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	2012 Douglas J. Backes	

February Birthdays

O B Hansen	2/2	Jon W Harris PP	2/12	Monte K Andersen	2/25
Joseph C Matson	2/5	Carl D Fortune	2/21	Floyd L Nelson	2/28
James C Davis	2/7	Peter G Carlston	2/25	Miles L Crockett	2/28
William T Stamps	2/11			Kevin C LLOYD	2/28

Black Camel

NONE!

Rest in Peace

New Members

Your Lodge Brother's name should be here.

Welcome New Members!

From the Potentate



The elected officers of El Kalah Shrine, i.e., the Divan all have articles that we write once a month. We write about things that are important to us. I would like to talk about respect. Respect is something that is very important to me. There are many ways to show respect, there are also a lot of ways that I have seen lack of respect. One of the first thing we are taught in Masonry is the respect to the Worshipful Master. If we need to leave a tiled meeting there are proper ways to get permission to leave the tiled room. This is a respect thing. You respect the Worshipful Master, and you

respect Masonry. This is the same thing that should happen in the Shrine. If you need to leave the tiled meeting you have proper ways to do so. This is respect to the Potentate, the Divan, and any member that is in attendance to the meeting. It is also respect to the Shrine. The next thing about respect is in the way we talk and the way that we represent the Shrine, Masonry, as well as yourself. When you are in a business meeting and you are representing the Shrine or one of its clubs, you must act in proper ways with proper language. There is no place in a business meeting for foul language. More importantly there is no place for that language in front of our ladies. As you can tell respect is very important part of my life. I believe all of us in Masonry and Shrine are held to a higher standard in life and the community. But it all starts with respect.

I also want to remind everyone that we have our first call out parade coming up. This will be the St. Patrick's Day parade in Salt Lake City. Watch for more information to come very soon. I am also excited to be attending the East/West Shrine football game in Las Vegas this week. We have a group that will attend the game and will represent El Kalah there.

Jeremy Estes, Potentate

From the Chief Rabban



Nobles, Ladies and Friends,

Greetings as we prepare for the end of Winter and the beginning of our Spring Season of activities. First, thank you, Nobles very much for your support in electing me to be Chief Rabban. Much appreciated! The Potentate and his complete Divan will need your continuing support to accomplish our goals for the new year. One of our main objectives is to increase our membership right away. I quote former Imperial Potentate, Jeff Sowder: "It would be easy to step back, consider our overall membership numbers, be overwhelmed and lose heart. Or we can each decide to do our part, work as hard as we can to promote our fraternity and be, one by one, a powerful force for growth and change. I hope you believe that you can make a difference - " El Kalah Shriners needs every Noble to help in our recruiting efforts. Your Divan will soon be doing some new things to re-double our recruiting efforts. We solicit both your ideas and your assistance. Until next month, be thinking!

Sincerely and fraternally,

Al Hokins, Chief Rabban

From the Assistant Rabban



Dear Nobles and Ladies

What a great time to be a member of El Kalah. Your newly elected and appointed officers are continuing the 5-year plan that was started 4 years ago. Just to let you know, 5-year plans are what all successful blue lodges and grand lodges do so that you don't have a Worshipful Master, Grand Master, or now Potentate come into leadership and do his plans and then the next year it is something totally different. Having a 5 year plan allows organizations like El Kalah to have consistency and can only occur when you keep the elected leaders moving up the line, in a progressive line, as we have been doing in El Kalah. It also works well when you have great appointed Divan members, and El Kalah has some of the best free masons and Shriners in Utah who have agreed to be members of the appointed Divan.

Part of the five-year plan is coming up with yearly activities and growing membership. Your elected Divan is doing just that. We are doing something that no other appendant body in the state is doing, and that is using technology to broadcast our business meetings to clubs that are in lodge rooms and are tiled. We started with Vernal, we will be creating another club in the next couple months in another area of the state that is far away from the Wasatch from, we hope to be able to then do the same in Logan, Moab, and Price. This is the type of proactive and forward-thinking things your elected Divan has been putting together and is finally seeing fruition because we have continued members move up in the elected divan, that progressive line that leads to a successful Masonic body! I am thankful every day to the nobles of El Kalah for the confidence they have given me each year as an elected member of the Divan. I look forward to this coming year with each of you!

Sincerely

Daniel Drew, Assistant Rabban

From the High Priest & prophet



Today I took a moment to look at the [Shrinersinternational.org](https://www.shrinersinternational.org), web pages for an idea for my message this month. This is what I found, because I feel all Nobles, old and new need a reminder of what a Shriner is and does: *Shriners help support our philanthropy, Shriners Children's, by volunteering at the healthcare system's locations, participating in fundraising activities, and by referring children who may benefit from the specialized medical care provided by the healthcare system. Additionally, every Shriner is expected to help the fraternity grow by recruiting new members and being as active in his chapter as possible.*

<https://www.shrinersinternational.org/en/who-we-are/faqs>, 1/29/2022

Blake Hansen, High Priest & Prophet

From the Oriental Guide



Nobles, Ladies and Friends.

I trust you are enjoying the new year and can join us on Wednesday, 16 February at the Salt Lake Masonic Temple for the public installation of the 2022 El Kalah Divan. We will have door prizes for those attending, and I am in the process of collecting appropriate items for this activity. So far, I have accumulated bollo ties and pins of Past Potentates and found five new cars in a discount shopping cart by the meat department in the West Wendover Smith's. So, if you are looking for a new car, 16 February could be your lucky evening. I have a red Mercedes, red Maserati, white Bentley, white BMW, and a black Porsche Turbo. I had to protect my shopping basket jealously while in the checkout line, since the local children were eyeing my fortunate find. As a Shriner it was difficult not to just complete my purchase and hand them to the children, but I needed to stay on my mission for prizes for the installation.

The East-West Shrine Game may also prove to be a good source of door prizes. I'll just keep my eyes open. If any of you have items you might want to contribute, please feel free to contact me at 801-935-1907, or mngkatsonis@yahoo.com. I look forward to seeing as many of you as can attend the installation. Stay healthy and be careful, as COVID continues to be a danger.

Sincerely,

Michael Katsonis, Oriental Guide

From the Recorder



As I said last month you never know what is coming and for January this is very true. I caught influenza A mid-month and it has progressed into pneumonia. I've been knocked in the dirt for almost 3 weeks, no fun, COVID was actually easier for me. Everyone, take care of yourself and I'll have a real article next month.

Dave Hutchinson, Recorder

From the Chaplain



Hello again, Brother Nobles and Friends.

As some of you who attended know, we resumed our activities in January, with a Divan meeting and Regular Business Meeting, and the Annual Memorial Service/Day of Remembrance. Sadly, the Memorial Service was not very well attended. Our devoted Divan Members and Daughters of the Nile Princess Royal Sylvia Hokins Past Queen and Ladies Oriental Shrine High Priestess Merrill-Lee Warren performed the ceremonies in a beautiful manner, as always, but there were very few “sideliners” in attendance. Once again, I fear it is a function of our poor communications. These events are always noted in the Minaret, but some (MANY??) of you apparently don’t give our little booklet the attention it deserves in a timely manner. I have discussed this matter with our Illustrious Potentate Jeremy, and we are looking at some mechanism or forum to improve this situation. It is soooo common to hear “I didn’t know about that” or “Nobody told me about that”, etc. I hope many of you will join in by assisting in spreading the word better. Our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/elkalah> doesn’t seem to be improving communications either, and the Minaret (at least this page) seems to be largely ignored. Frustrating!! If you have suggestions for improvement, please let me know and I will do whatever I can to improve or change things for our benefit.

Now, it’s time for some chuckles. I didn’t receive any responses to our featured Starz last month, but if you recognize our “Heroes” give them a gentle poke in the ribs! *Two Nobles from warmer climes wanted to do some ice fishing and took off for Utah to try it. The lake they picked was frozen, so they stopped at a nearby shop to get bait and tackle. “We’re going to need an ice pick,” one Noble said. They bought one and left. Two hours later, the other Noble returned and told the shop owner he’d need to buy a couple more ice picks. The owner sold him two picks, and the Noble left. An hour later, the first Noble came back to the shop and said, “We’re going to need all the ice picks you’ve got.” The owner couldn’t believe it. “How are you fellows doing?” he asked. “Not very well at all,” the Noble replied. “We don’t even have the stupid boat in the water yet.” ~ And Mr. Bill told Jeremy, “No, I distinctly said I was sorry. I never said I was wrong!” ~ Danny teaches his students to be polite and courteous. When they grow up, they will never be able to edge their car onto a freeway. ~ Was it at a Divan meeting that I heard “Now that I have presented my proposal, all who oppose will signify by resigning.”* As I have often stated – I don’t create these, I just steal and share them!! See ya next month?

Chuck Warren, Chaplain

From the Board of Governors



The system's new brand, Shriners Children's Salt Lake City, better reflects our evolving care model. The new brand is now in full effect. Following the health care trend toward collaborations, we are now working more closely with Primary Children's Hospital, Salt Lake. Patients now receive surgical, inpatient and infusion therapy services at Primary Children's and ALL other services are still on-site at Shriners Children's Salt Lake City. Our five unique areas of emphasis are 1) Pediatric Orthotics and Prosthetic Services, LLC, 2) therapy services, 3) wheelchair seating and mobility, 4) motion analysis lab and 5) outpatient clinic and multi-specialty. This transition is almost complete. New monthly referrals remain high, even though Covid-19 restrictions. We are currently serving over 5000 active patients. We continue to fulfill our mission in Salt Lake City of outstanding patient care without regard to the ability to pay, but in a better and more efficient way. Stay tuned for events coming this year, where we will all have a chance to show support Shriners Children's.

There are also several video promotions and news stories being released for Shriners Children's with many specific to our facility. I will post links here, as they become available. Check out

<https://www.ktvb.com/article/news/local/outreach/sevens-hero/7s-hero-limb-difference-acceptance-video/277-e106b2b5-b5ca-4942-b50f-f14d196bc102>

On behalf of Shriners Children's, thank you for all your support.

Merlin Larsen, PP, Member, Board of Governors

From the Clown Corner



The clown's will forgo their usual clown potluck dinner and hold a Zoom meeting so all can be involved this month. We will take care of our usual shenanigans so we are prepared for the upcoming St. Patrick's parade on March 15, 2022, yes it will be before the traditional date, no joke. An email will go out in early February for the time and date for the Zoom meeting, if you want to attend or join email me at brotherblak7@gmail.com.

"Smiling makes people wonder what you're doing."

Stitches (Blake Hansen)

Temet Nosces



“Who knows himself knows the ALL.”: Hermes Trismegistus. Know Thyself was the greeting adepts found at the threshold of the temple of Apollo in Delphi. Masons are also greeted with the same admonition when we open a Lodge of Entered Apprentices. How? Where? Good question, but before reading the answer, ponder how unaware we can be of not only the magnificence of our ritual, but of our identity and what lies buried within our psyche. *“As an Entered Apprentice, whence came you?” “From a Lodge of the Holy Sts Johns at Jerusalem.”* To me, this addresses our identity; it means we are a “ray of the divine Light.” This is symbolized by our Compasses. *“What came ye here to do?” “To learn to subdue my passions and improve myself in Masonry.”* To me this means that we must learn to subdue the “evil” or earthly part of our nature. This is symbolized by the Square.

We are *“checkered with good and evil”* as the floor of Salomon’s temple. As a Master Mason, we hopefully learn to place *“both points of the compasses above the square.”* To do this, we must know ourselves and not shy away from facing our ‘rough ashlar’ to improve ourselves in Masonry. This cannot be done if we continue to hide behind the persona of a hard worker, a stickler for the law, etc. The same goes for the Mason bejeweled behind overly decorated aprons that are shadows of the *“pure and spotless”* sheepskin we get when made an Entered Apprentice. Don’t take me wrong: serving as officers in the Craft DOES help us subdue our passions. But only when we see our titles as a way to serve our brethren, our Lodges, and the community. Do strive for a chair, as we are advised in our apron lecture: let your *“ambitious feet tread round after round of the ladder that leads to fame within our mystic circle.”* But remember, there is a shadow side to everything, including our thirst for power.

How may we safeguard against being blinded by power? In knowing ourselves, we know the ALL: our fellowman is a part of the divine we worship, just as we are. In serving him, we serve ourselves. I hope we all continue to serve in Masonry as officers of our Lodges, keeping an eye on the welfare of others and subduing our passions.

Let us recommit to keep our Compasses above the Square for the year 2022.

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

From Ladies Oriental Shrine



I want to start off by thanking Potentate Jeremy Estes for inviting Ladies Oriental Shrine Iris Court #47 to attend the Memorial Service for the Shriners and wives of Shriners that passed in the previous year. It was an honor for me to attend, along with Princess Royal, Sylvia Hokins, Past Queen of Lybia Temple #32, Daughters of the Nile. When each of the Lady's or Princess's names was read, Princess Sylvia or I placed a white rose on the cross. It is a beautiful ceremony. Thank you again, Sir, for allowing me (us) the honor.

Due to the COVID variant numbers, I decided to hold our January meeting via Zoom. We have members that are....ahem...."a bit older" (including myself). To me it was not worth holding a meeting in person and taking the chance of someone coming down sick. Fingers crossed, the numbers will drop, and our February meeting can be in person. That is when we will hold elections for our next corp of officers. Installation will be in April.

I wish everyone a Happy Valentine Day. And guess what?! The days are getting longer, that means spring and summer are on the way. I know we need the water, but please, can we be done with snow, and just have rain?

We C.A.R.E. because Children Are Reason Enough.

Skunk Snuggles

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

From the daughters of the Nile



Greetings all!

As most of us start to celebrate the ending of our year, I've started to reflect on the last couple of months. The many lessons I've learned and the many memories that I've gained. This means so much to so many of us! It's been so nice trying to be present and supporting other Masonic groups. I've enjoyed watching the friendships and hearing stories of the past.

This last month, we celebrated the 150th Anniversary of Freemasonry in the state of Utah. Hearing the history of it all being established. The many brothers that came together to help each other when it was needed. Not just

about getting the Lodges started and our Grand Lodge started. Stories of helping families of Brothers, even if you didn't personally know them. Making it known that part of the oath of taking care of others is not just words repeated. I'm so thankful for all the help our family has personally received from any of my husband's Brothers. The last 2 years have truly been a major struggle for our Masonic family in more ways than one. We've always struggled with our membership, and this pandemic has made it even harder for some of us to grow in numbers. It may drag on, but I firmly believe that if our brothers and sisters were able to come out of the Spanish flu stronger than ever, we can too. Let's give that helping hand to each other.

I hope you all have a happy Valentine's Day with all your loved ones. May this month have a grand and happy adventure in store for us all!

With Nile Love,

Deanna Adams, Queen, Lybia Temple No. 32

Shrine Family Calendar of Events

February 3 4:00pm East-West Shrine Bowl, Allegiant Stadium, Las Vegas.

February 3 6:30pm LOS Ogden Club, University Broiler & Grill, 4343 Harrison Blvd. Ogden. Kim Stenner 801-582-1565

February 10 6:30pm Nile Ogden Club, Hug-Hes Cafe, 1220 E 4800 S Ogden. Aline Smith 801-648-5457

February 14 Valentine's Day!

February 16 7:00pm Public Installation of El Kalah Officers, Salt Lake Masonic Temple 650 E South Temple. Dave Hutchinson 385-214-5268

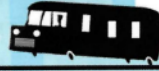
February 16 7:30pm El Kalah Shriners business meeting, Salt Lake Masonic Temple 650 E South Temple, Dave Hutchinson 385-214-5268

February 17 7:00pm Daughters of the Nile, Lybia Temple, Salt Lake Masonic Temple 650 E South Temple, Deanne Adams 801-651-5928

February 24 7:00pm LOS Iris Court Meeting, Salt Lake Masonic Temple 650 E South Temple, Merrill Lee Warren 801-866-8255

Send calendar updates to jsweetinogden2@yahoo.com

Wendover Fun Bus



Come join the fun on March 5th to Wendover!!

The bus will pick up at the Costco at Valley Fair Mall (3747 South 2700 West in West Valley City) by the gas pumps at 8:30AM SHARP and at the Flying J in Lakepoint (1605 Saddleback Blvd) 9:00AM Sharp and will drop off at Rainbow Casino in Wendover.

Free sandwiches will be available on the bus.

Chips, sodas and adult beverages will be available for purchase on the bus.

There will be a basket raffle while on the bus!

We will get Fun Books for free drinks, free play money and much more!!

The bus will depart Wendover from the Montego Bay Casino at 6:30PM to return home.

**\$35 per person to join the fun and support Iris Court
Ladies Oriental Shrine**



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