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September 2020

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Daniel Drew	High Priest & Prophet
Dave Hutchinson	Oriental Guide
Al Hokins	Recorder
Bill Voorhees	Treasurer

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Hugo Rodier, MD, Brett Crockett, Merlin Larsen

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## **Membership**

## Living Potentates

1985 Jerold R. Cochran	2001 Glen A. Cook	2012 Douglas J. Backes
1987 Blaine H. Simons	2003/2019 Robert N. Shupe	2013 William H. Broyles
1988 Aaron E. Saathoff	2005 Michael W. Roshek	2014 James L. Sweet
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
	2011/2020 John D. Limb	

## September Birthdays

William F Phillips Jr	9/1	Arthur Reilly	9/9	Marvin Sealey	9/18
Duane C Carpenter PGM	9/2	Alan O Spencer	9/9	Lyvian K Richter	9/18
W K Ware	9/3	Robert J Shearer	9/10	John R Lay	9/19
David W Barron PGM	9/4	John Collier Nobles	9/12	Don L Lezer	9/20
H K Cutrubus	9/5	Jonathan N Grau	9/13	Darrell E Snider	9/26
Aaron E Saathoff PP	9/6	George Auer PP	9/15	Eldon D Sloan	9/27
R F Moyle	9/6	Gerald W Cook	9/16	J. D Schoenfeld	9/28
William F Voorhees	9/6	Jason C Varner	9/16	Russell A Potter	9/29
Ray W Plumhof	9/7	Wayne A Warr	9/17	John D Limb PP	9/29

## Deaths

Henry Meyer July 30, 1933~ July 29, 2020

*Rest in Peace*

## New Members

YOUR LODGE BROTHER'S NAME SHOULD BE HERE!

*Welcome New Members!*

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## *From the Potentate*



Nobles,

Summer is over and we are about start the last quarter of the year. We will have a zoom meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Please get with HP&P Danny Drew with any help and log in information you may need. We will be having our December meeting with zoom and E Voting for 2021 Officers. If you plan on voting, let the office know of any changes to your email address.

Sincerely

*John Limb, Potentate*

## *From the Chief Rabban*



Fellow Nobles,

Nobles what a year this has been so far, I can't wait until we can get together again and hang out, go to parades and just socialize in general.

Make sure that you are watching your emails so that you are ready for the electronic votes for the next years Divan. There will be several practices between now and the December elections. Read the email and follow the directions to insure that you can vote. Please reach out the any of the Divan members or the team in charge of getting this ready.

Again, if you are struggling with anything that has to do with the COVID 19 issues we are going through please let us know and we will try to help out in any way that we can. We should also be reaching out to our neighbors and friends to see if they are doing ok in this time.

Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. 801-372-0396.

*Jeremy Estes, Chief Rabban*

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## From the Assistant Rabban



Fellow Nobles and Significant Others,

My lady and I hope everyone is keeping in good spirit and health. It seems our year is progressing faster and faster and our wheels just keep spinning and spinning. Have we gotten anywhere, just further through the year, with not much accomplished? Trust me, I am going just as stir crazy as the next person. A parade, fundraiser, party or even just a face to face meeting to know there is still life out there. We will get through this and gather once again, soon!

Our calendar will soon be giving us a date that our country changed forever. If you haven't figured this out yet, I am a patriot in more ways than one. In this current state of events, I ask that on Patriots Day this year, take a moment and say a prayer for the victims and families of September 11, 2001. We also hope everyone finds a way to enjoy Labor Day this year with friends and family and be safe in your travels. Again, we will all soon be able to gather again, have faith.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
*Michael "BOOTZ" Clark, Assistant Rabban*

## From the Oriental Guide



Dear Nobles

More bad things keep happening and it seems like it may never stop but keep the faith. The Shrine hospitals in Texas escaped the hurricane with no serious damage and opened for regular business the next day. In California, the fires do not threaten the Shrine Hospital in Sacramento. In all the bad that is happening the good is growing, we are learning more about COVID, there may soon(?) be a vaccine and in Utah the number of cases, hospitalizations and deaths are decreasing. We need to keep our

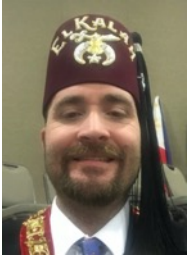
faith in God and look to the good, don't let the bad get you down. Remember that we are a family, we are here for each other's support, call a Brother or Sister if you need help with anything. In El Kalah we keep planning for the day when we can meet again and start our family activities. If we can't have in-person meetings, we will have Zoom get-togethers and develop plans for a virtual meeting in December to hold elections. Keep your faith and we will get through 2020 and everything it has brought to us.

Yours in Faith,  
*David Hutchinson, Oriental Guide*

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# *From the High Priest & prophet*



Noble and Ladies,

The heat of summer fades in the cool and beauty of autumn and let us celebrate the autumn of the Shrine year as well.

I know how frustrated everyone has been that we couldn't go and do parades. I know I missed doing parades and being part of the motorized units. I miss my friends in the mini bikers. Most of all I miss seeing you all.

Autumn means the world changes and prepares for the colder months ahead. We see that, with the birds flying south. We see that, with little mammals collecting food for the winter. We see that in the majestic and beautiful colors of the leaves as they change colors. We are just at the start of this in September. But, at least in September we know it is coming and we are ready to watch for it.

Just as we are ready to watch for the changes in weather and to the earth, we are ready to watch for the changes in how the shrine and members of the fraternity act. People start coming back from their summer vacations. In the past, we saw attendance rise at our meetings. And so, too we hope to see you at our Zoom Business Meetings in September, October, and November, where we will be practicing and preparing for our E-Elections in December.

The e-ballot process was created in the Utah York Rite, and we will be using it for our El Kalah Divan Elected officials in January. We will be having registration for this meeting, of course you must be a dues paying member of El Kalah and a blue lodge, and be following all the edicts of the Grand Master of Utah to attend the election, Because we have members who live so far away (Vernal, Price, St. George and even out of state) a past potentate has even suggested that this might be a good way we do future elections, to ensure we are as inclusive of our members everywhere as we can be.

One thing that was learned from the Utah York Rite elections was practice faux elections are needed so everyone understands the process and how to vote. That is why we will be doing so in September, October, and November business meetings. Things you will need to vote: An electronic device, email and the internet. That is why we will be setting up a registration, because we need to make sure we have the online software setup so everyone's vote (which is still secret) is set up properly. We will describe the process more in each of business meetings. Please know that a lot of work, blood, sweat and tears has gone into this and we love and care about each of you.

I love you my dear Nobles, I miss you and I look forward to working for you! I know the rest of the divan feel the same way!

*Daniel Drew, High Priest & Prophet*

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## From the Chaplain



Dear Nobles;

Despite all the wildfires, smoke and pollution in our air, the excessive heat, and the isolation and inconvenience from the pandemic, I hope you can find time and take the initiative to reach out to a brother Noble who may come into your thoughts. We all seem to be too busy to care for our fellow sufferers! Pick up your cell phone, look through the contact list and make a couple of calls each day to Nobles you care about.

It is terribly easy to get into the “hermit mode”, as I like to call it. It can become quite comfortable to sit in the recliner, totally focused on the “boob tube” and let the sands of time pass by. Maybe we can all set aside a few minutes each day to make that one phone call that will make an old friend’s day a bit brighter. We all know a “senior” Noble who has done things we fondly remember. Call him and reminisce about the “Good Old Days” (even if they really weren’t all that good, neither of you will probably remember, anyway!!). We all have someone who mentored us, assisted us with ritual, helped us understand these newfangled computers, helped us prepare a presentation, encouraged us to present an educational feature, etc., etc. MAKE THAT PHONE CALL!! You’ll be glad you did, and so will he.

*Now, for a few chuckles: A woman, shocked at the behavior or her friend’s child, said, “Doesn’t your son swear terribly?” “He sure as heck does,” the mother replied. “No expression in it at all.” ~~ I’m going through my second childhood right now. It’s my fourth time through. ~~ Why was the archaeologist depressed? His career was in ruins. ~~ You may have heard of our IT department. It’s known as the house of ill compute. (Don’t blame me if these are bad jokes – I just steal them from other sources)*

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

*Chuck Warren*, Chaplain

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# Masonic Dialogue



*"The world needs real dialogue. Falsehood is just as much the opposite of dialogue as is silence. The only possible dialogue is the kind between people who remain what they are and speak their minds."* Albert Camus

*"Truth is a divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue. To be good and true is the first lesson in Masonry. On this theme we contemplate, and under its dictates we endeavor to regulate our conduct. While influence by this principle, hypocrisy and deceit are unknown amongst us. Sincerity and plain dealing distinguish us, and the heart and tongue join in promoting each other's welfare and rejoicing in each other's prosperity."* EA degree lecture

In this time of deep divisions in our country, our Masonic bonds may sustain us. Yet, we are human, and all too often fail to live by our highest aspirations. Ideally, we could express our views candidly, rationally and respectfully, keeping in mind that we may be wrong. Do we have what it takes to do that? Probably not. Consequently, we cannot demand these high standards from our fellowmen. But we may aspire to them and keep them firmly in mind when we are tempted to force our opinions and views on others. The attempt itself may inch us towards a MIDDLE GROUND, a most Masonic place to be. If we are not able to dialogue in a peaceful way, we do well to remain silent.

I hope you read these lines in the spirit they were written—with respect and a deep desire to get along.

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

## Shrine Family Calendar of Events

Stay safe.

Remember social distancing.

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## A few Words on Writing

I debated whether to write this piece. I also debated the forum. Ultimately, I decided to say a few words here with the goal of provoking your kind consideration.

I write today to urge you, the reader, to write for the Minaret. If not for the Minaret, then write for your lodge Trestleboard or for some other publication. When you do—and this is critical to my message—please write something thought-provoking. Words that makes your readers glad they read your message. Please do not write only because someone asked you to, or because your current office requires it, and especially not just to see your name in print. These should not be an author’s motivating factors. Instead, use your valuable opportunity to write something informative or provocative that challenges your audience to think.

Your piece can be controversial, but it doesn’t have to be. Controversial prose is a good thing, as long as it is respectful. Most of the greatest thinkers, speakers, and writers are in some way controversial. And “challenging” text should not pit brethren against each other; Lord knows we don’t need more of that these days! Manuscript that presents information of substance or compels your audience think does not need to delve into forbidden or inappropriate topics.

I propose that each author who pens paragraphs comprised of little more than fluff (“Can you believe spring is already gone?” “I know we all look forward to COVID being behind us.” “This summer sure is hot, so stay cool!” Etc.) is following the same pattern that we fall into during lodge meetings when we sit down, read the minutes, go over the bills, adjourn, eat cookies, and drive home. If this becomes the sole content that the Minaret, the Trestleboard, and other journals print, then why publish? Do we feign shock that readership is down if we offer nothing informative or stimulating? I merely suggest that we can use publications for far more enlightening purposes.

This article could upset a few people. The peril of being misconstrued is real. Please know that my motive is pure, and my goal is only to enrich periodicals like this one. You and I, the readers and writers, alone can improve the Minaret and lodge publications. I daresay that if we do not, readership and interest will continue to dwindle.

*Robert M. Wolfarth, past editor, The Minaret*

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## From the Klown Corner

Join us at the Fall El Kalah Movie Night, Footloose (Original) October 23 at 7 pm at the Salt Lake Cinemark Theater, \$20 a seat includes a large popcorn and drink. Dress up like characters in the movie and sing (and dance) along with the movie

*Blake "Stitches" Hansen*

## From Daughters of the Nile



Hello to my Masonic Family

I am sure by now we are all missing regular fellowship with one another. I know this is bound to change soon. I hope we are all doing well and are learning to function during this long hot summer of new ways of doing things. Lybia Temple is gearing up for our Supreme Queen's visit at the end of September where we will welcome 7 New members into Lybia. In spite of some serious health challenges, our core of elected officers is working hard to keep in touch with all of our members. Until we can all gather safely together again, I wish good health to all. Please know you can call on Lybia Temple if the need should arise.

With Nile Smiles and Love

*Linda Adams, Queen, Lybia Temple #32*

## From Ladies Oriental Shrine



Dear Nobles and Ladies,

With September here we should all be getting back to our meetings and events. COVID has definitely put an interesting twist on how we will proceed. I hope everyone is staying safe and heathy and that we will be able to gather soon. Have a wonderful month and keep hanging in there. Tough times do not last, but tough people do.

BE KIND, BE SAFE

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

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# From Children's Charity Challenge



September 11, 2020 at Eaglewood Golf Course will mark the 7th year of our annual Golf Tournament benefiting Shriners Hospitals for Children — Salt Lake City. I started the golf tournament as an El Kalah charity event for the hospital. At the time, we had no regular fundraising event for the Hospital. There were several events that were done by third parties that Shriners participated in, but specifically as an El Kalah event.

In 2014, when it started, there were many Shriners that came out to help put it together and to be there on game day. The check to the hospital that first year was a modest \$8,000 +, but it worked. Each year since then our donation to the hospital has grown substantially. In 2019 our donation was \$31,000, for a total over \$100,000.

In 2019, I started a 501-C-3 non-profit, Children's Charity Golf Classic, Inc, DBA Children's Charity Challenge, to guarantee that this program would continue as an independent event, away from politics and the annual winds of change; that it would always be there for the benefit of Shriners Hospital . It turned to be the right decision. Our donation jumped significantly on 2019. With the help of other Shriners, such as Chuck Mitchell, Bob Shupe, Dennis Hauze, Jim Sweet, Jon Harris, Al Hokins, and others, the tournament has matured into a living entity.

We now have two major sponsors and we have expanded this year by adding a Virtual 5K run. We have had discussions with Real Salt Lake to involve their amateur soccer league in a sports event to benefit the Hospital. There are other events on the horizon for 2021 to make it another transformative year. This year, Maleah Johnson, a grownup Shriners Kid and expert golfer, has joined our group. She will be a major help in increasing our visibility in the community.

The one thing we need more is people, preferably Shriners, willing to dive in and make this charity a part of their lives. It is a big effort and, I think, very rewarding to be part it's success. So, come on and join the challenge... Children's Charity Challenge, benefiting Shriners Hospitals for Children — Salt Lake City

*Lynn Larsen, PP, CCC Director*

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