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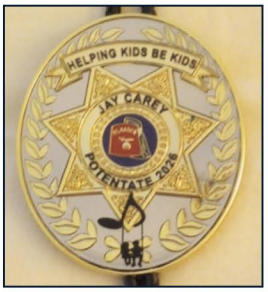
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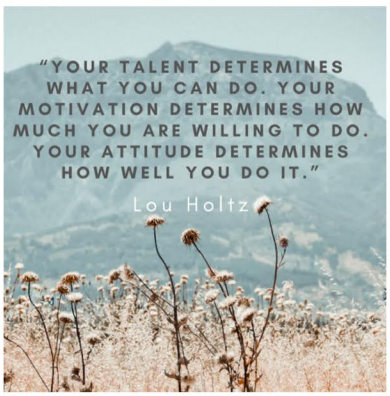
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Potentate's notes



The Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are approaching us rapidly. We will be having a busy couple of months at the Temple and hope that every Noble will make a concerted effort to attend as many as possible. This includes the Veterans Day Parade, Children's Christmas Party, CR Night, Stated Meeting on December 7th where we will elect the leadership for 2027, the Potentates Tie and Tinsel Ball, and many other opportunities to bring Shrinedom into your lives. For a list of activities please read the Oasis and review the last page for the calendar.

As I write this, we just completed the Fall Ceremonial, Food Caravan and Western Night Social. A special thanks goes out to Noble Kris Torrey for overseeing this year's Food Caravan, to the Masonic youth groups that showed up to help out the Caravan, to the Ritualist for a great and meaningful Ceremonial and the Oriental Band for their sponsorship and handling the Western Night Social. We had a great turn out for the Social and everyone really enjoyed the dinner and music. Noble Kris emceed the Food Caravan results during the evening and the early estimate is over $102,000 dollars raised for the Shriners Children's Hospital Portland. We had the privilege of having the Hospital Administrator, Dereesa Reid and Ian Kennedy, Director of Nutritional Service, as our special guest, who spoke about their thanks and gratitude for the efforts of the Food Caravan and how it is a major benefit to the hospital. The enthusiasm shown by the Nobles and Ladies is leading the effort to grow the Al Kader Shriners. In the words of a true Southern gentleman I knew, "Y'all come back now, ya hear." Come be part of our continuing growth.



Have a blessed Thanksgiving and holiday season.

Keep showing the Fez!!

Jay Carey, Potentate 2026

Chief Rabban's notes

As we start the holiday season, it is a good time for reflection; not just in your personal and family life, but also for your Masonic and Shrine life. Were you as active as you could have been at your lodge or shrine club/unit? Did you represent the lodge and temple positively in your community? Did you look for opportunities to promote our hospital's services? Your actions and visibility in our communities influence the public perception of our Masonic family.

We should all look for opportunities to participate in events at our lodge and Al Kader events. In our communities we should help plan and participate in our club's community events. And for the hospitals, we should always be looking for opportunities to make the communities aware of the services that are available. The hospital has materials available for hand-outs.

We have a light schedule of events in November. The Veterans Day parade in Albany is an all-units event. Chief Rabban night is scheduled for November 14th. Wear your plaid and come out for a good social evening and a presentation about my plan for next year. Finally, on the 28th, we will have our Christmas party for children. On November 25th - 27th we will need your help to decorate the temple that event.

Fraternally,
Blair Hill
Chief Rabban
541-231-9762
Hill1948,bh@gmail.com



Assistant Rabban's notes

October came and went with a blur for me. The month was full of events, meetings and trainings galore.

I attended what was once called Assistant Rabban School, but now known as Kosair for Kids Advanced Leadership Seminar. For two and a half days, Divan from all over the world met up in Tampa, Florida for this course and we had classes on budgets, conflict resolution, fundraising, Shrine law, Vision 2035 and much more. It was a great time and I fully enjoyed the collaboration with my peers from across the world. Some of the big take away's for me is always the updates on the hospital system. The old adage of saying we are 22 hospitals is long gone. The information presented lists the following 159 access points for patients worldwide:

- 14 hospitals
- 2 ambulatory surgical centers
- 5 clinics
- 8 offsite clinics
- 36 domestic outreach locations
- 16 international outreach locations
- 78 telemedicine locations

The 2025 statistics for serving patients: we are serving patients in all 50 States and US Territories and 154 Countries, 30,055 surgeries, 57,809 new patients, 166,059 rehab visits, 45,592 inpatient days, 227,697 clinic procedures, 270,883 outpatient visits, 21,088 telehealth encounters, 62,314 prosthetics and orthotics delivered, and with over 1.4 million donors. Since 1922, we have helped nearly 2 million children and families.

Every time I see the updated numbers of what our healthcare system does, my pride in our Fraternity expands. Every child we help, regardless of the families ability to pay or insurance status, is a badge of honor and something we should be proud of as Shriners.

I look forward to an amazing month in November and many more years serving Al Kader and Shriners Children's.

Noble Kris Torrey
Assistant Rabban

Chaplain's notes

I am a flatlander that spent my career in the Midwest. I find the many bridges of the Portland area interesting. Portland is sometimes known as "Bridgetown" as it has twelve bridges crossing the Willamette within the city limits. Many other cities around the world have bridges also. There are many types and uses of bridges of varying beauty around the world.

Think about what it was like before bridges to cross rivers around Portland and how easy it is today to get around our area.

We also have bridges of change and bridges between people if we use bridges as a verb. As Shrine Masons we have many bridges between people and between our various related organizations. Are you building bridges or tearing them down? Are you participating in your Lodge and inviting Brothers to Al Kader Shrine activities? Are we building our bridges? We are fortunate in Oregon to have great bridges between Masons, Shriners, our various organizations and clubs. Are you doing your part?

Are we building bridges with our new members in our Lodges and at Al Kader? Do we greet them and make them welcome? Do they return and bring more potential members? Do we build good bridges between our members, clubs, and units? Do we build good bridges between our Shrine and our hospital system? Do we build good bridges between our organizations, our families, and communities? Do they know who we are and what we do?

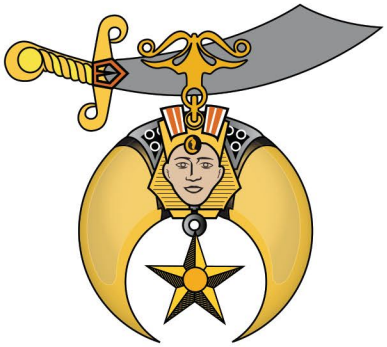
I certainly am not smart enough to provide answers to all my questions but know that we need to participate and build good bridges. We need to continue to work and pray for peace among all nations, peace among all people and good bridges among everyone.

Refer to the Imperial Shrine website WebFez, this issue of the Oasis Magazine, the Al Kader website, your lodge newsletter and Grand Lodge magazine and website for information on all the many activities and participate. Show up. You will benefit from our fraternities as well as yourself. Did I mention, you might have fun too?

All wise people share one talent in common – the ability to listen.

The mind must be like a parachute; it is functioning only when it is open.

Kenton Wolfe,
Al Kader Chaplain



NEWS FROM CENTRAL OREGON

October Fez “Happy Hour”



Central Oregon did something a little different, by changing our Fez lunch to a Fez “Happy Hour” and it turned out very successful! Seven Nobles and four ladies met at 3pm at the Willamette Valley Vineyards Tasting Room in Bend for a late lunch.

Willamette Valley Vineyards has been a stellar sponsor for our Crabfeed, donating several hundreds of dollars in services and merchandise. It was such an honor to be able to support them, as they support us! Everyone enjoyed themselves and so we will look, occasionally, at a later lunch in the future.

2026 Food Caravan



The Food Caravan has been active for over 70 years and the Central Oregon Shrine Club has participated every year. Even during the pandemic, COSC was the only Club that continued with the caravan and took food directly to Shriners Children's. This has been our passion and remains one of the highest priorities for the Club.

Central Oregon partners with Local Acres Market, in Bend, and purchases the food for our caravan. Each year they add to our contribution, this year donation over $3000. We went above and beyond what we have ever donated with a grant total nation.



o excited to be able to do d the Club puts on. If it have throughout Oregon .

n with corporate support.



L-R: Vic Borlaug, Roy Moore, Bill Quier, Terry Griffith, Lee Ransdall, John Pinckney



This year COSC delivered 5 pallets of food. Pres Roy Moore standing with the pallets.



The group from Central Oregon: Terry & Debby Griffith, Roy Moore & Connie Hathaway, Matt Alexander & Bill Quier, Lynne & Vic Borlaug

Ceremonial

The Central Oregon Shrine Club played an important part in the Fall Ceremonial, with two of our Nobles taking active roles as ritualists. 2nd Ceremonial Master Matt Alexander and Noble Vic Borlaug assisted with the Ceremonial. Both enjoyed this opportunity and will surely be ready for the next one!



L-R: 2nd Ceremonial Master Matt Alexander, Noble Vic Borlaug

Star Princess (New Ship)

2027

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CHIEF RABBAN NIGHT

FRIENDSGIVING

It's a Plaid, Plaid, Plaid, Plaid World

NOVEMBER 14TH

Wear your favorite Plaid shirt, coat, pants, socks, pajamas, or any other plaid garment.

Oasis at 5pm,

Dinner at 6pm - Pork Tenderloin $35.00.

Music during Oasis provided by

The Al Kader Concert Band.

Program after Dinner.

Reservations Required - Call 503-878-5519

CONCERT BAND

By Noble Jeff Zimmerman

The Concert Band resumed rehearsals late in September after our normal summer hiatus. We came back strong with musicians anxious to be playing as a group, again.

We are beginning our 2026-2027 season with a handful of performances on the schedule, so we are working on some new music, some old favorites, and of course the annual obligatione for the holiday season. Our whole group is up for the challenge of making our individual sounds blend into a euphonious sound-cloud of pleasure. Well anyway, we enjoy what we do.

I've noticed in the last couple of issues of the Oasis that other Clubs and Units are promoting their groups and trying to entice Shriners to join them in the different interests that each of them are involved in. There isn't a bad choice among them, all Al Kader Clubs and Units are great at supporting the Shrine and our hospitals.

However, the Concert Band can offer some opportunities and benefits that most other Clubs and Units can't. To play with the Concert Band you don't have to be a Shriner or even related to a Shriner. The only prerequisite is to have at least the fundamental musical skill with a standard band instrument, and a desire to make music with other players. If you haven't played your instrument for years or even decades, or you've always wanted to switch to a different instrument, our group can help you grow and improve to a level that will keep you playing for years. Or, maybe you are at a professional or near professional level, then you can help our group grow and improve. It's a win-win for all of us.

The opportunities are clear, but what are the benefits? Two of the biggest are the band's camaraderie and the chance to serve the Shrine and support all it stands for. Learning and reading music also benefits your brain by keeping you mentally active, creative, moving, and — of course — breathing deeply. Making music can help you feel younger and remain in enjoyable pursuit of growth toward perfection well into later life.

So, if you are (or used to be) a musician of any skill level and would like to enjoy the thrill of making music with the friendliest, most inviting group of performers in the area, call me, Jeff, at 503-729-9918 or contact any Concert Band member and let us share our merry-making-music with you.

How to Pay Your Al Kader Dues

A Step-By-Step Guide

Dues must be paid online via Webfez or by Check to Al Kader's office. The office will no longer accept credit card payments for dues to reduce card processing fees.

Step 1: Log into Webfez.
https://webfez.shrinenet.org/

Step 2: At top of page you will see your balance for your dues owed.
Click the Button "Pay my Bill."
The system will give you a pop up letting you know that you are being redirected to the pay portal. Click Continue.

Step 3: Enter your payment information. and click "Submit Payment"
a reciept will automatically be sent to your email address on file.

To pay by check please mail to:
Al Kader Shriners
25100 SW Parkway Ave
Wilsonville, OR 97070

POTENTATE'S TIE AND TINSEL CHRISTMAS BALL

Celebrate the Holiday Season in Style

Come to the Tie and Tinsel Christmas Ball

Wear your Black Tie and Formal

Dance to the Music of the Live at the Shrine Band

Saturday, December 12

5pm Oasis
6pm Dinner
7:30 Awards

Appetizers
Chicken Anaheim and Salmon
Vegetables Normandy, Herb Orzo
Assorted Desserts

Tickets $50 per person

Call reservation line to RSVP
503-878-5519
Reservation cut-off December 4

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



OPEN TO CHILDREN OF ALL



LOCATON: 25100 SW PARKWAY AVE, WILSONVILLE OR 97070
DOORS OPEN AT 10AM

Date of Event:
NOV 28
2026

- COME MEET SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS
- THE GRINCH
- STORYTELLING
- CHRISTMAS CLOWNS
- GAMES, ACTIVITES, SNACKS AND MORE



Contact Noble Kris Torrey for more information or how to help.
kristopher.torrey@gmail.com or 541-324-3389

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

2026 FOOD CARAVAN







The 2026 Food Caravan has come to an end, and I am ecstatic with the results. So many clubs and units from Al Kader and Hillah contributed and made this year such a success.

The morning started off with quite a few Daughters from Oregon Job's Daughters and 3 DeMolay coming to help unload the trucks and place all the items on the pallets. Central Oregon Shrine Club arrived with 4 trucks full of food!!!!! Thank you to the Daughters and DeMolay for all your help. Without your continued support every year, we would struggle to get everything unloaded. I also want to thank Noble Dennis Harris for taking the time to transport all of the collected food to the storage facility where all the hospitals goods are kept.

Throughout the evening donations kept coming in. We received several personal donations and many from Clubs and Units. The overall total donations received for 2027 was $102,516 as of the date of the Food Caravan. I have been told that some more donations will be coming in over the next few weeks as Clubs finalize what they can give.

I would like to highlight the biggest contributors to this event. Central Oregon Shrine Club with $13,349.44 of food and cash donations. Every year Central Oregon outdoes the previous year, and they plan to make next year even better. Thank you, Central Oregon Shrine Club, for all your hard work and dedication to the Food Caravan.

The largest contributor to this for many years has been Harney County Shrine Club with the facilitation of the meat donations from the annual FFA/4H auctions at the Harney County Fair in September. Since this started, Noble Bill Quier has facilitated over $1,000,000 in value of meat going to Shriners Children's Portland. There is no level of gratitude we can give him for all he has done.

We can't forget to thank the Oriental Band for renting the truck that picks up the meat from Harney County and delivers it for the hospital. Speaking of Oriental Band, they put on another amazing Western Night with what could be called world-class BBQ and the most amazing baked beans. Not only did they feed us and provide the entertainment, but they also donated all the proceeds of the evening to the Food Caravan, Over $2,500!!!







Other Clubs, Units and personal donations are as follows:

- Hap Baldwin Legion of Honor Platoon - $330.00
- Rod and Sherry Hevland - $300.00
- Willamette Valley Shrine Club - $1,000.00
- Desert Shrine Club - $2,000.00
- Tillamook County Shrine Club - $2,600.00 in cheese and $2,500.00 cash
- Clatsop County Shrine Club - $3,600 in clam chowder from Mo's in Astoria
- Caravanners Club - $200.00
- Lincoln County Shrine Club/Renegades - $200.00
- Concert Band - $500.00
- Columbia County Shrine Club - $200.00
- Mayan Tribe No. 1 - $3,000 in items for the International Patients pantry
- Desert Patrol - $500.00
- Hillah Shriners - $1,000.00
- Coos County Shrine Club - $250.00
- Hillah Shriners Oriental Band - $250.00
- North Bend Masonic Lodge No. 140 - $300.00
- Hillah Sportsmans club - $400.00
- Charles Cornell - $500.00
- Joe Holbrook - $100.00
- IS Tom Shine - $100.00

I could not be happier with the end of this, my third year chairing the Food Caravan. In the last three years, we have seen over $285,000 in food and donations come in. As I step down from this committee, I know that it will be in good hands with Noble Dennis Harris and his committee.

Thank you for all the support you all have given me and the Food Caravan over the years. Please continue to contribute and fundraise for this noble endeavor. Every donation is important, from the smallest to the largest, as they all add up and help our Shriners Children and staff.

Noble Kris Torrey
Assistant Rabban





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.

SEND IN THE CLOWNS



Calling all Nobles eager to step into the spotlight! Help rebuild the Al Kader Shriners Clown Unit and bring smiles to every parade and event. No experience necessary – just bring your spirit and fun-loving heart.

Contact us at kristopher.torrey@gmail.com to express your interest.

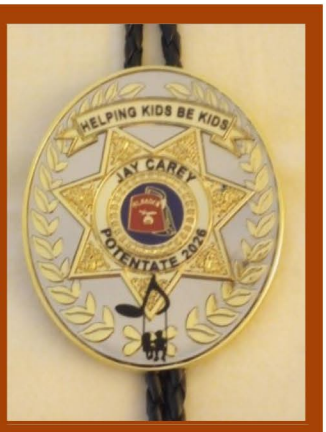
To our Brethren, Nobles and Masonic Familes,

On behalf of myself, my Lady and the Noblility of Al Kader Shriners we want to send our deepest condolences to the Masoinc Families Community in the Bend area. During this time of loss and sadness for the entire community we wish to share our thoughts and prayers with you and let you know that we are standing in unity with you.

I am asking that all Masonic Brethren, Nobles, and families share in this message and keep everyone in their nightly prayers for the spiritual healing of the familes directly affected by this tragedy and those who are in the surrounding area who have been touched by the events.

May peace and healing rest upon you as the days move forward.

W.Jay Carey, Potentate 2026
Al Kader Shriners



NOVEMBER Birthdays

11/1 Chance Curran
11/2 Diego Legorreta
11/3 Gavin B. Reid
11/3 Richard I. Riggs
11/3 Kurt J. Wiskoff
11/4 Charles C. Edgar
11/4 William L. Moore
11/5 Gary L. Dentinger
11/5 Jon K. Mitchell
11/5 Jeremy S. Ward
11/6 Curtis F. Hanson
11/6 C. S. Jones
11/6 John W. Meadows
11/6 Nathaniel A. Pratt
11/7 Ronald L. Henderson
11/7 Donald J. Henderson III
11/7 William T. Lipp
11/7 Dr. John W. Wallace, II
11/9 James A. Brent
11/9 Wayne L. Dennis
11/9 G. John Heddle
11/10 Keith E. Lucas
11/10 Steve L. Rutherford
11/10 Michael E. Ryan
11/11 Kris Belliner
11/11 William L. Drake
11/11 Michael Richardson
11/12 Glenn G. Clark
11/12 Randolph C. Laviffer
11/13 Michael E. Cranor
11/13 Michael J. Hafs
11/13 George A. Larsen
11/13 David B. Stephenson
11/14 William J. Garrett
11/14 Adam Lulay
11/15 Andrew J. Brawley
11/15 Howard Haynes
11/15 David W. Simpson
11/16 Robert L. Crump
11/16 Chris R. Ross
11/16 Rodger M. Selim
11/16 Joshua T. Tucker
11/17 Jeffrey T. Higgins
11/17 Patrick N. Mazzella
11/19 Jared Stuart
11/20 John Dippold
11/20 Thomas Killion
11/20 Gerald L. Valurina
11/20 James V. Phillips
11/20 Mark D. Sanders
11/21 Joshua P. Arnold
11/21 Keith W. Hillis
11/21 James D. Hussey
11/21 Nicholas Turner
11/22 Walter D. Brasher
11/23 Archie J. Cook
11/23 Larry P. Maine
11/24 Jesse M. Jones
11/24 Rick A. Schenling
11/25 Rodney D. Moore
11/26 Gary O. Garde
11/27 Steven Rienks
11/28 Christopher C. Warren
11/29 Kristopher Fandrich
11/29 Gregory A. Hinkelman
11/30 Stanley A. Clifton
11/30 Terri Mueller

MEETING SCHEDULE

Mark Your calendar

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

November

November 8th
Live at the Shrine
(Come Out And Show The Fez)

November 11th
Office Closed -
Veterans Day

November 11th
Albany Veterans Day Parade -
ALL UNITS

November 14th
Chief Rabban Night

November 25-27th
Decorate Harrington Hall -
If Coming And Available
Contact Kris

November 28th
Al Kader Children's Christmas
Party (Renewal this year)

December

December 1st
Nydia Temple, Daughters of the
Nile Supreme Queen
Visit at Al Kader

December 5th
ABATE Toy Run Portland
Shriners Children's Hospital

December 7th
Stated Meeting and Election of
2027 Officers

December 12th
Potentates Tie & Tinsel Ball
Formal Attire

December 13th
Live at the Shrine

December 19th
Aides Appreciation Evening
(more info to follow)

December 24th
Christmas Eve

December 25th
Christmas Day

December 31st
New Years Eve

January

January 2nd
Installation 2027 Officers

January 10th
Live at The Shrine

January 25th
Stated Meeting

January 30th
OB Annual Crab Feed

Notice of Stated Meetings
Monday, December 7th

Cost: $15 - Pre-Paid Reservations Required - Call 503-878-5519
Al Kader Temple, 25100 SW Parkway Ave, Wilsonville
Oasis 5:00PM, Dinner 6:00PM, Meeting 7:00PM
Dinner by The Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America
2026 Dues Card Required By Order Of: IS 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 to go directly to the Al Kader Events Webpage!