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Black Camel

NONE!

Rest in Peace

New Members

Your Lodge Brother's name should be here.

Welcome New Members!

From the Potentate



I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy new year! With the new year brings a lot of us to make New Year's resolutions. I would like to ask all of you to remember why we became Masons and Shriners. If we can think about making our resolutions to remember why we do what we do and not forget the kids that we are helping.

I would like to thank all of you that voted in the last El Kalah business meeting and allowing me the opportunity to serve as Potentate for the 2022 year. I have big shoes to fill from the Potentates that came before me. I am here to serve and help grow this Shrine Temple. But remember that it takes all of us to make this Temple grow. I am excited to work with the new divan and see what we can do to get back to having fun and more social events for the Nobles and their families. I would also like to thank all our divan members for their service last year. You all did a great job and helped us move the Temple forward.

Let's work together to make 2022 the best year that we have had in a long while. Also, let's work on our brotherhood towards each other. Only together we can make this grow. I look forward to what this year has in store for each and every one of us.

Happy New Year!

Jeremy Estes, Potentate

From the Chief Rabban

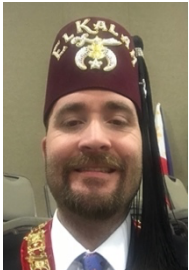


Fellow Nobles, my lady and I hope you had a wonderful holiday month, I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart in supporting me during my Divan journey over the past three years. This journey has afforded me the opportunity to meet new people and make many new friends both near and far, to further my Shrine education in leadership, management, and membership. Although no longer a Divan member, I commit to continue to share and utilize the resources at my disposal to help further the Shrine, it's units and clubs and members in any way possible. We started a 5-year plan under Illustrious Sir Limb that would only evolve each year to improve our Temple and I still hold true to the value it will bring us in moving forward and growing. I firmly believe a Temple and its Divan

are only as strong as its Nobility and I will do everything I can to make our Temple stronger. I do not have to be in the Divan to be a Shriner and only we as Nobles can dictate how great of a Shriner, we as individuals can be and what we can do for the Temple! I honestly look forward to continuing my Shrine career as BOOTZ or on a mini-bike or in the fire truck or even helping fellow Nobles prepare their own resources for display and exhibition. As long as the kids are smiling and the parents are high-fiving us, then I know we are achieving our goals. Being a good Shriner isn't about a title or position, it's about how you treat your fellow Nobles and the image you portray to the public. Our first parade of 2022 is fast approaching which will be St. Patrick Day and I for one, plan to hit the ground running to make the best impression I can, this is the first step in gaining public interest. Until we meet again...

Michael "BOOTZ" Clark, Chief Rabban

From the Assistant Rabban



January is the time when many make resolutions. If you are making resolutions this year, I hope you achieve them! For El Kalah a new year brings a new elected Divan. I want to thank one and all for a chance to serve a second year as Assistant Rabban.

Many don't think that a new year brings a new appointed line to El Kalah as well. The past several years El Kalah appointed line has been served by Brian Gorum. Brian Gorum is a Noble who lives in Vernal, Utah and has served as a Worship Master in Ashley Lodge as well as over 10+ years as Ashley's Secretary. Brian, along with Brett Reynolds have been instrumental in ensuring the 85-year Basin BBQ occurs every year for the past 20+ years. Brian has served as the Second Ceremonial in El Kalah the last two years and has been instrumental in all Divan Meetings, coming up with fundraising ideas and ensuring the Fire Truck and Harley were both insured, paying for both out of his pocket. Appointed members like Brian and Brett make El Kalah and the Divan successful. Unfortunately, Brian told us he is unable to serve again as an appointed member of the Divan. I want to tell Brian thank you from the bottom of my and the rest of the elected Divan's hearts! It is members like Brian and Brett that help remind me what we all should be doing and acting like.

Happy New Year!

Daniel Drew, Assistant Rabban

From the High Priest & prophet



Dear Nobles and Ladies,

Another year has come and gone; they seem to go faster each year. We said goodbye to some Nobles and hello to new Nobles, just like every other year, time marches on. But El Kalah and Masonry survives, we all make contributions to the whole and prepare others to take our places. We had our elections in December, voting in person and electronically and the new Divan is ready to start. The big question is what affect the COVID will have on our activities. But that is something no one can know, so we are going to make our plans for a full year of fun activities and adjust as needed. We are looking to have family potluck dinners, kids' activities and of course parades. If anyone has a suggestion for an activity tell the Divan and we'll see what can be worked out. Remember, come to the meetings, get your voice heard and help us get on with the year. It will be over before we know it.

David Hutchinson, High Priest & Prophet

From the Oriental Guide



Greetings all.

10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1 Happy New Year!!!, It's 2022, where did 2021 go, I blinked, and I think I missed it. As we go from darkness to light or as we leave winter and go to spring, you will need those running shoes, it will be time for fundraising before we know it. Onion sales will be back in May and this year we will try to sell sweet potatoes as well, from the same company in November, just in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Also, I challenge each Noble to bring in a new Noble to our temple. One Noble, One Candidate, get those petitions in, if there into social media get a petition in too at www.beashrinernow.com.

Blake Hansen, Oriental Guide

From the Recorder



Greetings, Nobles and Friends!

As you well know, another Holiday Season has come and gone. My wish is that you have been blessed with fullness and satisfaction. This is the time of year when we all experience some degree of frantic urgency – a need to meet a deadline which already looms over us again for 2022 and beyond. In the meantime, we not-so-secretly yearn for the chance to rest our minds and bodies as we get ready to face the challenges of a new year. May the improvements of 2021 over 2020 continue to grow in 2022 for all Brother Nobles. Our big challenge continues to be receiving petitions for membership. Remember every Noble is a member of the Membership Committee.

My grateful thank you to each of you who honored me with your vote and your trust. I promise to do my best to serve El Kalah as I have in the past. The Elected Divan for 2022 is as follows. Potentate: Jeremy Estes, PP, Chief Rabban: Al Hokins, Assistant Rabban: Danny Drew, High Priest & Prophet: Blake Hansen Oriental Guide: Mike Katsonis, Treasurer: Bill Voorhees, Recorder: Dave Hutchinson

Have a fine month and a very Happy New Year! Looking forward to working with you in 2022. *“May the father of all mercies scatter light, and not darkness, upon our paths, and make us in all our several vocations useful here, and in his own due time and way everlastingly happy.”* George Washington, 1790

Al Hokins, Recorder

From the Marshall



Dear Nobles, Ladies, and Friends:

It has been a very enjoyable year serving as the Marshall and I look forward to serving in 2022 as your Oriental Guide. Thanks to all of you who elected me, and thanks to all the Nobility who took the time to vote for the 2022 Divan on December 15th. I also want to thank Assistant Rabban Daniel Drew, and High Priest & Profit Dave Hutchinson for their organizing the online electronic voting and the paper voting at the business meeting. The voting went very smoothly and quickly. I trust all of you have had an enjoyable

Holiday and a Happy New Year. May we have a less interesting year concerning the COVID virus and the multiple variants. I wish all of you good health and happiness.

Michael Katsonis, Marshall

From the Chaplain



Happy New Year!!

I hope all of you had superb holidays and enjoyed your family, loved ones and friends. If you overindulged, well, So Mote It Be and get on the treadmill (or enjoy your new wardrobe)! 2022 is upon us and it is time to get to work. Congratulations to our re-elected Potentate Jeremy Estes, Chief Rabban Al Hokins, Assistant Rabban Danny Drew, Treasurer Bill Voorhees, Recorder Dave Hutchinson, High Priest and Prophet

Blake Hansen, Oriental Guide Mike Katsonis and all the appointed officers of El Kalah Shriners. I hope we have a fruitful and prosperous New Year for our Hospital, our Kids, and our El Kalah Shriners Temple.

I am a bit disappointed that many (MOST??) of you are not reading our Minaret articles, at least mine. I intentionally try to incorporate some of our leadership into the content of the jokes I post in an attempt to stimulate some humor, but I asked some of those I have featured and learned they didn't read the articles therefore had no idea they were Minaret Starz!! I just looked at our website, <http://www.elkalahshriners.org/> and our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/elkalah> and it looks like there is seldom any activity there, either. Nobles, we need to communicate with each other, and our social media is there to assist us. It is only as good as we make use of it.

Now, it's time for some chuckles. If you pick out our featured Starz this month, give them a gentle poke in the ribs! *I asked Hugo to show me a positive result from all the COVID patients visits. He showed me his new Porsche! ~ Something we always suspected – Glen received a strongly worded “second notice” that his taxes were overdue. Rushing down to the IRS Office, he paid his bill and apologized that he had overlooked the first notice. “Oh,” confided the IRS lady with a smile, “we don’t send out first notices. We have found that the second notices are more effective. ~ Danny asked his students, “If there are seven flies and I hit one with the ruler, how many are left?” Little Johnny replied, “Just the squashed one.” ~ Blake says he can’t believe he forgot his New Year’s Resolution to go to the gym daily. That’s seven years in a row now. ~ Hugo (is he paying attention yet?) advises us that, whatever we do, always give 100 percent. Unless you are donating blood.*

Try to control your guffaws!! See ya next month?

Chuck Warren, Chaplain

Encourage Vs. Criticize



Reprinted from Scottish Rite Journal July/August issue In the Sixth Scottish Rite Degree, a misunderstanding arises between King Solomon and Hiram, King of Tyre. Hiram later regrets having misjudged Solomon's intentions. In this article, reprinted by permission from The Journal of the Masonic Society and The Freemason (publication of the Grand Lodge of Missouri), Br. Shoemaker finds in this degree a contemporary lesson about not misjudging our fellow Masons.

The Sixth Degree of the Scottish Rite, known as "Intimate Secretary," has always been one of my favorite degrees. In *Morals & Dogma, III*, Albert Pike tells us that Masons must be kind and affectionate one to another. ... There needs to be much more of the spirit of ancient fellowship among us; more tenderness for each other's faults, more forgiveness, more solicitude for each other's improvement and good fortune; somewhat of a brotherly feeling, that it be not shame to use the word "brother." (MD 6:15)

This "tenderness for each other's faults" is often sadly missing. During my time in the Craft, I have seen men come and go. The reasons are varied and unique to everyone. We may for a season have copious free time only to have an unexpected professional or family need arise. When these things occur, we should be supportive. Too often, I see Brothers chastise those who can commit less time to some aspect of one of our Masonic organizations. There may be periods in a man's life in which his employer demands longer hours. With work taking more time, he may be forced to decide between spending time with his family or attending a Masonic function. Think about this the next time you criticize a husband or father for missing a meeting.

Our fraternity is obviously suffering due to the limited number of active participants. This is a problem throughout the Craft. While many absent Brothers are not active at present, they are likely dealing with unique situations in their own lives. Unexpected health issues, financial issues, and many other factors come into play. Whatever the case may be, the attitudes and critical statements made in meetings and private conversations have a way of working their way back to others.

I will conclude with a call to action. Each of us needs to encourage our Brethren to be a part of the solution. When a lodge or valley member who has been active misses a meeting or two, we should take a personal interest in him, call him, and make sure that he is well. When you see him, simply (and sincerely) say, "Brother, it is great to see you. How are you?" If you cannot do so with a genuine heart, I would suggest it is you who have work to do in spreading the cement of brotherly love and smoothing the rough ashlar. Perhaps this is what

Pike has in mind when he wrote on the “Intimate Secretary Degree” in Morals and Dogma: “We should either be more severe to ourselves, or less so to others....” (MD 6:7)

Aaron M. Shoemaker is a Past Venerable Master of the Valley of Kansas City in the Orient of Missouri, a member of the Board of Directors of the Scottish Rite Research Society, a voting member and director of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Missouri, and Director of the Kansas City RiteCare Clinic.

Hugo Rodier, MD, Board of Governors, Shriners Children’s

From Ladies Oriental Shrine



Hello everyone.

I am sitting here, looking out the window, and watching “our” herd of deer grazing. I should be writing an interesting article for the Minaret, but the deer are fun to watch! I will give it a try, but who knows how it will turn out.....

Iris Court had our Annual Christmas Party and Fundraiser on December 11th. We had a nice turn-out, and I want to thank the Shriners that joined us. I did not get a chance to greet and thank each one of you individually. It was quite hectic and busy. Thank you for your support of Iris Court. Personally, I love our Shriners and what you stand for. It is all about the children. I look forward to the changes of our hospital system that are in the planning stages, and I know it will be for the good of the children.

And speaking of Christmas, I sincerely hope each of you had a happy, peaceful, loving Christmas. If you did not find that left-handed gizer-whits-it at Iris Court’s yard sale this past summer, hopefully Santa put one in your stocking. I wish each and every one of you a safe and prosperous New Year. Hopefully the Covid will finally run out of variants and just go away. Wishful thinking, I know, but we can only hope and pray it will run its course.

It has dawned on me that I only have 3 more meetings and we will have a new High Priestess in April. I have really enjoyed my time as H.P. Time has certainly gone by quickly for me. I have enjoyed writing these articles for the Minaret.

Until next month, please stay warm, drive safely (I am not a fan of snow at all), and enjoy life. We C.A.R.E. because Children Are Reason Enough.

Skunk Snuggles

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

From the Horse Patrol



“There’s something about the outside of a horse that is good for the inside of a man.” Winston Churchill. Several years ago, I had been helping my father feed and take care of our neighbors’ horses. I had taken a few riding lessons as a child but hadn’t had a lot of experience with horses outside of that. I quickly fell in love with Quizzy and Two Pence. I also truly enjoyed spending time with my dad. Not long after that, I was approached about joining the Mounted Patrol and riding one of these horses since the extended bodies of the masonic family could now join Shrine Units in parades. I was hesitant but excited. I had been in multiple parades with the Ladies Oriental Shrine,

also as a Job’s Daughter years before, but it honestly wasn’t my favorite. I also had limited experiences with these horses. I did end up agreeing and getting my own white mounted patrol shirt- it even had my name on it. I took the time to get to know my horse, Two Pence, and let her get to know me. I specifically remember the time she stopped mid-ride and rolled over to get me to stop riding her. She was a stubborn girl. Two Pence and I went on to ride in multiple parades together, she also hung out in my parents’ backyard for the occasional BBQ, and after the Ogden Pioneers Day parade she often joined me at lunch at the pavilion. She joined me as I went up the line in L.O.S. and stuck with me as I rode as High Priestess. In these parades, I was always so touched when I heard someone yelling “you go girl” or “my kid is a shrine kid” or “thank you for riding”. I was always so proud to wear my Fez and represent the Masonic family in the parades alongside Two Pence. Today, the day before Christmas Eve, I pet Two Pence for the last time and said goodbye to my girl for the last time. The last time. Now I know that Two Pence had a very long and happy life. But this doesn’t dismiss the loss we are all feeling, nor does it answer any of my questions. “What about Quizzy? How is she handling it? Where do we go from here? Will I ever ride with the Mounted Patrol again?”

My time with Two Pence, no matter how long or short, will forever last in my heart. I will never forget the countless Shrine kids who I interacted with. I will never forget the feeling I had when I wore my fez in those parades. Riding Two Pence helped me personally as well as in my journey through the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America. She gave me pride and I will forever be grateful for my girl.

As I end this article, I want to encourage you to reach out and get involved further with your organization or find ways to deepen your passion no matter how weird or scary it may seem. We are all a part of a great family and cause. I also want to encourage you to remember what Two Pence lived for: “We ride so the children can walk”.

Rachel Sweet, PHP, LOSNA, Horse Patrol

Grab your Fez

Join our El Kalah Shriners group

We're Headed to the East West Shrine Bowl at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas Feb 3, 2022.



Tickets are available for the game and special room rates are available at the Luxor Hotel (Host Hotel), while they last.

Game tickets online :

<https://www.ticketmaster.com/event/17005B3D957B15F3>

Luxor Hotel: <https://shrinebowl.com/hotel/>

We plan to get together for dinner the night before, Feb 2, and for drinks after the game. More information will follow. Let's fill the stadium with fezes. If you are interested please contact Lynn Larsen 801 455 7815 or Jim Sweet 801 791 5564 asap.

Let's Go Shriners !!

Shrine Family Calendar of Events

January 1 New Year's Day!

January 5 Tiled Installation of El Kalah Officers (Nobles only), Salt Lake Masonic Temple 650 E South Temple, Al Hokins 214-244-9686

January 16 Necrology Ceremony, Salt Lake Masonic Temple 650 E South Temple, Al Hokins 214-244-9686

January 19 7:30pm El Kalah Shriners business meeting, Salt Lake Masonic Temple 650 E South Temple, Al Hokins 214-244-9686

January 23 7:00pm LOS Iris Court Meeting, Salt Lake Masonic Temple 650 E South Temple, Merrill Lee Warren 801-866-8255

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Shrine Family Photo Album



The Annual Shriner's tree trimming was celebrated December 10. Nobles Blake Hansen, Brad Harmon, Lynn Larsen, and Mike Clark were in attendance.

Kevin Martin, Administrator also helped and thanked the Nobles for their support.

Send photos of your Shrine Family organization and you may see them in future issues of the Minaret.
