For several years we have been dealing with financial challenges. Annually, we have cut the budget and with the support of clubs and units we have reduced the draw on our investments.

Now we are introducing a new fund-raising event that should help us get closer to operating in the black, The Sportsman's Raffle. This type of raffle is used by many temples across the country with great success. And it does not require any labor at the event. It just requires all of us to sell some raffle tickets. **And your club or unit will receive 10% of their tickets sales.**

We will also have a ticket booth at the Molalla Rodeo in July. If you have a local event that would allow us to sell tickets, I can send extra tickets

Here's how it works: \$20 per ticket ---

Sales begin in March. Tickets will be sent to clubs and units for distribution to members. 51 Prizes will be drawn for varying amounts on gift cards from **Sportsman's Warehouse**.

Top prize \$ 1,000 gift card

Other prizes:

5 - \$750 gift cards 20 - \$500 gift cards
10 - \$300 gift cards 5 - \$250 gift cards

An early-bird drawing will be held July 4th for 10 - \$100 gift cards. Early bird tickets will be put back into barrel for October drawing.

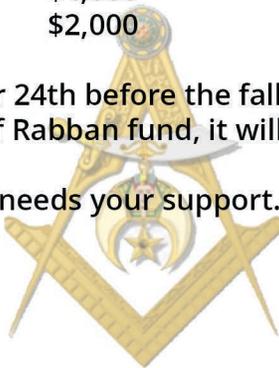
How much can we make:

Target	Tickets	Sales	Net Income	Club/Unit Share
\$60,000	3,000	\$40,000	\$4,000	
\$40,000	2,000	\$20,000	\$2,000	

The drawing will be done on October 24th before the fall ceremonial. The money raised by the fund-raiser will not be just for the Chief Rabban fund, it will help cover all temple expenses.

Now let's sell some tickets. Al Kader needs your support.

Blair Hill
Chief Rabban



Assistant Rabban's notes

March is upon us.

I hope everyone had a good February and enjoyed a slower month at the center. We are now working on picking things back up now that the Potentate's trip is over.

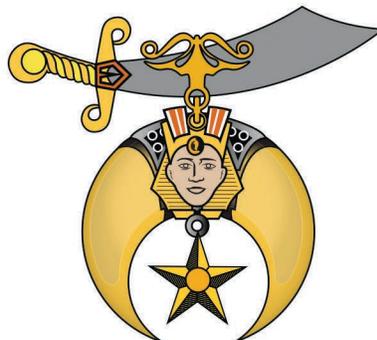
This month we will have the Spring Ceremonial. If you have anyone who is wanting to become a Shriner, please get them to go to www.BeAShrinerNow.com so we can get them in the ceremonial. The sooner the better. Membership is not just for the Membership committee, it is the duty of all Nobles.

This ceremonial will include Afifi Shriners, as we are doing some courtesy work for them. Ceremonial is scheduled for March 28th and will be of a similar structure as it was in 2025. Dinner that night will be sponsored by the Mayan Tribe and will be a Taco feed for \$30 per person.

We are also starting workup for the Children's Christmas party on November 28, 2026. Please considering volunteering to help or having your club or unit sponsor this event to help provide an amazing experience for children in our community.

Lastly, as always, it is an honor to serve Al Kader and the Nobility. I look forward to continuing to serve you all.

Noble Kris Torrey
Assistant Rabban, Al Kader



Chaplain's notes

Compassion and empathy are not as common in today's world as they should be. Fortunately, in our Brotherhood in Lodge and Shrine there is so much of both practiced. I often think how wonderful our world would be if more people practiced the precepts of our fraternities.

I find it refreshing that religion and politics are not discussed. We can and do have respectful discussions and might not agree on everything but work together for the common good. Our philanthropy is based on so many dedicated talented people managing and volunteering for the success of our Shriners Children's medical system. What a great example of compassion and empathy!

Compassion and empathy are practiced often as we care for our members, ladies and families. In Al Kader we have many opportunities to get to know and care about each other. Did I mention we also do a lot of good and have fun, too?

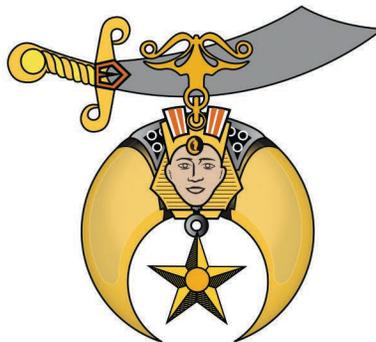
As you can see in our Al Kader website, social media and this publication we have so many activities going on at our Shrine. We need to continue to support our organization and benefit from the many opportunities for fellowship as we practice compassion and empathy. Show up at some of our many activities, find something of interest or start something you can be enthusiastic about. Did I mention we have a lot of fun too?

"Compassion and tolerance are not a sign of weakness, but a sign of strength."

"Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them, humanity cannot survive."

Both from the Dalai Lama

Kenton Wolfe, Al Kader Chaplain



High Priest & Prophet's notes

Greetings to all,

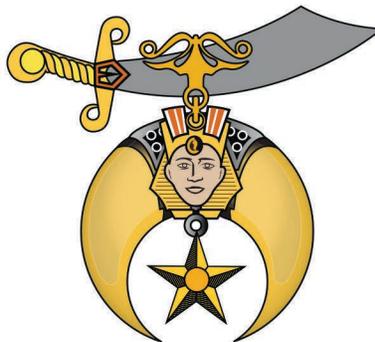
First and foremost, I would like to thank everyone that elected me to the position of High Priest and Prophet of Al Kader Shrine, thank you so much! I would like to apologize for taking so long to write an Article in the Oasis, I have been having a difficult time trying to figure out how to express what I would like to say, and no, I do not have a problem expressing my feelings! My issue is that like every elected Divan member and Potentate that has been here, and will be here in the future, has had one thought on their mind, and that question is, "How do I make Al Kader Shrine better than when I first joined this organization?" Every fraternal organization that I belong to talk about the same thing. We need to focus on "NEW MEMBERSHIP!" I agree to disagree, yes, we need new members, but I truly believe we need to focus on the membership we have. If we continue to focus on everyone else outside of the Shrine, we will end up running out of energy to take care of ourselves. We truly need to start working on ourselves, physically, mentally, and spiritually, this way we can continue helping others!

Cindy and I would like to start a new club, (Shriners Health & Wellness Club). Our mission would be to meet once a week, and we would be focusing on low impact chair or standing exercises that would last about 20-30 minutes, walking on good days or round table conversations.

Cindy and I would like to start rebuilding Al Kader Shrine from within to create EXTERNAL GROWTH for the future!

Old age is a great thing; I have finally learned to multi-task! I sneeze and pee at the same time!

Dennis Harris,
High Priest and Prophet



SUDS AND SPUDS

a

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

(NOTE 4:00 pm Start Time to accommodate for young children)

Reservations Line 503-878-5519

IN THE NEWS

Star
Princess
(New Ship)

2027

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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.

AL KADER
SPRING CEREMONIAL
and
TACO FEED

Saturday, March 28, 2026

Ceremonial 2:00 pm

Oasis 5:00 pm

Dinner 6:00 pm

Followed by Entertainment

\$30.00 per person
Call reservation line
503-878-5519

Reservation cut-off March 25
(No exceptions)

Sponsored by Multnomah Mayan Tribe



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Formerly the
Fez Lunch



**COME JOIN US FOR LUNCH
AND FELLOWSHIP WHILE
SUPPORTING OUR SPONSORS**

**MARCH 9
11:30 AM**

**SISTER'S
DEPOT**

This is open to all Nobles,
family, friends, Masons and
potential Masons

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

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.

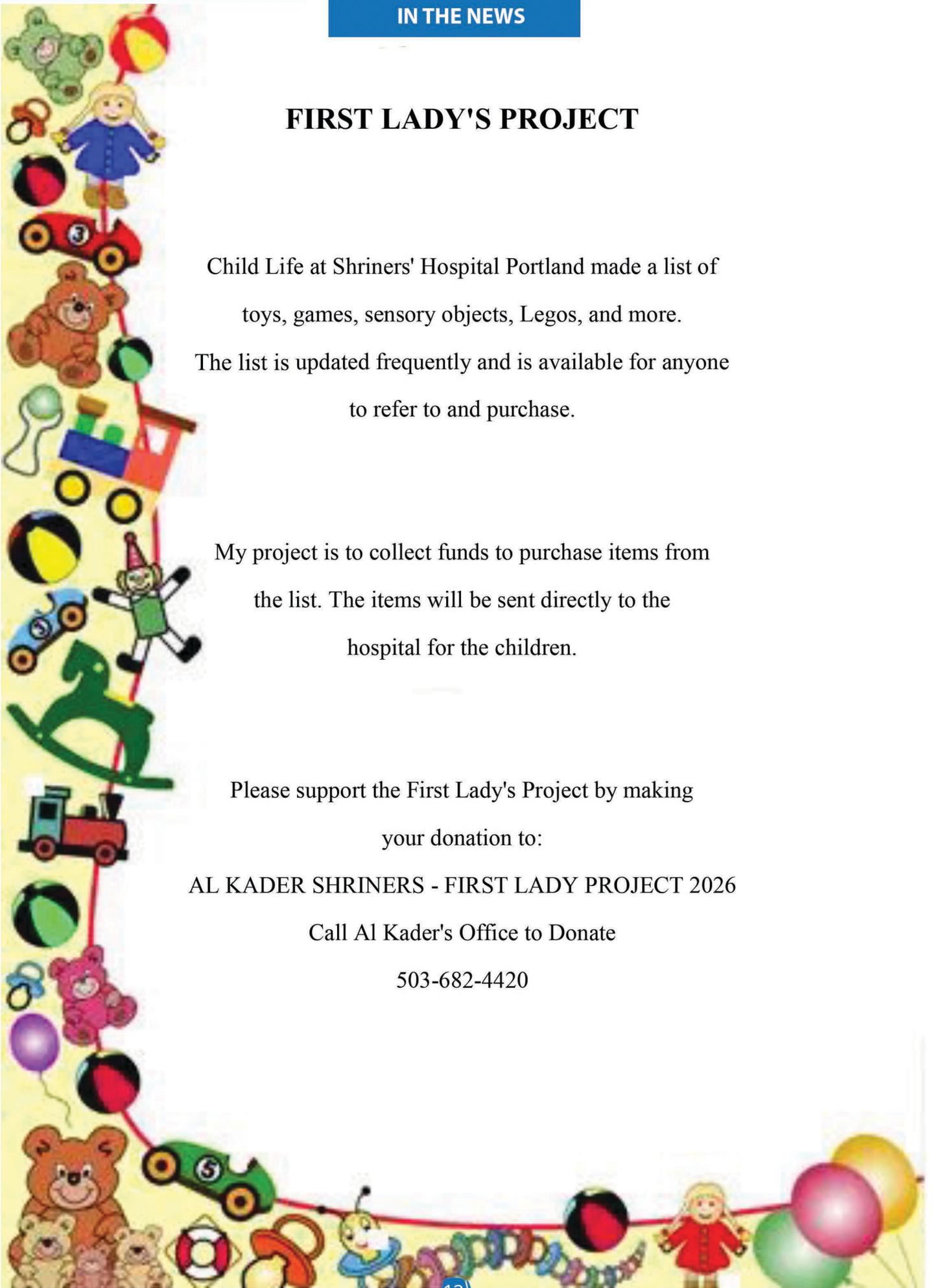
My project is to collect funds to purchase items from the list. The items will be sent directly to the hospital for the children.

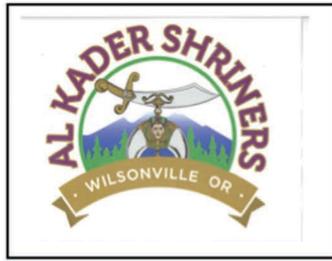
Please support the First Lady's Project by making your donation to:

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 4th

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

BOG Meeting Highlights

Please share these highlights with your temples.

- Shriners Children's Portland provided care to 31 international patients in 2025, continuing to uphold our mission of serving more children in more places as we work toward achieving our Vision 2035 goals.
- Care Management was featured in this month's department spotlight for its exceptional dedication, collaboration, and commitment to patient-centered care. The team plays a vital role in care coordination, patient advocacy, and ensuring positive outcomes across the continuum of care, including support of excellent translator services that promote clear communication and equitable care for our patients and families.
- The annual A.B.A.T.E. toy run was a tremendous success, thanks to the efforts of all volunteers, patients, and speakers. In addition, seven toy drives were conducted on our behalf, resulting in the purchase of over 100 items from the Amazon wish list. Watch KPTV coverage of [A.B.A.T.E](#) and [adaptive gaming donation](#).
- Please save the dates for our 2026 philanthropy events: Sips of Spring on April 9 at Battle Creek Cellars in Portland, the Shriners Children's NW Classic on May 15 at Nile Shrine Golf Course in Mountlake Terrace, WA, Walk for LOVE on September 12 in Portland, and Taste of Fall on October 22 at Battle Creek Cellars in Portland. Each event offers a wonderful opportunity to come together, support our mission, and make a difference in the lives of the children we serve. We look forward to your participation and support.
- We are pleased to welcome Greg Eskue as our new Director of Plant and Facilities. With extensive experience in facility management, he will enhance operations, support ongoing projects, and ensure a safe, well-maintained facility.
- The Portland Board of Governors is accepting applications for terms starting in 2026. Please reach out to your Temple Recorder for more information.

From Our Medical Staff:

Presentations

Michelle Welborn, M.D.

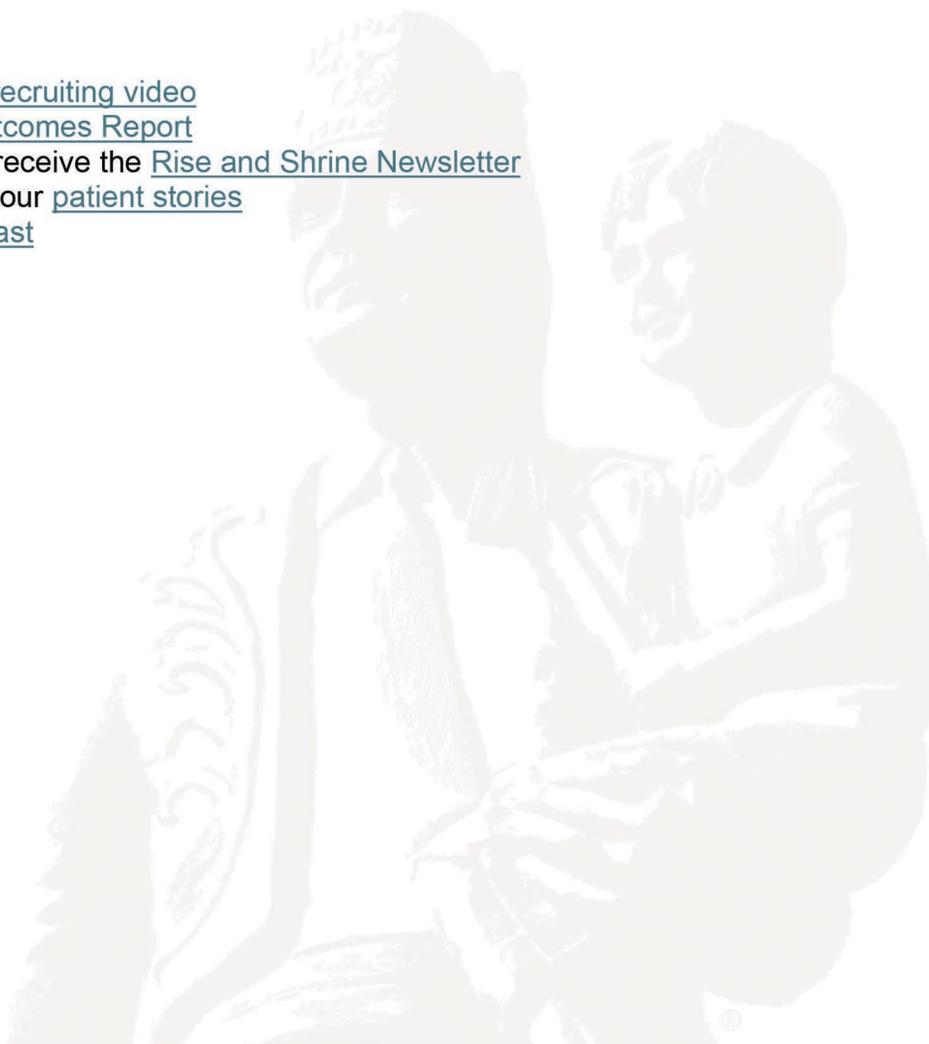
- Invited Faculty, International Pediatric Orthopaedic Symposium – Orlando Florida, December 2025

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DOI: 10.1007/s43390-025-01253-2
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DOI: 10.1016/j.jor.2025.12.038

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Al Kader Shrine Ladies
Nydia Temple No. 4 Ladies
and
Al Zahrah Court #58 Ladies

You are cordially
invited
to a
TEA PARTY
as a guest of
Al Kader Shrine Nobles

Saturday, May 16
11:30 AM

Al Kader Shrine Center
25100 SW Parkway Ave
Wilsonville, OR 97070

Call reservation line
to RSVP
503-878-5519
Reservation cut-off May 13



Daughters Of The Nile Welcome Back Supreme Queen Kathy & Make Third Million Dollar Donation To Shriners Children's Portland

On February 19-21, 2026, Nydia Temple No. 4, Daughters of the Nile held a Homecoming event for Supreme Queen Kathy Walliker, as she returned from her year of travels around the world visiting Daughters of the Nile Temples.

This event brought in roughly 120 members of Daughters of the Nile from all over the USA and Canada as well as Nobles from multiple Shrine Temples from the same footprint.

The weekend consisted of food, games and fun activities. Friday, after a great breakfast, everyone took a pilgrimage to Shriners Children's Portland where a presentation on the activities of the Hospital was given to the guests. This was followed by a Presentation to Supreme Queen Kathy in recognition for the 3rd Million Dollar donation to Shriners Children's Portland. Kathy received a plaque in honor of this and IS Leslie Stewart, MD gave some wonderful remarks about how Daughters of the Nile has provided support to the Hospital System over the years. Following this, there was a dedication of a rose garden in honor of Kathy Wallike.

It was an honor to have represented Al Kader at once in a lifetime event.



Ladies of the Daughters of the Nile Foundation with Supreme Queen Kathy Walliker with Nobles in attendance.

March Birthdays

3/2	Jack H Allen	3/15	Ronald E Bucher
3/2	David C Coffing	3/15	Theodore J Balestreri
3/3	Mace A Cadwell	3/17	James M Sonsteng
3/3	James W Kinkead	3/18	Robert A Chapman
3/3	Donald R Andreasen	3/18	Kevan J Snyder
3/3	Jason Zwick	3/19	Ted A Baker
3/3	Kelly Nobles	3/22	Herschell J Conklin
3/4	E P Estep	3/23	Lloyd W Henson
3/4	Rodney J Bartholomew	3/24	Ralph C Mitchell
3/4	Michael J Thomas	3/24	Mark L Posler
3/4	Hunter R Thompson	3/24	Heath R Brandenburg
3/5	Robert K Swan	3/25	Earl D Barton
3/6	Richard O Berg	3/25	William A Martin
3/7	Gary Thomas	3/25	Paul W May
3/8	Kenton A Wolfe	3/26	Duane W Hugulet
3/9	Bradley D Horn	3/26	Robert H Brown
3/9	Austin Bennington	3/26	Casey J Rucker
3/12	Ronald L Kunze	3/28	Dannie L Adamson
3/12	Shawn Callaway	3/28	Jeffery A Rollman
3/12	Gregg S Miles	3/29	Ernest H Winterton
3/12	Damon Vanbeek	3/29	Michael Legorreta
3/12	Brian R Hellman	3/30	James A Michaelis
3/12	Robert F Root III	3/30	Kelly L Barnett
3/14	Roger W Rees PP	3/31	Rex J Harrison
3/14	Rick Igou	3/31	Fred J Warner Jr
3/14	Nicholas Johns		

Mark Your calendar

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

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

May

May 2nd
Newport Parade

May 9th
East/West Committee
Meeting - Bend

May 10th
Live at the Shrine

May 16th
Ladies Tea

May 18th
Stated meeting - Bend

May 23rd
DeMolay Conclave
Luncheon - Pendleton

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

