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Minaret



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2020 Divan

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~ Michael Clark, Assistant Rabban ~ Danial Drew, High
Priest & Prophet ~ David Hutchinson, Oriental Guide ~
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Recorder ~ And appointed Officers*

Divan

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Living Potentates

1985 Jerold R. Cochran	2000 Kelly A. Hansel	2011/2020 John D. Limb
1987 Blaine H. Simons	2001 Glen A. Cook	2012 Douglas J. Backes
1988 Aaron E. Saathoff	2003/2019 Robert N. Shupe	2013 William H. Broyles
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1992 Gerald J. Everett	2006 Frederick G. Kidston	2015 M. Lynn Larsen
1993 David B. Edwards	2007 Lawrence K. Fielden	2016 Joel E. Meza
1997 George Auer	2008 Jon H. Harris	2017 Jason C. Varner
1998 Michael W. Roshek	2009 Marvin E. Morton	2018 Paul Madsen

February Birthdays

O Blake Hansen	02/02	John B Humphrey	02/12	Mac M Ross	02/23
Joseph C Matson	02/05	Fred Roberts Jr	02/14	Wayne R Rives	02/25
Aaron M Matthews	02/05	Alex E Mansour	02/14	Peter G Carlston	02/25
James C Davis	02/07	Mark E Litherland	02/16	Monte K Andersen	02/25
Pete A Fletmetis	02/09	Richard P Schwoerer	02/18	Matthew P Montano	02/26
William T Stamps	02/11	William A Butterfield	02/20	Scott R Phillips	02/27
Herbert H Dailey	02/12	Carl D Fortune	02/21	Floyd L Nelson	02/28
Jon W Harris Pp	02/12	Ronald C Polk Jr	02/21	Miles L Crockett	02/28
Wendell E Nelson	02/12	F R Satterfield	02/22	Kevin C LLOYd	02/28

Deaths

none

Rest in Peace

New Members

Henry Becker, Worshipful Master of Uintah #7

Welcome New Members!

From the Potentate



Dear Nobles and Friends,

I would like to thank all the nobles that attended the January meeting. We had a get turn out but love to see more nobles as well. The Divan has a lot of fun stuff planed for 2020. I would also like to thank all the nobles that are stepping up and taking spots in the divan. We have nobles from all over the state. I was great to see a full line of officers. We all made a few mistakes, but we will work on it. We will be going over the budget in our February meeting. I hope to see you all there. Once again if have any questions or ideas for us please email me at limbo1989@comcast.net.

John Limb, Potentate

From the Chief Rabban



Greetings All!

All I can say is I am in shock and excited to be elected to the Chief Rabban position. I will do the best that I can for this Temple. Thank you for having the faith in me. We have a great team of elected and appointed divan members. We are all excited to see what we can accomplish this year. I had the opportunity to attend and participate in the Memorial Ceremony this year. It was a humbling experience and an honor to work with Chuck Warren to put this on. It was a nice ceremony and a way for us to honor the Nobles that we lost this past year. If you were unable to attend this year plan on coming next year to honor these men. If you have not had the chance to go the Shrine Bowl game put on by the Ogden Shrine club, mark your calendar and try to make it next January. It was a great time to hang out with Nobles and their families. The food was great, and the game was fun. But the thing that I enjoyed the most was getting to know people that I have not talked to before. We are putting together an exciting year of education and fun for everyone. We will keep you posted as the events get closer. If you have any advice or anything you would like to talk to me about, please feel free to reach out to me at any time. I look forward to serving the Nobles of this Temple in any way that I can.

Jeremy Estes, Chief Rabban

From the Assistant Rabban



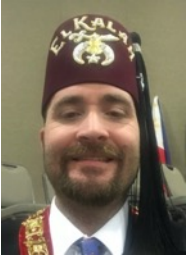
Fellow Nobles and significant others.

It has now been a year since this part of my Divan journey began, what have I learned in this time? Firstly, I have not yet met every Noble or visited every club/unit in our Shrine, nor have I learned everything there is to know about the Shrine. Which is a good thing as I relate this to the educations I do within my Union. As a union educator, the first thing we learn, the first time we stand in front of a class is the fact that we don't know everything. As with the students, we as educators are constantly learning along with the class. One thing I do know is why I became a Shriner. I recently had a conversation with a Past Potentate in the hall of the Temple. He asked me "Why did you become a Shriner?" My answer to him was of a couple parts, I grew up watching my Grandfather as a Shriner Clown and always desired to follow him. Then I told him that being involved in an organization where its members treat each other as equals and offers guidance and assistance when needed, helps to shape the future of our Shrine. Lastly, I told him I became a Shriner to help the hospitals that care for the children they deal with, but to have fun while doing it. So far, I have been able to find the positive in most everything I have encountered, or otherwise treated it as a learning experience. I hope this year, and those ahead of us, that we grow as a Temple, expand our minds to meet the ever-changing needs of our future and welcome in many new Nobles.

We have started cleaning up the Shrine rooms in the Temple so we can start using them again in various capacities. As we go through some of the old props, uniforms, pictures and awards I wonder how did the temple go from what we see in all the old pictures, to what we are now? I see a large number of Nobles rejoicing, performing, showing off and having fun at every event imaginable, to barely having enough Nobles to justify holding some events. I dream of the day we as a Shrine can recreate those pictures that will soon be on the walls of the old Band Room. I hope you will share in this dream with me.

Michael "BOOTZ" Clark, Assistant Rabban

From the High Priest & prophet



Dear Nobles,

Being a part of the masonic family and member of El Kalah I would like to congratulate noble Clay Hamblen as the Grand Master in the State of Utah for the year of 2020! February is the month of Valentine's Day. The day we celebrate those we love. This month let us celebrate each member of El Kalah. Each and every member of El Kalah brings a unique talent to the temple, that should be celebrated! Those talents of each of you only make El Kalah stronger! I know that life is busy. I know that, many things have gotten in the way from why each of you might not be able to attend our monthly business meeting. But please come and join us February 19th at 7:30 pm. Come and be one with your fellow Nobles of El Kalah. For those who didn't know, the newly elected Divan has started a 5-year plan. One of goals of the 5-year plan is to ensure that the Divan gets to a progressive line and that it's no longer about who is at the top, but it's about planning about the nobles. Just like the grand lodge does, just like successful blue lodges do. Come and be part of these changes and be part of the continual 5-year plan.

Danial Drew, High Priest & Prophet

From the Oriental Guide



Dear Friends,

I want to thank the Nobles for allowing me to serve El Kalah Shriners this year. I'm honored to be given this opportunity and will work very hard to do my best. The Potentate and the Divan have laid out this year's activities and I think everyone will find that it will be a lot of fun. There are a lot of family activities so get ready for a great year. The Shrine Bowl party was a lot of fun and we'll see more activities like that throughout the year. I look forward to seeing the Nobles and their families this year.

David Hutchinson, Oriental Guide

Newton, the Proto-Mason



Greetings All!

There is no evidence that he was a Proto-Mason, but he sure thought like one. At least that is my opinion and that of Maynard Keynes:

“Newton was not the first of the Age of Reason. He was the last of the magicians, the last of the Babylonians and Sumerians, the

last great Mind which looked out on the visible and intellectual world with the same eyes as those who began to build our intellectual world with the same eyes as those who began to build our intellectual world less than 10,000 years ago... He regarded the Universe as a cryptogram set by the Almighty.”

Newton mastered the main principles of Masonry:

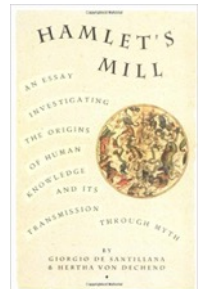
1. Harmony between Strength (Science) and Wisdom (Philosophy/Religion).
2. Hermetism: as above so below.
3. Astronomy and Mathematics lead to the Lost Word.

If you wish to read more about these wonderful Masonic principles, get **HAMLET'S MILL**. Shakespeare based his character Hamlet on the Icelandic myth of a melancholic and highly intellectual hero who owned a mill. It grinded away at the bottom of a Celestial Ocean to originate the Universe, an image of the procession of the Sun through the Zodiac.

Surely you have discovered all these principles in the Blue Lodge degrees. If not, take the time to study them; you will be richly rewarded, and on your way to obtaining The Lost Word.

Hugo Rodier, MD,

Board of Governors, Shriners Hospitals for Children



From the Chaplain



Dear Nobles;

I hope all of you enjoyed the East – West Shrine football game party as much as I did. As always, Past Potentate Jim Sweet, his ladies and their helpers did a magnificent job. The food was fabulous and plentiful, the camaraderie was outstanding, and the game was enjoyable, even though my West team fell down in the final accounting. If you did not participate – you missed out big time!! I hope the event repeats in 2021, and we have another large turnout. In order to be more efficient in our time utilization and to minimize travel impacts on the Officers of El Kalah, our newly elected and installed Potentate, Noble John Limb, has determined that we will have one meeting per month to include both the Divan and Regular Business meetings. This decision should benefit many of us who travel from a distance to attend the meetings.

Disclaimer: All my humorous (I hope) anecdotes are shamelessly plagiarized (stolen) from other sources. I claim no originality or creative genius! Only I am in jeopardy of time in the crossbar hotel! On a less serious note:

- > *An apple a day keeps the doctor away. An onion a day should take care of everyone else.*
- > *A man asked his coworker, "Do you ever worry the boss is going to replace us with computers?" "Not really," the other man answered. "Where is he going to find a computer that grovels?"*
- > *A father looking at his son's less-than-stellar report card exclaimed, "An F in history? When I was your age, that was my easiest subject!" "Big deal," the son replied. "When you were my age, how much had happened?"*

See you all really soon, I hope!

Chuck Warren, Chaplain

From the Recorder



Greetings and Happy Ground Hog's Day to all El Kalah Nobles and Friends!

Nobles, your dues for 2020 should have been paid by December 31st, 2019. Without a 2020 sticker, you cannot participate in any El Kalah activities. Please call the Office to make arrangements to get paid up if you have not already done so. Be on the lookout for some mailings/distributions from El Kalah. By directive in General Order #1, we are required to distribute each year to each Noble, Imperial Guidance on

important, key topics such as HIPPA, Fund Raising and Elections.

Regard Fundraising: "It is natural to associate the fez with Shriners Hospitals for Children. Because of this, meticulous attention must be given to all fundraising activities, including circuses, to make certain that such activities comply with the law of the land and that a contributor is not led to believe that his money will be used for the Hospitals when all or a portion thereof will be used otherwise. The integrity of our charity and of our fraternity must remain above reproach." This extract was taken from the section on Fundraising in G.O.#1. You will see more of this important regulation in coming months.

I hope to see y'all at the **February Stated Meeting** which will be held at the SLC Masonic Temple on **Wednesday evening, February 19th, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.** following the **Divan/Finance meeting which begins at 6:00 p.m. the same evening.** Our new day and time for the Divan/Finance meeting recognizes the fact that there are Nobles in the Divan who come in from Vernal, Ogden and Provo areas for the meetings. Special Congratulations to them for accepting their positions of responsibility! Our membership number is now 308. Remember: we are ALL on the membership committee. If each member brings just one, we have doubled in size. Our membership goal is 25 new Shriners for the year. We can do it!

The January meeting was busy, fun and successful! We look forward to continuing the momentum and making this a banner year for El Kalah!

Al Hokins, Recorder

From the Legions of Honor



Nobles,

Due to the length of the Divan/El Kalah Shriners meeting in January, we did not hold a meeting of the El Kalah Shriners Legion of Honor. We will attempt to do so in upcoming months. If it is determined this is too much to conduct in one evening, we may modify our LOH Regular Meeting schedule. All dues for 2019 were submitted and the balance of our per-capita payment to International is in the mail. Few have paid their dues for 2020 (\$10.00 payable 1 January 2020) but I am submitting the 2020 per-capita payment now, so we are totally up to date prior to the Annual IALOH Convention in May when we expect to receive our Charter. For those of you who are interested in becoming a member of El Kalah Shriners Legion of Honor, please contact me (chuckwarrensr@aol.com) or Commander Al Hokins (hotex61@msn.com) for additional information.

I am preparing a few proposed changes to our By-laws to present to all members. One will address a change to our dues structure. It has been recommended and I agree that we should increase our dues significantly in order to build a financial structure that will permit us to thrive as a unit. There are also a few other items which I will be finalizing for presentation soon. Subjects for consideration are: Dues structure; Uniform code; Life Membership.

Charles Warren, Adjutant

From the Clown Corner



Dear Friends,

We will have our bi-monthly Potluck Dinner February 23, 4:00pm at Al and Sylvia Hokins place, 3108 Sunset Hollow Drive, Bountiful and then plan our St. Patrick's Parade Shenanigans. You're welcome to come join in the fun, just bring a side dish or desert.

Blake "Doc Stitches" Hansen, Secretary

From Daughters of the Nile



Greetings, Nile Sisters!

The start of the New Year has been very busy as you well know. Planning fundraisers for our coming year is a big part of our activity right now. Work on our ideas now enables us to make contributions to Shriners Hospitals for Children throughout the year. Our next Stated Session is on Thursday, February 20th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.; light supper at 6:00 p.m. There will be a Ceremonial to initiate new members on Saturday, February 22nd at 2:00 p.m. Both of these meetings will be at the Salt Lake City Masonic Temple. It would be so wonderful if all of our members could come and share in the Ceremonial with us. The Festival of Tables is our next fundraiser. It will be at the Salt Lake Masonic Temple on Saturday, February 29th at 5:00 p.m., Social and Dinner at 6:00 p.m. RSVP for tickets at \$35 per person; \$45 per person at the door. For more information call Jana Lawrence at 801-560-8259.

Sylvia Hokins, Queen, Lybia Temple #32

From Ladies Oriental Shrine



Hello Nobles and Ladies.

Can you believe it's already February? Time goes by so fast and there are so many activities, dinners, installations meetings and other fun activities. Congratulations to those of you who have been or are being installed this month. I hope and wish you much satisfaction in your coming year.

As for LOSNA, we held a Ceremonial in January and initiated two ladies. We are excited to welcome them into our Court and hope they will become active in some of our unites and other activities. Nobles, please encourage your ladies to seek us out and join in. We have several fund raisers and always try to have as much fun and social interaction as possible.

We are planning our annual Boise trip for the weekend of March 8th. Everyone is invited. Please contact Lady Kim Stenner at (801) 663-0766 for details and cost by February 27th. We hope to have enough reservations so we can schedule a bus and, if so, we will have a pickup in Ogden and Salt Lake City.

Lady Karen Humphreys, High Priestess, Iris Court #47

Shrine Family Calendar of Events

February 6 6:30pm Ogden LOS Club, University Broiler and Grill, Rachel Sweet 801-791-8360

February 13 6:30pm Ogden Nile Club, Hug-Hes Café 1220 48th St. South Ogden. Aline Smith 801-737-0735

February 19 6:00pm El Kalah Divan meeting, Salt Lake Masonic Temple, 650 E South Temple, Salt Lake City. Al Hokins 214-244-9686

February 19 7:30pm El Kalah business meeting, Salt Lake Masonic Temple, 650 E South Temple, Salt Lake City. Al Hokins 214-244-9686

February 20 6:00pm Nile business meeting, Salt Lake Masonic Temple, 650 E South Temple, Salt Lake City. Sylvia Hokins 801-294-2449

February 22 2:00pm Nile Ceremonial, Salt Lake Masonic Temple, 650 E South Temple, Salt Lake City. Sylvia Hokins 801-294-2449

February 23 4:00pm Clown business meeting, Al Hokins residence, 3108 Sunset Hollow Drive, Bountiful. Al Hokins 214-244-9686

February 27 7:00pm Ladies Oriental Shrine court meeting, Ogden Masonic Temple, 20th St. and Harrison Ave, Ogden. Karen Humphries 801-564-2132

February 29 5:00pm Festival of the Tables, Salt Lake Masonic Temple, 650 E South Temple, Salt Lake City. Jana Lawrence 801-560-8259

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