



NILE SHRINERS

Smile with Nile

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UPCOMING STATED MEETINGS

- Nile Closed Stated Meeting - Wednesday, May 8
- Nile Closed Stated Meeting - Wednesday, September 11

Be sure to RSVP for the Stated meetings by calling or emailing the Nile Office
425-774-9611 x 201
office@nileshriners.org

DATES OF IMPORTANCE

- Poker Night - #19 Bar & Grill May 3
- Shriners Children's Classic Golf Tournament May 17
- Music on the Green June 1
- Poker Night June 7
- Nile Membership Picnic June 12

Message from the Potentate

Moving Forward into the Season

Things are moving fast here at your Shrine Temple. As I write this, the final parts of the Member Lounge are being installed, the floor repairs in the Pote's office are complete, the network buildout is in its final phase, our basement remodel should be completed within the week (just décor and flooring to go after that) and the Silent Messenger statue stands proud and tall in front of our main building. It isn't just projects and improvements, we're hosting events as well!

Last week was our **Family Night Stated Meeting**. A good turnout, but we have room for more. Our monthly **Poker Tournament** continues to be popular and fun, and we wrapped the spring movie series this past Saturday with a showing of *Crocodile Dundee*.

The big theme coming up is our **Day of Nobility**, coming up May 4th. This will be the first opportunity any new members have had to experience a ceremonial since before COVID. Look for more information on our website and in this newsletter. We'll be finishing off the evening with our **Nobility Ball**, the biggest party of the year! If you want to attend, make sure to purchase admission ahead of time with Robyn in the office, no exceptions!



A reminder about the best opportunity in decades to attend one of the biggest events in Shrinedom;

Imperial Session is being held in Reno, NV this year and ends in time for everyone to be back for Fourth of July celebrations, if you choose, or stay and enjoy the party there! The host hotels have just undergone renovations that bring them in line and above the best hotels in Las Vegas. With headliners like Jerry

Seinfeld, fine dining from the likes of Gordon Ramsay and luxury rooms geared toward kids at heart, we've reserved rooms at Circus Circus Reno, now owned by Caesars. Discover 227,000 square feet of casino space with over 2,500 slot machines, 84 table games and Reno's only Topgolf Swing Suite. THE ROW Reno offers a wide variety of dining options, from award-winning steaks, seafood, comfort food and more. The Nile block of rooms start June 28th and go through July 5th. The link to book directly is: <https://book.passkey.com/event/50769797/owner/49883457/home>. We will be hosting a hospitality suite as well as the traditional Temple Dinner. Dining and schedule suggestions will be provided as well, so that once you arrive the focus is on having fun!

Lastly; pass along the call! To support our Shriners Hospitals, we're getting together on the morning of May 17th prior to the **Shriner's Hospital Northwest Classic Golf Tournament**. For the news media present, *we need 100+ Shriners, in our fezes*, to show that we believe in what we started as the World's Greatest Philanthropy. Come out and represent!

Yours,

Brent Arnold, Potentate 2024



2024 Nile Potentate
Brent F. Arnold

Message from the Chief Rabban



2024 Chief Rabban
David C. Mercer

The Silent Messenger project is moving right along. The grounds crew came in and removed the soil and graded the area for the planting areas and trails. The Silent messenger was temporarily installed so we would have it for the 100th year Hospital celebration. The low voltage lighting was installed to show the Silent Messenger off at night. The granite will still be off another couple of weeks and the Silent Messenger will come down to get the granite work done.

The Brick Mason Apprenticeship Program came in and installed the brick tile on the concrete wall.

They also had a cement mason sack the back of the wall for us. They also got a sample of the tile we used for the printing and had Mutual Materials supply the same color brick for the perimeter of the wall.

Thank you for all of you that will be attending and that will help out with the golf tournament on May 17th. It will be a fun time for everyone.

May also will bring us the first Ceremonial since Covid. The day will be very rewarding for all the new nobles since 2019. Then we all will celebrate with the Nobility Ball that evening starting with dinner in the ball room.

May is a very busy month. The parade season is here, and we will be in Sequim for the Potentate's Dinner followed up with the Irrigation Parade the next day. The following weekend will be the Armed Forces Day Parade and Viking Days Parade and followed up with the Memorial Day Parade the next weekend.

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Office Manager: Robyn Montgomery x201



In June, there will be the Strawberry Festival Parade in Marysville. Then on the 28th, Bonnie and I will be taking the Model A to Reno for the Imperial session. We will be representing the Nile in the Imperial Parade and will be with many other temples from all over the United States and Canada. This parade will be one of the largest parades that we have ever participated in. Imperial session is being held in Reno and is close enough that we should all make an attempt to go. The dates are June 30th thru July 4th. If at all possible come out and experience something that you will never forget.

Yours in the faith,

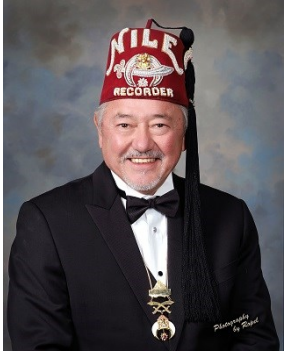
Dave Mercer
Chief Rabban

2024 Nile Directories Available!



The directories are done and are for sale. If you pick one up in the Nile Office they are \$10. If you would like one mailed to you they are \$15. Please email me at office@nileshriners.org or call me at 425-774-9611 X201.

Message from the Recorder



**2024 Recorder
Ken Osborne**

Nobles, Ladies and Friends,
We're headed into busy times around the Nile. With the weather improving, golf and events are picking up. Improvements to the course and grounds around the building are really adding a draw to the public for our course and as an event property. Various projects in the building and outside of it will contribute to making our property better and more attractive.

Friday, May 17 is the Shriners Children's Northwest Classic Golf Tournament. We are also celebrating 100 years of care in

Portland and Spokane. This a big deal for the Nile to have this event here. There are various plans for different events outside of the golf. But for the tournament, we have just secured the Hole in One sponsor which will be on the 18th hole. I'm told it will be a 2024 Honda HR-V AWD Sport. Please come out and celebrate with us. If you are interested in playing, or being a sponsor, go to the website at: <https://donate.lovetotherescue.org/Shriners-Childrens-Northwest-Classic>.

For you Nobles, there is a media event being planned with the KOMO morning program. We need to try and have 50+ nobles in their fez for pictures and a video with a patient ambassador and dignitaries. It will begin at 7:00 am that day. There will be volunteer opportunities too with this event. Please consider volunteering for different needs we will have.

I should have more details of what we need and will be sharing those with you in the weekly communications.

The Nile has sponsored a hole for the tournament. We will have our pop-up with tables and volunteers on tee #5. We want to share information about Shriners and Masons at this hole. I invite the units and clubs to have representation there to share their purpose and benefits of being a Nile member. You can probably tell that I am excited. I'm excited about what it will be for the Nile to be showcased and the success and history of the Hospitals in our territory.

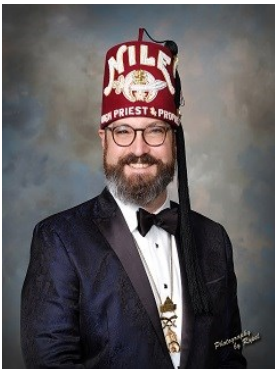
Since I write about the various projects around the Nile each week, I won't be going into detail about them in this article. I will say the apartment has been restored, as well as, the picnic area bathrooms. Actually, we have to replace some light fixtures that are not working because of the water damage. That's all you get for projects – for now!

Countdown to Imperial Session in Reno is less than three months away. We are planning a hospitality room as well as a block of rooms available for you to book. This will provide us with a place for those we share times with as Nile community of friends and family together and in the same area. The Nile block of rooms starts June 28th and goes through July 5th. This is the link to secure your room in the Nile block of rooms <https://book.passkey.com/go/SRISS4H>. It would be a great showing for us to fill up our block of rooms with Nile groups! Hope you can make it.

Until I see you again, take care, and we'll catch up when we catch up!

Ken Osborne - Recorder

Message from the Assistant Rabban



**2024 Assistant Rabban
Darrick Hayman**

I am currently sitting in the Tampa airport at 6:00 am waiting for my Starbucks order and getting ready to board my plane back home from Assistant Rabban School. For those who don't know, Nile sends our Oriental Guide and our Assistant Rabban (and this year our High Priest & Prophet) to leadership schools hosted by Shriners International. Nile has always valued these conferences and has sent our leaders to these schools for many years. Imperial bylaws also require that in order to serve as potentate, a noble is required to go to at least one of these trainings.

I am still riding high from what my wife calls, "conference crack"! It is so energizing to gather together with nobles who are in the same office that I am in as we talk about our excitement and struggles that we experience in our temples. We have also taken classes in membership, general leadership, Shrine law and budgeting. Along with our ladies, we are able to bring the lessons we have learned back to Nile to continue to make the experiences we have as Nile Shriners the best it can be!

Thank you, nobles for sending me to gather together with my peers and to brainstorm ways that we can make our entire fraternity and the world's best philanthropy better than ever! The future is bright, brothers! Smile with Nile!

Yours in the faith,

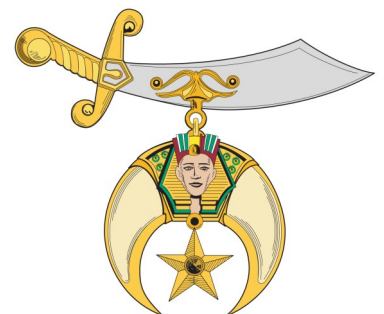
Noble Darrick Hayman - Assistant Rabban

In Memoriam



***Our beloved brethren live on in their influence
on our lives and their memories in our hearts.
They are not forgotten.***

- Peter M. Damm** (4/12/1931 - 4/15/2024)
- Donald Downing** (12/26/1948 - 2/15/2024)
- Don Duboise** (2/3/1939 - 4/10/2024)
- Martin S. Luther** (9/18/1943 - 11/9/2022)
- Frank A. Morrow** (12/15/1932 - 1/21/2024)
- Joseph A. Sanford** (9/11/1935 - 3/19/2024)



News from the Pavement



Happy spring to one and all,
 The parade season is officially upon us. Folks, we have a very full schedule in front of this year. We are adding two new parades to the line up this year. Our first parade of the season was the Tulip Parade in La Conner, on Apr 6th. I would like to personally thank all the nobles and their ladies for coming out and supporting Nile

Shriners. Aside from a slight drizzle, it turned out to be a fun day.

On Saturday May 11th is the Irrigation Festival Parade in Sequim (let's hope we have as beautiful a day as we have had in the past). Form up will be at 11:00, with a start time of 12:00. There will be doughnuts and coffee at the Sequim Masonic Lodge prior at 8:00 before to the Parade.

We have two parades returning to our schedule from a very long time ago. First is the Armed Forces Parade Saturday, May 18th in Bremerton. Form up is at 9:00 (with a startup time of 10:00). Form up location is TBD (based on previous years, I believe we will be in the vicinity of 6th and Chester. I will let you know when I have further details.

From the Armed Forces Day Parade, we will proceed directly to Poulsbo for the Vikingfest Parade. The form up time is at 1:00 with a startup time of 2:00. We will form up on 6th Ave at a location TBD.

Note: We will not be stopping for lunch anywhere in between parades. If you would like to grab a quick bite on your way to Poulsbo, please feel free to do so. Please be mindful of your time. We must be in position no later than 2:15.

The next parade on the agenda is everybody's favorite, The Memorial Day Parade in Bellingham on May 25th. Form up will be at 11:00 with a startup time of 12:00. It is not yet determined where we will meet after the parade, but rest assured, those details are in the works. After the Parade Northwest Shrine Club will be hosting lunch at a location to be determined.

In June, is the Strawberry Festival Parade in Marysville on June 8th. This is our first "SEAFair" parade of the year. This is also our first evening parade of the year. Form-up is at 4:00 and start at 5:00

We need all clubs and units to come out and support our Nile Shrine and our Childrens Hospitals. You're not a "marching unit" You say? I say "Horse Feathers." Our purpose as Shriners (regardless of your unit's purpose) is to make people smile. Whether you carry a banner,

2024 Parade Schedule

DATE	LOCATION
May 11	Irrigation Festival Parade (Sequim) Form up 11:00 / Start 12:00 Pote's dinner - OPSC night prior
May 18	Armed Forces Day Parade (Bremerton) Form up 9:00 / Start 10:00
May 18	Vikingfest Parade (Poulsbo) Form up 1:00 / Start 2:00
May 25	Whatcom Memorial Day (Bellingham) Form up 9:00 / Start 10:00 NWSC - location TBD
June 15	SEAFair Strawberry Festival Parade (Marysville) Form up 4:00 / Start 5:00
July 19	SEAFair Tour de Terrace Parade (MLT) Form up 6:00 / Start 7:00
August 3	SEAFair Lake City Parade (Lake City) Form up 6:00 / Start 7:00
October 5	Railroad Days Parade (Granite Falls) Form up 11:00 / Start 12:00 Damascus Lodge Pancake Breakfast

ride golf carts or have a "cool" gimmick, we need to get out there and do what we do best.

"From the Street"

Your Director of Uniformed Units
 Orville Stoner Sr. - 360-286-9668

2024 Mar-Apr Donations \$3,648.31

Shriners Hospitals \$2698.31

- Robert Wright
- Retired Officers SPD
- In Memory of Joe Sanford*
- George Edwards
- Dick, Diane, Jay, Rachell Sardeson

General Fund \$50

- Charles Wilson

DAD Fund \$900

- Oriental Band
- Ladies Oriental Shrine Clowns
- James Mills
- In Memory of Travis Dean*
- Charles Wilson

Message from the First Lady

A sincere thank you to all the Ladies that attended the First Lady's Luncheon and to everyone that donated to my service project "Dress the Bears". I am beyond honored to have so many in attendance.

I am pleased to announce that so far we have collected 104 outfits/hospital gowns for the bears. This first batch was donated to Shriner Children's Sacramento where there is a big need for the outfits. The outfits will be presented to the hospital next week. Let's not stop here! I plan to collect many more for the next eight months and with hopes of collecting enough to donate to other hospitals as well. If you would like to contribute, Robyn in the office is willing to make gowns for \$10/each or you can donate a new outfit from Build-a-Bear.

As always, thank you for your continued support to Brent and myself this year and more importantly for the children!

Much Nile Love,
Sarah



Nile Shriners Presents

Music on the Green

The inaugural season of **Music on the Green** kicks off on

Saturday, June 1st at 6:00 PM
in the Nile picnic area.

The show starts with a set by **The Blue Healers** followed by two sets from the headlining band, **Lone State**.

Admission is free and the show is open to the public.

Bring your blankets, camp chairs, friends & family, and join us for a night of great music at the Nile.

Swing into the 19th Bar & Grill!

Starting Monday, April 22nd, we're teeing up extended hours to make your dining experience even better! Join us from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Sunday through Thursday, and don't miss our extended hours from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm on Fridays and Saturdays.

Whether you're celebrating a great round or just enjoying the scenic views, we're here to serve you delicious meals and refreshing drinks. See you at the 19th Bar & Grill!



Nile Men's Golf Club



It's set... the Nile Shrine Classic Golf Tournament will be held this year on Sunday, July 14th. Brochures are being printed now, so look for those in the near future at the ProShop, Nile Office Club Room and other locations around the facility.

We need new members, so for those of you that are Shriners, our monthly Men's Golf Club meetings are the last Wednesday of the month, March – September at 5:30. Membership is open to all Shriners in good standing.

Annual Memberships and locker fees are due now. We take cash or checks only.

Membership is still \$40. First Locker is \$35. Additional lockers are \$15 each.

North West Golf Association (GHIN) annual membership is \$39.

And in case you aren't aware, golf cart storage fees are now FREE for Shriners in good standing. Whoa! That's a huge benefit.

Please fill out a form in the club room and drop it in the mailbox along with your remittance. A current member list is posted on the bulletin board on the right, past the coffee service.

Looking forward to seeing you all out there.

Steve Turley
Secretary/Treasurer

Olympic Peninsula Shrine Club

Hello Spring,

We have a full schedule planned for this year. Here is just some of the fun and festivities that we have planned for this summer:

Our next get together will be the Annual Potentate and Divan Appreciation Dinner at 5:45 pm on May 10th at:

Paradise Restaurant - 703 N Sequim Ave, Sequim

Time - Zem Zem 4:45 followed by dinner at 5:30

Dinner will be ordered off the select menu

Chicken Kiev	\$18.95
Northwest Salmon	\$27.95
New York Steak	\$24.95
Prime Rib	\$35.95
Tahitian Prawns	\$25.95

Price - \$5 per person to cover entertainment only but does not include the cost of dinner)

Dress - Business casual, OPSC shirts and jackets along with fez

After the dinner and program, please join us at the Quality Inn for ice cream social/hospitality time in the hotel breakfast room. Hard spirits, beer, wine, mixers and sodas will be provided.

RSVPs are required along with your choice of entrée, no later than Monday, May 8th. Contact Scott Wells at 206-915-0328 or annscottw@msn.com.

Our next get together will be on June 18th at 1:00 at the

Mariners Café
609 W Washington St, Sequim

Olympic Peninsula Shrine Club will also be participating in a few local parades this year:

May 11th	Irrigation Festival Parade, Sequim
May 18th	Rhododendron Festival Parade, Port Townsend
July 4th	4th of July Parade, Port Angeles
August 3rd	Joyce Daze Parade, Joyce
September 21st	Quilcene Fair and Parade

Come out and join us and enjoy the fun that we have out here on the Olympic Peninsula. Stay tuned for more fun-filled activities that our President, Tom Brandt has planned for the upcoming months.

Orville Stoner Sr.
OPSC Secretary - 360-286-9668

News from Ahmes Court #41 LOSNA



Ahmes proudly announces our officers for 2024-2025:

- High Priestess – Lady Rhoda Kiely
- Princess – Lady Linda Christenson
- Associate Princess – Lady Gerry Mosler
- Recorder – Lady Jeanmarie Edwards
- Treasurer – Lady Kimberly Norton
- 1st Ceremonial Lady – Lady Kimberly Riley
- 2nd Ceremonial Lady – Lady Kathy Ramich

Ahmes Ladies were delighted to assist with the Nile’s Crab Feed in February and the Nile’s Easter Egg Hunt in April.

"What to do with Retired Fezes"

The challenge was given to our LOSNA Sewing club to figure out something to do with the many retired Fezes. Our Lady Joan E Sullivan-Ozeroglu, PHP came up with an idea to make bags for the ceremonial coming up in May.

She did a great job. Made 19 bags and they look wonderful.

Looking ahead, we’re doing the Ahmes Bake Sale at the Nile’s Family Picnic in July, and hosting a booth at Nile’s Craft Fair in October.

Learn more about Ahmes on our [website: AhmesCourtwa.org](http://www.AhmesCourtwa.org) and on [Facebook!](#)

Guyanna Young
206-817-3339



News from Hatasu Temple No. 1 Daughters of the Nile

Congratulations to Queen Lynn Haller, the officers and members for the beautiful 111th Installation on March 24th! A lovely event for the Temple and all who attended.

Some upcoming events we hope you will join us at are:

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- May 5th Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser at Nile Golf Course
- May 13th This is the second Session at 7:00 pm honoring Past Queens and Officers and will be the last until September
- May 17th The 100th Hospital Celebration Golf Tournament at 11:30 am at the Nile Golf Course
- May 18th We will be attending *The Savannah Sipping Society* play at the Driftwood Players Theater in Edmonds at 8:00 pm.

June

- June 1st Teacup Exchange and the Supreme Session Kick Off will be held at 12:00 pm at the Nile Shrine Center. Bring a teacup to exchange for this fun event. Cost is \$30. Contact Liz Day, PQ for tickets.
- June 9-14th Supreme Session at Boise, ID
- June 22rd The Supreme Queen Jackie Holloway will make her Official Visit to Hatasu Temple No. 1. There will also be a Ceremonial at 2:00 pm welcoming new members to our Temple and a banquet following at 6:00 pm. Contact Barbara Grobler, JPQ for tickets.

We have many exciting upcoming events through the summer and you are welcome to attend all as a member and/or guests. Princess Gerry Mosler is our Reservations Chairman at 206-799-1399 or wgm1213@gmail.com.

Submitted by Linda Burton, PQ

Contact Queen Lynn Haller, 425-785-9405 or lynnh15@earthlink.net for more information about Hatasu Temple No. 1 events.





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Nile Shriner's Calendar

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May

1st	11:30 AM	Calliope
2nd	11:30 AM	Renton Shrine Club
3rd	7:00 PM	Poker Night—19th Hole
4th	11:00 AM	Nile Ceremonial
	6:00 PM	Nobility Ball
6th	3:30 PM	Board of Directors
	6:30 PM	Oriental Band
7th	6:00 PM	Northwest Shrine Club
8th	5:00 PM	Nile Closed Stated Meeting
	5:00 PM	Legion of Honor
	5:00 PM	Shurtah
10th		Potentate's Dinner - Sequim
11th		Irrigation Festival Parade - Sequim
	5:00 PM	Kitsap Peninsula Shrine Club
12th	2:00 PM	Mini Bikes
13th	6:30 PM	Oriental Band
15th	6:00 PM	West Seattle Shrine Club
16th	5:30 PM	Men's Clowns
17th		100th Year Hospital Celebration & Golf Tournament
18th		Viking Festival Parade - Poulsbo
	1:00 PM	Olympic Peninsula Shrine Club
20th	3:30 PM	Board of Directors
	6:30 PM	Oriental Band
21st	5:00 PM	Director's Staff
25th		Whatcom Memorial Day Parade
27th	6:30 PM	Oriental Band
29th	1:00 PM	Golf Advisory Committee
	7:00 PM	Zem Zem

June

1st	6:00 PM	Music on the Green
3rd	4:00 PM	Board of Directors
	6:30 PM	Oriental Band
4th	6:00 PM	Northwest Shrine Club
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6th	11:30 AM	Renton Shrine Club
7th		Poker Night
8th	5:00 PM	Kitsap Peninsula Shrine Club
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12th		Nile Membership Picnic
	5:00 PM	Legion of Honor
	5:00 PM	Shurtah
15th	1:00 PM	Olympic Peninsula Shrine Club
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	6:30 PM	Oriental Band
18th	5:00 PM	Director's Staff
20th	5:30 PM	Men's Clowns
22nd		Strawberry Festival Parade - Marysville
24th	6:30 PM	Oriental Band
26th	1:00 PM	Golf Advisory Committee
	7:00 PM	Zem Zem
30th - July 4th		Imperial Session - Reno NV