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Minaret



Utah Shriners

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yours a most happy and blessed Thanksgiving!*

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1997 George Auer	2009 Marvin E. Morton	2018 Paul Madsen
2001 Glen A. Cook	2011/2020 John D. Limb	2021 Jeremy Estes
	2012 Douglas J. Backes	

November Birthdays

David Brown	11/1	Ray Klepzig	11/13	James L Sweet PP	11/21
Lee R Nielsen	11/6	Michael R Tonkinson	11/13	Charles E Warren Sr	11/24
Michael G Katsonis	11/7	William D Long	11/15	Frank W Smith	11/25
Scott Lamb	11/7	Thomas G Woodbury	11/17	John R Testi	11/26
D E Drew	11/8	Brad J Harmon	11/19	John Gilbert	11/28
Robert A Miller	11/9	Richard A Campton	11/21	Aaron D Tafoya	11/29

Black Camel

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

Rest in Peace

New Members

Brian Turner
Craig Greenberg

Welcome New Members!

From the Potentate



Greetings, Nobles.

I hope you all are doing well. As most of you may have heard during the October business meeting it was voted to have electronic elections in December. So, we will not be meeting face to face in December. Watch for more information to come about how to nominate and vote in the December Zoom meeting. We also have one new Noble and reinstated another Noble. I would like to welcome Noble Brian Turner and welcome back Noble Craig Greenberg. We also voted on two bylaw changes that will now be sent to Imperial for their approval.

If anyone has some ideas about fundraising, please reach out to me. We are going through a lot of funds in our Shrine patient transportation account, and it would be nice to have some money go back into the account. Thanks for your help on this.

As always if you have any questions that we may be able to help with please reach out to your Divan members to see what we can do to help. We look forward to seeing you all in November at our face-to-face business meeting November 17th.

Jeremy Estes, Potentate

From the Chief Rabban



Fellow Nobles and Significant Others,

I cannot believe the end of another year will soon be upon us. The 2021 year has been a year of great discussion and discovery, the primary events we did this year were meetings and parades, but these two things alone proved that we are still here and still fighting to survive. We understand the covid issue still looms over us and there are many of us who even though we are not nurses, doctors or civil servants that fall under the “front line” worker category, we do fall under the category of “those that keep this great country running.” Educators, transportation workers, tradesmen and craft workers, financial workers and many more that have been taxed to no end to not only keep us in a daily norm, but to also try and play catch up from last year. This has left many schedules full

of not a lot of free time. I hope 2022 will allow us to change and allow us more time for fun and philanthropy.

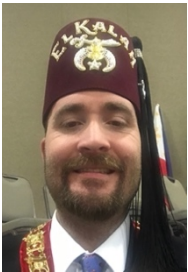
Freeing up time also brings up a point of which we voted on two bylaw changes at the October meeting regarding dues. Two areas relating to these changes is one, when entering Masonry and its appendant bodies, is to be sure you can make the financial commitments of all organizations you enroll in, as well as being able to fulfill the time commitments. We understand Masonry in Utah is small in numbers and having three bodies to continue your Masonic journey on can become taxing both financially and physically, be aware of your current situation in all. We do not want to see anyone fall behind. The other side of the coin is Brothers who may be sick or on hard times. We all know our personal limitations on asking for help, but it is nothing to be ashamed of to ask for occasionally, as well as if you know of someone in a financial or physical hardship, please do not hesitate to pass this information on.

We hope to see everyone at either the Mesquite Veterans parade, or the November meeting. However, if you will be traveling for the holidays, enjoy be safe and we will see you soon.

Sincerely and Fraternaly

Michael "BOOTZ" Clark, Chief Rabban

From the Assistant Rabban



Dear Nobles and Ladies.

I hope none of you were scared by any of those ghost or ghouls on Halloween night! November is the month to be thankful!

I am thankful to be living in the United States and all the wonderful opportunities and freedoms that living here and its citizenship brings! I am thankful for growing up and being a citizen of the great state of Utah. What a beautiful and majestic state! I am thankful to be freemason, especially in Utah! I am thankful that I am a Shiner and a member of El Kalah Shrine. I am thankful that I am a member of the El Kalah Divan and can serve! I am thankful that in the October Business meeting the Nobles voted to move our December meeting and election to electronic only, allowing even more Nobles the opportunity to participate! I am thankful for the Nobles at our Octobers Business Meeting discussions in the new bylaws and how everyone who wanted to speak did, and how there was no bad feelings, and it was very peaceful. This November, I am just thankful!

Daniel Drew, Assistant Rabban

From the High Priest & prophet



Dear Nobles and Ladies,

Happy holiday season to everyone, just one request, no Christmas music till after Thanksgiving. Things are going well, another Mason became a Shriner on October 24th, at a minibike meeting, it was a lot of fun. All bodies are seeing a big increase in membership, it's a nice change. At the last Temple meeting we passed a couple of bylaw changes. Now we have an exact process to restore a Noble after NPD, something we needed since it wasn't covered before. This Halloween watch out for vehicles when you're with your kids and check the candy before they start to chow down. With the end of the year fast approaching all the bodies will have a lot going on, elections, installations, parties etc. Have a good time, just don't get too crazy.

David Hutchinson, High Priest & Prophet

From the Recorder



Greetings, Nobles and Friends!

Time seems to fly along as we re-calibrate back to pre-COVID19 levels and ways of operating.

The Shrine Recorders Association meeting was a worthwhile trip in October. There were at least 55 Recorders present including representatives from Shrine Centers in the Philippines and in Germany. The Imperial Potentate, Imperial Recorder, Imperial Marshal, Shriners International CEO, Noble John Piland and several key members of the Tampa staff were also in attendance. All delivered presentations at various Sessions of the meeting. In a previous Minaret article, I mentioned that an increase in Imperial per capita of \$20 was defeated during the vote in July 2021. A very thorough briefing was given on this topic for the Recorders. The need for the increase is underlined by the decrease in membership since the total number of Shriners is in the vicinity of 198,000. Expect to see that increase for a vote at Imperial Session again in 2022.

As we close out our calendar year, Units and Clubs please send the Recorder updated membership rosters along with a new list of current officers.

Good news for all prospective new members! Dues for the balance of 2021 will be waived!

El Kalah currently has eleven Nobles at risk of suspension for non-payment of dues which will be effective December 31, 2021. The names of those on the delinquency list were read at the October meeting. In accordance with Imperial Bylaws the Nobility will vote to suspended them at the November stated meeting

And now for a history lesson: In 1885 Tiffany redesigned the Great Seal of the United States, which can still be seen on the back of the one-dollar bill. Tiffany was awarded a \$1,000 contract for the work which was carried out by James Whitehouse. Whitehouse was a seal engraver, and art designer of exceptional skill. While the elements remained the same as the original, Whitehouse cleaned up the look, making the Great Seal more dynamic and heraldic. The Great Seal was not Whitehouse's or Tiffany's first work on behalf of the government. During the Civil war, Whitehouse had designed the Corps badges used by the Union Army.

Have fine month and a wonderful, peaceful, and blessed Thanksgiving!

Al Hokins, Recorder

From the First Ceremonial Master



Fraternal greetings, Nobles.

How good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. As the calendar turns the page from October to November, our thoughts turn to Thanksgiving and for some, football. It is a time to give thanks for the many blessings which we enjoy. First and foremost, I am grateful to God for this magnificent country in which we live. I am thankful for my family and all the love and support they have given me these past years so I can pursue my masonic journey. I am thankful for my friends, many of whom I have met on this masonic journey and whom, through their friendship, have made me a better man. We have so many blessings to be thankful for. I hope each of you take a few minutes to reflect on the blessings in each of your lives over the last year. May the blessings of God rest upon us and all mankind, may brotherly love prevail, and may every moral and social virtue cement us.

Fraternally,

Timothy L Stenner, First Ceremonial Master

From the Chaplain



My Dear Nobles, ladies, and friends.

Not only is the Holiday Season rapidly approaching, so is the frenzied Masonic lifestyle that we enjoy every year – elections, installations, visitations, parties, etc. I hope all of you will participate as fully as possible in all our fraternal activities. Unfortunately, the COVID dilemma has prevented many of us from being very active the past nearly two years and we may have become a bit lethargic (maybe that really means LAZY?)

in our Masonic endeavors. It is time for all of us to get active again, and to support all our Masonic Family Bodies. For the men, it is VERY important to support our Blue Lodges. After all, they provide the foundation for everything we hold dear. If you haven't been active and attended your home lodge recently, mark your calendar and do so this month and every month. Take a brother with you! I have seen our ladies' organizations are recovering quite well from the hiatus of the pandemic and we might take note and do as well as they! The youth groups are also becoming active again. I applaud them and especially their adult leaders and implore all of you reading this article to support our kids in all their endeavors. They really are our future. As I "Mature" (that means get old) I realize more and more that we need to nurture our youth groups (Jobies, DeMolay, etc.) because they eventually become us. Or not if we don't ensure they are included in the activities of our Masonic Family. And we need to support our Ladies organizations. They certainly support us.

Now, it's time for a few grins and giggles. *Susan accompanied her husband David to the doctor for his annual physical. While her husband dressed, the doctor went out to the waiting room to chat with her. "I don't like the way Dave looks," he said softly. "Neither do I," she replied. "But he's handy to have around the house." ~~ A group of El Kalah Shriners on a cross-country road trip took a tour of a famous brewery. As they marveled at the process, Bill slipped and fell into a huge vat of beer. While his fellow Nobles waited outside, brewery workers tried to save him. A half hour later, a supervisor came out and told Jeremy that Bill had drowned. "Do you think he suffered much?" Jeremy asked. "I don't think so," the supervisor replied. "Before he drowned, he climbed out three times to go to the bathroom." ~~ A man known as "The Human Cannonball" told the Shrine Circus manager that he was too old to be shot across the arena and had decided to retire. "You can't!" the manager cried. "Where am I going to find a man of your caliber?" Remember I don't invent these, I just steal them from other sources*

Be safe, stay healthy, and I hope to see you soon.

Chuck Warren, Chaplain

From the Marshall



Dear Nobles, Ladies and Friends:

I am happy to report we are completing a very successful parade season in Mesquite on 6 November. It has been my honor to serve as your Marshall. The Mini-Bikes, Mini-Bikes Pit Crew, Clowns, the LOS, Divan members, Photographer, and other Shrine Nobles and friends; have made this responsibility very enjoyable. Thank all of you for your efforts to keep the philanthropy of our fraternity Shriners Children's so visible to those we serve, the children of our communities.

I am also happy to report the CDC (Center for Disease Control) has today, 22 October, approved the use of Pfizer/BioNTech, Moderna, and J&J Covid vaccines for booster doses and they may be given regardless of the vaccine you initially received. This will make it much easier to obtain a booster dose since you may receive whatever vaccine you prefer if all three are available and if all three are not available in your area you will be able to receive what they have, even if it was not the same as your original immunization. I encourage receiving the Covid vaccines and booster and understand there are many who do not want to receive it.

Please join us in Mesquite for our last parade on 6 November, if possible. We are planning on having fun as we provide a good show for the parade crowd an especially the many children who love parades. May all of you enjoy Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving.

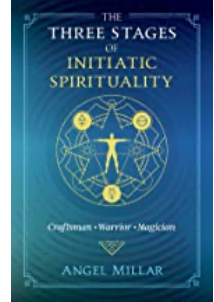
Fraternally,

Michael Katsonis, Marshall

Thanksgiving



As Masons we give thanks this month for the Craft. Being Initiated in it was a gift. This book, reviewed in the Scottish Rites Journal, will remind you of that watershed event. From among its many pearls of wisdom, I wish to highlight page 106. There we see that Jason the Argonaut, St George slaying the dragon and the Minotaur legend share one thing in common: realizing that our ego is not our true identity. We do well to make it subservient to our true self.



And that is the main purpose of Initiation: to know ourselves—our true selves, not the programmed mind, subservient to the needs of our body and pride. This is why the Senior Steward urges us to leave our ego in the preparation room before we enter the Lodge for the first time.

May we be able to do so every time we enter a Lodge. And every time *“we mix with the world. Amid its concerns and employment, forget not”* this great lesson.

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.

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. I am sitting here looking out the window at a grey sky, and possible snow in the forecast. I think the ice age is starting. I will admit (with pride actually) I am a desert girl at heart. I love the summer heat.

We are in the final stages of getting our annual Christmas Party planned. It will be 11 Dec. at 1pm, at the Edison Street Organ Loft. Everyone is invited to attend. As the saying goes, The More the Merrier! We will have a delicious dinner (their food is always so good), and quite a few baskets to bid on. For more information, please contact Lady Mary Carstensen at (801) 870-0698 or her email is macnana@burgoyne.com.

Iris Court has 2 new members! They are definitely an asset to our Court. We are always ready to welcome new members. Please get in touch with me if you know of any lady interested in joining Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America. The more members we have, the more we can do our part to support Shriners' Children.

Till next month, I hope your Halloween was safe, and you had a lot of ghosts, goblins, and ghouls to Trick or Treat. May your Thanksgiving Day be filled with Love, Family, and Good Friends. I hope your turkey is juicy, the dressing just perfect, and all the desserts you want.

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

From Daughters of the Nile



Greetings All!

This article is going to be short but sweet this time. As October ends and November begins, it's time to get ready for the Holiday Seasons! There are some that look forward to Thanksgiving and Christmas and some who dread every moment of them. Growing up the holidays were a time to gather and make memories to last a lifetime. Now that I'm grown, I try to provide the same warmth and feelings for my family. Sometimes this means making new traditions while preserving some of

the old ones. Tweaking the older ones to fit in, or rather, work better with the times. Life is so busy, that sometimes we forget exactly the why, when, and how the traditions were started.

This year, I believe we should all try to sit back and remember why we do some of the things we do. Let's all try to gather as a family to remember the reasons we do the things we set out to do. Traditions were started for a reason. Maybe it's time to remember those reasons. Write it down for your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, cousins. Get your aunts and uncles, maybe grandparents, to write it down. Take pictures and print them out and put them in an album. Remember to write who is who on them with the dates and what you were doing. We can't remember everything all the time. Family is everything, it's human nature. Even if they're not yours by blood, or marriage, family is always there for you. My Masonic family has proven that to me time and again. Be "Thankful" for the blessings that we enjoy every day and share them with those around you and for those to come.

Nile Love,

Deanna Adams, Queen, Lybia Temple No. 32

Shrine Family Calendar of Events

November 4 6:30pm LOS Ogden Club meeting, University Broiler & Grill, 4342 Harrison Ave. Ogden. Kim Stenner 801-663-0766


November 5 Nile Turkey Dinner and Silent Auction, 650 E. South Temple St, Salt Lake City. Elaine Peirce misslainer@hotmail.com

November 11 10:00pm LOS Business meeting, Ogden Masonic Temple, Merrill-Lee Warren 801-866-8255

November 17 7:00am El Kalah Shrine business meeting, 650 E. South Temple St, Salt Lake City. Al Hokins 214-244-9686

November 25 Thanksgiving!

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