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Black Camel

NONE!

Rest in Peace

New Members

YOUR LODGE BROTHER'S NAME SHOULD BE HERE!

Welcome New Members!

From the Potentate



Greetings all!

As I am writing this, I am thinking about all the Military members in my family and think about what they have done to keep us free. I would like to thank all of our military in our Shrine, Masonry and where every they are. Thank you to everyone who has served in the Military. I would like to remind everyone that our next business meeting is June 9th and this will be our first in person meeting in quite some time. We will have 2 new nobles initiated at this meeting. We look forward to seeing you there. Look for information to come out about the parade season. We will have our first call out Parade in Ogden for Pioneer Days on July 24th. I know that this is a short article but, sometimes shorter is better. Look for mor information to come.

Jeremy Estes, Potentate

From the Assistant Rabban



Dear Nobles, Ladies and Gentlemen

As you have probably already seen/read by now, we will be having our first live meeting since the start of the pandemic June 9th. I am so excited by this. Being able to meet in person with my fellow nobles makes my heart feel joy!

As an educator and someone who believes that the way we teach in freemasonry is a great way to help people remember I wanted to repeat some of things I talked about

last month.

"Three years ago, I presented an idea to the Divan called the "5-Year Plan". The "5-Year Plan" is rooted in what we see in all strong Blue Lodges in Utah, as well as in the Utah Grand Lodge. The great thing about a 5-year plan, is that it doesn't stop after 5 years, rather it keeps going and growing. For the past three years, we have been implementing El Kalah's first ever "5-Year Plan". Part of which includes having a constant "Progressive Divan Line". I have been able to ensure that the vision that started three years ago has been maintained and we now have a new club not only to help El Kalah but the Blue Lodges. The Grand Master of Utah Approved this past month approved a new club for El Kalah called "Dinner Club", which will allow us to have dinner at a local pub, brewery, or at

nicer restaurant with the brothers, their significant others (possibly even their children), and also anyone investigating their blue lodge. This would occur the night before their respective meetings. Then the next night, we would do an education about El Kalah for their blue lodge. Many of you nobles saw this education as I presented it last year (before Covid) in our El Kalah business meeting. This new club will be a great way to interact with all the lodges in the state, including their families, and invigorate those investigating free masonry on how family friendly El Kalah and the shrine really is. With the additional benefit of building new relationships and building up brotherly love and friendship. The Dinner Club is just the first big initiative that is seen publicly from the 5-Year Plan and shows the importance of the 5-Year Plan and a "Progressive Divan Line". I am so excited for the support that the Grand Lodge of Utah is giving El Kalah because of the qualities and initiatives set forth by the 5-Year Plan, and I hope that the membership of El Kalah will continue to grow because of that support."

To our Nobles Ladies, Gentlemen and other Significant others I am so thankful to you, for allowing us to have your partners meet with us again. Thank you! It means the world to me, to the Divan, and to El Kalah. It means we can once again get to the business of El Kalah, as well as helping the hospital.

It has been brought to my attention that though the Corporation that runs the Hospitals in general does not need our help, our LOCAL Salt Lake Hospital still DOES need our help. I have invited brother Lynn Larsen to speak to the Divan about how we as El Kalah can help our Local Salt Lake Hospital.

Sincerely,

Daniel Drew, Assistant Rabban

From the High Priest & prophet



Dear Nobles and Ladies,

Our first post-COVID in-person meeting will be June 9th at 7:30 pm in the Salt Lake Masonic Temple, happy days. Come and enjoy seeing our fellow Nobles in person again. I was able to attend the start of the Ride for Kids on May 22 and the Daughters of the Nile Kingfish presentation the same afternoon. It was great to have the in-person events and enjoy the comradery again. The parades are starting again, and we'll be participating as we have in the past. The Ogden Pioneer Days Parade is July 24th, Peach Days on September 11th and St. Patrick's Day Parade on September 25th and there are many other events. With in-person meetings again

let's come together to renew our fellowship and act as Nobles of the El Kalah Shrine should. We survived COVID, let's meet as Brothers.

David Hutchinson, High Priest & Prophet

From the Oriental Guide



Greetings all.

One last note about Onions. By now all Nobles, Ladies and friends that wanted onions, are enjoying them. Throw them in a cooker with olive oil, butter, a bouillon cube brown sugar, or Lipton soup mix, and ENJOY. Or throw them on the BBQ for your burgers, steaks or with kabobs. Whichever way ENJOY.

After a year's absence we were able to bring back this fundraiser and not only break-even but raise funds for our temple, units and clubs. Thanks to all who helped - sold, transported, etc. Couldn't have brought this off without all your support. Plan to do this again next year.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Blake Hansen, Oriental Guide

From the Recorder



I hope y'all had a great Memorial Day Weekend! We are closing in on finishing the mandatory, annual review of Imperial Fundraising guidance.

3. Statement of Purpose and Disclosure: (a) Every fundraising activity must contain factual information on its solicitation material, tickets, programs and documents, including all electronically transmitted material, regarding the use of the proceeds. Examples: "Proceeds are for the benefit of (Shriners) (Shrine club) activities." "Proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children." (b) Every fundraising activity which is not entirely for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children shall prominently state on all solicitation material, including tickets, programs, documents and electronically transmitted material, that "payments are not deductible as charitable contributions." (c) There

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needed for transportation of patients and could be better utilized for our orthopedic and burns hospitals if they were administered together with other endowment funds and accounts of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Al Hokins, Recorder

From the Marshall



Dear Nobles and Ladies:

It looks like we just might survive the Covid pandemic, and we may be able to participate in more activities. I am certainly excited at the prospect of having parades this year and getting out into the fresh air wearing a fez with my fellow Nobles. I am sure many of you feel the same way. I look forward to joining all of you in social events when allowed by our elected officials, Imperial Potentate, and our Illustrious Potentate.

Fraternally,

Mike Katsonis, Marshall

From the First Ceremonial Master



Greetings fellow Nobles.

Well, summer is all but here, and I hope everybody is enjoying the nice weather. I hope everybody is getting a chance to get outside and enjoy some activities. Play a round of golf, go fishing, or just relaxing with family and friends. More and more people are getting vaccinated, the mask mandates are gone, at least for now, and life seems to be getting back to some form of normalcy. I hope everybody takes to time to sit back and enjoy the beautiful blessings which surround us.

Fraternally,

Timothy L Stenner, First Ceremonial Master

From the Clown Corner



Well, it's going to finally happen - a Clown Potluck dinner probably with a pie eating contest, not your usual pie eating contest, the funner one. Where and



when you might ask. Richard Johnson's House, June 13th @ 4 PM. Bring your side and pie, the main dish and drinks will be provided. Get directions and RSVP by contacting Richard at ripjohn@yahoo.com or me at brotherblake7@gmail.com. Smile people wonder what you're up to.

Til' next time

Blake Hansen Stitches, President

From the Chaplain



Happy Summertime, Nobles!

Are you as pleased as I am that we are finally able to resume our Masonic Family endeavors? I suspect so. It has been much to long since we had a good old-fashioned Shrine BBQ or beer fest or whatever where we could come together and have a good time without worrying about "OMG - where did I leave my mask" or "is this actually 6 feet or am I still too close?" I have noticed a few times during the past 12 to 14 months that some folks have exhibited almost a phobia if someone sneezed, cleared their throat, or – Heaven forbid - coughed! I think it is time to celebrate and I intend to do so as soon as possible. Our El Kalah Shriners will be meeting in person this month and that will be such a great event. The Zoom platform for virtual meetings definitely helped get us through this ordeal and allowed us to maintain contact with each other and conduct business, but it just hasn't been the same. I am confident we will continue to utilize the Zoom capability to enhance our operations and permit those traveling, those who are too ill or infirm to attend in person, and those with schedule constraints to maintain contact with our El Kalah activities, but that is not up to me. I only look forward to being a participant.

As I am preparing this article to share with you, I am sitting in my hotel room in Oro Valley, AZ. I came down here to support my Lady who has done so much to support me in my Masonic endeavors. It has been a rewarding and enlightening experience. Our Ladies do so much for us and I know I, for one, am not always as appreciative as I should be. This venture made me realize that being a supporter instead of the so-called “prime actor” can be a lot of fun, too. If you haven’t already done so, I suggest you “Try it – You might like it”!!

Time for some smiles. *Who would’ve thought one day we’d be smoking weed at a family gathering but the illegal part would be the family gathering? ~ We all know mirrors don’t lie. I’m just glad they don’t laugh! ~ We are not aging – we are ripening to perfection. ~ I never thought I would be the kind of person who would wake up early in the morning to exercise – and I was right! ~ I just paid for a 12-month gym membership. My bank called to see if my credit card had been stolen. ~ The oldest computer can be traced back to Adam and Eve. Surprise – Surprise! It was an Apple. But with extremely limited memory. Just 1 byte. Then everything crashed! ~ One minute you’re young and fun. The next, you are turning down the stereo in your car so you can see better.*

And so, ends another month without me becoming unexpectedly rich. I look forward to seeing all of you in the flesh!

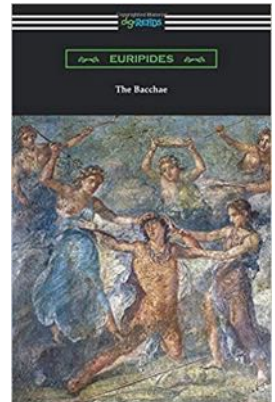
God Bless you and yours.

Chuck Warren, Chaplain

The Bacchae’s masonic lesson (Bacchus = Dionysus = Hermes)



Masonry is deeply Hermetic in many respects. One of them is highlighted every time we open a Lodge of Entered Apprentices: we are in Masonry to subdue our passions, not to repress them, but to control them and have them work for us. The Square and Compasses on our lapels and ring remind us of this simple lesson. Yet the simplicity of this pithy message seems to escape us on a daily basis. Instead, we often seek hidden lessons to improve ourselves, thus bypassing the essential work of controlling our passions.



The Buddha tells a story about this: A disciple is upset that the Buddha keeps talking about the four Noble Truths and the Noble Eightfold Path and neglects metaphysical questions like is the world eternal or non-eternal, are the soul and the body the same thing, etc. The Buddha responds, "if you are struck by an arrow, I need to withdraw the arrow, I don't care what kind of arrow it is, what speed it has, what it is made of, etc. I need to get the arrow out before the patient dies."

May we take out the arrow of unbridled passions.

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

From Ladies Oriental Shrine



Greetings All,

Seems like I just wrote an article for the Minaret and now I am doing another one. Last month I introduced myself - I hope that went over well. I am sure Chuck got a lot of pity and sympathy. He probably deserves it. But, hey, he knew (kinda) what he was getting into.

Iris Court is still working on the Yard Sale. It will be held June 18th and 19th, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The flyer is in this month's Minaret. If you feel the need to spend some money, then by all means please come by and gather a few precious items you know you cannot live without. You may even find that left-handed gizzer-whits-it that you have been looking for since you were 11. I have no idea what that would even look like, I am not mechanical at all, so please do not ask me.

By the time this is printed we will have attended Grand Council for Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America, held in Tucson this year. We will have a new Grand High Priestess, Lady Kate Kalmbach. Her official visit is 6th and 7th of June. Then we go dark as do all other Masonic Organizations. We have activities planned for the summer, so keep tuned for more information. We will be submitting flyers to the Minaret. One of the fun activities will be the Heber Valley Train (formally known as the Heber Creeper), and BBQ, on 7 August, time to be announced later. This is one of our fundraisers, so please consider attending.

Well, I have nattered on long enough. Chuck really did a disservice when he told me to turn on my Chatty Kathy mode.

We C.A.R.E because Children Are Reason Enough.

Skunk Snuggles,

Merrill-Lee Warren, High Priestess, Iris Ct #47

From Grand Council LOSNA Foundation



The Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) organization benefiting the children of Shriners Hospital for Children. Since 2008, the Foundation has donated over \$256,000 to camp programs, child life activities and necessary equipment to help our children thrive. This week at the Grand Council Meeting of the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America, we were addressed by the Imperial Potentate, Illustrious Sir Jim Smith and Imperial Sir Ed Stolze who thanked us for our continuing support of Shriners Hospitals for Children. Although our hospitals are in

the midst of change, he said our financial and volunteer support is much needed.

As a member of the Board of Directors my job as a liaison to the western area hospitals is to keep in touch, ascertain and help fund programs and equipment that are needed. It was a joy to speak with each hospital, but I quickly realized that we have a daunting task before us. I had a long wish list from each hospital with everything from new crayons to expensive equipment. Your help is essential to our work. All members of the board of directors are volunteers so your tax-deductible donation goes directly to help our hospitals. Please consider joining in helping to ensure that our children get the very best we can give them.



Candice Sweet, PHP, Board of Directors, Grand Council LOSNA Foundation

Shrine Family Calendar of Events

June 6-7, LOSNA Grand High Priestess Visit
Merrill Lee Warren

June 9, 7:00pm El Kalah Shrine business meeting, Salt Lake Masonic Temple.
Danny Drew 435-714-0482

June 13 4:00pm Clown Potluck, Johnson residence
Richard Johnson ripjohn@yahoo.com

June 17 7:00pm Nile business meeting, Salt Lake Masonic Temple.
Deanna Adams 801-651-5928

June 18-19 8:00am-2:00pm Iris Court yard-sale, 8731vS 3780 W West Jordan.
Mary Carstensen, 801-870-0698

June 20 Father's Day

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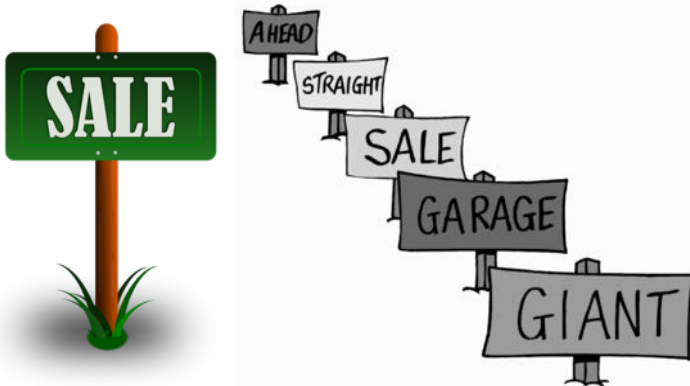
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Please Come out and support Iris Court #47

When: June 18th and 19th

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Where: 8731 S 3780 W West Jordan, Utah 84088



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