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Blake Hansen	2/2	Jon W Harris, PP	2/12	Monte K Andersen	2/25
Joseph C Matson	2/5	Carl D Fortune	2/21	Floyd L Nelson	2/28
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Black Camel

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Rest in Peace

New Members

YOUR LODGE BROTHER'S NAME SHOULD BE HERE!

Welcome New Members!

From the Potentate



Nobles,

We as a divan are looking forward to a good year. We are hoping to be able to do somethings this year when things start to ease up. We will keep you posted on what is to come. Our next Divan and business meeting is on February 17th. Watch for the emails to come out for this.

One of the plans that I have for this year is I would like to reach out to past members and see why they are no longer part of El Kalah. I would like to see if there is anything that we could do to get them back. This is going to be a hard task as some past members may not want to talk. I am hoping that this could be a good way to bring some of our numbers back up. We are down in our numbers and we are looking into some possibilities of being able to initiate new members this year. As a temple our first goal should be to get our membership back up to over 300. This is going to be a large task. I am open to anybody's ideas that may help this task. Please feel free to reach out to me anytime.

We also need to make sure that we are following the Grand Master's decision 2020-006 regarding the Order of Quetzalcoatl and the decision 2020-009A regarding the Amended: COVID-19 Reopening of Listed Lodges & Buildings. There are other decisions as well, but these are the 2 that stood out right now. If you have any questions, please reach out to me and we can discuss the questions.

We also need to pay special attention to what the Noble Recorder has written in his article about dues. These are the funds that keep us operational and we need to make sure that we are caught up on our dues. Please reach out to Noble Recorder Al Hokins if you have any questions.

“Remember that you have promised to remind him, in the most tender manner, of his failings and to aid in his reformation as well as to the vindicate his character when wrongfully traduced.”

Fraternally Yours,

Jeremy Estes, Potentate

From the Chief Rabban



Fellow Nobles and Significant Others

We have made another trip through the calendar, although not such a joyous trip, we have learned a lot. What we need and don't need to survive, what we need to improve on in our everyday living and at least me anyways, I miss putting the face of BOOTZ on, riding the mini bike, seeing the kids smiles lined up on the sides of the road at a parade. But most importantly I am missing spending time with fellow Nobles and Brother Masons.

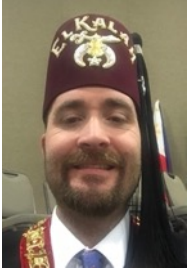
I am looking forward to the restrictions possibly being eased up in the near future so we can again gather, parade and fund raiser. Something else that I am looking forward to, being kind of a history buff, is being able to get back to organizing the 5th floor Shrine storage rooms. There is so much history up there that shows what the Temple used to be. I hope it lights the same fire in everyone else to get back to the membership level and activity schedule of yester-year.

Your 2021 Divan has some new faces, and we are all bringing great ideas to the table. We hope everyone will enjoy the fun we have planned. If anyone has any comments, questions, ideas, thoughts or concerns please don't hesitate to get ahold of me or any of your Divan members. We all enjoy hearing from everyone and are willing to help out how and when ever we can.

Sincerely and Fraternity,

Michael "BOOTZ" Clark, Chief Rabban

From the Assistant Rabban



Can't be Brothers/Nobles without the friendship.

We all remember high school. Where friendship clicks, were what defines you as a person. Yes, we were all defined as "Utes", "Aggies", "Cougars", "T-bird", "Caveman", "Miners", etc. But what tied us to our school identity was our friendship. The same is true in freemasonry and the shrine. Have you ever been told or ever told a fellow Brother or Noble "We are Brothers but not friends." That is like saying "We are T-birds but not friends" and putting freemason/shrine on the same level as your high school experience. I am here to tell you my brothers, that this is wrong! Brotherly love and Friendship go together! They are hand in glove! Freemasonry and Shrinedom are unique organizations where brotherly love and friendship means we work hard to move past our issues, even harder than we would with a best friend, a spouse, a parent, a sibling, etc. We aren't some high school organization that has clicks. If you have ever said this thought this, I dare say you have some changing and repenting to do. I know this will be hard to hear and accept for some. But we aren't some high and mighty judgmental organization where we have the popular click getting to judge everyone else. Know, we say we are "ALL on the level" and thus we should have brotherly love and friendship towards all. That is why we don't talk religion or politics (maybe not sports either, lol).

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Daniel Drew, Assistant Rabban

From the High Priest & prophet



The Mission of Shriners International is:

- > Be the premier fraternal organization for men of good character,*
- > Provide attractive, quality programs and services for its members, their families and their friends in a spirit of fun, fellowship and social camaraderie,*
- > Foster self-improvement through leadership, education, the perpetuation of moral values and community involvement,*
- > Serve mankind through the resources of its philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children.*

Dear Nobles and Ladies,

During these hard times it is easy to get down, but things are looking up. We have a vaccine for COVID-19, science is learning more and more giving us better information on living with the virus. I believe that we can gain strength from our fraternity and I wanted to review what Shriners are.

The above Mission Statement is from the Shriners International web page. We need to believe in this and act this way for us to stay strong and succeed. Part of succeeding is keeping members and growing the fraternity. If we are to attract Masons, we must be an organization that they want to join. We are starting a new year and face to face meetings will begin again sometime this year. This will give us a chance to visit Blue Lodges and give presentations to recruit new Nobles. We will also have our picnics and participate in parades again, our public face. By living the Mission Statement, we will be that organization that all Masons will want to join, we are a wonderful organization with many good men. I challenge all Nobles to frequently read our Mission Statement and always live this way, improving ourselves and El Kalah.

Fraternally and Sincerely

David Hutchinson, High Priest & Prophet

From the Oriental Guide



Dear Nobles and Ladies,

Well Nobles we did it, WE MADE IT THROUGH 2020!!! I'm sure some of you got with family or otherwise on New Year's Eve and sang Ol Brother Robbie Burns' song "Auld Lang Syne." For those of us less acquainted with the Scottish language - the words "Auld Lang Syne ", might be loosely translated as "for the sake of old times". Well may we forget the troubles we faced and learn from the experience. Then move on like the spring equinox which will bring a fresh new beginning and a clean slate for all us Nobles and our temple.

Thanks again Nobles for putting your trust in me as your new Oriental Guide and may I live up to the "confidence you have reposed in me". Let me know what I can do for you and our Mystic Shrine. I am El Kalah Shriner I work hard and play just as well.

Fraternally and Sincerely

Blake Hansen, Oriental Guide

From the Chaplain



I am afraid I owe many (most) of you an apology. Our Annual El Kalah Shriners Memorial Service was conducted virtually via the Zoom platform on Sunday, 17 January at 2:00 PM. Unfortunately, the event was very poorly attended. I accept the fault for this. I should have ensured that the event was properly and adequately advertised for the benefit of all Nobles and their family members. Although it was noted in the January Minaret, it was merely a small line item and not something that would immediately get your attention. Our departed Nobles and their survivors deserve

better than this and I feel badly that I have failed in my duties to properly honor and remember them. I assure you I will do better in the future, should I continue as your Chaplain. I would like to thank our Potentate Jeremy, Assistant Rabban Danny, and Recorder Al for all the support and assistance in preparing and conducting the Memorial Service. It was a unified effort.

Another item that doesn't seem to be getting much attention is our Monthly Meetings which are also conducted virtually via the Zoom platform. Those events, too, are not very well attended. I know I have suffered from some symptoms of withdrawal due to the pandemic and the resultant isolation. That has largely dissipated now that so many of our Masonic bodies and organizations are meeting virtually. If you haven't done so yet, log in with us and check out what is going on here in Utah Freemasonry. If you have already been participating – please continue to do so. It is always a pleasure to see my dear Friends/Brothers/Nobles. I won't pretend to be anything but a Novice to the Zoom platform, but if you need assistance getting online or getting ready to do so, please don't hesitate to give me a call and we can set up a brief practice session and go one-on-one to make you more comfortable. You can participate using a smart phone, a tablet, a laptop, or a desktop with camera and microphone. Believe me – if I can do it – anybody can!!!

Now, for a chuckle or two: ***During basic training, the recruits were required to complete a demanding 12-mile march. They started at 0600 to embark on the trek. An hour later, feeling the heavy loads of their packs, they wondered if the end would ever come. "Men," the sergeant yelled, "you're doing a fine job. We've already covered four miles!" Revitalized, they picked up their pace. "and," continued the sergeant, "we should reach the starting point any minute now."*** ~ A woman heard her 5-year-old granddaughter playing "wedding". ***The vows went like this: "You have the right to remain silent, anything you say may be held against you, you have the right to have an attorney present. You may kiss the bride."*** ~ A substitute teacher asked her students, ***"If you had one dollar, and you asked your parents for another, how many dollars would you have?" Little Johnny raised his hand and said, "One dollar." The teacher shook her head and said, "You don't know your arithmetic." Little Johnny replied. "You don't know my parents."***

I hope I see your smiling face in one of the many Utah Masonic Body Virtual Sessions soon. Be safe, stay healthy, and may the Good Lord be with each and every one of you and your loved ones.

Chuck Warren, Chaplain

From the Recorder



Greetings, Nobles!

This morning, January 23rd, the snowplows made a rare appearance this Winter on our Bountiful street to move a few inches of snow. The plow came prior to my trip downtown to work on clearing out the old carriage house behind the SLC Masonic Temple. There was no snow in Salt Lake City. When I returned home, I had to wait, only the second time in 15 years, for the snowplow to clear the way back up the hill. It was very slick.

One of the projects El Kalah has each year is to collect outstanding dues. To be consistent with common Masonic standards, Imperial bylaws require that dues for the current year be paid in full as of December 31st of the prior year. Nobles who have not done so are not only ineligible to attend Stated meetings, but they are also ineligible to attend Unit or Club meetings, and they cannot participate in any Shriner functions or activities. As this is written, we have 99 of 282 Nobles who owe money on their 2021 dues. In 2018, the Nobles of El Kalah voted to revise El Kalah Bylaws and implement a plan to adjust Dues slightly by \$3 each year until 2025. In that year (2025), the Nobles will review the Dues structure again and determine if more adjustment is necessary. Also adjusted in the 2018 Bylaws revision was the amount paid by those Nobles in their 80s and over. It costs El Kalah \$85 per year, every year, for every Noble— even for those who haven't paid their dues. And this year, 2021, we have on the roster 17 members who are three years behind in their Dues and are listed as Probable Suspensions – Non-Payment of Dues (NPD). That means those 17 members have each cost El Kalah \$85 per year for each of those three years, for a total of \$255 each plus mailing costs. Each Noble gets at least two written dues notices. The first notice is in August when Imperial dispatches emails to announce the assessment for the following year. The second notice is by mail from Imperial. It presents a written invoice and can be expected in early September. More notices are generated as the year goes on and the money remains unpaid. Where the money goes: **1)** Hospital Assessment: ALL Shriners \$5/year, **2)** Imperial Per Capita, All Shriners \$30/year, **3)** Salt Lake City Masonic Temple - \$50/year for 2020 and probably 2021, although Masonic Temple per capita is year-to-year; changes, usually down, **4)** El Kalah Dues - \$91.50/year, increasing by \$3/year through 2025. Total is currently \$176.50 {\$91.50 retained by El Kalah; #s 1, 2, 3 funds are throughput to other agencies). Note: \$85 for 80-year-olds and above, which begins the dues year following August 1st after the Noble's birthday, none of the \$85 money is retained by El Kalah. El Kalah is invoiced for each notice sent out by Imperial. (El Kalah dues will be assessed on August 1st, 2021 at \$94.50 for those subject to assessment). For reference, other Shrine Centers have Dues at or above \$200 per member per year.

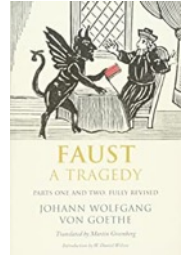
Al Hokins, Recorder

Goethe's Masonic Message



The basic message in Faust is that our true nature is spiritual. Humanity's follies are not the result of innate sinfulness, but from a disconnection with our divine nature. This profound yet simple fact is one of the meanings of our beloved Square and Compasses. The latter symbolizes our spiritual nature, which we hope will eventually master our carnal, materialistic tendencies. Here are some masonic pearls from FAUST:

*"How truth would irk you if you really sought it
For who can think of truth or trash to say
But someone in the ancient world has thought it their follies?
Direction, wisdom, counsel of the seer
What use to mortals, hard of heart and ear?
Men see their deeds bring self-correction sore
And seek self-willed their follies as before."*



Which begs the question: does it do any good to hear/read good thoughts if we are not ready to receive them in our hearts?

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

Shrine Family Calendar of Events

February 17, 7:00pm El Kalah Shrine virtual business meeting. Danny Drew 435-714-0482

February 25, 5:30pm Ladies Oriental Shrine virtual business meeting. Julieann Chapman 801-859-3380

Send calendar updates to jsweetinogden2@yahoo.com

From the Clown Corner

If you have visited the Salt Lake Temple lately you might have seen that Clowns don't always goof around. Some put together some impressive work. I am talking about the Shriner Museum on the 2nd floor by the Hall of Grand Masters. With the addition of the glass in the doorways we now have a spectacular show piece for Shriners. Thanks Scooter and Rosco. We will hold a club ZOOM meeting this month. So, hold on to your noses.

Blake Hansen, President

*We're making a comeback.
This spring to a club or unit near you!*



Stand by for more information.

From Daughters of the Nile



To all Nobles and Ladies and all our Masonic Family.

Here it is, already February! Time flies and we are all happily seeing meetings and installations in person (with social distancing and masks) Lybia Temple is still Zooming our meetings and are seeing some of our members that live in Ogden, Logan and Price finally able to attend. We are beginning plans for the New Term with our installation of officers on Match 27.

May we all be happy and healthy this year.

Linda Adams, Queen, Lybia Temple #32

From Ladies Oriental Shrine



Dear Nobles and Ladies,

The new year is well underway and COVID vaccinations are here. Things are starting to look up. LOS continues to have zoom meetings to ensure everyone's health and safety. February is the month of love. I encourage everyone to send a Valentine card to someone they have not seen in a while, just to let them know someone is thinking of them. "The supreme happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved".

Victor Hugo...

Lady Julieann Chapman, High Priestess, Iris Ct #47



Ladies Oriental Shrine
Iris Court #47 Virtual Open House



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