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David Brown	11/1	Ray Klepzig	11/13	James L Sweet PP	11/21
Lee R Nielsen	11/6	Michael R Tonkinson	11/13	Charles E Warren Sr	11/24
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NONE

Rest in Peace

New Members

YOUR LODGE BROTHER'S NAME SHOULD BE HERE!

Welcome New Members!

From the Potentate



Nobles,

The year is almost over. Winter is almost here. I hope you all had a great Halloween. You should all be receiving a letter about up-coming meetings please read it. Thanksgiving is here along with food and football. I hope to see you all at the zoom meeting in November. COVID has changed a lot of plans for everyone please be careful out there. Happy turkey day to all of you.

John Limb, Potentate

From the Chief Rabban



Fellow Nobles,

We would like to remind everyone about the electronic voting that will take place in December. We will be doing some practices in our meetings in November and December. We would like to have every Noble who is current with their dues attend the online meeting to make sure your voices are heard for the elected Divan for next year. I hope everyone is staying safe and doing well during this pandemic. What a weird year this has been. As always please let us know if you need anything or if there is something that we can help you with.

Jeremy Estes, Chief Rabban

From the Assistant Rabban



Fellow Nobles and Significant Others,

As I sit here at a railroad crossing on the causeway between Ogden and Montello, I find myself reflecting back on the past year. Although it may seem we have not been active as a Shrine, Unit or Club. But on the contrary many discussions have been had between friends and fellow Nobles about events we were going to have this year that have been postponed. What does that mean and allow for us and these events? More detailed planning in hopes 2021 will allow these events to happen. Your current Divan has already set the ball in motion for 2021 and will be attempting to carry the scheduled 2020 events over to next year. I know I am excited and looking forward to getting events and ceremonies underway as soon as possible. We have a waiting list of candidates to boost our membership as well as sponsors, vendors and public organizations that want to help boost our name and image in the Utah public eye. I can personally assure you, with the help and support of each and every Noble, we will soon be moving on the right track to success. Your Divan is only as strong as it's Nobility, help us by working together to achieve these assurances.

May you have a wonderful Thanksgiving either it be with a large family setting it just your small immediate family. Take a moment to remember those no longer with us and look forward to the future and how you can help make it better.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Michael "BOOTZ" Clark, Assistant Rabban

From the High Priest & prophet



Dear Nobles and Ladies

I love how we here in Utah can enjoy all four seasons of the year, and I love the autumn/fall months. November is a wonderful month, and I love that it is the end of the autumn/fall season. It means we are nearing the end of another Masonic and Shiner year.

I know that 2020 has been a rough year on us all. It has been hard not to see my friend, brothers, and nobles this year.

But I hope you all know how much I love, admire, and appreciate each one of you. I wanted to share how thankful I am to live in this wonderful country of ours. I am thankful that I was born and raised in this country. I am thankful that I was born and raised right here in Utah. I am thankful for the opportunity to worship the Grand Architect of the Universe in the way I see fit, that this country affords me and every one of you. I am thankful that I was able to become a Shiner and member of El Kalah. I am thankful every day for the opportunities that being a member of the El Kalah temple affords me. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve. I am thankful for the opportunity that you have put me in this position, where I have been able to use my skills to help the divan as well as the temple during this pandemic. I am thankful for this opportunity that was given me, due to being a Member of Freemasonry in Utah.

I believe you will all be receiving a letter from El Kalah about the online elections in December. I am thankful for the opportunity that Imperial has given all temples and jurisdictions, especially ours, to be able to do our meetings and elections online. Registration is open until December 1st so let me put a plug in here for you all to register: <https://form.jotform.com/202705065397154>. I am thankful for those of you who have already registered for the election in December.

I am thankful for all the brothers/nobles and ladies who have been so kind to me these last few years. Thank you especially to the other members of the elected Divan who agreed that we needed a 5 year plan, just like the Utah Grand Lodge, and went along with me in creating one, and who have been willing to continually meet so that we can bring harmony, peace, and brotherly love to El Kalah, so that then we can show the Blue Lodges in Utah how far El Kalah has come, so quickly, and that there is no longer discord but a team working together for the growth of freemasonry in Utah, but more especially El Kalah Shiners.

I know the other Brother/Nobles in the elected Divan feel the same, but if we have ever wronged you in any way, first let me apologize now, but allow us to be able to talk with you, work past that, so we can be friends, brothers, and Nobles working towards the same mission, without the politics or bad feelings of the past.

As the leaves change their colors, and fall to the ground, so to let the past be re-colored, and then forgotten as the leaves of autumn.

Daniel Drew, High Priest & Prophet

From the Recorder



Hello, Nobles!

As our Shriner year end approaches, there have been several webinars and training sessions for the Recorder to attend. By now, most of you have had two dues notifications sent from Imperial: one hard copy and one email. Our El Kalah bylaws have been changed recently by vote of the membership to include dues increases. It is no secret that our roles are decreasing; but our expenses are not. One area of grave concern is the SLC Masonic Temple. We are indeed fortunate to have such an elegant and historic structure in which to meet. On the other hand, the expense to operate the SLC Masonic Temple is significant. The Masonic Temple Association has made major strides in finding ways to provide income assistance. Also, the MTA is receptive to renting space in the building once COVID releases its tight grip. Should you know of potential renters, please contact our office, and we will make contacts happen.

According to the Center for Information Technology and Society, fake news is news articles that are intentionally and verifiably false which are intended to manipulate people's perceptions of real facts, events and statements. Fake news overlaps with misinformation and disinformation. Interestingly enough, fake news is not new. As a matter of fact, in the 13th century BC, Ramses the Great was guilty of spreading false information about the results of the Battle of Kadesh. Ramses portrayed the outcome to be a stunning victory for the Egyptians. The outcome of that battle was a stalemate between the Egyptians and the Hittites. In our information age, we must be careful to verify information and check sources. For example, look for spelling, punctuation, grammar and capitalization errors. Look for a similar article in other sources; if an item is totally unique, and there are no similar stories elsewhere, beware. As you know, the internet is a good source with vast resources for fact checking.

Stay Safe; wear masks; wash hands and keep your distance!

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Al Hokins, Recorder

From the Chaplain



Dear Nobles;

These past few months have been sad ones for many of us. We have lost some dear friends and Nobles. I have chosen to talk about this subject now for a special reason – the sadness pertaining to some of the specific details of the passing and the circumstances following the death of someone we care about. Many of us have been or will be involved in dealing with the final wishes and to help bring a peaceful closure for a family member or a friend, only to discover several unforeseen obstacles which can be nearly insurmountable. This dilemma can be substantially reduced through proper planning and communications. Each of us should be attentive to this matter for our own purposes, as well as to lighten the load on our loved ones. Unfortunately, it is only after the death that we discover the deceased did not share their preferences for disposition of assets, business matters, personal property and belongings, funeral arrangements or other matters customarily and certainly best taken care of and arranged prior to death.

I do not bring this matter up intending to be critical of anyone, but to, hopefully, make some of you who may have been negligent in a similar manner or are just procrastinating - **WAKE UP!!** Please take care of your personal matters and make sure someone is designated to make all the necessary and proper arrangements in your behalf after your passing. Also, I strongly suggest - **PUT IT IN WRITING AND SHARE!** We have several Nobles in El Kalah Shriners who would be glad to assist you with ensuring all the proper arrangements are properly taken care of so your family and loved ones don't become victim to a sad scenario. And, once it is in hard print, share it with those you wish to attend to your last wishes and arrangements. Don't assume anything. Be sure your representative knows what your wishes are and has everything at hand to authorize him/her to perform in your behalf. I am your Chaplain, I have experienced some of these challenges, and I am willing to do whatever necessary to assist any of you who would like some help.

Now, to lighten up a bit: *We are fighting two pandemics – Coronavirus and stupidity. ~ When the quarantining is over, if you had to choose between going out with your buddies to a local bar or taking the Missus out for a romantic dinner.....which bar would you choose for your meetup? ~ What has four legs, is big, green, and fuzzy, and if it fell out of a tree, would probably kill you? A pool table. ~ A newly married man asked his wife, "Would you have married me if my father hadn't left me a fortune?" "Honey," the woman replied sweetly, "I'd have married you no matter who left you a fortune!" ~ A large company conducted a series of training and safety seminars for its employees. "Does anyone know what the speed limit is in our parking lot?" the Safety Officer asked the crowd of employees. A long silence followed, then one of them spoke up. "That depends," a woman said. "Do you mean coming to work or leaving*

Chuck Warren, Chaplain

The Masonic Halloween



We recently celebrated Halloween. We all love the parties and the Trick or Treating. Hopefully, we reflected on its true and ancient meaning: **memento mori**. The concept of being mindful of our mortality is ubiquitous in our ritual. It is intended to help us live a more spiritual life. Here is a poem on death that became an integral part of our ceremonies.

Thanatopsis ~ By William Cullen Bryant

*To him who in the love of Nature holds
Communion with her visible forms, she speaks
A various language; for his gayer hours
She has a voice of gladness, and a smile
And eloquence of beauty, and she glides
Into his darker musings, with a mild
And healing sympathy, that steals away
Their sharpness, ere he is aware. When thoughts
Of the last bitter hour come like a blight
Over thy spirit, and sad images
Of the stern agony, and shroud, and pall,
And breathless darkness, and the narrow house,
Make thee to shudder, and grow sick at heart
Go forth, under the open sky, and list
To Nature's teachings, while from all around—
Earth and her waters, and the depths of air—
Comes a still voice—
Yet a few days, and thee
The all-beholding sun shall see no more
In all his course; nor yet in the cold ground,
Where thy pale form was laid, with many tears,
Nor in the embrace of ocean, shall exist
Thy image. Earth, that nourished thee, shall claim
Thy growth, to be resolved to earth again,
And, lost each human trace, surrendering up
Thine individual being, shalt thou go
To mix forever with the elements,
To be a brother to the insensible rock
And to the sluggish clod, which the rude swain
Turns with his share, and treads upon. The oak
Shall send his roots abroad and pierce thy mould.
Yet not to thine eternal resting-place
Shalt thou retire alone, nor couldst thou wish
Couch more magnificent. Thou shalt lie down
With patriarchs of the infant world—with kings,
The powerful of the earth—the wise, the good,
Fair forms, and hoary seers of ages past,
All in one mighty sepulchre. The hills
Rock-ribbed and ancient as the sun—the vales
Stretching in pensive quietness between;
The venerable woods—rivers that move*

*In majesty, and the complaining brooks
That make the meadows green; and, poured round all,
Old Ocean's gray and melancholy waste—
Are but the solemn decorations all
Of the great tomb of man. The golden sun,
The planets, all the infinite host of heaven,
Are shining on the sad abodes of death,
Through the still lapse of ages. All that tread
The globe are but a handful to the tribes
That slumber in its bosom. —Take the wings
Of morning, pierce the Barcan wilderness,
Or lose thyself in the continuous woods
Where rolls the Oregon, and hears no sound,
Save his own dashings—yet the dead are there:
And millions in those solitudes, since first
The flight of years began, have laid them down
In their last sleep—the dead reign there alone.
So shalt thou rest, and what if thou withdraw
In silence from the living, and no friend
Take note of thy departure? All that breathe
Will share thy destiny. The gay will laugh
When thou art gone, the solemn brood of care
Plod on, and each one as before will chase
His favorite phantom; yet all these shall leave
Their mirth and their employments, and shall come
And make their bed with thee. As the long train
Of ages glide away, the sons of men,
The youth in life's green spring, and he who goes
In the full strength of years, matron and maid,
The speechless babe, and the gray-headed man—
Shall one by one be gathered to thy side,
By those, who in their turn shall follow them.*

*So live, that when thy summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan, which moves
To that mysterious realm, where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death,
Thou go not, like the quarry-slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave,
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him and lies down to pleasant dream*

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

From the Legions of Honor



Greetings, Brother Legionnaires;

New topic: Our El Kalah Shriners Legion of Honor has **FINALLY** been voted upon and our charter approved. The International Association Legions of Honor (IALOH) had a virtual meeting Saturday evening, 17 October which Commander Al Hokins and I attended. I am assured our charter is in the mail. Now that we are REAL, I hope we will be able to get more active. I will be setting up a virtual meeting soon via Zoom. In anticipation, if any of you have not participated in a Zoom meeting and need some guidance, let me know. I'll do what I can to assist you and make it easier for you. FYI, you can also participate in a limited manner using your smart phone.

Be safe and stay healthy.

Chuck Warren, Adjutant

Shrine Family Calendar of Events

November 18 7:30pm El Kalah Shrine business meeting, Zoom meeting. Al Hokins 801

November 26 Thanksgiving

Send calendar updates to jsweetinogden2@yahoo.com

From Daughters of the Nile



Dear all Nobles and Ladies,

Welcome to Fall and the beginning of the Holiday Season. No doubt our Holidays will be slightly different this year. We are a resilient bunch and I'm positive we will make the best of our situation.

The 27th and the 28th of September Lybia Temple Welcomed our Supreme Queen Heather Krastins Lambert. The Shriners Hospital made a special effort to give her an abbreviated tour that she appreciated very much. She was also given an opportunity to look at the second floor of our beautiful Temple. She was thrilled to be able to see where we meet. We then whisked her away to a luncheon and an Obligation only Ceremony where we welcomed six new members to Lybia Temple. We are thrilled to be meeting in our beautiful Temple again. By taking baby steps, things will slowly return to normal.

Wishing you all a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Linda Adams, Queen, Lybia Temple #32

From Ladies Oriental Shrine



Dear Nobles and Ladies,

We had our first LOS meeting at the Temple since February. It was lovely to be back. The time limit made it a little challenging. Next month we will hold a zoom meeting. Sometimes the best thing you can do is not think, not wonder, not imagine, not obsess. Just breathe and have faith that everything will work out for the best. Stay safe, stay healthy and be kind.

Lady Julieann Chapman, High Priestess, Iris Ct #47

Shrine Family Photo Gallery



El Kalah Movie Night 2.0

Thanks to Noble Blake Hansen for organizing another movie night for us and those that came out to enjoy Footloose. We look forward to another movie soon.

Send us Pictures of recent Shrine activities and you may see them in future issues of the Minaret.

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