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# Minaret



*Utah Shriners*

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# Happy Easter!



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## *Living Potentates*

1985 Jerold R. Cochran	2003/2019 Robert N. Shupe	2013 William H. Broyles
1987 Blaine H. Simons	2006 Frederick G. Kidston	2014 James L. Sweet
1988 Aaron E. Saathoff	2007 Lawrence K. Fielden	2015 M. Lynn Larsen
1992 Gerald J. Everett	2008 Jon H. Harris	2016 Joel E. Meza
1993 David B. Edwards	2009 Marvin E. Morton	2017 Jason C. Varner
1997 George Auer	2011/2020 John D. Limb	2018 Paul Madsen
2001 Glen A. Cook	2012 Douglas J. Backes	2021/2022 Jeremy Estes

## *April Birthdays*

Mark A Moulton	4/1	J Michael Holt	4/18	Stephen W Hodges	4/23
Donald G Lloyd	4/2	Harold P Lish	4/19	Kim M Bowman Sr.	4/24
Andrew C Ruoff III	4/7	Loren H Rausher	4/19	Howard R Stone	4/24
Donald J Mikkelsen	4/8	Grant P Bagley	4/20	Richard E Leader	4/26
Shawn R Clayton	4/10	John F Benner	4/22	Gregory L Evans	4/27
James G Berardino	4/16	Chuck Mitchell	4/22	Richard Wailes	4/28
		Brian D Turner	4/22		

## *Black Camel*

Michael Roshek, PP September 3, 1943 ~ February 27, 2022

*Rest in Peace*

## *New Members*

Karac Bronyraur

*Welcome New Member!*

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## *From the Potentate*



It is time once again for our monthly communication with our members and friends.

I hope everyone is doing well. This month we had our first parade of the year, the St Patrick's Day Parade. It was great to see the turnout. We had one of the biggest groups that I have seen at a parade in a long time. The brotherhood that was shown at this event was great to see. We were lucky enough to have our Grand Master ride with us again this year. I have been trying to work with some of our other clubs to get them ready to ride in the parades with us this year. I

am looking forward to having more Shriners at the next parade. We still have a little time before that happens.

When we are in a call out parade, we are at the mercy of the group putting on the parade, as in the last parade, the St. Patrick's Day parade we did not receive the line up until the day or two before the parade. I am not sure what took so long to get the information out but as soon as we had it, we sent it out to the members. I apologize that we did not get the information sooner, but we did a great job and getting our group together. Let me know if you have any questions on the parades.

As always that you all for your continued support of Shriners Children's', El Kalah and your Divan members. We are all human and sometimes make mistakes but, we always try to do our best to rectify the mistakes in a timely manner. I am proud to be a Shriner and to be able to serve in your divan. IF you have any questions of comments, please feel free to reach out to me or any of the divan members.

Sincerely,

*Jeremy Estes, Potentate*

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## *From the Chief Rabban*



Greetings Nobles and Friends,

Just returned from the Shriners International Education Foundation (SIEF) Noble Academy, Membership and Marketing Conference in Texas. SIEF is a source of chapter operations education for the entire Masonic family, both men and women members from appendant, allied and affiliated bodies. Attendance at this meeting was all-inclusive Masonic and was offered to all Masonic organizations and appendant bodies from Daughters of the Nile, Prince Hall, DeMolay International to York Rite. Conference sessions focused on recruiting but also covered Shriners Children's as well as various problem-solving techniques.

Among things noted are the following: The communities which have Masonic connections have come to expect higher character in their Masons than in the remainder of the community. It also follows that these communities have come to expect still higher character standards in their Shriners than in the remaining Masonic population.

There was a major emphasis on the two BIG birthdays this year: Shriners Children's – 100 years on September 16<sup>th</sup> and Shriners International – 150 years on September 26<sup>th</sup>. So, you can see that Major attention will be centered on September 2022. Stay tuned for more details.

Shriners International Executive VP, John Piland joined with Chief Marketing and Communications Officer Mel Bower to present the Saturday morning course on Building a Membership Model Based on Character and Compassion. They defined a business case which includes the tenets of Freemasonry including a focus on relief, brotherly love, and truth. Building an intra-organizational culture of character and compassion with effective and complete communication. Accept the past and focus on the future because that is where the growth potential is.

Pacific Northwest Shrine Association (PNSA) expects to see more El Kalah participation in the coming year. PNSA has already invited members of El Kalah to join them in Seattle o/a August 17<sup>th</sup> for their Summer fun week. Overall, the Conference was a very positive experience. There was much material for your Divan/Directors to consider as we chart our course for the coming years.

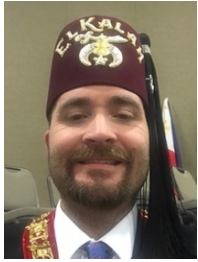
Be safe and have fun!

*Al Hokins, Chief Rabban*

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## *From the Assistant Rabban*



Dear Nobles and Ladies,

We have now finished March. Our first parade is behind us. The divan is in full swing working with your club and unit leaders to plan the parades and activities for this summer and fall. I am so appreciative of the leadership team that I am part of, where we get to work with unit leaders like Shaun Davis and Kevin Lloyd to ensure that El Kalah and its largest Unit are working together as a team with the same goals. The success of any organization, especially ours is one where everyone works together, towards the same ends with the same goals. Our Potentate and your Divan continues to make sure this happens.

Sunday March 27th, I was able to attend the Mini-bikers monthly business meeting, where they discussed both the parades they will be attending as a unit as well as those we as the El Kalah Temple plan on doing our call out parades. I am grateful for their continual effort to work as a unit as well as working with the Potentate, the divan, and El Kalah. It is with that we and I hope someday we see every single club and unit represented in the Divan and that we and us are synonymous and that people will be able look at El Kalah and say those men show each other brotherly love and friendship, because of the respect that and honor shown to all. Your elected divan is constantly thinking about you! We worry about those of you in hardship and need. We cry for our departed. We laugh for those who mean us to laugh and cheer for those who do things in life successfully. We may not be perfect, but our love is true. Though April comes in like a lion and out like a lamb, I hope your month is that of a lamb the entire time.

Sincerely and fraternally yours

*Daniel Drew, Assistant Rabban*

## *From the High Priest & prophet*



Greetings all!

We are doing the Onion sales this year, see flyer in minaret or with your unit club or lodge. Sales will be taken up to April 27th at midnight, LOL

*Blake Hansen, High Priest & Prophet*

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# From the Oriental Guide



Greetings Nobles, Ladies, and Friends,

Our first parade of the season, St. Patrick's Day, on 12 March, was a great enthusiastic shot in the arm. We had a good turnout of Shriners; our faithful Mini-Bikes, the Yellowstone Bus, the Fire Engine, Clowns, the Pit Crew, all the elected Divan, the 2nd Ceremonial Master, the Captain of the Guard, and the LOS. If I have forgotten anyone I apologize.

We all need to do our best to share our joy of helping Shiner's Children's. I want to share with all of you the joy I received from the girl who sat next to me in second grade. She had polio when she was one year old. She was and still is my hero. Her enthusiasm for life and friendship with me lit a flame within me that has lasted me for 64 years. We went trick or treating for UNICEF, learned to ballroom dance together in sixth grade, went to the Junior/Senior Prom both years, went to Penn State main campus in 1969. Our life paths separated, but her strength and determination gave me strength and determination and still does. I do not know if she was a Shiner's child, but that does not matter. I feel most of us if not all, who have been friends with a child with physical challenges experience a tremendous boost to our own positive emotions for life. Let us start a pandemic of enthusiasm for Shiner's Children by sharing these experiences with those who are patient enough to listen. We will need to be careful not to divulge any protected personal information of the child.

I am surprised how often I am asked what Shriners do when walking in the parades. I give a quick answer of providing medical care for children with orthopedic concerns, scoliosis, burns, cleft palate, etc., regardless of their ability to pay. I find being easily approached while walking gives me an opportunity to easily help in spreading this information in addition to helping me get some needed exercise.

I want to congratulate the newly installed officers of LOS, and apologize for missing the installation, as I was out of town.

*Michael Katsonis, Oriental Guide*

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## From the Recorder



When I joined the Shrine about 20 years ago one of the things that I wanted to do was the little cars. That wasn't to be in Wyoming but maybe now in Utah. Would anyone who is interested in joining the Klunkers or Wreckers please contact a club officer. For the Klunkers it is PP Jim Sweet, and I will get the contact for the Wreckers. A challenge is that new vehicles will probably need to be purchased since there are very few vehicles left. The individual club members own their vehicles, they are not purchased by El Kalah. I tried to get into one of the Klunkers and found that in my current portly condition I don't fit, but maybe there is another vehicle for me. These Units were always enjoyed at the parades, and it would be great to get them attending parades again.

Right now, March 28, I'm at the Recorders Seminar and it is very informative. One of the items that has been brought up is the clubs and units having their elections by October 31<sup>st</sup>. This is a requirement of General Order #1. If a group needs to change their bylaws to do this, now is the time to begin modifying the bylaws. Another item is if you aren't getting emails from Imperial check your Spam folder, they may be in there. Each computer has its own settings for what goes into Spam. In closing the thought for the month: *"The best portion of a good man's life is his little nameless, unencumbered acts of kindness and of love."* — **Wordsworth**

Dave Hutchinson, Recorder

## From the Chaplain



I am glad to report we had a reasonably good turnout at the March meeting. I would love to see the room filled, but that hasn't happened recently. I hope to see all of you out soon. Noble Blake Hansen reported on the status of our 2022 Vidalia Onion Sales effort. If you need some onions or know anyone who does, contact Noble Blake at [brotherblake7@gmail.com](mailto:brotherblake7@gmail.com) or any El Kalah Shriner and we can make it happen. Please help with this effort. It is definitely for a good cause, and the onions are magnificent. Ordinarily, Vidalia onions do not keep well in storage so you should use them reasonably soon after getting them. One thing that will help is to keep them in a cool/cold location (not freezing). If you like, you can also chop them up and freeze them, preferable utilizing a vacuum bagger. That way you can enjoy them for a long time!

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Now, it's time to lighten up. A couple of our Nobles (guess who?) were talking in a restaurant. One Noble said, "So you gave up drinking because she asked you to?" "That's right," the other Noble replied. "And smoking?" "Yep." "And dancing, gambling, and pool?" "All of it." "Then why didn't you marry her?" "After all that reforming, I decided I could do better." ~ Danny has been teaching his dog to beg and he's getting better. Yesterday he came home with \$4.37. ~ Mike had an interviewing assignment and asked the BYU football coach the secret of his success in selecting young players. "I have a system," the coach answered. "I take all the recruits into the woods. When I fire my gun, they all start running. The ones who run around the trees become my guards, and the ones who run into the trees become my tackles." (Kinda reminds you of some people we know, huh?) ~ A visitor to a huge corporate office asked the guide, "How many people work here?" "Probably about 1 in 10," the guide replied. ~ Jeremy says that his high school was so rough that the prom queen was determined by an arm-wrestling competition. The gags this month may be the worst, yet! Oh, well, So Mote It Be. I hope we see you at the next meeting.

Chuck Warren, Chaplain

## The Axial Age and Masonry



Our ritual may be said to be one of the tools Masonry has to help us become better men. Memorizing our ritual, as advised by the sages from the dawn of mankind, has a powerful effect on our heart and mind as we travel East. The axial age was the time period between 900-200 BCE when the likes of Buddha, Socrates, Confucius, Lao-Tzu and Jeremiah cemented ritual to change people's heart for the good. Prior to them, ritual seemed to have been mostly to appease violent Gods and to ensure the Sun came up to guarantee good crops for survival. "The prophets, mystics, philosophers and poets of the Axial Age were so advanced, and their vision was so radical that later generations tended to dilute it. In the process, they often produced exactly the kind of religiosity the Axial reformers wanted to get rid of."<sup>1</sup>

As we participate in ritual, we do well to be conscious of the humane tendency to learn the letter of our ritual and miss out on the character-changing the ritual aims at. The Axial Age taught that what matters is not what we believe but how we behave. Are we more forgiving? Do we celebrate each other's differences? Are we "free of pride of knowledge" as the Sand Ceremony asks us when we become Shriners? As Spring renews our fields, these are good thoughts to ponder on our journey East.

<sup>1</sup>The Great Transformation by Karen Armstrong

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

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# From Shriners Children's



## Uniquely SHRINERS

Shriners Children's Salt Lake City is unique in many ways. Many of the services we offer are not available in many other pediatric outpatient care facilities. We offer five unique specialty centers of care: **Wheelchair Seating and Mobility**

The wheelchair seating and mobility program at Shriners Children's Salt Lake City is an in-house custom seating clinic available to all patients with seating needs; **Motion Analysis**

**Center** Advanced diagnostic techniques may be necessary to understand fully what's causing walking difficulties. Motion analysis helps us understand a child's movement and develop an appropriate treatment plan. Our state-of-the-art technology assesses gait and foot pressure, strength, and range of motion, functional skills, motor control, and the health of muscles and nerve cells;

**Specialty Clinics** We recognize the difficulties families may face when caring for children with complex orthopedic conditions. We strive to ease each family's experience by offering multi-skilled health care professionals, all in one place on one day. Outpatient clinic appointments are also available for general orthopedic evaluations, patient care, imaging, and surgical plans, if needed; **Prosthetics and**

**Orthotics** Shriners Children's Salt Lake City Pediatric Orthotics and Prosthetics Services, LLC (POPS) designs, fits and manufactures orthotics and prosthetics for children, from infants to teenagers. We support children with a range of genetic and acquired pediatric conditions and provide a full range of services;

**Rehabilitation Services** After evaluation by one of our medical providers, patients may be referred to the Shriners Children's Salt Lake City Rehabilitation Department where our skilled, caring team will create a custom plan for specific rehabilitation and therapy goals.

We will continue to provide **The Most Amazing Care Anywhere**, for many years to come. We will continue to grow and provide care to more and more children throughout our catchment area. Help support Shriners Children's Salt Lake City in any way you can. Everyone is encouraged to participate one or more of the many fund-raising events, held each year benefiting Shriners Children's

This month's video clip can be seen by clicking on this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQvZKUSH4WQ>

*Merlyn Larsen, PP, Board of Governors, Shriners Children's*

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## From the Ladies Oriental Shrine



I am so excited to be the High Priestess for Iris Court! It has been a long journey with many challenges, but it has been worth it. I have learned a lot, not only about LOS but also about Shriners Children's and I look forward to learning a lot more. We at Iris Court are preparing for Grand Council in Seattle in May, after which I will take a well-deserved vacation to Alaska with the Past Grand High Priestess' court. Immediately following that, we start right into our Grand Visitation from the High Priestess Lady, Linda Figler. Very busy right now. I will attach a schedule of events planned so far for Iris Court if any of you would like to participate. I will send out flyers as we get closer to the events. May 15-20, Grand Council Renton, Washington; June 6, Grand Official Visitation; June 10-11, yard sale – Please contact me to donate; December 10, Christmas Party, Organ Loft

I want to thank everyone that has supported, not only me, but Iris Court and I look forward to working with El Kalah in the future.

*Kimberley Stenner, High Priestess*

## From the Grand Council Foundation



The Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America Grand Council Foundation is a 501(C)3 charitable organization dedicated to the patients of Shriners Children's. When it was discovered that Salt Lake City's Un-Limb-ited winter camp had been cancelled it was voted to fund an additional trip for this upcoming summer. With this generous donation, there will now be two river rafting events in the summer of 2022. Already kids from across the country are applying to participate. It is with your charitable giving that the Foundation can help children realize their potential through supporting camps like Un-Limb-ited at Shriners Children's Salt Lake.

*Candice Sweet, PHP, Member Board of Directors,  
LOSNA Grand Council Foundation*

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# Shrine Family Calendar of Events

**April 2** 1:00pm Iris Court #47, Ladies Oriental Shrine Installation of Officers, Salt Lake Masonic Temple 650 South Temple, Salt Lake City. Kim Stenner 801-582-1565

**April 7** 6:30pm LOS Ogden Club, University Broiler & Grill, 4343 Harrison Blvd. Ogden. Kathy Wentzell 801-388-9361

**April 9** 2:00pm Daughters of the Nile Installation of Officers, Salt Lake Masonic Temple 650 E South Temple. Sylvia Hokins 801-294-2449

**April 14** 6:30pm Nile Ogden Club, Hug-Hes Cafe, 1220 E 4800 S Ogden. Merrill Lee Warren 801-866-8255

**April 17** Easter!

**April 20** 7:30pm El Kalah Shriners business meeting, Salt Lake Masonic Temple 650 E South Temple, Dave Hutchinson 385-214-5268

**April 21** 7:00pm Daughters of the Nile, Lybia Temple, Salt Lake Masonic Temple 650 E South Temple, Sylvia Hokins 801-294-2449

**April 28** 7:00pm LOS Iris Court Meeting, Salt Lake Masonic Temple 650 E South Temple, Kim Stenner 801-582-1565

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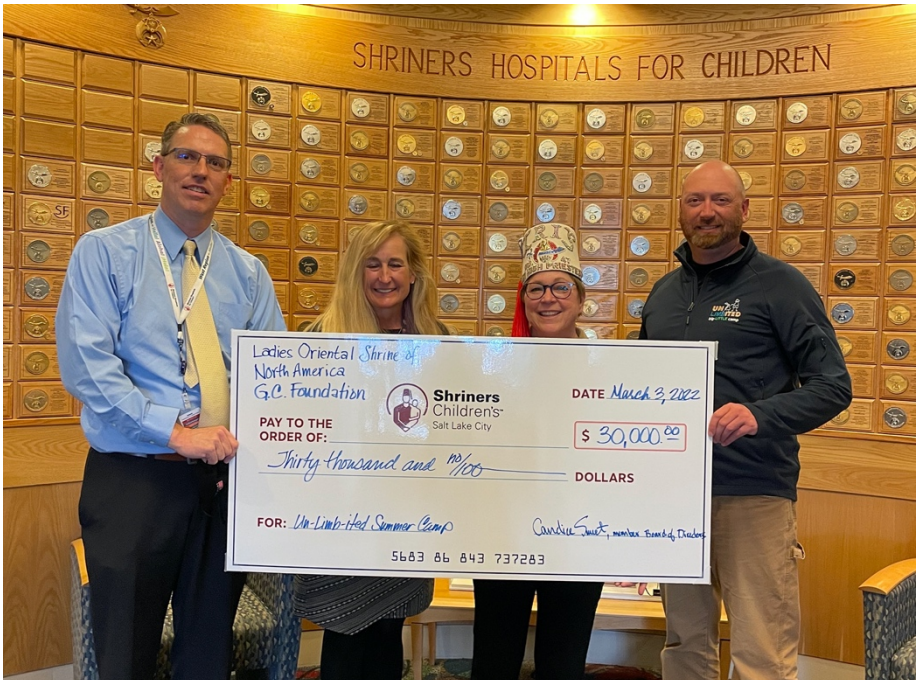
# Shrine Family Photo Album

Noble Guy Johnson and Ashley Childs produced this very nice video of El Kalah Shriners and LOS ladies in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Salt Lake City.

<https://youtu.be/PyFW5-N3o5A>

Noble Lynn Larsen, PP submitted this important message from Shriners Children's.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQvZKUSH4WQ>



Nathan Clark, Director of Development, Dr. Kristen Carrol, Chief of Staff and Matt Lowell, receive \$30,000 donation from North America Grand Council Foundation presented by Candice Sweet, PHP, Board of Directors member  
The donation will go toward the Un-Limb-ited Camps.

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

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Iris Court #47  
Ladies Oriental Shrine  
Cordially invites you to attend the

2022-2023  
Installation of Officers  
April 2, 2022 at 1:00PM  
Zoom link available

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87483431095?pwd=WnNlRHhBcmF1MGJFOWtoRXFndHMrdz09>

Meeting ID: 874 8343 1095  
Passcode: 145763

At the  
Salt Lake Masonic Temple  
650 South Temple  
Salt Lake City, UT  
Refreshments to follow

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# LYBIA TEMPLE NO. 32

Daughters of the Nile

Invite you to the 96<sup>th</sup>  
Public Installation of Officers

Supreme Queen

Donna Kramer

Installing Officer

Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Two O'Clock in the afternoon

Reception to follow

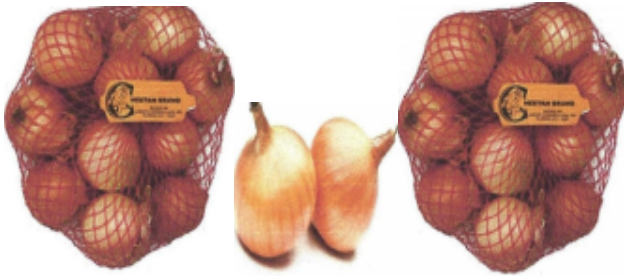
Retiring Queen: Deanna Adams  
Princess Royal: Sylvia Hokins PQ

Salt Lake Masonic Temple Auditorium

650 East South Temple  
Salt Lake City, Utah

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