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# Minaret



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*Rest in Peace*

## *New Members*

Luis Meneses

*Welcome New Members!*

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## *From the Potentate*



Greetings Nobles,

it is that time of month again for our communications. This has been a busy month for me, I was able to attend both the Lybia Temple and The Ladies of Iris Court installation. I look forward to working with these two groups over the next year. It is nice to be surrounded by people with the same vision that you have, that of helping the kids. A lot of us were at the Scottish Rite reunion that took place last month. It was a great reunion enjoyed by all who attended. There are several Divan members

that have helped with the Scottish Rite class committee for the last few reunions. This has been a fun way to interact with our masonic family.

I also want to let you know that we are having treats after our business meetings, this is a way to socialize with your fellow nobles after our meetings. We had about 15 Nobles stay after, and we had a great time sitting around shooting the breeze. I look forward to seeing many more Nobles in the months to come.

Your Divan has put a calendar of events that we are planning to do for the rest of the year. On May 22, we will be going to a Bee's game at 1:00, you will need to contact Noble Blake Hansen by May 18 to get tickets. On August 17<sup>th</sup> we will be having an El Kalah Family BBQ starting at 7:00pm. September 21 at 7:00pm we will be having an El Kalah Pinewood Derby race, make sure you have your cars ready to race for this. Look for more information to come about these events. The Onion sales are getting close to the end make sure that you get your orders in as soon as possible.

And finally, we will be having an El Kalah Ceremonial on October 22. If you have never been a part of a ceremonial, please reach out to me (801-372-0296) or Illustrious Sir John Limb to get your name on the list to participate.

As always if you have any questions or things to discuss please feel free to reach out to me or any member of your Divan. We are more than happy to serve for you.

Sincerely,

*Jeremy Estes, Potentate*

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## *From the Chief Rabban*



Greetings Nobles and Friends,

As the weather changes to accommodate the arrival of Spring, I hope everyone is doing well! Last month, I mentioned the Shriners International Education Foundation (SIEF) Noble Academy, Membership and Marketing Conference in Texas. This month, I will continue to share the wealth of information which Shriners International made available to us. Quite a bit of discussion involved events and event planning parameters. It was very clear that Shriners International has put a lot of effort into analyzing how Shriners can improve upon age old practices. One major factor is including family in the fun factor of Shriner events. This is not a brand-new idea, however; it has been increasingly mentioned as part of what candidates and new members seek as they decide where to affiliate and give of their time. New members and candidates especially seek places where they can be of service and where their wives can participate as well. Spouses were invited to this Marketing and Membership seminar and to the Shrine Officer training in Tampa, too. And Spouses are invited to other meetings such as the regular Recorder Seminar. Long after a member forgets the purpose of an event, they will remember how that event made them feel. So, we must focus on enhancing our events whenever possible through making meaningful and deep emotional connections at critical event, member touchpoints. Suggesting that Shriners create memorable event touchpoints is easier than making that happen. Awareness that we need to be thinking in those terms is the first step to making it take place. Designing an event with surprise and delight within will make it memorable as well as successful.

Recruiting new members is another huge challenge we face. We are ALL members of the Membership Committee. I know, just like you, I have heard that for years; but it is true; and we must all work at it, individually and together. As Brother Masons, we also have inherent advantages. One is the universality of our comradeship, and that is something envied and sought by many. Your Divan has been discussing membership and has been trying to come up with effective approaches to make it happen. We will keep you advised of our progress. In the meantime, support El Kalah with your onion purchases; and come out to see the Salt Lake Bees with us on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Have fun, be happy and stay safe!

*Al Hokins, Chief Rabban*

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## From the Assistant Rabban



One of the best things about May is that all the allergy producing plants stop, and those with allergies can start to relax again. May is also the end of School in Utah. Parents get to have their kids again, which means, so you grandparents might be seeing more of your grandkids again. After the month of May we start preparation and start the Parade Season. Nobles, you might have seen an email from me asking for Club and Unit Presidents to contact me so the Potentate and I can set up time for a meeting about Parades. So far, I have heard from the Clowns, Mini-Bikers, Central Shrine Club, and Ogden Shrine Club. We have more clubs and units than this, please make sure you get ahold of me through my email: [NobleDannyDrew@gmail.com](mailto:NobleDannyDrew@gmail.com) Please do this as soon as possible, as time is of the essence. The goal of the Potentate, the elected Divan, and the appointed Divan is to make sure that the rest of this year is nothing but fun, if you have ideas, suggestions, or things to donate to our activities please feel free to contact any of us. Let the rest of your May be beautiful, happy, healthy, and amazing.

*Daniel Drew, Assistant Rabban*

## From the High Priest & prophet



El Kalah Shiner's "work hard and play hard!" Well, we have played hard so far this year, most groups made it to St. Patrick's Day Parade, and we have created 6 – 7 new Nobles. I say it is time to play Nobles. Let's Go Out to a Baseball Game. We are going as Shiner's with their families to a Salt Lake Bees game on May 22, at 1:00 pm when the pitching starts, so get there early 12:30ish. Tickets will be \$10, deadline to get tickets will be May 18<sup>th</sup>. Call Blake Hansen at (801) 850-2434 of the El Kalah Shiner office, at (801) 364-4421. We plan to go another game this summer, plan on a Saturday night game. In addition, in the fall we will be going to a hockey game as well. Back by popular demand, the race of all races, - the Pinewood Derby, will be on Sept 21 at the Salt Lake Masonic Temple, get your cars in racing ability now, we'll be racing some heavy contenders one Joanie Limb, the DeMolay and Jobies. Further details to be forthcoming.

*Blake Hansen, High Priest & Prophet*

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## From the Oriental Guide



Greetings to the Nobility, Ladies, and Friends:

All the Nobility and their families are the future of Shriners International. We must all work together to keep our wonderful philanthropy alive. Our Fezs are our brand, and we must be ever vigilant to protect the good name of our family fraternal organization. Imperial Potentate Bill Bailey at the Oriental Guide Leadership Conference in Tampa the first weekend of April, is very appreciative of all the good we do and wants to be sure we survive. Internationally the Shrine memberships have slipped from nearly one million members to less than 200,000 today. I think most of us in El Kalah can see the same concern with the membership in our Temple. We looked at many ways being successfully used in other Temples during the conference, but the message I heard was to tailor programs we feel will be successful in our Temple here in Utah.

Another top concern is the survival of our Temples. It was made very clear the finance for sustaining our medical philanthropy is very healthy. The finances of some Temples are not very healthy, and it is perfectly fine and encouraged by Imperial for Temples to promote fund raising for the Temples. It is imperative that fund raising for the Temple be clear that the contributions are not for Shriners Children's, pictures of the hospital may not be used on any advertisement for the event, and donations are not a deduction from taxable income. If our Temples do not survive it will be very difficult for our philanthropy to survive in perpetuity. If someone only wants to donate for the children, it goes without saying do not discourage them and it is deductible from taxable income.

I want to thank all the Nobility, Ladies, and friends, who provide their time, talent, and treasure to El Kalah. Without your commitment and dedication our Shrine organization would be far less effective. We need to share ideas on how to attract more members, provide activities, create new clubs and/or units that will be of interest to younger adults. My suggestions would include a group to share, discuss, and develop skills in use of social media. The promoting of a game night program where members would bring their families and favorite games and share them with other Shrine families and invite prospective members and their families. One Temple invested in extra-large game sets like chess, battleship, checkers, etc., that they found popular. An activity we can also promote is the First Lady Debby Bailey's detection of possible scoliosis. You can download a free App, SpineScreen, and it will instruct you on how to use the App to determine if an individual possibly has scoliosis.

*Michael Katsonis, Oriental Guide*

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## From the Recorder



This month I want to remind every Noble to check your personal records in WebFez. Each Noble can get in check or update his information. Use WebFez to verify your personal information, payments, and Shrine activity. **How to Register for WebFez:** Go to your browser's address bar and type in [webfez.shrinenet.org](http://webfez.shrinenet.org); Click the button on the Login page.; From the Registration page, choose your Temple from the drop-down list and then type in your Shrine ID (found on your membership card) and your First and Last names; Click on the

Register button. You will be directed to the Create a New Account page. On this page enter an E-mail address that you will use to log in with, confirm the E-mail address, and then enter and confirm your Password; Scroll down to read the WebFez User Agreement and Privacy policy. Agree by clicking the checkbox; After the checkbox is selected, click on Register. This will Register you for WebFez and log you into the system. **How to Log in to WebFez:** Important: To log in to WebFez, you must first be registered. If you have not yet registered, please see above. You only need to register once. To log in to WebFez please follow the steps below: Go to your browser's address bar and type in [webfez.shrinenet.org](http://webfez.shrinenet.org); Enter your login E-mail address and Password in the designated fields; Click Log in.

Also remember to check the Shriners International's website, <https://www.shrinersinternational.org/en>, there is a lot of good information there.

In closing the thought for the month: "*Life's tragedy is that we get old too soon and wise too late.*" — **Benjamin Franklin**

*Dave Hutchinson, Recorder*

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## From the Chaplain



Hello, Brother Nobles and Friends.

The April meeting was another good one. Attendance wasn't as good as we would like but the fellowship and the conversation were lively and enjoyable. I hope to see some more Nobles at our next meeting. We have a lot of activities planned for this summer and we need every Shriner to get involved in the fun. Now that COVID seems to be somewhat manageable it is time for us to get out and renew our friendships, throw away the "Hermit garments" and stir up the productive juices. Plans are for parades, baseball games, Pinewood Derby races, BBQs, and more. Don't forget to contact Noble Blake Hansen (or the El Kalah Office) to order your Vidalia onions. They are delicious! Especially when roasted in the special cookers that are also available.

Now, it's giggle time: *Glen suggests that if the meek ever do inherit the earth, they should get a good lawyer and fight the case. ~ Jim, our hunting guide, told us, "We're lost." "How can we be lost," Jeremy exclaimed. "You said you were the best guide in Utah!" Jim replied, "I am, but now we are in Wyoming." ~ Danny asked his boss for a raise. "Well," the boss replied, "due to the fluctational predisposition of your position's productive capacity as juxtaposed with industry standards, it would be monetarily injudicious to implement an increment." "I don't get it," Danny said. "Exactly." ~ Limbo suggests that the best safety device a car can have is a rearview mirror with a patrol car in it. ~ I don't mind running into debt. It's running into my creditors that is embarrassing. ~ Ya gotta wonder – if it is true that we are here to help others, then what are the others here for? Remember – don't blame me. I just plagiarize these from other sources.*

I hope I see you at the May meeting.

Chuck Warren, Chaplain

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# From Shriners Children's



Greetings from the Hill. Merlin Larsen reporting.

Shriners Children's is celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. It all started in June 1922. Since that time, many millions of dollars have been spent to pay for the great care Shriners is so famous for. Donations and Fund raising have been responsible for the vast majority of it. For most of those 100 years donations alone were all that was needed. In more recent years, medical costs have increased enormously, and have outstripped our ability to survive on donations alone. Shriners Children's has had to change its approach, a bit by accepting insurance for services rendered and we have relied more and more on our endowment to make it all happen. However, the need for fundraising has never been more important.

Since we have moved to an outpatient services and rehab center at our location, some have that thought fund raising was no longer necessary. **That thinking could not be more incorrect.** Even though surgeries are now done at Primary Children's, we are still financially responsible for our patients under our current guidelines.

I had an interesting experience this month and worth mentioning, I think. On the island of Kauai, Robyn and I took an ATV excursion through the mountain jungle at the heart of the island. It was a great time. My point is this small company providing the tours, Kipu Ranch Adventures, noticed Robyn was wearing the Shriners International PGA golf cap and suddenly the whole place became very excited. Turns out, that little company, in the middle of nowhere, recently held a fundraiser for, you guessed it, Shriners Hospitals for Children. They raised \$63,000 from an event they sponsored and for no other reason than they knew what a great cause Shriners is. Check out: <https://kiputours.com/support-shriners-hospital/>

All of us within the Shriners organization should be keenly aware of ways to support Shriners Children's. It's our calling. If total strangers can do it, we can too. It doesn't have to be big or grand, just an awareness of ways to help where you can, with what you can. Let's all start working together toward that end, today.

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

P.S. If you are ever on Kauai, take tour with Kipu Ranch Adventures, or just send a thank you note to them for their generous support of Shriners Children's

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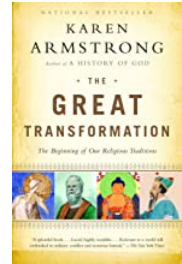
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# The Great Transformation



Quotes to ponder from the book I recommend for your summer reading:

“If the Buddha or Confucius had been asked whether they believed in God, he would probably have winced slightly and explained—with great courtesy—that ... what mattered was not what you believed but how you behaved.”



“Suffering must lead to the appreciation of other people’s pain... to love did not require to be constantly filled with warm affection... [it] meant to be helpful, loyal, to give practical support... to project themselves toward ‘the other,’ and to include within their sympathies those whose assumptions differed markedly from their own.”

“Without analytical rigor, you could not see the other’s point of view... Dionysian *ekstasis*, [was] a ‘stepping out’ of our ingrained prejudice and preconceptions to an act of compassion.”

As Masons, we celebrate these quotes in our lectures, particularly in our FC degree, where we are urged to practice “a different kind of charity, infinitely higher in merit and the aim of Masons.” And that is the main purpose of study: to TRAIN us, to subdue our passions, or TEMPERAMENT.

*Hugo Rodier, MD, Board of Governors, Shiner's Children's*

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## From the Ladies Oriental Shrine



As I am moving into the beginning of my year as High Priestess, I am in awe at the amazing works that we do and how big our footprint is on the world. I learn more and more every day and every day I am amazed and proud to be a part of this organization. I am looking forward to the summer and although we might be dark we are still very busy! May is going to be a busy month for the Ladies Oriental Shrine in May as we are going to be attending Grand Council in Seattle May 15-21<sup>st</sup>.

The Iris Court will go right into Grand Visitation with our newly installed Grand High Priestess. We will be touring the hospital with her on June 6<sup>th</sup> for anyone that would like to join us. A great recruitment opportunity! We are having a yard sale to raise money for our court on June 10 – 11<sup>th</sup> if you are doing any spring cleaning and would like to donate some things, please let us know!! We appreciate all the support we get from El Kalah and love not just working with you but also having fun while helping children!

*Kimberley Stenner, High Priestess*

## From the daughters of the Nile



Greetings Ladies, Nobles and Friends:

The 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Installation of the Officers of the daughters of the Nile was conducted on Saturday, April 9, 2022. Line Officers for the ensuing year are as follows: Queen, Sylvia Hokins, PQ; Princess Royal, Candice Sweet; Princess Tirzah, Robin Tomasetti; Princess Badoura, Linda Adams, PQ; Princess Recorder, Nicole Maxwell; Princess Banker, Susan Hutchinson, PQ. As the Queen, my theme for the year is Harmony. A most important aspect of all organizations, especially Masonic, is harmony. It is very important to remember that harmony is part of our pledge to one another. This year with participation, help and cooperation from everyone we will strive for harmony in all we do. A huge Thank you to members, Officers, and Ladies of the Household! We are all looking forward to a great year!

*Sylvia Hokins, Queen*

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# Shrine Family Calendar of Events

**May 5** 6:30pm LOS Ogden Club, University Broiler & Grill, 4343 Harrison Blvd. Ogden. Kim Stenner 801-582-1565

**May 7** 6:30pm Ogden Shrine Club dinner and Potentate visitation, Gray Cliff Lodge, 508 Ogden Canyon, Ogden. David Hutchinson 385-214-5268

**May 12** 6:30pm Nile Ogden Club, Hug-Hes Cafe, 1220 E 4800 S Ogden. Aline Smith 801-648-5457

**May 14-21** LOS Grand Council, Lake Washington, Seattle. Candice Sweet 801-791-5376

**May 18** 7:30pm El Kalah Shriners business meeting, Salt Lake Masonic Temple 650 E South Temple, Dave Hutchinson 385-214-5268

**May 19** 7:00pm Daughters of the Nile, Lybia Temple, Salt Lake Masonic Temple 650 E South Temple, Sylvia Hokins 972-672-2441

**May 22** 1:00pm Bee's Baseball, Smith's Ballpark, 77 W 1300 S, Salt Lake City. Blake Hansen 801-850-2434

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# Iris Court #47 Yard Sale

When: June 10-11

Time: 8 AM to 4 PM

Address: 375 East Bridlewalk  
Lane Murray, Ut 84107



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