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Philippians 4:8

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1985 Jerold R. Cochran	2001 Glen A. Cook	2011/2020 John D. Limb
1987 Blaine H. Simons	2003/2019 Robert N. Shupe	2012 Douglas J. Backes
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1998 Michael W. Roshek	2009 Marvin E. Morton	2017 Jason C. Varner
2000 Kelly A. Hansel <i>RIP</i>		2018 Paul Madsen

April Birthdays

Mark A Moulton	4/1	Shawn R Clayton	4/10	Stephen W Hodges	4/23
Donald G Lloyd	4/2	Benjamin M Noid	4/14	Robert J Marsilio	4/24
John C Patchin	4/2	James G Berardino	4/16	Howard R Stone	4/24
Ole R Olsen	4/4	J Michael Holt	4/18	Kim M Bowman Sr	4/24
Deward D Phillips	4/6	Loren H Rausher	4/19	Richard E Leader	4/26
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Andrew C Ruoff	4/7	James A McIntire PGM	4/20	Gregory L Evans	4/27
Robert L Elmore Jr	4/7	Grant P Bagley	4/20	Robert M Frayser	4/27
Donald J Mikkelsen	4/8	John F Benner	4/22	Richard Wailes	4/28
Lester J Christopher	4/9	Thomas A Richard	4/22	Larry E Larios	4/30
		Chuck Mitchell	4/22		

Deaths

Kelly A. Hansel, PP June 6, 1934 ~ March 25, 2020

Rest in Peace

New Members

YOUR LODGE BROTHER'S NAME SHOULD BE HERE!

Welcome New Members!

From the Potentate

Nobles



A lot has happened in our country the last month with the covid-19. Wish you all the best during the bad times to come. We will not be having any meetings or events until things clear up. If any Noble needs anything, please call the shrine office. We will get the word out when we can have a meeting again. The officers are working behind the scenes to keep things running. Big thanks to all the hard work the Divan is doing.

John Limb, Potentate

Kelly A. Hansel, PP 2000
June 6, 1934 ~ March 25, 2020

Farewell, my Brother

We lost a dear friend and Brother this week. Kelly Alvin Hansel - friend, Brother, Past Master, Past Potentate - passed at his home in Fruit Heights. Kelly was a good man. He served his country well, retiring from the United States Air Force as a Senior Master Sergeant. He was active in the Masonic Family – as a Mason, as Master of Gateway Lodge #29, as Potentate of El Kalah Shriners, as a National Sojourner and a Hero of '76 in Salt Lake Chapter #114/Great Salt Lake Camp. He was Past Associate Grand Guardian and Past Associate Supreme Bethel Guardian as he actively supported his Jobs Daughters. He was a Past Patron of Beth Arabah Chapter. #24 and Mountain Chapter #2, Order of Eastern Star. A 33° Scottish Rite Mason, he was the man behind the spotlight at all the Scottish Rite Reunions for many years. He was also a Royal Arch and Cryptic York Rite Mason. He was a Past Scoutmaster of Troop #78 at Clearfield Community Church. Our Brother was, indeed, a Good and Faithful Servant. Goodbye, my friend. Clear skies, smooth sailing, and rest peacefully in the arms of YHWH. You will be missed.

Chuck Warren, Chaplain

From the Chief Rabban



Greetings All!

I have been sitting at the computer for over an hour trying to think of something that I could write. This has been a difficult month for me and my family. One of my first jujitsu students passed away the morning of the 7th. As my wife and I were at her parent's house trying to find a way to give them comfort, I received a phone call from the police that they had just found my stepdad who had collapsed in a bathtub three days prior.

The first thing that the family of the young lady that had just passed away said to us as we were standing up to leave was, what can we do to help you with this!

This has had me thinking of the obligation that we took as Masons. This family was in such pain after losing their daughter just hours before, but the first thing that they asked me was what can they do to help us. Man, that was powerful, that is the true meaning of helping someone who is in distress.

We are starting to feel the fun coming back into the Shrine and we want to keep things moving in that direction. We will not be meeting until the Grand Master gives us the ok. But let's remember to reach out to some of the nobles to see if there is anything that we can do to make sure our Nobility is safe. Sometimes all it takes is a phone call to let people know that they are not alone.

We all go through struggles in life but let's try to stand up and help each other get through the hard times in our life's.

Our Assistant Rabban, Mike and I had the opportunity to go to the AR school this last month, what a great training. They talked a lot about a plan, to make sure we have our 5-year plan and to keep adding on to it every year. We as a Divan are always working on our plan to make sure that it will be the best for the nobility. We have some fun and exciting ideas that we are working on. We look forward to sharing them with you all soon.

Everyone, stay safe.

Jeremy Estes, Chief Rabban

From the Assistant Rabban



Fellow Nobles and Significant Others,

In light of recent education and current events I am going to try and not skip over or omit anything of importance. I want to begin with the recent trek that Chief Rabban Estes and I made to Florida (before the virus made landfall). The Assistant Rabban school offered so many opportunities, ideas and the chance to establish new friendships. The information that was passed on to us from Imperial leadership was eye opening. Along with the basic information they say is usually taught, the

two most important topics that they spent a lot of time on was increasing membership and strengthening current membership. Then taking us to the Shriners Creed and focusing on "honorable intentions" "Trustworthy relations" "Spirits that are forgiving of each other" and "offering each other fraternal affection and respect". With the information that Chief Rabban Estes and I along with Oriental Guide Hutchinson received through the two schools attended can and will open many doors. Afford new opportunities and steer us down new avenues that hopefully can set a new course for our Temple. It will be an uphill climb, but there is light at the end of the tunnel...and it is not a train! On the topic of trains, I was offered a Senior Manager position over the Union Pacific Northern Region Mechanical department, which would take me to Green River on a permanent move. After careful consideration of family, doctors as well as our Masonic and Shrine family...you are not getting rid of us that easy!

Now for the Elephant herd in the room, Gombo Flu and ground shakers! Some have taken ill, some have self-isolated, some are on "Caronation", some are essential, and some are non-essential. No matter your course, the loss of our annual opening event was a sad day, as is the current suspension of all Masonic and appendant body plans and events. This situation has put a damper on everyone's spirits and thought processes. I know it has mine. Please, do not hesitate to reach out to your fellow Brothers and Nobles if you need help or just a shoulder and vice versa to just check on our fellow Brothers, Nobles and their families. In this time of need, I would like to put an idea that we use in the trade union world out there, "We are our Brothers keeper." We need to ensure each other is safe and sane so that when we are able to come back together, this will all be behind us and it will be like it was just yesterday that we saw each other.

Sincerely and Fraternally

Michael "BOOTZ" Clark, Assistant Rabban

From the Oriental Guide



Hello Nobles and families,

I hope no one has caught COVID-19 yet. This virus has put a huge strain on all of us. For many that will get it the affects will be minimal, like a cold, or so I have been told. But for those of us that are more experienced (older) or have a compromised immune system the effects are much worse, even death.

From what I have read and heard the worry is the infection rate will increase greatly and those that get very sick will overwhelm the health care system, possibly denying care to some. The more people that get sick there will be proportionally more folks that get very sick. That is the risk, not a so much a younger person getting ill.

Many in our Masonic Family are over 60 (I am) and are at greater risk so we need to think about protecting our community, not just our own health. The number of cases continue to grow and there are people walking around that don't know they have it. Not having our meetings is a big disappointment, but in the long run it is the best thing to do.

On the bright side, troubles bring out the best in many people and that is a strength of the Masonic family. When things get bad, we pull together and look out for each other. Check on each other and if you need help please don't hesitate to ask someone.

Before the virus caused our world to change, I was able to attend the Oriental Guide School put on by Imperial in Tampa. There were Oriental Guides from around the country, it was a great place to hear what other Shrines were doing. I learned a lot about the formal workings of the Shrine. Once the world gets back to normal, I'm really looking to what El Kalah Shrine is going to do. We have a lot of family activities planned; we'll get back to being a fun organization. Some organizations are having virtual meetings and that seems to work well. Apps like Zoom (and there are several others) make it easy to have virtual meetings and keep us from being so isolated. So, in the meantime, stay home, buy only what you need and let's look after each other.

David Hutchinson, Oriental Guide

From the Clown Corner



Dear Friends,

No Clown Potluck
Stay Safe
Get plenty of rest
Take Vitamin C & D

Blake "Doc Stitches" Hansen, Secretary

Silent and Ordinary as the Sphynx



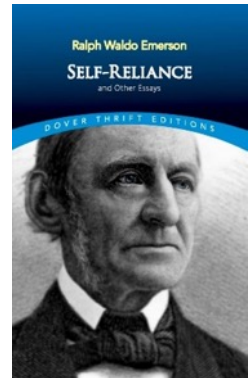
We have all noticed brethren peacefully, contentedly, silently sitting on the sidelines. For the most part, they never get involved in conflict or any other disharmonious activities. Sadly, some of them stop coming to Lodge without anyone ever learning why. I admire them. I make a point to get to know them. They remind me of the Sphynx's admonition: to know, to dare, to will, to be silent. It matches the Kabbalah's Tree of Life. At the very top of it is Silence.

Sure, some of them are shy, others are mature and self-reliant enough to know their opinion and views are not going to make or break a meeting. Yet, their example, their silence speaks louder than words to those who don't know when to be silent. The 32nd degree of the AASR alludes to this issue: *"I promise that I will combat the efforts of those who seek to be leaders over the people through unworthy means, the inept, the unworthy the incompetent, and incite men to be self-reliant and independent."* And silent.

Are these silent brethren ordinary? Yes, in a Zen way: *"When an ordinary man gets knowledge, he becomes a sage. When a sage gets understanding, he becomes an ordinary man."*

Let us give our silent brethren the benefit of the doubt and our friendship.

Hugo Rodier, MD, Board of Governors, Shriners Hospitals for Children



From the Chaplain



Dear Nobles;

I hope none of you are suffering from the ill-health effects of COVID-19 during this stressful and challenging period. Many of us are in the “very vulnerable” classification and need to be sure we follow the instructions provided by our health care providers and professionals. The sanitation and personal hygiene information and guidelines they have provided should help mitigate the effects upon us. Heed the warnings regarding self-isolation and stay away from any public gatherings whenever possible.

I suggest we all take advantage of this “slowdown” and utilize the time to catch up on our reading, our emails, and utilize our favorite social media to touch base with our family and friends to maintain contact, to reassure those who are impacted most by the circumstances and maybe just to renew relationships with those who may have fallen by the wayside over time. It would not be a bad idea to utilize some of this downtime to quietly reassess our priorities in life, to remind ourselves how vulnerable and fragile we are and to spend some of our time in meditation and prayer.

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!

~ My friend thinks he is smart. He told me an onion is the only food that makes a person cry. So --- I threw a coconut at his face.

~ Three people were sentenced to die at the guillotine. The first was a lawyer. He was led to the platform, blindfolded and had his head put on the block. The executioner pulled the lanyard, but nothing happened. To avoid a messy lawsuit, the authorities let the lawyer go free. The next was a priest. Thy put his blindfolded head on the block and the executioner pulled the lanyard, but the blade didn't go down. They thought it must have been divine intervention, so they let the priest go. The last person was an engineer. He waived his right to a blindfold, so they led him to the guillotine and put his head on the block. As he lay there, he shouted, “Hey, wait! I think I see your problem!”

~ “I thought my neighbors were nice, generous people. Then they put a password on their Wi-Fi.

~ A husband and wife were driving through Louisiana. As they approached Natchitoches, they started arguing about the pronunciation of the city's name. They bickered back and forth until they stopped for lunch. At the counter, the husband asked the cashier, “Could you settle an argument for us? Would you pronounce where we are very slowly?” She leaned forward and said, “Burr-gerr Kiiing.”

Chuck Warren, Chaplain

From the Recorder



Greetings All!

As I look out from my quarantine, I see snow melting. We've had about eight inches in the past 24 hours. The roads are clear, but that doesn't matter – we're not going out on the "Great American T.P. hunt today..." Ha! Since there are no meetings or activities to discuss, let's continue with G.O. #1: "2. Fundraising for Charitable Purposes: (a) No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations shall engage in any charitable fundraising activity other than for Shriners Hospitals for Children. Permission therefor must be first obtained in writing from the temple Potentate. The temple Potentate must then obtain written permission from the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees. This request for written permission shall be sent to the Executive Vice President, Shriners International, P. O. Box 31356, Tampa, FL 33631-3356. No charitable fundraising activity shall be held in the jurisdiction of another temple without the written permission of the Potentate of that temple. (i) A joint charitable fundraising activity with another 501(c)(3) charity may be authorized, provided that a minimum of 50% of the net proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children, and the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees determine, on a case by case basis, that it is in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children and they grant their written permission for the activity. (ii) A charitable fundraising activity conducted by a temple located outside of the U.S.A. may be authorized for other charities, provided that the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees determine, on a case by case basis, that it is in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children and they grant their written permission for the activity. (b) All Shrine temples and their units, Shrine clubs, Shrine Associations and their units and Imperial Sessions of Shriners International are prohibited from engaging telemarketing firms and direct mail firms to assist with fundraising for Shriners Hospitals for Children. Any existing contracts may be completed, but not renewed. No new contracts are permitted without first obtaining written permission from the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees. (c) 100% of net proceeds (as defined in the Charitable Fundraising—Approval And Reporting provisions of this General Order) from charitable fundraising must be given to Shriners Hospitals for Children except for such portion thereof as may be permitted to be retained for the temple Shrine Hospital Patient Transportation Fund, pursuant to the Special Purpose Funds provisions of any General Order. Provided, however, if the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees determine for good cause shown, that the law of the land requires that a portion of the net proceeds must be distributed locally, then they may, if they determine it to be in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children, grant their written permission for such distribution. The remaining net proceeds from charitable

fundraising must be given to Shriners Hospitals for Children and may not be designated or restricted in any way other than for research at one or all of our hospitals. (d) The temple shall report the result of each charitable fundraising activity within sixty days of the activity, pursuant to the Charitable Fundraising—Approval And Reporting provisions of any General Order. (e) This section shall not apply to activities exempt under §335.4(b) of the bylaws of Shriners International. (f) Each independent corporation or entity that receives the permission of the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees to raise moneys for Shriners Hospitals for Children, and which does not have its financial statements reviewed pursuant to §§334.6 & 337.8 of the bylaws of Shriners International, shall have its financial statements audited by a certified, chartered or licensed public accountant and shall submit such audit report to Shriners International within 120 days of the activity.”

Not much longer until we check Shriner I.D. cards with a QR scanner at the door of each meeting. Annual Year stickers will be phased out before too much longer.

All the best! Keep smiling. It costs nothing but a bit of effort to give away a smile...

Al Hokins, Recorder

From the Tournament Director



The **Children's Charity Golf Classic** is warming up once again!

2019 was a banner year for our tournament. We donated \$31000 to Shriners Hospitals for children—Salt Lake City. This year we are of course faced with new challenges. I am confident, however, that by Aug 22, 2020, the world will be moving along again, and the tournament will go on as scheduled. If not, we have a backup date. In the meantime, we are finding alternative ways to accomplish our mission of raising money for the hospital. Please check out our tournament website: **www.childrenscharitygolf.org**. We will be launching a silent auction of lots of great weekend getaways, golf packages and other great prizes. You can make a bit directly on the website if you just follow the instructions there. I encourage everyone to check it out and bid. This will be an easy way to participate, help the hospital and get something terrific at a bargain price. In addition, **you can donate a new item to the auction to continue the program**. You will receive a great CCGC golf hat as a thank you. 100% of the proceeds go directly to the Hospital. The auction will begin April 10th, but you can go to site now to see many of the auction offerings. Call Merlin Larsen with questions 801 455 7815.

Regards,

Merlin Larsen, PP, Tournament Director

From Daughters of the Nile



Greetings, Nile Sisters!

What a truly strange ending to a wonderful year of Nile activities. I very much enjoyed my term as Queen for Lybia Temple, No. 32, Daughters of the Nile. As we all know, the Coronavirus known as COVID-19 has affected every walk of life, worldwide. All things Masonic have been canceled in Utah. So, stay tuned for updates on meetings and activities. We all must heed the guidance of health officials. Please limit public exposure and stay at home as much as possible. Do not take any chances to which might spread this virus. I hope you are all well; and I look forward to the time when Lybia Temple is back together again.

We are all in this together,

Sylvia Hokins, Queen, Lybia Temple #32

From Ladies Oriental Shrine



Hello Nobles and Ladies,

As the Coronavirus continues to plague our nation, I hope our Masonic Family is staying healthy. Remember the phone is not off limits, it's important that we keep in touch with one another. Regretfully, I am postponing the 73rd public installation of Officers for the Ladies Oriental Shrine. Also, we will be cancelling our April meeting. I'm an optimist, I am still holding out hope that only April events are affected by COVID-19.

Be kind to one another,

Lady Julieann Chapman, High Priestess Elect, Iris Ct #47

Shrine Family Calendar of Events

Stay safe.

Remember social distancing.

Send calendar updates to jsweetinogden2@yahoo.com



The Grand Lodge
of
UTAH

To: All Lodges, Appendant and Concordant Bodies and Every Mason under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Utah Brethren, This decision is to be published via Grandview to all members and is effective immediately. Whereas there is an ongoing and evolving health crisis surrounding COVID19 in Utah, our country and Worldwide. Whereas the local and State Health departments have issued orders and enacted temporary laws restricting gatherings to fewer than ten (10) individuals due to the health risk of contracting or spreading COVID19. Whereas we should be compliant with local and State laws. It is therefore my decision that No Masonic gatherings may be held until otherwise directed. This includes all youth groups and appendant bodies. Further, it is my order that all Masonic buildings be closed. Maintenance, janitorial and administrative work may continue. To support the continued operations of lodges throughout this period the following will apply: 1) All usual and customary bills that have been budgeted are to be paid. Others may be paid with the order of the Worshipful Master with the consent of the Wardens, Secretary and Treasurer. 2) You are encouraged to use social and electronic media, email lists or other video conferencing technology to remain in contact with your lodge membership. 3) Masonic funerals may be performed at the request of the family of a Mason in compliance with current local and State restrictions. I encourage you to reach out to one another. Pick up the telephone and check in on your Brethren, especially those who are at risk or may live alone. We are in this together and remember always we are our Brothers keeper. Fraternal regards, Clay G. Hamblen Most Worshipful Grand Master CGH/let

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