

Potentate's Message

Good day, Nobles.

August has come and gone like the hot mess it can be, and now we're heading towards cooler temperatures and fall activities. Thank the heavens!

Lady Becky and I have engaged in a host of activities since our last report, including remembering one event we forgot to mention last time:

MEAT BINGO! Calam Shrine, led by Oriental Guide Jeff Rowden, hosted a MEAT BINGO event at a Lewiston establishment in July. Several of our local Shriners were in attendance, and a great time was had by all. If you have questions about what MEAT BINGO is, look Jeff up at our next event and he can tell you all about it. It was an awesome event, and a nice fundraiser for Calam.

August found us in Pierce, ID, America (known as Pierce, America, to the locals) for their annual 1860 Days celebration. The Director's Staff brought the Tin Lizzies, and the Shriners participated in the parade. This is a really fun event that people should put on their calendars for

next year. Always the first weekend in August, always a good time.

August 10th was the 4th Annual Cornhole Hootenanny, held at Riverport Brewing in Clarkston.

Another fun event that we continue to try to grow each year. We appreciate all of the support we get from members and encourage you to attend next year (8/16/2025). We have great sponsorship for this fundraiser, and it's a great time. Mark your calendars.

August 17th found me in Virginia City, Montana for a joint ceremonial. It was a lot of fun with haunted hotels, ghost tours, and fellowship with Shriners from both Montana and Washington state.

We have several events coming up in the next few months that we would like you to put on your calendar and attend if you can. Paul Bunyan Days in St. Maries on September 2 will find me in the parade, as is tradition for Calam Shrine Potentates. I'm looking forward to this honor. September 21 is our annual Corn Feed campout at Hells Gate State Park in Lewiston.

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Many of us will be camping Thursday through Sunday. If you don't want to camp, please consider coming out for the Potluck on Saturday. Bring whatever you want to throw on the grill and a side to share. The Shrine provides corn on the cob. Bring your lawn chairs and beverages and plan to spend some time with some of the finest people on earth ~ Calam Shriners!

Last, but certainly not least, is our Nobility Ball, which is scheduled for Saturday, October 19. We will have a gathering in the back room at Riverport Brewing in Clarkston on Friday, October 18. A variety of beverages will be available, including beer brewed at the brewery. The schedule of events for Saturday is available online. Attire for the Nobility Ball is semi-formal for guests, formal for divan members. You can

RSVP by going to Calamshriners.com

~ click on Attend an Event

~ Go to Potentate's Nobility Ball

~ RSVP here.

Special rate rooms are available at the Holiday Inn until 9/19/24.

As always, thank you for your support of Calam Shrine, and thank you for your support of Lady Becky and me. None of what happens in Shrinedom can happen without people willing to give of their time and talent. Yours is greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming events!

Kenny Buckner

Potentate



Illustrious Sir Kenny floats fundraising ideas with friends.



From your Chief Rabban

Greetings All,

WOW! Where has the summer gone? We had some fun filled events in August, such as 1860 Days in Pierce, Idaho. I took up the parade cars and drove them through the parade. We had Potentate Kenny Buckner, Kevin Mize, Wayne Sprouse and Russ Graves drive the cars while I pulled the parade trailer. The crowd was excited to see us Shriners and we had a fantastic time participating. We are already planning on doing this again next year!

On August 18th we took the 1st group of people who won the bid at the Smoke Off in June up the Snake River into Hell's Canyon. We all had an awesome day on the water, and to top off the trip we caught a 7ft sturgeon at the end of the day.

Upcoming events in September include the Lewiston Roundup Parade (Sept 7th) and the Corn Feed Campout at Hellsgate State Park in Lewiston (Sept 20th & 21st). These will be fun events. Please participate if possible. See you all soon.

Thanks again,

Dan Bundy

Chief Rabban



The Calam Divan attend 1860 Days in Pierce led by IS Kenny and CR Dan Bundy!



River trip winners pose with a sturgeon.



Winners of the smoke-off boat trip enjoy a day in the canyon.



From your Assistant Rabban

Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

As the crisp days of autumn approach, I hope you've all enjoyed a safe and fulfilling summer. Northern Idaho Shriners have had a productive season, thanks to the success of two fundraising events in support of Calam Temple. Our inaugural ATV/UTV fun run on July 6th was a hit, drawing a large crowd of friends and Shriners alike. It was wonderful to see Potentate Kenny Buckner, Past Potentate Rob Turnipseed, Outer Guard Jack Nelson, Marshall Maurice Simmons, CDA Shrine Club board member Mark Combs, and fellow Shriner Phil Voelz in attendance. A special thanks to Phil Voelz and Levi Beek for their dedication at the event, and to our incredible volunteers who made it all possible.

The excitement continued with our AR-multi rifle drawing at the Clarkston Cornhole Hootenanny. We were thrilled to see a retired Army colonel and Vietnam veteran win the grand prize. A huge thank you to P.P. Matt Plemmons, Jeff Rowden, Phil Voelz, and countless others for their tireless efforts in selling tickets.

Moreover, Lakeside Masonic Lodge's presence at the Bonner County Fair with their food booth was a fantastic way to showcase the positive impact of the

Masonic community. Doc Schoonover, our beloved Shrine Clown, deserves recognition for his contributions to marketing the booth.

Your generous support is the cornerstone of our mission. Thank you for helping Shriners make a difference in the lives of countless children.

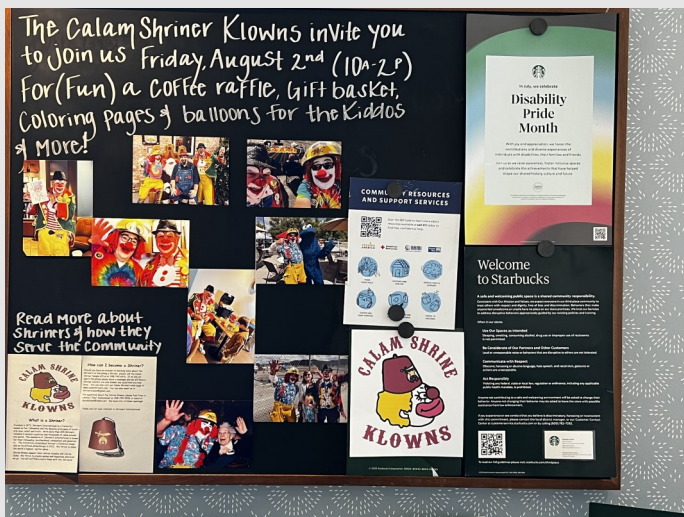
Always in the Faith,
Dan McDaniel
Assistant Rabban



Sully Westacott draws the winning rifle raffle ticket at the Cornhole Hootenanny!

Klowning our way through August

On August 2, we had a klownd flocking day with our flock of pink flamingos at the Sandpoint Starbucks Store. The week prior to our day of flocking, the Starbucks store put up our klownd photos and let their customers know we were coming. The manager donated a basket of Starbucks products, which had a retail value of over \$200.00. We sold raffle tickets for the basket and actually made a little bit of money.



While at Starbucks, Carolyn Lobsinger, the managing editor at the Sandpoint Daily Bee newspaper did an interview and took a ton of pictures. She wrote a front-page article about Shriners and what we do including a photo!



It sounds as if she is going to write three articles for our local newspaper articles about local recipients of Shriners Children's care, and another article regarding our local Shriners Children hospital in Spokane.

On August 7 and 8, we went to the Boundary County Fair and twisted balloons at the Moyie Shrine Club food booth. The Nobles of the Moyie Shrine Club are some of the hardest working Nobles I have had the pleasure of working with.

The Moyie Shrine Club also had a raffle with about 20 winning prizes including several half-a hog, half-a beef and other donated items that were worth big bucks. Noble Larry DeVore, the raffle ticket salesman helped give away Klownd donut seeds, chicken dinners and hillbilly bubble baths. Great job Larry!! I am attempting to recruit him for our Klownd Unit. The laughs and giggles were great. We are looking forward to next year already!

On August 12, I met a friend of mine for lunch at a local eatery. He had his 6-year-old granddaughter in tow. When we met, she gave me stickers and cards thanking me for the work Shriners do for children. She had read the local newspaper article on our Starbucks venture. I went to my car and twisted her a couple of balloons and gave her a red nose sticker. While in the parking lot 6 sets of grandparents asked if I would twist a balloon for their grandchildren. A half hour later they left with balloons, klownd stickers and 6-piece chicken dinners. They left \$40.00 in donations. Smiles and giggles were seen and heard as they left the parking lot.

Klowning continued

On August 14, we were able to say thanks to our recent donors and supporters. First was Amanda Jones, the district manager for Starbucks in north Idaho and north-eastern Washington. Amanda has been instrumental in getting Shrine Klowns in the Starbucks stores by promoting us to the individual store managers. We “adopted” Amanda as an honorary semi-official Calam Shrine Klown.



Second was Marissa Bond, the manager at the Schweitzer Crossing Starbucks store. Marissa has hosted us and promoted Shrinedom and our hospitals at her store two times in the past year and a half. We gave the



Schweitzer Cutoff Starbucks Store a certificate of appreciation. We then ambushed Caroline Lobsinger, managing editor of our local newspaper and did a semi-official adoption of her into our Calam Shrine Klown Unit. See the pic-

tures of these folks with their certificates. All of the ladies had a tear in their eyes...

On August 14, 15, and 16, we twisted balloons at the Bonner County Fair with Lakeside Lodge #42. Lakeside Lodge was cooking hot dogs, chili dogs and Frito soup. I tested one of their chili dogs and had to go be by myself for a while. As Popeye the Sailor says, Toot Toot! But I am getting pretty good mileage!

We have been informed that there will not be an All-Masonic booth at the Latah County Fair this year. We have gotten 2 old klowns out of retirement and are looking forward to helping by coming in costume to stir the stuff.

Our klown membership as of today totals 7 1/2. The half klown is Jake Pannell, who is on the sidelines with a hip issue. We have suggested to him that we could put him in a wheelchair and maybe his new klown name could be Gimpy. We are rooting for you to get better Jake and are looking forward to having a cowboy klown in our ranks when you are healed!!

We have received a shipment of new Calam Shrine Klown pins. Please contact Doc for your new klown pin.

We are considering doing a Pink Flamingo Degree for all nobles and their ladies, kids, grandkids, neighbors and friends. If anyone is interested in having the Pink Flamingo degree vested on you, please let Doc know and we will gladly come to the meeting and conduct the degree. Should any of our Shrine Clubs have an event that you would like to have a klown or two attend, please contact Doc at 208-255-9556 or by email at docdaklown@idaho.net. Our new old joeys in the Lewiston/Moscow area are itching to get in makeup!!

Cornhole Hootenanny Fun



Illustrious Sir Kenny relaxes for a moment before the Calam cornhole tournament begins!



Ladies Becky and Gayle greet participants with a smile and sell raffle tickets.



Calam Nobles pose with the proud tournament winners!



Noble Rick Pratt slings hot sausages and compliments to our participants and Nobles.



Celebrity OG Jeff Rowden & son Jayton energize the tournament crowd.



As always, thanks PP MP for photo captions!

Donation to Lewiston's Liberty Theater

Lewiston's Masonic Nez Perce Lodge has donated \$30,000 to help restore downtown Lewiston's Liberty Theater in Lewiston. According to a news release, the contribution is in honor of the late John Barlow, a Mason and decades-long owner of the downtown Lewiston Cleaning Works at 408 Main Street. The Liberty Theater Preservation Alliance, a non-profit organization, is restoring the theater, which closed in 2005, as a multipurpose downtown entertainment venue. The \$3.25 million renovation project's major fundraising phase is planned to begin later this year.

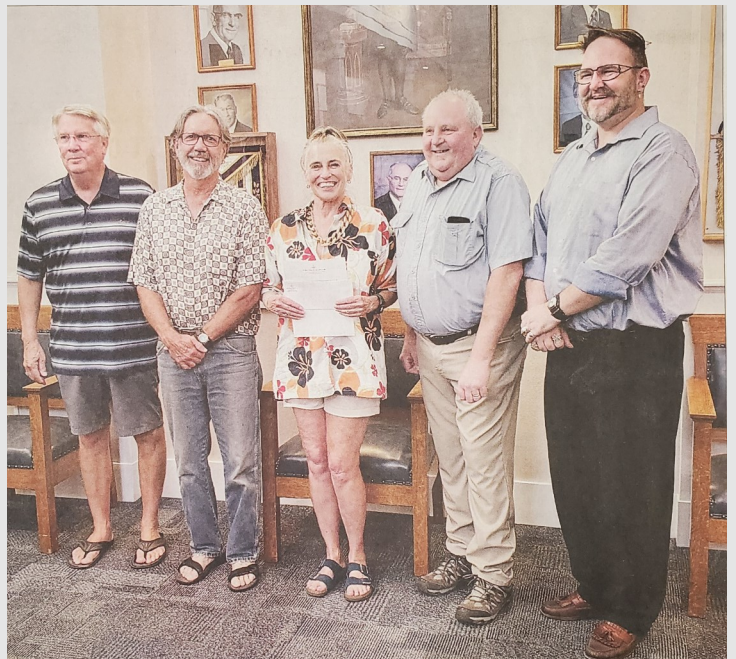
The \$30,000 check was recently presented by the lodge's worshipful master, Mark Worthington, who said it was "a moment of remembrance as we make plans for our 150th annual celebration."

Similar to Barlow's long history on Main Street, the Masonic Nez Perce Lodge No. 10 had a presence in the downtown corridor for 123 years prior to moving to its current building.

"Our members felt the need to be part of

preserving the history of Main Street," Worthington said in the news release. "To bring the Liberty Theater back to its glory as a multi-use facility is a tremendous task, and preserving the history on Main Street is something we should all be involved in."

The funds will assist the restoration of the Liberty Theater marquee. In December, the alliance received a \$100,000 grant from the Idaho Heritage Trust to help revitalize the classic building's marquee. The project is estimated to cost about \$400,000.



Brad Cannon, lodge secretary; Wes Wallace, junior warden; Jan Johnson, president of the group planning restoration; Mark Worthington, worshipful master; Daniel Boe, senior warden.

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CLUB MEETINGS, DATES, TIMES and LOCATIONS

Please check with your local club before attending

CDA Shrine Club meets the third

Wednesday of each month, 5:00 PM CDASC Building

Latah Shrine Club meets the fourth

Thursday of each month

Lewis/Clark Shrine Club meets the third

Wednesday of each month

Moyie Shrine Club meets the first

Wednesday of each month

Panhandle Shrine Club

Shoshone Shrine Club

St. Maries Shrine Club meets in the first Thursday of each month, 6:30pm, St. Maries Masonic Lodge building prior to the Blue Lodge monthly meeting

NOTE: Clarion submissions should be submitted NLT the 20th of the month