

July 2020

Minaret



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Sorry Noble, no Pioneer Days Parade this year.

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	2011/2020 John D. Limb	

May Birthdays

Alfred L Glaeser	6/1	Eugene L Rose	06/10	Dean D Rein PGM	06/24
William E McPeek	6/2	Lloyd G Farrell Jr	06/10	Michael J St-Laurent	06/25
Randy P Hansen	6/2	Donald D Biggs	06/11	Justin R Lecheminant	06/25
Christian R Glad	6/2	Robert D Milbourn	06/12	Richard L Loomis	06/26
Amador Rivera	6/4	Ronald Lloyd	06/13	Burke H Biersdorf	06/28
Thomas E Caygle	6/4	Thomas W Salzman	06/13	Jay L Roundy	06/28
James Cunningham	6/5	John H Jones	06/16	Allen W Record PGM	06/28
Joe P Nava	6/6	John A Glines	06/18	David L Lemons	06/29
Thomas C Bunn	6/6	Andrew J Kithas	06/20	Michael F Jacobazzi	06/29
Bret J Cox	6/8	David B Edwards PP	06/20	Thomas J Goheen	06/29
Gordon L Oram	6/9	Andrew K Stott	06/20	Jake Johnstun	06/29
Ernest R Reese	6/9	Thomas B Simons	06/22	Richard H Simons	06/30
Wendell M Hunt	6/9	Carl E Fauver	06/23	Randy T Martin	06/30
		Frank C Baker PGM	06/24		

Deaths

NONE!

Rest in Peace

New Members

YOUR LODGE BROTHER'S NAME SHOULD BE HERE!

Welcome New Members!

From the Potentate



Nobles,

The month of June has past and we are half way through the year. We are hoping to have some events this year and we will send information out to all of you when we get it. We are still hoping to have a barbeque in August in Ogden if conditions allow it. Please be safe out there. The Chief Rabban and I will be voting online this year for the Imperial Session on July 11th.

I would like to thank the Officers for all their hard work and understanding this year.

Sincerely

John Limb, Potentate

From the Chief Rabban



Nobles and Friends,

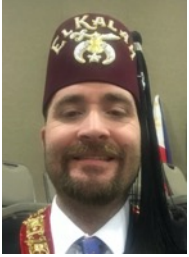
I hope everyone is safe and sound through this time. We will be having an El Kalah movie night on July 11, 2020 at 7:30. Limited to the first 50 people and of course masks and social distancing will be observed. See the flyer in this Minaret. We look forward to seeing as many people there as possible. This will be a good time to get together as we have not been together in a long time.

We are still looking for nobles to help with the new unit that we are starting called The Tap Room. If you are interested in helping please let me know, we are getting excited to have this come together.

If anybody is struggling through the Covid lock down, please let us know how we can help. Stay safe and we will see you all soon!

Jeremy Estes, Chief Rabban

From the High Priest & prophet



Noble and Ladies,

What an amazing season we are entering. Summer is usually the time we can all get out, even if it's only occasionally and have some fun with friends, family, and El Kalah. Though, the global pandemic has put a damper on this, I believe you may see a few activities with El Kalah this summer, maybe a movie night. I know that the health department in Uintah County approved the annual Basin Shrine BBQ fundraiser in Vernal. So, I encourage all of you to take your family to Vernal on a mini staycation the weekend of August 8th. Go to Dinosaur National Park and the many other wonderful local sites. Then go to the Basin Shrine Club BBQ on Sunday August 9th. I also hope El Kalah Shrine can have another BBQ elsewhere in the state during the month of August as well.

My fellow nobles, with Covid-19 it is extremely unlikely that we will hold a normal meeting the rest of the year, though I hope we do. But it is even less likely that it could hold an in-person election in December. However, we have good news, one of our fellow appendant bodies in the state of Utah (York Rite) will be holding their yearly York Rite Sessions in August and have figured out a way to do online balloting that will be completely private and safe. The members of the Divan will be observing how the York Rite is doing their election and will be able to use the online software Utah York Rite has obtained to run our elections. There are some limitations, for example we will need to sign up that night to be eligible to vote. How wonderful it is that we live in a time that we can do this. Technology has its limitations, but it also allows us to meet and do things that our Brothers and Nobles were not able to do during similar times such as the Spanish Flu Pandemic of 1918-1920.

On a personal note, I miss being with my fellow Nobles at our temple. I hope you all feel the same way. I hope that once a vaccine is created, we can get back to the way things were and back to the work of the temple.

Daniel Drew, High Priest & Prophet

From the Recorder



Hello, Nobles & Happy Fourth of July!

On July 1, 1776 delegates of the Continental Congress were in Philadelphia, debating over whether the 13 original colonies should declare their independence from Britain's Parliament as well as King George III, himself. That night news arrived that British ships had sailed into New York Harbor, posing an immediate threat to the Continental troops commanded by George Washington. On July 2, delegates from 12 colonies voted in favor of independence (New York would follow suit on July 9). On July 3, even as Congress revised a draft of the Declaration of Independence composed by Thomas Jefferson, an excited John Adams took up his pen to write to his wife, Abigail, that July 2 "will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival" and that the celebration should include "Pomp and Parade...Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other." On July 4th, the Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence. Though the vote for actual independence took place on July 2nd, from then on, the 4th became the day that was celebrated as the birth of American independence although the Declaration of Independence was not signed until August. On July 4th, 1826, America celebrated 50 years of independence as, just a few hours apart, two of its earlier Presidents took their final breaths. At the time of his death, Thomas Jefferson was 83, while John Adams had turned 90 the year before. Though both were unwell, their deaths on July 4, 1826, came as a surprise to many—particularly as they coincided with one another on this very striking date.

Now, let us think about more current matters. On August 1, 2020 the 2021 Dues Assessment will be accomplished by Shriners International. In the spring of 2018, the Nobility of El Kalah voted to approve an annual dues increase of \$3.00 per year with the topic to be addressed again in 2025. The vote result was sent to Imperial in spring of 2018 in accordance with their bylaws. They approved and returned it too late to include the \$3 increase in to 2019 dues. Because the \$3 increase did not get included in either 2019 or 2020, you will see an increase for three years in the 2021 dues. That means a \$9 increase for most Shriners or a total of \$176.50 (By comparison, Nobles in some other Temples are paying over \$205 in 2021). In addition, El Kalah bylaws, \$5.2 Dues, states, "Members who are over 80 years old will not be required to pay temple dues, but must pay the hospital levy, Imperial per capita tax and MTA assessment." That means hospital = \$5, unless you are a permanent hospital member; Imperial per capita=\$30; unless you are a permanent Imperial per capita member; MTA per capita, 2021, \$50 or a total of \$85.

Al Hokins, Recorder

On Liberty



"The only purpose for which power can be rightfully exercised over any member of a civilized community, against his will, is to prevent harm to others. His own good, either physical or moral, is not sufficient warrant." John Stuart Mill

The pandemic and people's polarized reactions to it are best viewed through Masonic lenses. Granted, we all have our interpretation of its principles. Hopefully, we can be respectful as we express our views. Here is mine:

There is **STRENGTH** in refusing to be quarantined. We must keep the economy going and our jobs secured. Our lives depend on being able to work.

There is **WISDOM** in choosing to stay home as scientists and our health care system recommends. This is especially true on groups of people at risk. Seek to understand the other side's point of view. There is truth in both sides.

There is **HARMONY** in finding a middle way. Here is mine. Go back to work if you must. Wear masks and wash your hands often. Stay home if you can afford it. Refrain from demanding your freedom to disobey without regard to the welfare of others. Yes, you have the right to swing your fist, but that right ends where my nose begins.

"The greatest study their adversary's case as well as their own... He who only knows only his own side of his case knows little of that." Mill.

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

From the Legions of Honor



Nobles,

I have been in contact with the National Adjutant and the Lt. Commander for our Division 5 and both assure me that the current plan is for our Charter to be voted upon and granted at the Arlington (VA) Wreath Laying Ceremonies 28 Oct – 1 Nov. I plan to attend those festivities, just as I had planned to attend the Annual National Convention in Amarillo, TX which was cancelled, due to the pandemic. I will keep everyone updated as time progresses.

Charles Warren, Adjutant

From the Chaplain



Dear Nobles;

This past month has been quite interesting and informative for me, and I suspect it has been so for many of you, as well. Due to the limitations imposed upon us by the pandemic, we have had to learn how to operate in a virtual world. Zoom, Google Meet, Go to Meeting, and other on-line meeting systems have roared into our lives and fortunately have enabled us to continue our Masonic functions, albeit with limitations. The “young’uns” have grasped the fundamentals quite readily and haven’t missed a beat, it seems. Fortunately for us “Oldsters”, they have often taken the lead, as well, and patiently tutored us along so that now we can also participate in these virtual assemblies, coherently, for the most part. Some of the Masonic organizations of which I am a member have proclaimed such satisfaction with the results of the virtual arena that they intend to continue doing business using this medium in the future after the pandemic subsides. The efficiencies we have gained from virtuality (if that is a legitimate word) has presented opportunities for us to spend our time together more productively and to be more creative. Several of the meetings I have participated in have enjoyed a plentiful amount of time for educational features which were limited in the past by time constraints. I believe this is a very GOOD THING! One of the common complaints of some of our Brethren/Nobles (especially the younger ones) is that our meetings are too boring, with too much time being spent on the mundane reading of minutes, correspondence, paying of bills, etc. Now we have the opportunity to utilize our time together for more interesting activities. I hope we all take advantage of this opportunity.

Now, for a few chuckles: *I heard at the Garden Shop “I’d like to grow my own food, but where can you buy bacon seeds?” You know you’re getting old when the candles cost more than the cake. Why did the physics teacher break up with the biology teacher? There was no chemistry. A child was sitting on a park bench eating a chocolate bar. An older man nearby looked over and said, “You know, eating a lot of chocolate is bad for you.” The boy thought for a minute and replied, “My great-grandfather lived to be 105.” “And he ate that much chocolate?” the old man said. “No,” said the boy, “but he did mind his own business.”*

See you soon! Stay safe and healthy. God Bless you all.

Chuck Warren, Chaplain

From Ladies Oriental Shrine



Dear Nobles and Ladies,

I hope July finds everyone safe and healthy. Hope is described as being able to see a light, despite all the darkness. Keep shining little light, keep shining. We are all hanging in there and waiting until we can meet again. LOS is helping with the estate/yard sale of Lady Ann Martin's household contents. The yard sale will be on July 17th, 18th and the 19th if necessary, at her home. 4014 Omega Way, West Valley City.

BE KIND, BE SAFE.

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

Shrine Family Calendar of Events

July 11 7:30pm Family Movie Night, Megaplex theater, 3761 W Parkway Plaza, South Jordan. Jeremy Estes 801-372-0296

Stay safe.

Remember social distancing.

Send calendar updates to jsweetinogden2@yahoo.com

El Kalah Family Movie Night

We will have a movie night July 11 at 7:30 PM!

At Megaplex at the District

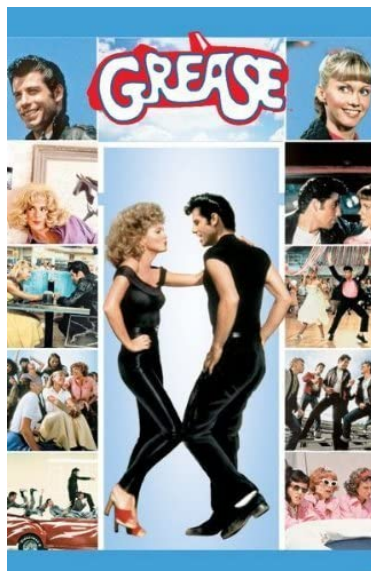
3761 W Parkway Plaza Dr, South Jordan.

\$20.25 per person includes a Large Drink and Popcorn.

We are limited to the 50 people.

Pay at the El Kalah office to reserve your spot.

Facemasks must be worn at the theater!



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Come dressed as your favorite character.

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