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*The Officers and Staff
of El Kalah Shrine Wish You and Yours
a Very Merry Christmas!*

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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	

December Birthdays

William N Long	12/4	Steven G Merrell	12/15	Gerald J Everett PP	12/24
Breeland S Kinnison	12/4	Kenneth C Kay	12/17	William G Lapsley	12/25
Kenneth L Lantis	12/8	Rollan T Tonkinson	12/18	Earl H Sandman	12/26
Jerry A Snider	12/8	Joshua D Morris	12/18	Leon W Crockett	12/26
Gregory D Klepzig	12/8	Alan S Rohlfing	12/19	Steve Bergen	12/26
Randall W Brusco	12/9	W R Youngberg	12/20	Roger E Puckett	12/28
John C Liley Jr	12/10	F K Sargent	12/21	Paul A Madsen	12/28
Gary W Felkner	12/15	John S Young	12/23	Marvin E Morton PP	12/29
Brett K Reynolds	12/15	James D Westbrook	12/23	Glen A Cook PP	12/31

Black Camel

Joe E Shirk, December 11, 1936 ~ October 2, 2020
Benjamin Noid, April 14, 1928 ~ November 24, 2020

Rest in Peace

New Members

YOUR LODGE BROTHER'S NAME SHOULD BE HERE!

Welcome New Members!

From the Potentate



Nobles,

I hope all of you have a happy holiday season. I would like to thank you all for the support you have given me this year. I look forward to the great work of the 2021 Divan. I would like to also thank the 2020 Divan. COVID has made things hard but you all did the best with what we had to deal with. I look forward for them running our temple. In closing all of you have a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Be safe out there.

John Limb, Potentate

From the Chief Rabban



Fellow Nobles,

This has been an odd year with the COVID Pandemic going on. I hope that we can do more next year. I hope everyone is safe and enjoyed the Thanksgiving season with family. We look forward to seeing as many of you Nobles as possible at the elections this month. With the electronic voting going on this year, we should have quite a few people at the meeting to vote. Let us know if you have any questions.

Be safe and enjoy the coming Holiday Season.

Jeremy Estes, Chief Rabban

From the Assistant Rabban



Fellow Nobles and Significant Others,

December is here, the month I was hoping wouldn't arrive unless we were able to assemble; awards banquet, LOS dinner and basket auction, club and unit Christmas parties, not to forget family gatherings. But here we are, none of the above happening and elections being done via electronic meeting. What will 2021 hold in store for us? I am trying to be positive and hope we will soon be able to kick off a great year of parades, parties and festivities. Let's look forward with

positive thoughts and outlook.

Speaking of December, let's look specifically at December of 1970. Two things happened December of 1970, the first being, then President Richard Nixon signing into law on the 29th, the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 which effectively reduced workplace fatalities and injuries from approximately 14,000 per year to what it is today under 2,000 per year. The second event was on the 30th in Caribou Maine. Someone turned over a rock and found ME! Yes, I will turn 50 this year and I am looking at 50 as the new 30. Something that I have thought a lot about this year is my journey so far and how the similarities between the military, the union, public service and Freemasonry have helped prepare me for the next 50. I believe my first 50, its experiences, knowledge gained, friends made, and journeys had will only aid me to better serve the Nobility of El Kalah for the next two years as an elected Divan member.

Covid, as with everything else will pass and when it does, we need to be ready to hit the ground running. If every Noble has just one person waiting in the wings to become the next candidate, we can double our Temple membership. Let's all work together to make it happen and make 2021 our biggest membership growth year that has been seen in some time.

My Lady and I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Michael "BOOTZ" Clark, Assistant Rabban

From the High Priest & prophet



Dear Nobles and Ladies,

December is the time of year we celebrate so many holidays: Hanukah, Kwanzaa, Christmas and New Year. The year of 2020 has been an extra interesting year! A pandemic that has ensured that El Kalah couldn't have any normal meetings past the spring. But we have had some wonderful zoom meetings. Which has led to some great ideas that could lead to advancing El Kalah to help future proof us once this pandemic

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Fraternally and Sincerely

Daniel Drew, High Priest & Prophet

From the Oriental Guide



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David Hutchinson, Oriental Guide

From the First Ceremonial Master

Thanks to all who were willing and able to come to Movie Night – Footloose. We had our own large popcorn and drink, sang some songs, I earned some old dance moves, and were on the edge of our seat wondering who would win the tractor chicken race. Only tractors were hurt in the film by the way.

Blake Hansen, 1st Ceremonial Master

From the Chaplain



Dear Nobles.

We have all been subjected to a somewhat ruthless and turbulent period of time during the recent election. It has been so vicious, at times, that family members have chosen sides and no longer communicate. I certainly hope that we, as members of the Masonic family, are better than that. Regardless of our political leanings (or lack thereof), we should remember our Masonic teachings and principles and do our best to observe the same civility outside the lodge we observe inside it. Most of us have spent years cultivating the Brotherly Love and Friendship we all cherish, and we must be cautious not to permit any semblance of political animosity to destroy them.

Now, to lighten up a bit: *Two men from warmer climates wanted to do some ice fishing and took off for Canada to give it a try. The lake they picked was frozen, so they stopped at a nearby shop to get bait and tackle. "We're going to need an ice pick," one man said. They bought one and left. Two hours later, the other man returned and told the shop owner he'd need to buy a couple more ice picks. The owner sold him two picks, and the man left. An hour later, the first man came back to the shop and said, "We're going to need all the ice picks you've got." The owner couldn't believe it. "How are you fellows doing, he asked?" "Not very well at all," the man replied. "We don't even have the stupid boat in the water yet." ~~ A leader of a political organization was conducting a business meeting and had just suggested he would entertain a motion. The motion having been made, he called for the vote, stating "All in favor say 'Aye', all opposed will signify by resigning." ~~ I am grateful that I am not as judgmental as all of the self-righteous, mean-spirited people around me.*

Stay safe and healthy. I hope to see all of you face-to-face really soon!

Chuck Warren, Chaplain

From the Recorder



Greetings, Nobles!

Elections are just around the corner as we head into the final month of a year which has been difficult for us all to navigate. As you know from previous articles by Divan members, the last election practice will be on December 9th, one week prior to the election night. As I read publications from various Shrine Centers around the country, a common denominator emerges which is not news to El Kalah. Every Masonic and Shrine organization has been having a tough time staying afloat in 2020. Each State Governor and Grand Master of Masons has faced a unique and extraordinarily difficult set of challenges. The ruling documents have differing requirements, and none address the pandemic phenomena. You have probably heard this until it is coming out of your ears; but I'm gonna' say it again: be cautious; patient; safe; and sanitary. The folks with whom you are social distancing may be preoccupied because of family members who have COVID 19. Your smile (which cannot be seen because of your mask) may help make their day.

I have been reading what I can in order to stay informed about the novel COVID19 virus and I want to share some of it with you. Before I do so, I want to offer a disclaimer: I am not advocating any position, one way or the other. I just want to share some information which may help you with your decision processes (and I will not be upset if you disagree, 100% with what I think he said). I read a five-page article by Dr. Jay Bhattacharaya, MD, PhD, who is a Professor of Medicine at Stanford Medical School (I will call him Dr. B). He has many other credentials, as well. His article discussed an Anti-COVID Strategy. Dr. B states that the national COVID fatality rate is in the neighborhood of 0.2% with NYC having as high as 0.5% and Idaho having 0.13%. Studies worldwide show that "the COVID fatality rate for people 70 years and up is about 4%." Dr. B also says that COVID is less dangerous to children than the seasonal flu. He says developing and using a vaccine is essential and questions the effectiveness of complete isolation as a method to defeat COVID. Dr. B along with two other Epidemiologists met in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. Together, the three of them constructed and signed a document called the Great Barrington Declaration which has now been signed by 43,000 medical and public health scientists and medical practitioners. The document is a central part of the debate on how to best handle COVID19.

Stay Safe; wear masks; wash hands and keep your distance! We need you healthy and happy; and the medical facilities need their beds for others.

Al Hokins, Recorder

Masonic History Today



Consider the following opposites:

Authentic	Romantic
Modern	Antient
1717	Before 1717
England	Scotland/France
Hanoverian	Jacobite
Protestant	Catholic

Do you see a pattern? Are these rubrics still playing in our lodges today? I say yes. The implications are enormous, and political. Understanding how our brethren perceive Masonry will lead to peace and harmony within us. I leave it to you to research this potentially explosive issue. Do keep this in mind: Masonry was founded by the winners of the Civil/Religious war in England.

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

From the Legions of Honor



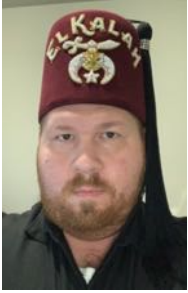
Greetings, Brother Legionnaires.

I am pleased to report that the El Kalah Shriners Legion of Honor Charter has finally been approved and signed by the National Commander. It was backdated for us reflecting a date of 23 August 2019. I have begun sending out the dues cards for 2021 to those who have paid their 2021 dues. Once I receive your payment, I will include the dues cards for previous years and include them in the mailing to you. If you do not receive the proper cards, please let me know and I can reissue them for you. I hope the pandemic will subside soon so we can begin regular meetings once again. We are a small organization, so I believe I will be setting up a Zoom session for us in the near future. If we need to, I can arrange a one-on-one tutorial for anyone who needs it to make the Zoom experience more comfortable for you. Just let me know, please.



Chuck Warren, Adjutant

From the Webmaster



Fellow Nobles,

I want to make you aware of two Facebook groups that have been created this year to help with communications: El Kalah Shriners (Internal): This is a Facebook Group page that is meant for Internal (Nobles Only) Membership, to share information such as meeting times and places, or to organize such events. The events and communications are generally meant for members of El Kalah only and not for the General Public, but information shared with the General Public can be shared or cross-posted here. Membership in this group is required to view and post and membership is monitored and approved by members of the Divan to ensure that all members in El Kalah Shine and in good standing. Search Facebook for "El Kalah Shriners (Internal)" or go to: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/elkalah>

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Shaun Davis, Webmaster

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From Daughters of the Nile



To all Nobles and Ladies and all our Masonic Family.

Here is hoping everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving in this year of challenges. Lybia Temple has had a busy month keeping up with the Parents Lounge at the Hospital and enjoying Social Meetings on Zoom. We also held a business Zoom meeting which was very productive. Wishing everyone wonderful Holidays and we are all able to spend time with our families.

With Nile Smiles

Linda Adams, Queen, Lybia Temple #32

From Ladies Oriental Shrine



Dear Nobles and Ladies,

Christmas time waves a magic wand over the world, wouldn't it be nice if we could bottle the spirit and joy and open a jar every month? LOS is full of good cheer despite our annual Christmas/Basket party being cancelled. This is our big fundraiser for the year. I know a lot of you look forward to it and we appreciate the support. We will have the party; it just may be Christmas in July. I do have 6 or so baskets that need to be auctioned before then if you are interested please contact me for details. 801-859-3380. Have a blessed holiday season. Be Safe; Be Kind.

Lady Julieann Chapman, High Priestess, Iris Ct #47

Shrine Family Calendar of Events

December 6 4:30pm Klown business meeting and elections. Zoom. Blake Hansen 801-850-2434

December 16 7:00pm El Kalah business meeting and elections. Zoom. Al Hokins 801-294-2449

December 25 Christmas!

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