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1997 George Auer	2009 Marvin E. Morton	2018 Paul Madsen
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	2012 Douglas J. Backes	

December Birthdays

William N Long	12/4	Steven G Merrell	12/15	Gerald J Everett PP	12/24
Breeland S Kinnison	12/4	Kenneth C Kay	12/17	William G Lapsley	12/25
Kenneth L Lantis	12/8	Rollan T Tonkinson	12/18	Earl H Sandman	12/26
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Black Camel

Samuel Chelemes, October 29, 1924 ~ January 21, 2021

John Elwell, March 3, 1936 ~ October 30, 2021

Terry Crader, December 7, 1943 ~ Unknown

Richard Campton, November 21, 1926 ~ Unknown

Rest in Peace

New Members

Your Lodge Brother's name should be here.

Welcome New Members!

From the Potentate



As this year comes to an end let us remember the Nobles that have past and their families this holiday season. If we can reach out to see if there is anything that we can do for them. Let's also check with our brothers and nobles to see if there is any that could use our help. We need to remember we are about charity, for both our nobility, brothers, and their families. I would like to also welcome the new nobles that we have this year. We have more in the pipeline that will have their petitions read soon. Let's

keep the momentum going into the next year. We are few but we are strong and only getting stronger. Remember that we are all part of the membership committee and we all should be working to bring in new nobles. This has been a great year, I was hoping to get more things done that we did, but COVID stopped that for us. I hope that next year we can do more. Thanks for a great year and looking forward to what next year has in store for all of us.

Jeremy Estes, Potentate

From the Chief Rabban

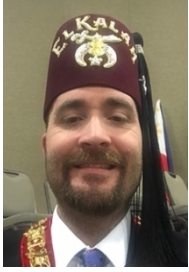


As we approach the end of 2021, we have lost some friends and we have made some new ones, we have learned some lessons and gone through some life experiences that I'm sure we wish we could all forget...like COVID for starters. But these friends, experiences and life lessons make us who we are both as individuals and as a group. What else can we do with these, use them as we move forward in life and within our organization. Use them to build on our future, how to change our habits and what

we need to further succeed in our endeavors. 2022 is the 130th Anniversary of El Kalah and I would like to see what our Divan has been building over the last couple of years continue to flourish. Continue with our five-year plan, use the foundation that we have begun to lay, to recover and expand on, rejuvenate, and renew clubs, units and programs as well as help the current ones to grow and strengthen. Increase our membership and bring back traditions and ceremonies of yesteryear. With all these plans and ideas, we hope this will us to reintroduce ourselves into the community and build our fundraising efforts for both the temple and transportation fund. Education and historical preservation are two other areas that I personally want focus on as well. Tapping into the resources of our most knowledgeable Nobles, articles, experiences, and events to celebrate the past 130 years of our Shrine Center and build it for our future Nobles. Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Michael "BOOTZ" Clark, Chief Rabban

From the Assistant Rabban



Dear Nobles and Ladies.

The month of gratitude and thanksgiving has ended. The 3 major Universities here in our great state of Utah have football programs that have won 9 or more games, and all is well among Freemason and Shriner.

A year after a Covid year El Kalah has accomplished much. On a personal note, I have renewed my friendship with many of you, and for those of you who have done so, thank you. From my Lady Michelle, my son Maurice, and my little Princess Echo and myself Happy Holidays. May all your dreams and wishes come true.

Love

Daniel Drew, Assistant Rabban

From the High Priest & prophet



Dear Nobles and Ladies,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone, I hope all will have a good 2022. Unfortunately, 2021 brought many challenges and now with a new strain of COVID (Omicron) appearing no one knows what is to come. One thing I learned was in the face of adversity is to do what you can to prepare for it and then if you can't affect the outcome, it's not worth continuing to worry about it. Let's enjoy the holidays and each other's company and attack the new year.

I just want to make one more plea, please come to the El Kalah meetings every third Thursday at 7:30 pm and get involved. In October we adopted 2 bylaws changes and in November we will have discussed and voted on how we should hold elections, only electronic, only paper or a combination of the two. These are important issues, and we would like everyone's input.

Merry Christmas

David Hutchinson, High Priest & Prophet

From the Recorder



Greetings, Nobles and Friends!

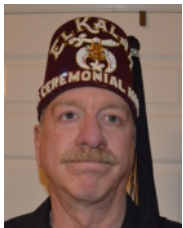
By the time you read this, I hope each of you will have had a blessed Thanksgiving and that you are thoroughly satisfied and happy! As we wrap up the current year, this is a great time for both looking back into the past year and looking forward through our aspirations. Some use the (over-worked) word "Resolutions." Others just make a list of things to do, new or better in the coming year. Whatever works for you is the way to go.

Petitions: Every Noble is a member of the Membership Committee. As you well know, masonic organizations collect dues in advance – Shriners as well. Consequently, dues for 2022 are due by midnight on 31 December 2021. **REMINDER:** As we close out our calendar year, Units and Clubs please send the Recorder updated membership rosters along with your new list of current officers. **NPD:** At the November Stated Session, in accordance with Imperial Bylaws, the Nobility voted to suspend nine (9) Nobles for Non-Payment of Dues (NPD) effective December 31, 2021. The names of those on the Delinquency List subject to NPD suspension were read at the October meeting.

Eye on History: A legacy of service. World War II. Our fellow Native Americans have made many outstanding military contributions. One was a member of the Brule Sioux tribe of Idaho. He was WW II Ace and Medal of Honor recipient known for his exceptional aerial combat skills and his colorful personality rather than for his Sioux heritage: Colonel Gregory "Pappy" Boyington, USMC. Have fine month and a wonderful Holiday Season! Looking forward to working with you in 2022.

Al Hokins, Recorder

From the First Ceremonial Master



Fraternal greetings, Nobles.

Season's greetings, nobles. 2021 is rapidly ending and 2022 is just around the corner. What will 2022 bring us? Only time will tell for sure. Let us look forward to the new year and endeavor to improve ourselves as all good human beings, more especially masons, should. Be kind to one another. I challenge each of you to reach out to a friend or relative that you haven't spoken to in a long time and catch up; life is too short to let relationships die off. Finally, my lady Kim and I want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Timothy L Stenner, First Ceremonial Master

From the Chaplain



Happy Holidays to Everyone!!

By the time you read this article I hope and pray you will be well engulfed in all the joys and pleasures of celebrating the holidays with your family and friends. I wish all of you the safest and healthiest holiday season EVER!! God knows we have endured plenty of trials and tribulations the past many months so it is time for some relief to really enjoy ourselves. Please – make sure you are safe and do not celebrate in excess.

'Tis the season for the maniacs to be out on the highway so please maintain your faculties and be observant and vigilant. We need all of you back next year!

Now, it's time for a few grins and giggles. *An older woman went to a local walk-in clinic where she was seen by a young, new doctor. After about 4 minutes in the exam room, the doctor told her she was pregnant. She burst out the door, screaming as she ran down the hall. An older doctor (our Hugo) stopped her and asked her what the problem was. After she told him what had happened, he sat her down in another exam room and marched back to where the first doctor was. "What is the matter with you? That lady is over 60 years old, has four grown children and several grandchildren! And you told her she was pregnant?! Are you insane?!" The young doctor continued to write on his clipboard, and without looking up, he asked, "Does she still have the hiccups?" ~ I like to reminisce about when Al was a little boy (a VERY LONG TIME AGO). A salesman was about to knock on a door when he saw a little boy (our man Albert) walk by. "Is your mother at home?" he asked. "Yes," Al replied. So, the salesman knocked again, with no answer. "I thought you said your mother was home," he asked the boy. Al replied "She is. But I live across the street." Attaboy, Albert!! ~ Why did Jeremy tiptoe past the medicine chest? He didn't want to wake the sleeping pills. ~ A Doctor (Hugo is back) asked Limbo, "Shall I give your wife a local anesthetic?" "Are you kidding", John replied. I'm rich! Give her the best. Something imported." You don't need to thank me for these gifts and treasures. They are my holiday gift to you! I just hope you don't try to return the favor!*

Happy Holidays and God Bless.

Chuck Warren, Chaplain

From the Marshall



Dear Nobles, Ladies, and Friends.

The 2021 parades are now history, and what a fantastic year we had. It was great fun getting outside and enjoying the many small, medium, and large towns and cities throughout the beautiful state of Utah and their enthusiastic residents. Our final parade was in Mesquite, Nevada, and paid tribute to our veterans. El Kalah Temple had a nice turnout of eight Mini-Bikes: Steve Bergen, David Brown (did not ride), Shawn Davis, Gary Felkner, Bob Green, Guy Johnson, Kevin Lloyd, Brian Turner (new member of Mini-Bikes). Two clowns helped to entertain the crowds along the parade route, Mike Clark in costume as Bootz, and Richard Johnson driving the golf cart with the huge Fez, with Noble Ken Wilson riding as co-pilot. Eight members of the Mini-Bikes' Pit Crew were there to help with providing breakfast before the parade and assist in preparing the bikes, golf cart, and cheering us on. Ashlee Childs was there as our faithful photographer. I walked as usual for the exercise.

Later in the evening Lady Raelene Felkner provided us with a wonderful program honoring our veterans while enjoying a nice dinner at a Mesquite VFW. It was a very enjoyable Saturday.

I just read that Pfizer along with their partner BioNTech, believe they will be able to develop new Covid vaccines for variants that may be resistant to the immunity provided by the current vaccines in approximately 100 days, if needed. There is no evidence that any of the Covid variants are resistant to the current vaccines, so please do not be alarmed. Since we are seeing variants, Pfizer just mentioned their ability to modify their vaccine if needed.

I want to wish all of you a HAPPY HANAKKAH, MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY NEW YEAR, HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

Fraternally,

Michael Katsonis, Marshall

Millennial Masons



Each generation thinks the ones after theirs just doesn't get it, kind of like Past Masters think sitting Worshipful Masters are prone to mistakes. Such is human nature. We do well to understand it and to tolerate it.

Francis Bacon wrote that: *"a man that is young in years may be old in hours, if he has lost no time... the inventions of young men are livelier than that of old; and imaginations stream into their minds better."* In other words,

"Your young men will see visions; your old men will dream dreams." Acts 2;17 tells us that visions are closer to God than dreams.

Millennials, like every other generation, are also like King Salomon's ground floor. But let us focus on a very Masonic attitude they excel at: Balance. Unlike my Black-and-White generation (Baby Boomers), Millennials are much more likely to see both sides of any issue, which previous generations unkindly label as "wishy-washy." Since we all have Millennial sons and grandsons, let us see the glass as half full. Then, we will realize that they may seem "non-committal" because, like Hegel, they see a Synthesis of the Thesis and Antithesis we have created for them.

Baby Boomers grew up in a polarized world after WWII, a war between good and evil, not realizing that Evil was already in our own mist and has not been eradicated. Of course, not all Baby Boomers are "Black-and-White." For sure not those who have joined the craft by providing the right Shibboleth or password: a "higher kind of charity," or tolerance for those who don't agree with us.

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

From Ladies Oriental Shrine



Hello everyone.

I hope everyone had a terrific Thanksgiving. We went to Myrtle Beach, S.C., for the holiday. It was a 3-event time. Chuck's birthday (yes, he still has them although low keyed), Thanksgiving itself, and an East Coast Family Reunion with his family. It was good to spend time with all of them and catch up on all day-to-day activities of each of them. Being with family members reminds us of our connection to who we are, where we came from, and an appreciation for them for what they have contributed to our life.

Now onto Iris Court happenings. Our annual Christmas Party is Dec. 11th at 12-4 pm. It will be held at Edison Street Events (formally known as The Organ Loft). It is always a good time, good food, and be to able to sit and visit with friends. The address is 3331 S. Edison St. SLC. Dinner is a choice of Swiss Steak, or Stuffed Chicken Breast. We would love to have you join us. There will be a Basket Auction, plus a Silent Auction. Mary Carstensen oversees the event, so please get ahold of her to make your reservation. Her phone number is 801 870-0698.

Iris Court now is halfway through "our year". It does not seem possible that much time has passed since I was installed as High Priestess. I have enjoyed my office very much. I was privileged to join in a virtual meeting with one of our local kids that is a patient at Shriners Children. It was extremely interesting to hear what his treatment has been, and how he has progressed as the years have gone by. His outlook was so upbeat, and very positive. I am proud to be able to do a small part to help.

May your Christmas be peaceful, and full of love with family and friends. I wish you a New Year with good health, good friends, and may you be content with life.

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Skunk Snuggles

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

From Daughters of the Nile



Nobles, Ladies and Gentlemen,

This evening finds me having been blessed with so much love and friendship! My heart is beyond full. I hope you all enjoyed your Thanksgiving holiday.

Being a leader and actually leading are definitely 2 different animals. Learning to follow the new leader after you've been there done that, I'm learning, isn't always an easy task for some. When new leadership begins, sometimes it is forgotten, or blatantly disregarded, that knowledge is there. Information is given and taken in almost instantly.

Most organizations have new bylaws or a change in the way done things are done on a yearly basis. Some organizations have traditions that stay for many years without question. But when something comes into question or when change is wanted, instead of watching and supporting the change, instant push back is given. Why is change so terrifying to some?

A tweak here and there is not a bad thing. So much can come from it. Do you know what the best part is about small changes in traditions? If it doesn't work, you can go back to the tradition! Or even better, try a different way next time!! As long as proper protocol and bylaws are followed for the end results, getting there a new way can bring in so much!

So, this holiday season, think about that as you go about your traditional outings. Does someone in the family want to try something different? Go there a different way? What could it hurt? Look into what it is, where it is. So, don't become a Grinch or be like Scrooge. Enjoy your 8 "crazy" nights or 12 days of Christmas with family and friends. Happy Hanukkah! Merry Christmas! And many happy returns of the day!!

Nile Love,

Deanna Adams, Queen, Lybia Temple No. 32

Shrine Family Calendar of Events

December 3 6:30pm LOS Ogden Club Christmas Party, University Broiler & Grill, 4342 Harrison Ave. Ogden. Kim Stenner 801-663-0766

December 11 10:00am LOS Iris Court Meeting, Salt Lake Masonic Temple

December 11 12:00pm Iris Court Christmas Party, Edison Street, 3331 S Edison St., Salt Lake City. Mary Carstensen 801-870-0698

December 25 Christmas!

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
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Iris Court #47
Yearly Christmas Party
Fundraiser



Where: Edison Street, formally known as The Organ
Loft, 3331 S Edison St, Salt Lake City

When: December 11, 2021

From: 12-4 PM

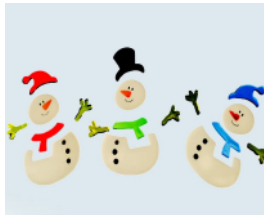
Menu: Swiss Steak or Stuffed Chicken

Cost: \$30.00 per plate

Please come join us for fun, good food, good company,
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RSVP by December 4 to Lady Mary Carstensen with your food
choice and number of guests at 801 870-0698 or

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