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Black Camel

John R. Merrick: March 30, 1952 ~ July 7, 2021

Jack A. Pratt: October 15, 1926 ~ July 23, 2021

Rest in Peace

New Members

NONE!

Welcome New Members!

From the Potentate



Greetings Nobles,

I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. My family and I were able to attend the Walk for Love fundraiser at the hospital. There were booths set up for the hospital employees and a few of their patients to talk about their experiences at the Hospital. We noticed every patient we talked to was happy and appreciative of the care they were receiving from the hospital. It was a very humbling experience.

Parade season is winding down but there is one more left in Mesquite Nevada. We have been given permission from the Potentate who had jurisdiction over Mesquite to be a part of the parade. If you have any questions about this parade, please reach out to Noble Steve Bergan or Noble Mike Katsonis.

We will not be having the Pine Wood Derby in October like we had planned. Instead, we will be having our regularly scheduled Business Meeting. We will be voting on a new noble and two bylaw changes. If you have any questions on these changes, please reach out to one of your Divan members for clarification.

As always if you have any questions or need to discuss anything, I am available by phone most evenings. Stay safe and I hope to see you at the next business meeting on October 20 at 7:00pm.

Jeremy Estes, Potentate

From the Chief Rabban



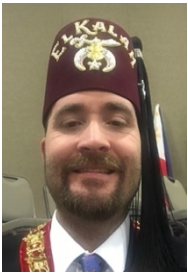
Fellow Nobles and Significant Others,

Another month has come and gone, there has been much indifference this year. Should I go out or stay inside, should I wear a mask, or am I safe not to. Should I gather with friends and family, or should I stay home. These decisions are ones that we are free to make on our own and we all respect the decisions each other makes. The same respect is given to our fellow Nobles when a new member comes into our organization, or a 50-year Shriner decides to join one unit or club or another. Or maybe even not to join one, they just want to help support the Shrine mission. We hope that soon our way of life will begin to come back

around, and we can see more Nobles at events, parades, and meetings. We have lost too much in the past 15 months to not see each other's faces, shake hands and embrace each other. We have had many hurdles to overcome since the gates have opened, but sometimes we must walk before we can run and these past months have been our learning to walk phase, it is now time for us to learn how to run again. Everyone has done their best this year to rekindle activities after having a year off, we look forward to seeing more Nobles come out to join us soon for activities as well as welcoming our new Nobles coming in soon. We ask each and every one of you to check with friends, family and fellow Nobles and ensure everyone is in good health and spirit.

Michael "BOOTZ" Clark, Chief Rabban

From the Assistant Rabban



Dear Nobles and Ladies.

September was a great month. BYU is 4-0 in football and school is in full swing. Autumn is nearly on us, and all levels of freemasonry are back.

El Kalah Shrine participated in many great parades in September including the Peach Days Parade in Brigham City. El Kalah was the shining house on the hill in that parade which showed those in attendance that we are here for fun while we support our kids and hospital, regardless of religion, gender, politics, or any other category. El Kalah was the redeeming entrance in the parade!

In September El Kalah had our first business meeting since going dark. Unfortunately, I couldn't attend, due to my job as a public-school teacher and attending Parent Teacher Conference. I apologize for my absence.

I attended the "Masonic-Con" at the Provo Masonic temple on September 25th. What a wonderful experience with great speakers, good food, and where brotherly love and friendship abided. I was able to represent El Kalah and wore our Divan Shirt. Many people asked about the Shrine, and I hope it helped build up positive relationships and new members in the future.

I look forward to seeing and hearing from you all in October.

Sincerely,

Daniel Drew, Assistant Rabban

From the High Priest & prophet

Dear Nobles and Ladies,



The Peach Day's Parade was a lot of fun and as usual there were many spectators. We had the Fire Truck, Minibikes, and Clowns to represent the Shriners. There was a bit of a sprinkle but that didn't dampen anyone's fun. And the organizers of the parade donated \$300.00 to our Hospital Transportation Fund! There is just one more parade left and that is on November 6th in Mesquite.

Nobles, at October's Shrine meeting we'll have 2 changes in our bylaws to vote on so make sure to come and have your voice heard. This month's article is shorter than usual because I'm recovering from a case of COVID, no fun at all. I hope everyone enjoys the cooler fall weather and see you soon.

David Hutchinson, High Priest & Prophet

From the Recorder

Greetings, Nobles and Friends!



By now, all Nobles should have gotten notices of their Dues Account balances including the 2022 dues. As with other Masonic bodies, all dues including the amount for the upcoming 2022 year are due on or before December 31, 2021.

Please keep your email addresses current and available to El Kalah. It appears there are always several pieces of correspondence which are returned after every mailing because of outdated addresses.

The election of Officers for all Shrine Clubs and Units needs to be held on or before October 31st of each year. Please, make sure that once your club or unit has elected your officers that you send the appropriate, necessary forms and information to Al Hokins or send to El Kalah Shriner's office. All Club and unit officers can be sworn in at the January 19, 2022, Stated Meeting. Thank you for your time and cooperation in this matter.

In October, I will be flying to Columbia, South Carolina for the Annual Shrine Recorders Association workshop. This year we are a little off schedule, of course, because of COVID. The usual time for these is late Winter so we can prepare for the upcoming Imperial Session. The previous workshop was held in Austin, Texas in March 2019. We finished and returned home just in time for the pandemic to take over. There was no meeting in 2020. It was a bit more difficult

to handle all the changes by mail/email/ZOOM only, so we are eager to meet in person once again.

What item was banned by the U.S. government in 1943 due to a paper shortage? Americans were asked to conserve bread by observing "Wheatless Wednesdays" during World War I but during World War II the government took its rationing a step further. In January 1943, the U.S. War Foods Administration instituted a ban on what had once been advertised as "the greatest step forward in the baking industry": pre-sliced bread. The rule was intended to save on wax paper and metal. Since pre-sliced bread required more wrapping than a whole loaf to keep it from going stale, the government assumed they could easily conserve paper and curb demand for metal bread slicer parts by having people cut it themselves at home. The public response proved how wrong they were. Bakeries argued they had more than enough supplies on hand to meet demands, and housewives criticized the law in the media. "I should like to let you know how important sliced bread is to the morale and saneness of a household," began one woman's letter to the New York Times. Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard eventually bowed to the pressure and rescinded the ban after only three months, admitting, "the savings are not as much as we expected..."

Al Hokins, Recorder

From the Oriental Guide



Greetings all.

Our temple has a great need for new Nobles. Imperial has provided an awesome easy legitimate way to help in this process. It is called an e-Petition. Or in other words an electronic petition. That is sanctioned by imperial. Why, you may ask such a brave change. Generations we could benefit from most for our temple are Millennials and Generation-Y, who are used to having most everything happening instantly. How many times have we wished we had a petition to hand to someone who is interested or forgotten to take it to a business meeting? In both situations you can find what you need on your phone and the millennials and generation-Ys can find them too. Easily accessed at Beashrinernow.com. Nobles I challenge you and future nobles to use this new method.

Blake Hansen, Oriental Guide

From the First Ceremonial Master



Fraternal greetings, Nobles.

The fall colors are peaking, and the crisp evening air makes for a nice evening around a fire having a nice warm drink and just relaxing. We all need some time to relax and decompress from work, extracurricular activities, or both. Take some time to enjoy the fall weather because before you know it, we will be digging out from snow.

Do you know someone who would make a good Shriner? I bet you do and challenge to talk to that individual and try to get him to join the Shrine. Let's see if we can build our numbers back up.

Fraternally,

Timothy L Stenner, First Ceremonial Master

From the Chaplain



Dear Nobles, ladies, and friends.

The leaves are changing colors up here in the mountains and it is definitely cooling down at night, so I hope all of you are hoping and praying along with me for a wet winter to alleviate the problems caused by the recent drought years. As I drive to Masonic events in the Salt Lake City area, I pass by the Jordanelle Reservoir and when going to events up north in the Ogden area I pass by both Jordanelle and Echo Reservoirs.

When visiting the Masonic family in Provo I see the same stressful conditions in Deer Creek Reservoir. It is a pathetic sight. Traveling anywhere in this beautiful state of ours I have always enjoyed the beautiful views in the past but now they are so depleted, and it is so depressing. Please keep our environment, including our wildlife and all the aspects that make Utah such a fabulous place to live, in your thoughts and prayers.

Now, it's time for a bit of chuckle time: *Jeremy got a part time job as chauffeur for the Pope. They were headed down to St. George and, as usual, the Pope was sitting in the back of the limousine. Down around Paragonah, His Holiness was getting really bored and told Jeremy he would like to drive for a while. Jeremy was a bit tired also, so he climbed into the back seat and the Pope took off. Now, the Holy*

Father has a lead foot, and the speed limit is already 80 MPH in that area so he “let ‘er go”, as the folks down there like to say. As fate would have it, he caught the attention of one of the local UHP Troopers who pulled him over. Now, this young trooper was relatively new to the force and also a Catholic, and as he walked up to the side of the vehicle he became quite confused as to how he should proceed, so he called in to Headquarters Dispatch and asked for advice. He gave his supervisor all the background information and asked how he should proceed. The supervisor explained that there should be no preferential treatment, or any special consideration given to any dignitary. The young Trooper replied, “Yeah, I understand that, but I’m worried about who that might be in the back seat being chauffeured by the Pope!!” ~~ Another Utah State Trooper pulled over the driver of a pickup truck down in the same area around Hurricane and asked the driver, “Got any ID?” The driver replied, “Bout whut?” ~~ While driving down a country road the other day, I saw Mr. Bill V. standing out in the middle of a huge field. I pulled over, walked out to where he was standing and said, “Excuse me, but what are you doing?” Mr. Bill said. “Trying to win a Nobel Prize.” “How?”, I asked, not understanding. “Well, I heard they give a Nobel Prize to people who are out standing in their field.” Remember I don’t invent this stuff, I just steal them from other sources.

Chuck Warren, Chaplain

Philosopher King



Not wishing to “supplant a brother in his laudable undertakings,” I avow these lines are inspired by an article written by Brother Lucas Walsh in the September/October 2021 issue of the Scottish Rite Journal.

Brother Lucas quotes Plato’s ideas about the Philosopher-King, as the most effective leader, “an authoritative man who is also moderate and wise.” Plato’s ideal society is ruled by “one risen to the political rulership of his nation as a consequence of his ability to synthesize in his character both the excellent intellectual virtues of a true philosopher and the wisdom and cunning of a statesman.” Plato felt such a man was “the only one worthy of governing the civic lives of his fellows. The Philosopher-King would be immune to the caprice, hedonism, avarice and hubris the infects so many appointed, hereditary or elected officials.”

In an indirect way, we are taught this basic tenant of ideal leadership in our ritual. All three degrees refer to the need to BALANCE WISDOM (Philosopher) & STRENGTH (King.) Moreover, we are often exhorted to prepare ourselves to

serve as Worshipful Masters. In the ceremony of investing that officer, we are told that the WM must govern by touching the hearts of his brethren. I understand that to mean that WISDOM should precede STRENGTH. Indeed—“the WM represents the pillar of wisdom for he should have WISDOM to govern the lodge.”

Interestingly, I read Brother Lucas’ article as I finished THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN. In my opinion, he would have made a wonderful POTUS. Instead, our country elected Brother Washington. I leave you to ponder the consequences...

And while you are at it, also ponder the state of our Craft and the type of men that we elect as leaders...

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

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.

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From Ladies Oriental Shrine



Hello everyone.

We attended the Peach Days Parade in Brigham City. We had 5 Ladies on the float. I had forgotten how big that Parade is. It was so much fun again to see people watching the parade. We had a family come up to us before the parade started to thank us. Their son is a Shriner Child. Without our hospital, he would not be able to get around. He has a specialized wheelchair, and they said they cannot keep up with him. Once again, I want to thank our Princess, Lady Kim Stenner for all she does to get us ready to participate in the parades. Also, Noble Tim Stenner for supporting her in her activities.

We had 15 members from Iris Court #47 attend Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America Western Area Organized Units Meet (WAOUM) in Milpitas, CA. It is held every year in Sept. We have a Fun Night (this year was Midnight at the Oasis with an Egyptian/Safari Theme). Our Court dressed as safari animals (really cute!) and I was the Safari Guide. Most of the other Ladies (and the Shriner men) were dressed in Egyptian costumes. I had quite a few people tell me they were so glad that we were dressed differently. I want to give a HUGE HIGH 5 to Lady Rachel Sweet. She decorated our "animal" costumes. She is the best. The next day was Unit and Clubs performances and introductions. Plus, we also had a business meeting and the location for the next year WAOUM was announced. Next year it will be held here in Utah!

By the time this Minaret is out, we will have had our first meeting since we went dark. It will be so nice to sit in a meeting with our Ladies. I sure do miss it. We will be having a Ceremonial to initiate 2 new members. Also, hopefully we will have some petitions to join from the Open House in September.

Guess I have nattered on long enough. I truly hope all of you had a great summer. We C.A.R.E. because Children Are Reason Enough.

Skunk Snuggles

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

Shrine Family Calendar of Events

October 7 6:30pm LOS Ogden Club meeting, University Broiler & Grill, 4342 Harrison Ave. Ogden.

October 20 7:00am El Kalah Shrine business meeting, 650 E. South Temple St, Salt Lake City. Al Hokins 214-244-9686

October 28 5:30pm LOS Business meeting, 650 E South Temple St, Salt Lake City.

Send calendar updates to jsweetinogden2@yahoo.com

Photo Gallery



Ashley and her parents, and Phoenix and his mother are 2021 Shrine Ambassadors and attenders at the September Children's Charity Golf Classic held at the Ridge Golf Club in West Valley City.

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