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Minaret



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Get ready to ride!

*“Dust off the mini-bikes, shake
out the clown costumes, saddle
up the horses and polish the
Yellowstone bus,
it's parade time!!!”*

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Black Camel

NONE!

Rest in Peace

New Members

Robert Reclusado
Randall Harris

Welcome New Members!

From the Potentate



Greetings all!

What a great time we have had last month! We were able to participate in two parades, Eagle Mountain and Taylorsville. We had a lot of people come out to support these parades although it would be nice to have some more Nobles come out to participate as well. It is almost like we are back to normal. Look for more information to come out soon on the pinewood derby, this will happen in October. I am looking forward to this event and it should be a lot of fun for all that are able to attend. At our first face to face meeting in over a year we were able to initiate two new Nobles. I would like to congratulate them for their commitment to the Shrine. Like always this article is short and sweet. But you are always welcome to reach out to me with any questions that you may have.

Jeremy Estes, Potentate

From the Chief Rabban



Fellow Nobles and Significant others,

One year ago, some were cooped up in their houses trying to figure out the new “work from home” twist, doing DIY projects before a 2 x 4 cost more than your first car, yard work or just enjoying time at home unless you were deemed “essential”. For those that didn’t skip a day of work it almost seems like we were asked to do twice as much work, in half the time and with half the resources. But as we move forward with life, the two parades we have taken part in so far this year shows the need and desire of our community members to get out and take part or just get out from behind the same four walls and have someone make them laugh, give them a reason to cheer for something and just have some good old fun!

We have again been given permission to access the 5th floor, so we can continue the historical organization, cleaning, and refurbishment. Why do I personally want to get back up there you ask, well next year 2022, will be the 130th Anniversary of EL KALAH Shrine Center and I would like to include in every edition of next year’s Minaret, a historical section consisting of historical pictures, facts, and tidbits of information that we will gather from our past generations of Nobles. Another project that I will be seeking a committee to assist with will be

a 130th Anniversary yearbook of El Kalah which will consist of old historical and new pictures and information. We will need photographers, historians, designers, writers, and editors to help the yearbook move forward.

Parade season is upon us in full force, not only do we have our usual call-out parades, we are also dabbling in introducing some new locations. The parade committee for Taylorsville was ecstatic about having the Shriners participate in their event last month, Provo's 4th of July event fell through for this year, but we will be participating in the South Salt Lake Freedom Festival parade which is another large event. Other parades coming up are Farmington, Roy, Price, Ogden, Brigham City and Mesquite. Watch your notification system to get info for these events. The fire truck is up and running beautifully, the new Shrine Harley was a great big hit in Taylorsville and the minibikes are honing their riding and performance skills. All units are invited and encouraged to attend these events and we have plenty of Greeter and Oriental Guide uniforms on the 5th floor begging to be worn. Parades and the community events that follow them are the perfect opportunity to get out, be seen and answer questions about the Shrine and Masonry.

We hope to see everyone soon at upcoming events and we wish Illustrious Potentate Estes safe travels on his journey to Imperial to represent our Shrine Center and its Nobility this month.

Michael "BOOTZ" Clark, Chief Rabban

From the High Priest & prophet



Dear Nobles and Ladies,

Happy heat wave to everyone, dang it was hot last month. Hopefully, it will cool off as we start our parade season, we're getting our reservations in now. Come out and support the Shriners and have a good time. After the Ogden Pioneer Days Parade, July 24th, the Ogden Shrine Club is planning on having burgers at the Ogden Masonic Temple pavilion and everyone is invited. We have had our in-person meeting on June 9th and had a fairly good turnout, one bylaw change was approved. Meetings will start again in September, there is plenty of room to spread out so come and enjoy some masonic fellowship.

David Hutchinson, High Priest & Prophet

From the Oriental Guide



Greetings all.

WHO ARE SHRINERS? We are men sharing our best lives. Fun is our cornerstone, and philanthropy is our keystone to fellowship. Brotherhood, family, compassion, and service to others are in our foundation. Let's not keep this a secret and let our fellow brother Masons know what we're about. We could use an increase in our numbers. Go to www.beashrinernow.com "I am an El Kalah Shriner we work hard and play hard."

Sincerely and fraternally,

Blake Hansen, Oriental Guide

From the Recorder



Good day Nobles and Friends,

We continue with annual, mandatory Fundraising orientation: Now, therefore, by virtue of the authority in me [Imperial Potentate] vested by §206.5(a)(4) of the bylaws of Shriners International, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: **1. Sole Charity.** Neither the temples and their Shrine clubs, their units, nor their membership shall solicit charitable gifts or bequests for any purpose, organizations, or charities other than Shriners Hospitals for Children, except as may be allowed by §335.4(b) of the bylaws of Shriners International and the provisions of paragraphs 2(a)(1) and 9 of FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES herein. **2. Restricted Fund.** A temple shall maintain a separate bank account or accounts, designated Shrine Hospital Patient Transportation Fund for disbursements and expenses, in accordance with the provisions of Shrine Hospital Patient Transportation Fund herein. (a) All receipts and disbursements related to charitable activities shall be clearly designated and classified as such in the books of all temples, temple affiliated corporations, Shrine clubs, committees, boards, or other entities subject to the supervision or control of any temple; and such books of accounts shall be reviewed annually in a manner consistent with the requirements of §334.6 of the bylaws of Shriners International. (b) The custody and administration of all charitable funds and assets under the control of any temple,

including those of temple affiliated corporations, Shrine clubs, committees, boards, and other entities subject to the supervision or control of any temple, shall be the responsibility of the board of directors who are charged with the custody and administration of the general funds of the temple. The temple shall maintain a separate bank account or accounts designated Shrine Hospital Patient Transportation Fund, to make deposits and disbursements for the purposes herein authorized. Interest earned on the restricted fund balance must be credited to the hospital patient fund account. (c) Any temple may be required by the Imperial Potentate to show cause why any 40 41 part of its charitable funds or assets not reasonably needed for purposes permitted under paragraph 1 hereof should not be transferred to Shriners Hospitals for Children; and the board of directors of the Iowa Corporation shall have the power to require the transfer to Shriners Hospitals for Children of any such charitable funds or assets not reasonably needed for the purposes permitted under this paragraph after the temple has been given a reasonable opportunity to be heard by the board of directors or by a committee thereof with respect to the matter. (d) After a fundraising event for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children has been held, and upon written request to, and written authorization by, the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees of Shriners Hospitals for Children, up to one-half of the net proceeds of a designated fundraising activity may be held by a temple to be used exclusively for disbursements and expenses in accordance with the provisions of Shrine Hospital Patient Transportation Fund herein. Such retained funds, including interest earned on the funds, shall be maintained pursuant to the Uniform Chart of Accounts for Shrine Temples, in a separate account designated as the "Shrine Hospital Patient Transportation Fund." The balance in the fund shall not exceed twice the amount of the expenditures made from such fund during the preceding year, unless the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees so authorize. Any sums in excess of that shall be turned over to Shriners Hospitals for Children. If for any reason this fund should terminate, the entire balance in the fund shall revert to Shriners Hospitals for Children. **To be continued in August.**

Question: In 1987, Pope John Paul II made what school cover all team logos before appearing in their stadium? **Answer:** It was September of 1987 when Pope John Paul traveled to Arizona and held an evening Mass for more than 75,000 people at Sun Devil Stadium as part of his tour in the United States. It was the first and only time a Pope has ever visited Arizona. Arizona State University allegedly charged almost \$200,000 for the pontiff's use of its Sun Devil Stadium. All logos of the University's mascot "Sparky the Sun Devil" along with his pitchfork had to be covered throughout the stadium in order for the Pope to agree to enter the stadium.

Al Hokins, Recorder

From the First Ceremonial Master



Greetings fellow Nobles.

I hope everybody is having a wonderful summer and staying cool in the heat. As I sit here writing this article, I cannot help but think how precious life really is. While on vacation back home in Sacramento, I got a chance to say goodbye to my aunt who has cancer and cannot take the treatment. I must give her a lot of credit; she is embracing the end cheerfully and with no regrets. I have known this woman all my life and she was instrumental in me growing into the man I am today. Life is very precious and short, sometimes too short. We need to enjoy life to its fullest. Even though we do not see family often enough because we are hundreds of miles apart, taking time to talk to those who are especially important in each of our lives. Enjoy family while you still can. There are a lot of you out there with family in the local area, others of us, especially those that have served in the military, have families spread across the country. I joined the Air Force in 1986 and have lived in Germany, Illinois, and Colorado as well as Utah. I do not see my family nearly as often as I would like (this was my first trip back to see my family in three years due to the pandemic) when we normally go every two years. In the opposite years it is to see Kim's family in Texas.

Fraternally,

Timothy L Stenner, First Ceremonial Master

From the Klown Corner



You all missed it, the clowns did it. We had our pie eating contest and it was a doozy!!! We all had a fun time getting together at the Johnson's. We'll be the Kelly's Grove pavilion for our potluck dinner on August 15th at 4:00pm

Blake Hansen Stitches, President

From the Chaplain



Dear Nobles, ladies, and friends.

Yeah! We were finally able to meet in person and conduct our business! What a pleasure it was. I hope all of you were as pleased as I was to finally be able to make close and personal contact with old friends and Brothers. COVID has presented all of us with varying degrees of emotional turmoil. My personal dilemma is not being able to joke around with those I care so very much about. Sharing my somewhat bizarre sense of humor with you via this Minaret each month is one thing, but it is so much more rewarding to do so in person. Yah – I missed you. We had a great time conducting our business and fezzing our Junior Past Grand Master Clay Hamblen. It was a good evening.

Our Divan has some great activities planned for the remainder of this year. We are so fortunate to have such talented and conscientious Shriners in El Kalah. The most recent fundraiser was the onion sales program that Noble Blake Hansen honchoed. He did a magnificent job and raised a lot of money for us. Way to go, Noble Blake! Nobles, make sure you read every page and article in this Minaret edition (and every edition, for that matter) so you are kept up to date with all the feztivities. Come out and share the fun every chance you get. It is very rewarding. And our cause is so very worthwhile.

I suspect some of you may remember several years ago that there was a group of people who comprised the Coordinating Committee. It was made up of representatives of each of the varied organizations within the Masonic Family. They used to meet in the Library at the Salt Lake Masonic Temple and hash out the calendar to minimize the conflicts in schedule that invariably wreck our best laid plans. For some unknown reason, that Committee has disappeared, and the schedule integration function seems to have been allowed to fade off into the sunset. I have discussed this with Grand Master Dan Lawes and Deputy Grand Master Jason Allred. They have agreed to allow me to see if I can resurrect this function. I am proposing we meet quarterly (if not more often, if required) via the Zoom platform. I hope the leaders of each of the Masonic bodies (Lodges, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shriners, DeMolay, Jobies, LOS, DON, etc.) will contact me with the name and contact information of their chosen representative(s) to this Committee so I can begin establishing and activating the Committee. My hope is that an integrated schedule will evolve from this venture and will benefit all of us. I will keep y'all posted on the progress.

Now, it's time for the corny jokes. *A couple let their 6-year-old daughter fall asleep with the radio on each night, to provide background noise. About a*

week later, they listened in on the end of her bedtime prayer: "And God bless Mommy and Daddy and my sister. Amen. And FM." ~~ A man who was late paying his bills received another past-due notice: "Your account has been on our books for over a year. We just wanted to remind you that we have now carried you longer than your mother did." ~~ A teenager who had just gotten her learner's permit offered to drive her parents to church. After a hair-raising ride, they reached their destination. The Mother climbed out of the car and exclaimed, "Thank you!" "Anytime," her daughter replied. "I wasn't talking to you," her mother said as she slammed the door, "I was talking to God."

I wish all of you a Happy Summer.

God Bless you and yours.

Chuck Warren, Chaplain

From the Marshall



Dear Nobles and Ladies:

We have a new variant of Covid virus named delta. It is highly transmissible and has been detected in nearly 100 countries including the U.S. I am also seeing concerns we will be unlikely to reach herd immunity across the US, as there is substantial resistance by many to being immunized. Vermont has theoretically reached herd immunity or will as they have a high percent of immunization. The Pacific coast also has a high percent of immunizations, but the entire states on the Pacific coast will most likely have pockets where immunizations are not popular. This is a concern Dr Fauci has and suggests we should be careful to investigate how immunizations have been received in any area we plan to visit. The Pfizer vaccine is 88% effective against delta, Astra Seneca is 60% effective, and Fauci told the Washington Post a few weeks ago the Moderna vaccine is likely to have similar efficacy against delta as the Pfizer vaccine as these two vaccines are very similar. So much for all the science, estimates, and guesstimates. My opinion is to be careful and do not feel we are over the pandemic. It is safer to have outdoor activities for the obvious reasons of better air circulation and the sun's radiation helps to deactivate the virus. Unfortunately, the moon apparently has no effect. Be careful and have a safe and festive 4th of July.

Mike Katsonis, Marshall

Is the Universe a machine?



Is the Universe a machine? Yes, according to the G lecture in the Fellow Craft degree. Albert Pike did not agree, but ritual is very hard to change. Most Masons see ritual as cast in stone. I respect that. If we were to change ritual *carelessly*, it would soon mutate into something entirely different. But is there sufficient evidence to ponder the possibility that the Universe is not a machine?

Plato (“Timaeus”) and Aristotle felt the Universe and everything in it, including ourselves is an indivisible, living organism. Other thinkers focused on Earth with the same inclusive view. They called Gaia. Middle age thinkers and later Spinoza and Leibnitz, among many others, agreed with a classical, organic view of the Universe. Pike refers to them in *Morals & Dogma*. Several philosophies see the Universe as alive, especially Buddhism. This has not been the case with predominant Western religions, which influenced the Craft the most at its inception. Descartes cemented a dualistic nature of the Universe, men and Deities, giving a modern spin to the idea that Man was cast out of paradise, separated from God. Newton gave these concepts scientific grounding, which prevails to this day. This duality has also influenced other dichotomies: Religion vs Science; Mind vs Body; Men vs Animals, etc.

The last century saw a resurgence of classical, organic thinking as noted above. Some call this approach Panpsychism—consciousness permeates the Universe. Others call it Integrative Information Theory and Quantum Biology. Einstein’s theories have gained precedence over Newtonian ideas. Einstein’s work on the nature of Light is a prime example. The physicist Whitehead and many others have reconciled the nature of Light by observing that the different possibilities/states of Light “collapse” from a wave into a particle when observed. We may only do that when we entertain the “possibility” that the Universe, made of Light (Energy) and Information, is more than a machine.

Dualism cannot BALANCE contrasting points of view (STRENGTH & WISDOM). I do not wish to become a BORG, as Transhumanism is looking forward to. I am afraid that is the end point of thinking that the Universe is a machine. References: “A conscious Universe,” Rupert Sheldrake

“Can our brains help prove the universe is conscious?” David Crookes

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

From Ladies Oriental Shrine



Greetings All,

What a way to start June! Iris Court #47 had our Grand High Priestess (GHP) Visit on the 6th and 7th. I must tell you (just sit back, grab something to drink and maybe even a nibble), it was a busy 2 days, actually 3 days. It started on the 5th, when we audited the books before Lady Kate Kalmbach, GHP, even arrived.

On the 6th, we had a delicious picnic provided by the Past High Priestesses of Iris Court. Boy, those Ladies sure can cook! We got to visit with Lady Kate and learned more about her plans for her year as GHP.

On the 7th, we gathered at Shriner's Hospital for Children for a tour led by Kevin Martin, Shriners Hospital Administrator. Lady Kate was very impressed with our Hospital (well of course) and talked with Kevin about her special project for her year as GHP. It is called "Out and About". She wants to find out from each hospital what kind of mobility we can provide to help our Kids be able to enjoy family outings. For example, the family can borrow a wheelchair that can be used in the snow, or at a beach; a special bike so the child can go biking with the family; a special car seat so a child with scoliosis can enjoy a car ride with the family; or possibly something we have not even thought of yet. We definitely have our work cut out for us as members of Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America to raise the funds for her special project. After the tour was finished, we "had" to do lunch.

That evening we had our official visit. I am so very proud of the Ladies of Iris Court! They did a beautiful job during the meeting. We knocked it out of the park, so to speak. It was beautiful. I could go on and on, I am so proud of all the Ladies!! They made me look good in the East.

Lady Kate left the morning of the 8th, and I was able to come home. I was tired, but so happy for all the Ladies. I love them all - they are my sisters. Thank you ladies for all you do.

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

Skunk Snuggles,

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



PIONEER DAYS PARADE

JULY 24

The commemoration of Utah's statehood starts with Ogden Pioneer Days' Grand Parade, which runs through the heart of Ogden City. The parade begins at 9:00am and the route starts on 31st Street, continues northbound on Washington Boulevard and ends on 20th Street. Thousands of spectators line up along Washington Boulevard to cheer for marching bands, service organizations, student body representatives from Ogden-area schools, floats, horse drawn carriages, antique automobiles, youth dance groups and Shrine parade units. There's literally something for everybody. After the parade the Ogden Shrine Club invites friends of Shriners to lunch at the Ogden Masonic Temple pavilion located at Harrison Avenue and 20th Street in Ogden.

Shrine Family Calendar of Events

July 24, 9:00am Pioneer Days Parade, Ogden. Mike Katsonis, Parade Marshall
775-664-4207

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