October 2026

Hillah Herald





Fall Ceremonial welcomes our new Nobles

Online
»

Website
www.hillah.org

Facebook
Hillah Shriners No. 110

Contact:
Hillah Shriners
3581 Lear Way,
Medford, OR 97504
541-774-1305

Contents

Potentate's Message
A Note from our First Lady
Chief Rabban's Words
A Message from the Assistant Rabban
A word from the Oriental Guide
From the Recorder's Desk
Fall Ceremonial
A Patient's Success Story
River Cruise
ShrineVine
Rise and Shrine

Calendar

11/06	Stated Meeting, Chief Rabban Night, Grants Pass, OR
11/11	Roseburg Veteran's Day Parade, Roseburg, OR
	Klamath Falls Veteran's Day Parade, Klamath Falls, OR
	Crescent City Veteran's Day Parade, Crescent City, CA
12/04	Stated Meeting, Medford, OR
12/05	Snowflake Parade, Klamath Falls, OR
	Grants Pass Christmas Parade, Grants Pass, OR
12/13	Log Truck Christmas Parade, Riddle/Myrtle Creek, OR
12/19	Holiday Party, Roseburg, OR

Reminder we have 6 meetings a year, first Fridays in the following months.

January	March	May
September	November	December

Potentate's Message



Nobles and Ladies,

I'd like to start by saying thank you for your support of our Fall Ceremonial! Special thanks to the Josephine Co. Shrine Cub, the Ritual team, the Wrecking Crew, IS Steve Parkinson as the night's MC, our chauffeur CR Chris Leach with the bus and to Noble Steve and Elaine Booth for the use of their home and yards. We had nearly 40 nobles at the Booth house, including our Grand Master Dick Varner and PGM Art Borland. First Lady Robin had a very successful ladies luncheon and purse raffle, and exceeded her goal of $5k, raising a total of $6515.24 for the Portland Hospital's "Patient and Family Housing". Thank you to all the nobles, ladies, clubs and units for your donations to her campaign. Nobles, we brought eight new Nobles into our Temple and fezzed them that night. There were 25 members on the necrology report, since fall 2024. We had a Portland Shrine Patient Leah Billman speak on her experiences with Shriners Children's Hospital. We finished with CR Chris Leach's tear jerking version of "My old red fez".

The Labor Day parade in Cave Junction brought out the most Hillah Shriners I've seen in a parade in years! We had the Chetco Mini Kar Klub, the Motor Patrol, the Jo Co Fire Brigade, a very patriotic tractor owned and operated by Noble Lloyd Putney and my Pote mobile is a 1972 Cadillac Mirage, number 103 of 206. It was Cadillac's version of an El Camino.

Moving forward, our November Temple meeting will be in Grants Pass as your Divan will be stepping up for Chief Rabban night. Daughters of the Nile will be serving "Navajo Tacos" for dinner, please RSVP to the office, but please pay at the door, as it is a fundraizer for the Daughters of the Nile.

On November 11th, I'll be at the Veterans Day parade in Roseburg, followed by multiple crockpots of chili! The ladies do a great job warming our bellies after a cold parade. This is a great parade to be a part of and the people come out in force!

Our December meeting will be back in Medford for Election Night. December 19th is Hillah's Christmas Party and will be at the Roseburg Country Club. This a formal event, so break out those tuxedos and formal dresses. Please RSVP through the Hillah Office at 541-774-1305.

Another thank you to all that have made donations to the "Patient Transportation Fund". Your donations have helped bring that fund almost back to where we started at the first of the year. I've been amazed and humbled by the amount of "Global Patients" that we have been able to help. This is our philanthropy at its finest, and I'm proud to be a part of this.

Fraternally,

Greg Gilbert, Potentate 2026

A note from the First Lady

IS, Nobles, and Ladies,



These past couple of months have been so much fun, and I'm truly grateful I was able to spend them with so many of you. From our jet boat trip—where we all ended up completely drenched—to the Fall Ceremonial, Friday night dinner, my Ladies' Luncheon, and celebrating the eight nobles who were fezzed, it has all been memorable.

Thank you all for your support and for helping make my dream come true: where Passion meets Purpose. Because of your generosity and dedication, we were able to exceed my goal. I'm incredibly excited that we will now be able to help remodel the housing where patient families stay, making a real difference for those who need it most.

With heartfelt gratitude,

First Lady Robin

Chief Rabban's Words



Nobles,

I'd like to extend a big congratulations to all the new nobles that were initiated at our Fall Ceremonial. It was a lot of fun. A big group got to ride in the Hillah Bus! There was only one who said 'woah I can't ride sideways'! I'd also like to extend a big thank you to The Booth family who hosted the Ceremonial at their home. This next year we will make it even better and I'd ask any Noble that can take a part, big or small, to contact our Membership Chair Garrett Pottmeyer, to offer what you can. We have lost the ability to have a ritual team and if we can, let's plan to make it even better next year. Thank you to all who took part in the entire process. Many hands make lighter work, and you are taking part in that.

October is when Imperial scheduled Kosair for Kids (OG School) as well as AR school, so we look forward to them obtaining the tools they will need to move us forward and plan for the years to come.

A couple big notes I'd like to put out is for all to look to attend Chief Rabban Night November 6th at the Grants Pass Lodge, Oasis at 5:00, dinner then a meeting which will be Shrine Step Up Night. Officers will advance up to run the meeting and I will present the next year's operating budget to be voted on in December. More on that later.

Per Imperial, all clubs & units must have their elections of officers and meeting dates for 2027 to Imperial by 10/31/26. Please make sure it is received by Jane in the Hillah office by October 20, 2026. With your help, we can get the next directory to the printer and in your hands sooner.

Thank you all for your involvement into the advancement of Hillah. We are creating a great temple to be a part of and I look forward to another successful year.

Chris Leach
Chief Rabban



A Message from our Assistant Rabban



Nobles and Ladies,

September brought us the fall ceremonial and eight new nobles into our ranks. I would like to thank Noble Booth for the use of his property to hold the Initiation ceremony for those we welcomed into Shrine. The new nobles came from some new locations that are part of Hillah, Yreka and Bend and also one Grants Pass brother who travels a lot and is proud to be a member of Hillah.

With the year almost over we still have a lot of events to go. Several parades, stated meetings, elections, and the Christmas Party. We are also looking at events for the year 2027. Winter PNSA is close this year being in San Mateo, CA. This is an educational opportunity for all brothers to see what all our divan does. AR and OG schools have been moved to October, and I look forward to going to Tampa to represent Hillah with the other Assistant Rabbans.

October 24th brings the Food Caravan to the Portland Hospital. Please send any donations to Hillah Temple and we will have them sent to the Hospital. This is an event that we work in partnership with Al Kader temple in Wilsonville, OR. They will have their Fall ceremony that same day at 2:30pm at their Temple. Afterwards they will fez their new Nobles. Oasis starts at 5pm, dinner at 6 and food caravan presentation at 7pm. Dinner is the Oriental Band western night with a prize for best western dress. Cost is $30 per person, and proceeds go to the food caravan.

Fraternally,

Tracy Morton,
Assistant Rabban
Josephine County Shrine Club President
Hillah Communications Coordinator

The 2026 directories are out, if your information is not correct then please contact the Office and have Jane update your info. Call office at (541)774-1305

A Message from our Oriental Guide



Nobles and Ladies,

I hope you all had an awesome summer and managed to stay cool! Now that the kids are heading back to school, let's all make sure to keep an extra eye out for school buses and busy school zones. Our kids are the future, so let's keep them safe out there on the roads.

This past summer was one for the books. My wife and I took a trip down to Tampa, Florida, for the Imperial Session, and we had an absolute blast. It was great catching up with old friends and meeting a ton of new Nobles and their wives from all over the map. I spent a lot of time in the meetings checking out what we accomplished over the last year and hearing about the big goals our new leadership has lined up for us.

As your Oriental Guide this year, I'm doing my best to act like a sponge and soak up all the information I can. At the end of the day, running our Temple efficiently like a successful business is what allows us to do big things for our favorite philanthropy, Shriners Children's.

We all know that Shriners is hands-down the greatest philanthropy on earth. We provide world-class medical care to kids dealing with orthopedic issues, burns, and spinal injuries, and we do it without ever sending a bill to their families. We've helped over 1.5 million kids worldwide, which is something we should all be incredibly proud of.

We're totally onboard for the coming year, and it's going to be packed with new goals and big achievements. Let's get to work and see just how much we can accomplish together!

Fraternally,

Dave Sherman
Oriental Guide, Hillah Temple

The 2026 directories are out, if your information is not correct then please contact the Office and have Jane update your info. Call office at (541)774-1305

From the Recorder's Desk



Greetings Hillah Nobles!

Sadly, the summer is slowly coming to an end, and I hope everyone enjoyed their fun in the sun like Lady Alicia and I have.

Spending a week in beautiful Tampa, Florida to partake in the annual Shriner Imperial Session was absolutely amazing. Lots of sightseeing and dining experiences were highlighted with our joint dinner hosting Hillah's own, Oregon's Grand Master Dick Varner and Lady Gloria. IS Greg and Lady Robin, along with Al Kader's IS Jay Carey and Lady Winnie made the night extra special for all those who attended.

IS Greg's Potentate event was the Rogue River dinner and jetboat ride, which was enjoyed by many. It was a wet and wild ride for sure. The dinner was very good, but the scenic ride down the river and back was breathtaking.

The Fall Ceremonial was a hit. Lady Robin raised quite a bit of money from her purse auction to serve Shriners Children's. Although I could not make the initiation and dinner due to personal commitments, everyone enjoyed themselves immensely.

Now that we are called back into labor from rest, we need to turn our focus on matters at hand.

It is time to pay your dues. Ms. Jane will be honored to assist you. Go to Shrinersinternational.org and follow the instructions under "members center" download your membership card under "My Fez Card".

Chief Rabban Chris and Lady Lori are gearing up for their year, and it is a great time to reach out and assist them to make their year a success.

On a serious note:

As with most Masonic functions, libations flow and partaking in alcohol is commonplace. To have a drink with your Brother Nobles is a staple within the fraternity, but as a proud Wisconsin Badger, there is a saying in the dairy state… "Drink Wisconsinbly".

Since, becoming your Recorder it has been brought to my attention by several individuals that Hillah is known for excessive drinking. As Recorder, the last thing I want is to do is to remove a Noble who has been drinking and does something not of a Noble's character. I do not care if you were just initiated into our order or have been a Noble for decades. What your character shows others, sober or intoxicated, falls smartly on you.

A fellow Noble from another temple mentioned to me that they had a Noble who left a Shriners event and was involved in a deadly driving while intoxicated (DUI) accident that killed several family members, including some children. That haunts me every time I see some of our Nobles drinking excessively.

I am not saying that you should not enjoy a drink or two but do so responsibly and be aware of your limitations. Our reputation is to serve children in need, but when others see Nobles in public places inebriated and causing a scene, that is not the impression we want to leave with others.

From the Recorder's Desk, Continued

If you do find yourself in a situation where you feel you have had a little too much, ask a sober Brother Noble to drive you home or aid in obtaining a place for you to sleep it off so you can drive safely. Neither I nor the Potentate need to deal with this type of behavior and the consequences that follow.

Enjoy sharing time with your fellow Nobles but do so wisely.

…Until next time!

Martin Bush
Recorder





Fall Ceremonial
















































TRAVELE






HILLAH
PRIEST


HILLAH
IMAGINEERS


EXIT
HILLAH
PRIEST


PAST




TRA


HILLAH



Patient's Success Story

Nobles,

We had the awesome pleasure of meeting one of our closest Shrine patients at the parade in Cave Junction. Included in the picture is baby Eastyn, born to his parents Chancy & Brittany Scott. At birth Eastyn was born with both feet turned inward at a hard angle. They were initially seen at the Shrine clinic in Medford and some options were tried before the decision was made that he would have to have surgery on both feet. The parents were initially informed that Eastyn would need to be in the designed braces for an estimated 4-5yrs, and only out of them for an hour a day! We are very pleased to see the blessing of currently only needing to be in the braces at night time. And that has only been est 6 months! The Doctors at our Shrine Hospitals are amazing people and look for the best interest of the child for their future. We look forward to showing his progress.

A big thank you to our Divan that moved quickly and our IS Greg Gilbert who raced to the Temple to pick up a check to help the family as they had to put off bills to fund a trip to the hospital. I handed the check to Chancy and I could see the emotional relief and gratitude that someone was able to help that way and fast. The hospital called back and wanted to see them the next afternoon. I knew the whole family was in good hands.

We had a great Hillah presence for the labor day parade and took advantage of getting some pictures. From Lloyd Putney on his beautiful All American tractor, to new Nobles in their first parade! We also had the Josephine Co. Fire Brigade Fire Truck, The Chetco Shrine Mini Kar Klub and The Motor Patrol. Mom Brittany was tending to the rest of the kids as we were able to get some pictures and giving us Shriners that payday of seeing the success of another patient. May many blessings be over their family as Eastyn heals and develops.

On behalf of your Divan at work,

Chris Leach
Chief Rabban







Enchanting

RHINE RIVER

Exclusive Shriners cruise aboard AmaFiora, sailing Switzerland to Netherlands with luxury dining, cultural excursions, fellowship, and Stuttgart ceremonial visit.



RHINE RIVER & CASTLES

- Sailing Past Fortresses
- Castles & Vineyards
- Legends Come Alive



SHRINERS FELLOWSHIP

- Brotherhood Afloat
- Friends & Fraternity Afloat
- Unity & Good Cheer

EMIRAT SHRINERS CEREMONIAL

- Fraternity in Action
- Stuttgart Celebration
- Honor & Tradition

AMAWATERWAYS

BLUE SKIES TRAVEL

May 5 to 12, 2027

780-964-9963 | www.mrfancyfez.ca | trevor@mrfancyfez.ca

A Fraternal Voyage of a Lifetime!

Shriners Children's™ Northern California

ShrineVine Online

A Bi-Weekly Update from Northern California Administrator Kenny Pawlek



Hello Illustrious Sirs, Nobles and Ladies,

Please enjoy the latest edition of ShrineVine Online, featuring highlights from recent events at Shriners Children's Northern California.

In this issue, we celebrate our national ranking once again as one of the best children's hospitals by U.S. News & World Report, recap the key updates from our recent Town Hall, and celebrate our annual BikeFit program.

Thank you for all you do to support our mission.

Kenny Pawlek
Administrator, Shriners Children's Northern California



Watch Video

CLICK HERE to WATCH

Rise & Shrine

Letter from the Administrator
Listening to Our Employees

One of my personal goals this year has been to become a better listener. More specifically, I want to be fully present in the moment. We all know what it feels like when someone is genuinely engaged with us, free from distractions and truly listening to understand.
In a world filled with constant interruptions from cell phones, text messages, meeting chats, emails, social media and whatever new technology comes next, remaining present requires intentional effort. Regaining ownership of our attention, our relationships and our sense of humanity is not easy. I will be the first to admit that this is an area where I am still learning and growing.

Last month, one of the highlights of my work was spending time with a group of employees to hear their concerns, ideas and potential solutions. The opportunity for meaningful human connection was invaluable. As a bonus, their insights provided a fresh perspective and helped shape what may ultimately become a better solution for our hospital and our team.

Most importantly, I enjoyed the conversation and the chance to learn more about their work, their challenges and their commitment to our mission. Experiences like these remind me that some of our best ideas come from listening to one another. When we take the time to hear different perspectives, we strengthen not only our solutions but also our culture and our connections with each other.

Best regards,

Dereesa Reid
Administrator



Use the QR code to make a donation
to Shriners Children Hospital

Online

Website
www.hillah.org

Facebook
Hillah Shriners No. 110

Contact:

Hillah Shriners
3581 Lear Way,
Medford, OR 97504
541-774-1305