### April 2021





Spring is the season of new beginnings. Fresh buds bloom, animals awaken, and the earth seems to come to life again. Farmers and gardeners plant their seeds and temperatures slowly rise.

## Divan

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278

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#### April Birthdays

Mark A Moulton	4/1	Donald J Mikkelsen	4/8	John F Benner	4/22
Donald G Lloyd	4/2	Shawn R Clayton	4/10	Chuck Mitchell	4/22
John C Patchin	4/2	James G Berardino	4/16	Stephen W Hodges	4/23
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### Black Camel

Floyd Neilson, February 28, 1927 ~ February 13, 2021 Thomas A Richard, April 22, 1943 ~ March 5, 2021

Rest in Peace

### New Members

YOUR LODGE BROTHER'S NAME SHOULD BE HERE!

Welcome New Members!

# From the Potentate



Greetings all!

This will be a great month; we will be initiating 2 new nobles in the coming weeks. This has been a long time coming as one of our newest members was voted on last year, but it has taken us this long to be able to meet and get this taken care of. I was able to attend the installation of the Queen and officers of the Lybia Temple No. 32 Daughters of the Nile. This was the first installation that I was able to attend, and they made me feel very

welcome. Congratulations to the New Queen Deanna Adams and her officers. The plan to open for in-person meetings is June. We will hold the April and May meetings on the normal Zoom site. After that we should be able to meet in person if we abide by the CDC guidelines. We will require all Nobles to wear face coverings to attend the meeting. With things starting to open we are hopeful to still have the events that we have planned. We will keep you posed as they are planned. The Divan has some great ideas that are in the planning stages. Just a reminder about the Onion Sales that are going on. If you are interested in ordering some Onions, please reach out to Noble Blake Hansen, Oriental Guide. We will be excited to take your order. I look forward to seeing as many Nobles as possible on our next Zoom meeting on April 21. Look for an email to come out with the link to access the meeting. As always, if I can be of assistance to you, please reach out to me anytime.

Jeremy Estes, Potentate

# From the Chief Rabban



Fellow Nobles and Significant Others.

Things are beginning to look up with lodges, clubs and units starting to meet and get down to business with education, degree and ritual work. In addition to a lot of parade and community event dates are being released. This is great news for us, we can now start getting out and setting up booths and mingle in public eye, answering questions about the Shrine, the Hospital and Masonry. I have an order on its way for pocket petitions along with some other Shrine information and swag. If anyone is interested, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me. If 10 Nobles can bring in one new candidate

each, that alone would be a major shot in the arm for El Kalah. We are working on getting the trailer up and going for the Yellowstone bus so we will be able to add another tool to our out-of-town parade toolbox. Your leadership team is anxious to get going, we just need to hear some of your thoughts and ideas, as well as get ours out there. We look forward to seeing y'all soon! *Michael "BOOTZ" Clark,* Chief Rabban

# From the Hight Priest & prophet



Dear Nobles and Ladies,

Things are finally getting better, spring is here, flowers are blooming, and the vaccines are available to everyone 16 and over. Several Masonic Bodies are meeting face-to-face and unless something goes south, we'll be having face-to-face meetings in September. The reason we are waiting is the age of our Nobles. Many of us are "experienced", in the high-risk category and the last thing we want is for someone to get sick

because of a Shrine meeting. So, we decided to err on the side of safety. The Zoom meetings are still available, please make use of them, the Zoom address will be sent out soon.

The Utah COVID web site has a lot of good information on it and explains what protection the vaccine will give us. The Governor and State Legislature passed a bill ending the mask mandate after April 10 however it may be prudent for some to still wear a mask. Check the web sites so you can make an informed decision.

The Potentate Jeremy, Recorder Al and I attended the Daughters of the Nile 2021 Officer Installation in late March. It was held at the Salt Lake Temple and was a very lovely ceremony, it was nice to get to see many friends again. Good luck to all the officers and have an incredibly good year. If you need anything, please contact the Divan.

It's nice to feel optimistic again and your Divan is planning many events and parade appearances for this year. If you feel comfortable attending, please do and get reacquainted with the friends we haven't seen for so long.

Fraternally and Sincerely

David Hutchinson, High Priest & Prophet

# From the Oriental Guide



Just a reminder what Shriners should be:

#### THE SHRINERS CREED

Shriners believe in God and that He created man to serve His purposes, among which is service to others in His name. We believe that care for the less fortunate, especially children who suffer from burns and crippling disease, is our

institutional calling. We are patriots, each willing to serve his country with fidelity and courage. We cherish independence under law and freedom with responsibility. We honor family. We respect our parents, wives and children. We should instill in our children the tenets of this creed, and the heritage from which it emanates. As individuals we pledge ourselves to integrity, virtue and nobility of character. Our intentions will be honorable, our relationships will be trustworthy and our spirits forgiving of each other. As brothers we offer each other fraternal affection and respect. Together we will support each other in adherence to this creed, so that we and our communities will be the better because of our fraternity and its principles. As Shriners we look beyond ourselves to serve the needs of others, especially children who cannot help themselves. We believe Shriners Hospitals to be the world's greatest philanthropy, and we covenant with each other to support its "temples of mercy" with spirit, time, talent and means.

Thanks for taking the time to read or reread.

Fraternally and Sincerely

Blake Hansen, Oriental Guide

# From the First Ceremonial Master



Greetings, nobles.

I'm really getting excited, Spring is here! The birds are out, trees are budding, and more and more people are getting vaccinated. As I look to the warmer weather, I am hoping that we can all meet again as well as hit the parade circuit. A lot of us are "Zoomed" out; I know I am. I just found out a few days ago that the Days of '47 parade is on for this summer in Salt Lake City. So, the parades are slowly starting

to come back. We might be back to some semblance of normal before the year is out. Let's just keep those infection rates going in the right direction and that is down.

Fraternally,

Timothy L Stenner, First Ceremonial Master

Nobles,

The Shriners pavilion is open this year with the CDC guidelines being followed. I have some weekends open in June, July and August. If any group clubs want to use the pavilion, please contact me at 801–372–7462 or email kunkeldoug@gmail.com.

Thank you

Douglas and Donna Kunkel

## From the Marshall



Dear Nobles and Ladies:

We are starting to see light at the end of the tunnel with the decline in the number of infections and deaths from the Covid pandemic. You may find yourself confused as I often am, as I read volumes of articles and statistics. Many of you may already be checking with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for their recommendations on how to prevent being infected. The CDC is a reputable source. I also like to keep up with Dr. Anthony Fauci's recommendations. As the director of the National Institute of Allergy and

Infectious Diseases (NIAID), he is aware of the most recent developments in the changes in the virus, the options available for treatment once infected, and the efficacy of the vaccines now being administered.

I heartily recommend all of you be immunized. The Pfizer/BioNtec, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson vaccines have all shown to be effective in stimulating our immune systems to produce antibodies to the original virus and the variant viruses now present. The quicker we stop the spread, the quicker we will see fewer variant viruses. Like seasonal flu, it is normal to see different strains of viruses, and this requires the vaccine to be reformulated if the changes in the virus are large enough to make the available vaccine ineffective. We will most likely see the AstraZeneca vaccine approved in the US in the near future. This vaccine was being used in South Africa and a new strain of virus has evolved in South Africa that this vaccine is not giving the results wanted. The AstraZeneca vaccine is effective against most of the other variants.

I have received both of the Moderna vaccine immunizations, the last one on February 18, 2021. My reaction to the injections was very mild and uneventful. All of what I have reported may change before the Minaret is published, so please be forgiving if this occurs. This pandemic has been unique, and we are all learning day by day. Keep wearing your masks, washing your hands (especially before eating like all of our mothers told us), social distance, quarantine yourself if you are not feeling well. May all of us stay healthy, wealthy, and wise.

Fraternally,

Mike Katsonis, Marshall

# From the Chaplain



Dear Nobles,

I am pleased that warmer weather is finally beginning to come to our area, as I am certain most of you are. It has been an odd winter season, for sure! Now that we can get outside more often it is time to clean up the yard and gardens, and to get ready for our summertime Shriner activities. Let's hope and pray the COVID-19 pandemic continues to subside so we can do those things so dear to us without the limitations imposed

this past couple of years. Let's celebrate and get out in support of our Shriner events. And, since the weather seems almost ready to cooperate, maybe some of you home gardeners would like a few "hints and tricks" to get ahead of the game this year. Since Mother Nature likes to be pretty erratic here in Utah at times, it helps to get a jump on the season by pre-planting. Most of the hardware and farm supply stores already have their seed packets on sale so now is the time to get to work by starting your plants so they will be ready to transplant a bit later this Spring. For those of you who haven't done this previously – don't be afraid to try. It is fun, and even if you completely fail, you will have had something to do to keep you busy!! And, if you succeed, you will have fresh produce for you and your family that is soooo much better quality than what you can find in any grocery store. Home-grown is absolutely the best! You don't need much to get started. To begin, I suggest you gather up something to plant the seeds into. You can use old soup cans or pick up some cheap pots from any garden shop or hardware store. If you choose to buy pots, make sure they are small ones and have good drainage holes in the bottom. Planting into a big pot almost guarantees the seed will not germinate and grow properly. You will need a potting medium (soil) to plant the seeds in to, so I suggest you pick up a small bag of germinating mix from the garden shop. It is pretty cheap and is exactly what the seeds need to germinate and grow properly. It won't go bad so you can save any leftover and use it again. You will want to punch a few tiny holes in the soup cans to permit drainage. Seeds and seedlings (new plants) don't like to sit in soggy soil. I am lazy, so I take a bucket or pan and dump the soil into it, add water to make a "mud mix" and let it sit overnight. Important – don't use water from the kitchen or laundry room sink, especially if you have a water softener. The salts/chemicals used in the water are not good for plants. Just go outside the house and get the water from an outside faucet. That water is not conditioned so it and will be best. On planting day, fill the cans or your pots to the brim (the potting mix will shrink as it dries out) and let it sit for a couple of hours. This is the messy part, but it lets the excess water leak out. To minimize cleanup, you can lay out some old newspapers to soak up the drips. Once the top of the soil looks like it has begun to dry out a bit, you can start planting. A very easy way to do this is with an old ballpoint pen. Stick the end of the pen into the soil to the depth you wish to plant the seeds. The general rule is very important – PLANT THE SEED TO APPROXIMATELY THE SAME DEPTH AS ITS DIAMETER. For example, tomato seeds are about 1/16" to 1/8" in diameter, so the seeds should not be planted any deeper than about  $1/8^{"}$ . I usually plant about 3 seeds to each pot, spacing them out to avoid crowding. The planting process is made a lot easier if you have some tweezers to handle the seed. Once planted deep into the hole you created with the ballpoint, gently cover the seed. I often use a butter knife. Once the seeds are covered, gently tamp the soil down (this is where you get your hands dirty!!). It is convenient to mark your plants to keep track of what is in each pot and when it was planted so you can monitor your success. Commercial grower plant tags are nice, but you can make your own out of an old gallon milk jug or any other firm plastic container. Cut the plastic into  $\frac{3}{4}$  wide by 6" strips, cut a point on to one end, and you are ready to go. Write on them with an indelible marker. I assure you the ink will disappear if you use just about anything else. That's the hard part. Now we let Mother Nature take over. Set your plantings somewhere relatively warm and in good light (not too close to a cold windowpane). In a week or so you should see progress as the seedlings pop through the surface of the soil. Don't forget to water well as they start to dry out, usually about every 3 or 4 days, depending upon the temperature. When all danger of frost is gone, set them outside in the sun a few hours daily to harden, then transplant into the garden or large potting containers. Enjoy your harvest this fall!!



See you soon. Be safe, stay healthy, and God Bless you and yours.

Church Warren Chaplain

# From the Recorder



Hello, Nobles and Guests!

(Look for surprise question after the mandatory reading). As part of Rules and Regulations of Shriners International, we are required to print G.O. Fundraising Guidelines, annually. "A copy of the Fundraising Activities provisions of this General Order shall be printed in the temple publication at least once every calendar year." Because it is lengthy, it will be broken into sections in this column beginning this month and continuing until all content is published.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES: It is natural to associate the fez with Shriners Hospitals for Children. Because of this, meticulous attention must be given to all fundraising activities, including circuses, to make certain that such activities comply with the law of the land and that a contributor is not led to believe that his money will be used for the Hospitals when all or a portion thereof will be used otherwise. The integrity of our charity and of our fraternity must remain above reproach. Your specific attention is called to the following fraternal and charitable bylaws: §335.3 Use of Name "Shriners Hospitals For Children." The use of the name "Shriners Hospitals for Children" or reference to the Hospitals in connection with any fundraising activity by a temple or Noble without the written consent of the Imperial Potentate and the chairman of the board of trustees of the Hospitals is prohibited. §503.11 Commercial Use of Name. The use of the name "Shriners Hospitals for Children" or reference to the hospitals in connection with any commercial product or business enterprise is prohibited unless the written consent of the boards of directors and trustees has been first obtained. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: 1. Fundraising for Fraternal Purposes: (a) No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations, shall engage in any fundraising activity without the express written consent of the Potentate of the temple having jurisdiction thereof. (b) There can be no representation, express or implied, that the proceeds will be for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children. (c) The temple Potentate shall carefully examine all phases of the advertising, promotion and solicitation to determine that it complies with §335.3 and §503.11 of the fraternal and charitable bylaws and that there is no representation, expressed or implied, that would lead a reasonably prudent person to believe that the proceeds will be for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children. If the Potentate is in doubt, he must receive the opinion of the Imperial Potentate who, after consultation with the Director of Temple Accounting, shall make the final determination. (d) The temple Potentate must approve the terms and provisions of any contract for a fundraising activity after receiving the advice of the temple attorney, and additionally, as may be required by the temple bylaws. (e) A copy of the temple Potentate's written consent shall be mailed to the Executive Vice President, Shriners International. Further, such written material pertaining to the fundraising activity, as requested by the Executive Vice President, Shriners International, shall be promptly mailed to him.

Which well-known actor had a Soviet KGB "Hit" ordered on him? Joseph Stalin was the Soviet Union's "ultimate censor." At the time, global Communism was still very much a growing threat, one Stalin wanted to continue to spread around the world – under Soviet leadership. He saw how much power and influence films – and the stars in them – held over large audiences. So, when he saw John Wayne's power as a virulent anti-Communist on the rise, he ordered the actor killed, and then sent (allegedly) more than one hit squad to do the job. He saw the Duke as a threat to the spread of Communism around the world – and especially in America. Obviously not one to let a thing like Communist assassins get him down, Wayne and his scriptwriter allegedly abducted the hitmen, took them to the beach and staged a mock execution. No one knows exactly what happened after that, but Wayne's friends say the Soviet agents began to work for the FBI from that day on.

Al Hokins, Recorder





We did not joke around last month. But we honestly swear that we will have some shenanigans this month via Zoom. And look forward to meeting for a potluck dinner aka food fight, with a pie eating contest. We're clowns you know how that eating might take place.

Smile others will wonder what you're up to.

Blake Hansen Stitches, President

# Masonic Earth Day (April 22)



"Earth alone of all the elements has never proved unfriendly to man. Bodies of water deluge him with rain, oppress him with hail and drown him with inundations. The air rushes in storms and prepares the tempest, and fire lights up the volcano. But the earth, ever kind and indulgent, is found subservient to his wishes. Though constantly harassed more to furnish the luxuries than the necessities of life, she never refuses her accustomed yield. She spreads his path with

flowers and his table with plenty. And though she produces poison, still she supplies the antidote and returns with interest every good committed to her care. When at last he is called to pass through the dark valley of the shadow of death, she once more receives him and covers his remains within her bosom. This admonishes us that as from it we came, so unto it we must shortly return." Plinius the Elder

Gaius Plinius Secundus, called Pliny the Elder, was a Roman author, a naturalist and natural philosopher, a naval and army commander of the early Roman Empire, and a friend of emperor Vespasian. He wrote the encyclopedic Naturalis Historia, which became an editorial model for encyclopedias. He spent most of his spare time studying, writing, and investigating natural and geographic phenomena in the field.

As the Chairman of the Environmental committee for the Utah Medical Association, I proposed setting up a booth at an Earth Day celebration. It was opposed by a colleague who argued Earth Day was started by radical extremists looking to overthrow democracy. I shot back we should ban Christmas because it was started by Middle Eastern terrorists.

I know environmental issues have been highly politized. I hope as Masons we are able to look past ideologies and focus on what we hold in common about Mother Earth.

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

# From Ladies Oriental Shrine



Dear Nobles and Ladies,

It is bittersweet that my year as High Priestess comes to an end. It seems like we did not even have one, yet on the other hand it seems as though it would never end. We have navigated uncharted waters, lost some remarkable members, and found new ways to communicate in groups. I wish our incoming High Priestess Merrill Lee Warren and her officers a successful and prosperous year.

Lady Julieann Chapman, High Priestess, Iris Ct #47

# Shrine Family Calendar of Events

April 4 Easter

April 10, 9:00am Ladies Oriental Shrine Zoom Installation. Merrill Lee Warren 801-866-8255

**April 18** 7:00pm Nile business meeting, Salt Lake Masonic Temple. Deanna Adams

April 21, 7:00pm El Kalah Shrine Zoom business meeting. Danny Drew 435-714-0482

April 22 6:30pm Ladies Oriental Shrine business meeting. Merrill Lee Warren 801-866-8255

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Mark your calendar! Utah Kids Ride for Shriners Hospital Harley Davidson of Salt Lake May 22



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https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82536848566?pwd=Qmc3 dFIzZzRKMDgzbDBMVGxRbkJQQT09

> Meeting ID: 825 3684 8566 Passcode: 567173

Outgoing High Priestess - Lady Julieann Chapman Incoming High Priestess - Lady Merrill-Lee Warren

Please respond by April 7, so I can have your name and title ready for introductions. RSVP to merrill.lee.warren@gmail.com

Ladies, please wear your Court dresses and your Fez. Shriner Men, please wear your Fez.

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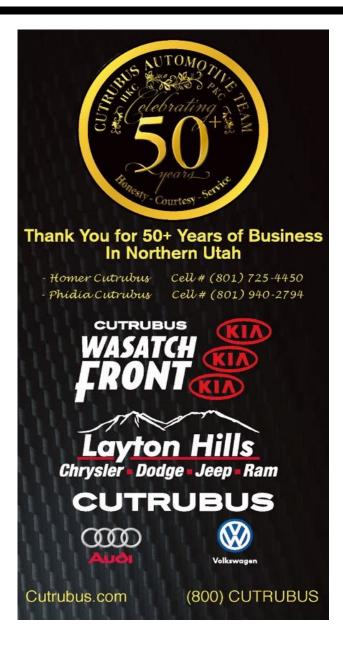
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