



# HILLAH SHRINERS



August 2014

## IMPERIAL SESSION

The 140<sup>th</sup> Imperial Session marks the 7th time Minneapolis has hosted the annual meeting of Shriners International. Nobles from across the country gathered to attend the business session at the convention center. Units from various temples participated in a Shrine parade through downtown Minneapolis on the night of Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Members of Hillah and Al Kader's Divan along with Potentates and Ladies enjoyed a night out at a popular Brazilian restaurant in downtown Minneapolis. Also in attendance was Megan the Patient Ambassador from Al Kader and Grand Master of Demolay, Derek G. Sprague.



Al Kader's Potentate Dave Johnson and Chief Rabban Walt Hager



First Lady Laura Kundert and Lady Suzie Hager with Al Kader's First Lady Johnson



View of the city at sunset



Dinner with Nobles and Ladies from Hillah and Al Kader



Potentate Bruce Kundert and Lady Laura with Al Kader's Assistant Rabban John Nerski and Lady Nerski

HILLAH'S 2014 DIVAN

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**MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY**

June, 2014 Member Count	527
Creations	-
Affiliations	-
Resignations	-
Demits	-
Restorations	-
Suspensions	-
Deaths	5
July, 2014 Member Count	522



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*Howard Snow – Rogue River, Or  
Gail Webb – Klamath Falls, Or  
Robert Hagerud – Klamath Falls, Or  
Robert Hervey – Grants Pass, Or  
Joseph Howard – Grants Pass, Or*

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## MESSAGE FROM THE POTENTATE

Bruce Kundert, Potentate

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As the heat of the summer sets in on the Pacific Northwest the local parades and summer activities are in full swing. Coming soon is the 62<sup>nd</sup> East West Shrine Game held in Baker City, Oregon. I hope that many will be attending. If you haven't made your reservation you may still call the Sunridge Inn in Baker City and see if there are any rooms still available.

Some of our Nobles will also be attending the Pacific Northwest Shrine Association Summer Session in Boise, Idaho a couple of days after the E/W Game. It appears that the month of August is going to be a very busy month indeed.

I have just returned from the 140<sup>th</sup> Imperial Session held in Minneapolis and will be reporting on the activities there at our next Stated Meeting. Also in attendance at this event was Noble Chief Rabban Walt Hager our second Imperial Representative and Noble Assistant Rabban Rynd Miller. Illustrious Sir Irv Urie and Illustrious Sir Steve Pomerleau our representatives to the Colorado Corporation were in attendance as well.

There were a number of items in the Call and these will be reported on at our next Stated Meeting as well, along with the election results for the Iowa and Colorado Corporations.

Our next Stated Meeting will be held on July 18<sup>th</sup> as the travel to and from the Imperial Session was in conflict

with our regularly scheduled Stated Meeting date. The dinner at this Stated Meeting will be a pot luck dinner with a patriotic theme. Look for the Stated Meeting flyer on our website and previously sent out in by e-mail. The entre will be provided (fried chicken) and the side dishes and desserts will be provided by the Nobles and Ladies. Bring a dish or dessert and get in free or pay \$10.00 at the door for those who did not bring one. A great time was had by all at the last dinner so don't miss out.

At the end of August Lady Laura and I will be joining Noble Oriental Guide Lance Lesueur and Lady Bernice on the Potentates Train Trip. I am looking forward to our time together and the many sites and activities along this three day three state journey. I hope that all Nobles and Ladies enjoy their days of summer attending activities in your local community. Remember there will be no social or stated meetings in August and September.

As always; *Es selamu aleikum*

## OREGON SHRINE GAME 2014 PROGRAM MESSAGE

Robert Mallory, PP and Lady Elaine

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On behalf of all the Shriners and Ladies of Hillah Shrine we want to offer our congratulation to the players and cheerleaders who have been selected to participate in this the **62<sup>st</sup> Annual East West All Star Football Game** and extend our warmest welcome to all. We would be remiss if we didn't also recognize the coaches, referees and everyone who had a part in bringing you this event.

Possibly the most important people whom we want to extend our appreciation to are the parents. It is through your parental guidance and leadership that the players and cheerleaders were taught the qualities and traits required to be selected as participants in this game.

To all those mentioned, thank you for your time, talent and energy in support of the world's greatest philanthropy; Shriners Hospitals for Children.

We hope everyone who has traveled near and far enjoy the festivities of the weekend. To those participating in the game, have fun and remember that it is the children who are the ultimate winner. We're sure the week's experiences will be ones you will remember for a lifetime. We wish you success in all of your future endeavors.

There are possibly many of you who were unfamiliar with the Shrine and Shriners Hospitals for Children prior to this experience. We invite you to research our fraternity and philanthropy. For more information, go to [www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org](http://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org). or [www.beashrinernow.com](http://www.beashrinernow.com). and consider joining us in our mission of having fun for a good cause. Shriners are looking for good men.

Illustrious Sir Bob Mallory  
and Lady Elaine  
Past Potentate Hillah Shrine, 2013

*Special thanks to IS Mallory for the above message. I totally concur.  
Illustrious Sir Bruce A. Kundert  
and Lady Laura  
Potentate Hillah Shriners, 2014*

## HILLAH SHRINE NOMADS

Jerry Hakes, President

Welcome Richard and Linda Mehlhaff to the Nomads. It was a pleasure meeting you. My wife Sharon and I are looking forward to more campouts with you. Others that camped out with us were Past Potentate Carl Lindquist and Ginny Miller, Chuck and Wanda Tressler, Robert and Mary Irwin.

The campout on June 23 thru June 26 at Casey's Riverside RV Campground was another fun time. We had a BBQ where everyone brought their own choice of meat. One evening we had a spaghetti feed and one morning we had a pot luck breakfast. Food and friends made for a good time.

Some afternoons, many took the time to ride around the area and take in the scenery, at other times we played games in the really nice pavilion they reserved for us. Richard Mehlhaff was really learning how to play some of the games.

We still have some spaces available for our crab campout at Oceanside RV at Charleston. Make your reservations now at [www.oceansidervpark.net](http://www.oceansidervpark.net) or 541-888-2598. The dates are Sept. 25 thru Sept. 28, 2014. Call me at 541-549-9383 after you've made your reservation and let me know your site number.

Noble Robert Irwin is working on a place for our annual Christmas dinner. The dates are to be announced later.

Enjoy everyday, live, love and dance. Life is short.

## IMPERIAL POTENTATE SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL



Dale W. Stauss of Grand Forks, N.D., is currently serving his 11th year as a member of the Boards of Directors for

Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children. Stauss was elected Imperial Potentate, part of the 13-member body that helps govern the Shriners fraternity, during the Shriners' 2014 Imperial Session – held in Minneapolis July 6 - July 10. As Imperial Potentate, Stauss serves as president of the Board of Directors of Shriners International, as well as chairman of the Board of Directors of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Stauss joined East Grand Forks Red River Lodge #292 in 1982, and served as Master in 1989. He is a 33rd degree member of the Scottish Rite, and a member of the Royal Order of Jesters. Stauss became a member of Kem Shriners in Grand Forks in 1982 and served as the temple's Potentate in 1997. He is a member of the Kem Drum and Bugle Corps, and he served on the board of the North Dakota Shrine Bowl for 16 years. In 1995, he received the Samsar Award for his service to Kem Shriners. In 2000, Dale served the region's Shriners as president of the Midwest Shrine Association.

As an Imperial Officer, Stauss has served as chairman of the Imperial Athletic Committee, the East-West Shrine Game, the Shriners Hospitals for Children Golf Tournament, and the Imperial Membership Committee. Stauss also served on the Planning Committee and the Buildings and Equipment Committee.

Stauss graduated from the University of North Dakota and has been involved in the real estate management field for more than 25 years. He recently retired from Century Properties, Inc., a property management company, after serving as its president for 22 years.

His civic activities include serving more than 20 years on the East Grand Forks School Board in East Grand Forks, Minn., as well as serving on the 2000 Minnesota All-State School Board.

He and his wife, Cheryl, have three daughters, one son and 14 grandchildren. They enjoy spending their spare time with the family at their lake cabin.

Biography from  
[www.shrinersvillage.com](http://www.shrinersvillage.com)



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**THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE YET TO PAY THEIR DUES**

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Mervin	Colvin	Grants Pass
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John	Turner	Sisters
Cecil	Lefever	Gold Beach
Vere	Perry	Roseburg
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Charles	Mills	Bend
Dan	Mathis	Merrill
Robert	Hamilton	Philomath
Robert	Mcarthur	Cottage Grove
Fermon	Schilling	Klamath Falls
James	Wells	Klamath Falls
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Danny	Holmen	North Bend
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Gary	Mullica	Klamath Falls
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Thomas	Metzger	Roseburg
Anthony	Griffin	Roseburg
Robert	Rood	Grants Pass
Brian	Beaudin	Grants Pass
Thomas	Vasquez	Oak Harbor
Dion	Anderson	Brookings

There are a number of options available if personal circumstances make paying your dues difficult at this time. Please contact the temple's office at 541-774-1305 or [office@hillahshriners.org](mailto:office@hillahshriners.org)

**JOSEPHINE COUNTY SHRINE CLUB**

Jack Adams, PP

The Shrine Club will be busy for the next several months. Coming up in August will be the great event of the month. On August the 16—the Shrine Club will be at the Josephine County Fair and the auction of the stock for the young people. Ill Sir Robert Hamilton has been in the spot light at this event for over 30 (+) years. Please let's not forget all the volunteers who have assisted in this event also. Come out and join in—you will never forget it as long as you have—dress cool—shrine shirt—ball cap— at the auction—buyers bid on the stock (pork-beef-sheep) presented by the FFA/FHA Young Farmers.

If you and your group would like to purchase a product and donate it to the Portland Shrine Hospital please Contact Ill Sir Robert at 541 476 4985.

The Josephine County Shrine Club Donkey Basketball game will be at the Josephine County Fair Grounds On the 22\* of Aug 2014.1 will be receiving posters and comp tickets during the week of 21 July.

The ladies, under the control of Diana, will be doing the concession for the evening. On a local level—the Grants Pass Masonic Center will be holding their annual past masters rummage sale on the 23 of Aug 2014.

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## OR NURSE RECOGNIZED FOR EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE RECEIVES 2014 DAISY AWARD



(SACRAMENTO, Calif.) – Excellence in nursing was the topic of discussion when nurses and Shriners Hospital leaders gathered for lunch in the hospital board room on Thursday, July 3, for the 2014 DAISY award ceremony. Leisel Knoesen, B.S.N., was recognized for her outstanding performance in her role as an operating room nurse.

Knoesen volunteered in the surgery department at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Northern California from 2008 to 2011 while studying nursing. After graduating from the University of California, San Francisco School of Nursing in 2011 she joined the surgical team at Shriners Hospital.

In announcing the 2014 award, Pam Cornwell, Director of Patient Care Services, described Knoesen as a

skillful, thoughtful and compassionate nursing professional. "It is my privilege to have the opportunity to recognize Shriners nurses for the extraordinary roles they play in the lives of our patients and families. As the DAISY Foundation recognizes, nurses routinely extend their care beyond clinical skills and treatments. A gentle touch, a calming voice, or simply taking time to listen are just some of the little things nurses do that make a huge difference in the lives of those we touch," said Cornwell.

DAISY is an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System. It is the name of a foundation established by a family in memory of their son, Patrick Barnes, who died of an immune system disease. The DAISY Award was established to recognize the compassionate care Patrick received during his illness. More than 500 health care organizations are committed to honoring their nurses with the DAISY Award, which is presented in collaboration with the American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE) and supported by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANNCC) Magnet Recognition Program.

Bonnie Barnes, co-founder of the DAISY Foundation joined in honoring the achievements Shriners Hospital nurses. "One of the best parts of working for DAISY is the ability to travel to different facilities like yours and experience first-hand what is being done every day to make The DAISY award Program meaningful for your extraordinary nurses," Barnes said.

Her daughter-in-law, Melissa Barnes, also attended the ceremony in her role as vice president and regional program director of the DAISY Foundation.

Nurses from Shriners and past recipients of the DAISY Award shared what the honor meant to them.

"It's easy to be a really good nurse in this hospital because it's an honor to work here," said Imelda Priest, clinical case manager and 2008 winner.

"It was the happiest day of my life," said Cindy Woods, House Supervisor. "I felt so accepted."

"It is very humbling and very rewarding to be recognized by your peers," said Doney Biggs, a 2011 honoree.

Nurse manager Kathy Rosario, summed up the sentiment of the group when she said the award made her feel, "Honored, humbled and appreciative of what you have done and what this hospital allows all of us to do."

The DAISY Award program began in 2006 at the Northern California Shriners Hospital. Since then, 37 nurses at the Shriners Hospital in Sacramento have been honored for excellence in nursing with a DAISY Award.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is devoted to transforming the lives of children through excellence in treatment, teaching and research. Located at 2425 Stockton Boulevard in Sacramento, Shriners Hospitals for Children — Northern California provides care to children with orthopaedic conditions, spinal cord

injuries, burns, cleft lip, scars from any cause, and complex surgical needs. Admission is based on age and diagnosis. For further information call 916-453-2000 or go online to [shrinershospitalsforchildren.org](http://shrinershospitalsforchildren.org).

This article can be found at [www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org](http://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org)



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Details will be sent out by separate e-mails or if you don't have e-mail service call the Grants Pass Masonic Center for details. Cave Junction Annual Parade will be the first Monday of September (Sept. 1, 2014).

Contact your director of units if you plan to attend. Belt Masonic Lodge will be holding their annual breakfast on Saturday-Sunday-Monday of the Labor Day weekend. If you are coming out for the parade—take the time and have a wonderful breakfast Josephine County Shrine Club meets at the Elks Lodge, Grants Pass, on Tuesdays for lunch unless the club decides to travel to other places. The first Tuesday of the month is the club's regular scheduled business meeting and we invite all Brothers/Nobles to join us in all the meetings to share in the fellowship. We meet several times during the months when all the Ladies attend.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### AUGUST

- Aug 1-3 – E/W Shrine Football Game & Parade – Baker City
- Aug 6-9 – PNSA Summer Meeting – Boise, Idaho
- Aug 23 – Donkey Basketball Game– JoCo SC – Grants Pass\*
- Aug 29-31 – Potentates Trip – Coastal Starlight Train– Klamath Falls Station

### SEPTEMBER

- Sept 7 – Donkey Basketball Game – Chetco SC - Brookings\*
- Sept 19-20 – Hillah/Al Kader Joint Social Dinner – Eugene

### OCTOBER

- Oct 3 – Hillah Social Dinner – SRC
- Oct 4 – (Pending) Hillah Shriners Hospital Charity Run - Phoenix
- Oct 24-25 – Hillah Fall Ceremonial – Brookings

### NOVEMBER

- Nov 7 – Chief Rabban's Night
- Nov 15-16 – Divan Days – Northern California Shriners Hospital
- Nov 22 – Divan Appreciation Night

### DECEMBER

- Dec 5 – Hillah Stated Meeting – Elections – SRC - Medford
- Dec 17 – X-Mas Dinner Theater – DC SC -Myrtle Creek\*

\*Not a Hillah sponsored/hosted event - (SC or Unit event)  
\*\* Speaking Engagement.

Note: Hillah's calendar does not list Unit/Shrine Club parades/activities. These are to be posted on Hillah's Website and in the Monthly Hillah Newsletter as announced by Clubs & Units

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