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Black Camel

NONE!

Rest in peace.

New Members

NONE!

Your Lodge Brother's name should be here!

From the Potentate



Greetings nobles,

I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. We have several things going on this month that I hope you can attend. Look for the article by Steve Bergen about the next/last three parades of the year. He has dates and times in the article. Some of these events will be the first time that I have been able to attend. Also, we have the Walk of Love fundraiser

coming up this month. This should be fun as well.

We were able to attend the Price Parade & BBQ last month. We also attended the Vernal BBQ, if you have not had the opportunity to attend this BBQ you should put it on the calendar for next year. They have it down to a science, it was a lot of fun visiting with some Nobles that I have never met before. I also received news that Illustrious sir Roshek has fallen ill. Let's keep him in our prayers.

We will have our next meeting on September 15th, I hope to see a lot of you Nobles there. In October we will be having our Pinewood Derby race. As always if you need anything from your Divan, please reach out to us.

Jeremy Estes, Potentate

From the Chief Rabban



Fellow Nobles and Significant Others,

Since before 1894 when the first Monday in September became a federal holiday known as Labor Day, many trade unions, labor movements and worker rights associations have been fighting to build and strengthen their cause. Trade unions invest millions of dollars in recruiting and organizing every year. Shriners International and local Shrine Centers invest both time and money in retention, advertising and fundraising. However, finding new Nobles is where we are

sometimes lacking. How can we increase our membership with the ever changing and evolving times with limited resources at our disposal? In addition to a 130th Anniversary committee, I would like to form a membership committee of Nobles both young and experienced in years that can drum up the same enthusiasm that is often seen in labor organizations to brainstorm how to overcome this issue in our state and see an amazing year of new Candidates. Our parade units and

attendees have been doing a great job representing our Shrine Center in all the parades and public events this year and I hope this is a sign of the direction we will be going in the months and years to come.

Michael "BOOTZ" Clark, Chief Rabban

From the Assistant Rabban



Dear Nobles and Ladies

I hope you all had a wonderful August! August started out with a bang in Vernal, where the Nobles put on their annual BBQ! I was pleased to be with the Potentate at this August event! The Nobles and Brothers of Ashley Lodge #20 in Vernal have put on this annual BBQ for over 80 years, what a wonderful event to come to and celebrate with our brothers, Nobles, their ladies,

and families out in the basin! I want to thank them for once again putting on such a special event! August was a great month for me because school started, and I got to be with so many great kids of our great state! One of the classes I teach includes keyboarding, which means I get to teach posture and technique while typing. I always get to mention that we want to ensure our students type properly so they don't get scoliosis, but if they do end up with scoliosis Utah has a Shriners hospital and it helps with that. I look forward to September when we get to see each other again!

See you all soon! Sincerely

Daniel Drew, Assistant Rabban

From the Hight Priest 🖇 prophet



Dear Nobles and Ladies,

Parade season continues, we've got 3 left: September 6th in Payson, September 11th in Brigham City (Peach Days) and November 6th in Mesquite. To facilitate getting information out to the Nobles and clear up any questions Potentate Jeremy established a Parade Committee. It is made up of the heads of the Clubs/Units, Marshal Mike Katsonis, me for the Divan and Potentate Jeremy. We had our first meeting by

Zoom on August 20^{th,} and it was a good exchange of information. We discussed

expectations, resources available and reviewed the Imperial requirements for parades. Questions were resolved about who can ride the vehicles, who can drive them and can we have Shrine Hospital patients ride. The immediate family of a Noble can ride, a Noble must drive a motorized vehicle and we can have Hospital patients ride. To keep all Nobles informed we will send out emails with details about each parade, locations to assemble and times to arrive. All Nobles and family members are invited to take part in the parades, the more the merrier. For the Peach Day's Parade our line-up number is 53 and we need to be there about 8:45 am. We assemble on 600 South east of Main Street, assembly point E6.

We'll be starting regular meetings on September 15th at the Salt Lake Masonic Temple, come and get involved. In parting, just remember our Masonic and Shrine vows to respect each other. With COVID getting worse many folks are wearing masks and some are not. Some are vaccinated and some are not. Don't attack people for their choice, just remember to protect yourself and do what you feel is right.

David Hutchinson, High Priest & Prophet

From the First Ceremonial Master



Greetings, nobles.

I hope everybody has had a safe and relaxing summer. September is upon us, and autumn is just around the corner. Soon the leaves will be changing, and the nights will be getting crispy with the cool, autumn night air. It will be a good time to enjoy the splendor the Supreme Architect of the Universe provides for those who live near the mountains. It's

been a blisteringly hot summer and I know I am ready for a little cooler weather. One of the things I love about living here is the four seasons we get although sometimes spring and fall seem to only last a week or two. The shortened parade season is winding down and I'm hoping that we will have a full parade schedule next year; but only time will tell for sure. I hope to see as many of you at our meeting this month.

Fraternally,

Timothy L Stenner, First Ceremonial Master

From the Marshall



Dear Nobles, Ladies, and Friends:

We have had a very successful parade season. Our last two parades, Price and Roy, were well attended by the public. The Clowns, members of the Divan, Mini-Bikes, Pit Crews, and other Shriners were in their best parade form and represented El Kalah admirably.

September parades will be on the 6th in Payson for Labor Day, and on the 11th in Brigham City for Peach Days. Come

on out and join us for fresh air and Shrine fellowship. Our last parade of the season will be November 6, in Mesquite for an early celebration of Veterans Day/Remembrance Day (EU).

I want to thank all the parade participants and the individuals who have done a great job in the organizing of room rentals, meals, communications, and any of the many other activities required to make the parades easier and more enjoyable for Shriner participants. I feel we have been successful in keeping the public aware of our international philanthropy available to children regardless of their ability to pay. It has been an honor for me to be able to contribute.

Mike Katsonis, Marshall

From the Chaplain



Dear Nobles, ladies, and friends.

It seems perhaps Mother Nature was getting tired of all the heat and dryness and decided to give us a bit of a reprieve. I know my lawn surely appreciated it as much as I did! I suspect we all were glad for the break in the August heat and relief it brought. Time to start preparing for Ole Man Winter, though. Our Shriner family parades, and events have been interesting and fun. I hope you will come out and participate in our

festivities if you haven't already.

Some of you may already know that I am your Masonic Services Association (MSA) Representative for Utah. In that capacity, I receive the EMESSAY NOTES document from the MSA headquarters each month. There was a very interesting article in the August notes that I wish to share with you, since I believe it is VERY applicable to and appropriate considering our present national crises: **Restore Core Values** Stephen G. Tanner is general grand high priest of the

grand chapter royal arch Masons international in his message in the September 2021 issue of the royal arch Mason magazine he made this appeal for Freemasons to live up to American ideals and thereby truly transformed the world. "American Society today reveals there is a desperate need to restore core values. Our great civic institutions are riddled with scandal. Debate which is meant to bring light and not heat has disintegrated into hurled insults, negative campaigns, and memes on social media. We no longer love our neighbors. We feared them. Trust in society is crumbling or gone. More than ever there is a deep longing for moral standards shared by all citizens. The truth is these things aren't restored by leaders or institutions but by each individual. We have, for too long now been glued to our computer and phone, isolating ourselves from others. We live in a society in which individuals are too self-absorbed ignoring each other and forgetting what makes our nation great is shared experience and mutual commitment. Men like our Brother and President, George Washington represented our best ideals. It was easy for them to have widespread support because they portrayed our beliefs and aspirations. You and I must release those values in our own lives if we are to create such leaders again and restore our values."

We hear so very much destructive and horribly crude dialogue nowadays, both personally and via our media. Much of it is directed towards those who disagree with us and especially towards many of our elected political leaders. Whether or not they were our candidate of choice, they were elected to serve, and I believe it is our moral and patriotic duty to maintain our loyalty to this Great Nation, Under God, with Liberty and Justice for all. If we disagree with the direction we are headed, we need to ensure our opinions are expressed using the <u>legitimate</u> systems provided to us by our Constitution - <u>VOTE</u> and let your voice be heard. And please remember – discussion is not destruction.

Now, it's time for a bit of lighter reading. A tour group gazed into the depths of the Grand Canyon. "Do you know," asked the guide, "that it took millions and millions of years for this great abyss to be carved?" "Well, I'll be darned," one of the visitors said. "I never knew this was a government job." ~~ To me, a night at the opera is watching a play I don't like, sung in a language I don't understand, wearing a tuxedo that doesn't fit. ~~ Our Past Potentate, Lyn Larsen, sent his tee shot into the woods, then hit a few trees, then proceeded to hit all the way across the fairway into some other woods. Finally, he proceeded to hit into a sand trap. He noticed that the club pro had been watching him. "What club should I use now?" he asked. "That depends." The pro replied. "What game are you playing?"

Chuck Warren, Chaplain

From Children's Charity Challenge



Children's Charity Challenge is now in its 8th year. Our annual Charity golf tournament seems to get bigger and better each year. I am very happy to say, Children's Charity Challenge has donated over \$130,000 to Shriners Hospitals for Children over that time thanks to the generosity of the community the hospital serves. We have received donations of money, goods, and services from every state our great hospital serves.

This year, we have had to cope with the restrictions Covid-19 has place on everyone, and we have still brought together people and recourses enough to make it happen once again. If you play golf, there is still time to register and join us up until game day, Sept 10. you can also participate by going to our auction site and bid on some the amazing getaway packages we have put together. There are some great packages to let you get away and have some fun, from golf in Tucson and Las Vegas to whitewater river rafting, to a weekend in Durango CO.

To all those who read this Minaret, Thank you for your support of Children's Charity Challenge and Shriners Hospitals for Children

Merlin Larsen PP

Merlin Larsen, PP, CCC Director

Laith, Reason, Grace



One of the points made in this book is the main lessons taught by our Blue Lodge degrees. Our Initiatic experience seeks to help us travel East so that we may know ourselves and God. Each degree highlights a given tool at our disposal to achieve those goals.

The EA degree emphasizes the tool of FAITH. The ritual refers to our HEART several times, remind us that our heart must be "taught to conceive before your eyes beheld the beauties of Masonry." FAITH is the first step in the ladder that leads to self-knowledge and God.



The FC degree emphasizes the tool of REASON. With the sciences highlighted in the seven steps of the stairs, we are to study diligently so that our

minds may support the FAITH we base our beliefs in. We are told that Speculative Masonry "is a science so interwoven with religion as to lay us under that obligation to pay RATIONAL homage to Deity." The MM degree shows us that neither FAITH nor REASON will get the job done, though. This is symbolized by the failure of the EA and FC grips at the grave, whereas the MM grip succeeds. It represents GRACE.

May the GRACE of God bless you with the knowledge of who you are and what HE is.

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

From the Klown Corner



The clowns had a good time at a BBQ at Kelly Grove. We supported Kruizer's for Kidz at the Midvale Park. What a great job they do raising money for our Children's Hospital. Next up, Peach Days Parade and another potluck dinner at Scooter's (aka Linn Larsen) place on October 15.

Blake Hansen Stitches, President

From the Mini-Bike Corner

By the time you get (scroll?) down here you hopefully already know "we" (yes, that means YOU too) still have some photo ops happening on the El Kalah (yes, that means YOU too) parade calendar for 2021. Monday Sept 6 (Labor Day) is the Payson "Onion Days" Parade. Parade starts at 10am, but meetup will be at 9am, meet up location TBA? Reach out to me or Gary Felkner if you plan to attend). Post parade Guy Johnson has made a group reservation for whomever would like to attend at the WE BLU INN BAR AND GRILL. (39 N Main. Payson 801-465-9071) Steak lunch \$30. Chicken lunch \$20. (\$5 per lunch price going to the Minibikes operating account). The Manila parade Saturday Sept 4 is getting side-barred for this year. Saturday September 11 (if you aren't too toasted from Lynn Larsen's super-duper fun golf tourney Friday September 10 at the Ridge golf course?) is always a "call-out" parade up at the Peach Days Brigham City Parade. We will meet up at 8am at the Masonic Lodge 305 S 100 E Brigham City. We usually head over to Maddox for lunch afterward. If you wish to attend the lunch, please let RaeLene Felkner (801-230-0280) know as she makes the group reservation for us and she feels really sad when folks want to come at the last minute and the reservation has already been made and then she is set with the "TASK" of trying to sit you and your much better half somewhere in the same zip code with the rest of us.

Steven Bergen, President

From Daughters of the Vile



Greetings to all!!

I hope this edition finds you all happy and rested from the summer months and ready to get back into the swing of things. Although it feels like this summer just flew by, I'm excited for my favorite time of the year. FALL!! I love the autumn months! The colors, the crisp air, the smells, apple cider, bonfires. All of it!! It's the beginning of another season of changes. It also means the beginning of some changes for most of our Lodges, OES

Chapters, DeMolay Chapters, and Jobie Bethels.

Nile Love,

Deanna Adams, Queen, Lybia Temple No. 32

From Ladies Oriental Shrine



Hello everyone.

Iris Court has slowed down a bit. As I am writing this, we have our Heber Train Ride and Lunch fundraiser coming up. I hope some of you can join us.

As most other Masonic Bodies that were dark for the summer, we will have our first meeting in Sept. Before our first meeting some Iris Court members will be making the trip to San

Jose, CA., for our annual Western Area Organized Units Meet (WAOUM). It is great to see friends and make new ones in other Courts. This is usually a weekend event. The Units perform for everyone, we have a lunch (of course!), short business meeting, a fun night dinner, and mainly a lot of fun.

Iris Court participated in the Peach Days Parade in Brigham City. I wish to thank El Kalah Shrine for inviting us to join them in participating in the parades.

Our Princess, Lady Jessica Norton, oversees membership this year. I have included her flyer for an Open House she is hosting for anyone interested in joining LOSNA. It will be held Sunday, Sept. 26th at her home. She has had quite a bit of interest, so fingers crossed we will be having Ladies join us in having fun doing our best to help our Shriner Hospital for Children. If there is a Lady you think would be interested, please give her the flyer so she can come meet us. Lady Jessica's phone number is (801) 793-8922.

This is short and hopefully sweet. I truly hope everyone had a relaxing, enjoyable summer. We C.A.R.E. because Children Are Reason Enough.

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

Shrine Family Calendar of Events

September 2 6:30pm LOS Ogden Club meeting, University Broiler & Grill, 4342 Harrison Ave. Ogden. Kim Stenner 801-663-0766

September 6 Labor Day Parade, Payson. Michael Katsonis 801-935-1907

September 10 Children's Charity Golf Classic, The Ridge Golf Club, 5055 S Westridge Blvd. West Valley City. Lynn Larsen 801-455-7815

September 11 Peach Days Parade, Brigham City. Michael Katsonis 801-935-1907

September 15 7:00am El Kalah Shrine business meeting, 650 E. South Temple St, Salt Lake City. Al Hokins 214-244-9686

September 18 9:00am Shriners Hospital for Children Walk for Love, Shriners Hospital for Children, 1275 E. Fairfax Rd, Salt Lake City. Nancy Wiscomb 801-536-3632

September 23 5:30pm LOS Business meeting, 650 E South Temple St, Salt Lake City. Merrill-Lee Warren 801-866-8255

September 26 11:00am Iris Court Membership Open House, 375 E. Bridlewalk Ln., Murray. Jessica Norton 801-793-8922

Send calendar updates to jsweetinogden2@yahoo.com

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 130th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

We are seeking volunteers who would like to invest their time and energy in helping with planning events, literature, memorabilia, and apparel for the 130th anniversary of the El Kalah Shrine Center.

Volunteers will be conducting interviews, sorting historical documents, editing, and submitting articles for the Minaret and designing logos and literature and planning events.

If you would like to be a part of this once in 130-year event, contact me.

Michael Clark (801) 661-4914 brcsafety@outlook.com

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Shriners & Ladies!

We encourage you to participate in our virtual Walk for LOVE from the convenience of your own neighborhood. However, if you'd like to travel to the Salt Lake City facility, we are hosting "Walk for LOVE Weekend" — an on-site gathering for Shriners and Ladies, Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Space is limited.

Kick-off Festivities

Friday, September 17

1 p.m. Board Meeting (Shriners)

2:30 p.m. Free time

5 p.m. Program and BBQ

Walk for LOVE

Saturday, September 18

9 a.m. Refreshments and

opening ceremonies

9:30 a.m. Walk for LOVE 10:30 a.m. Event concludes

Please RSVP to Nancy Wiscomb at nwiscomb@shrinenet.org or 801-536-3632 by Friday, September 3.

We encourage you to register in advance at walkforlove.org if you'd like a commemorative t-shirt and giveaways; however, Walk for LOVE registration is not required to participate in Walk for LOVE Weekend.



Iris Court Membership Open House Party

When: September 26, 2021

Where: 375 E. Bridlewalk Lane

Murray, Ut. 84107

Time: 11-2





Come celebrate the fact we survived a rough year and to discuss what we do and why we do it. We will be answering questions while also discussing who we are as a court and having lots of fun!

Please RSVP to Lady Jessica Norton, Associate Princess by September 20th to join our fun and laughter. Also, please contact if you have any questions.

Tessica Norton: 801-793-8922, Tessimono26488@gmail.com.

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