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Minaret



Utah Shriners

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Summer is coming to an end

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September Birthdays

William F Phillips Jr.	9/1	William F Voorhees	9/6	David S Hutchinson	9/17
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				John D Limb P.P.	9/29

Black Camel

Andrew Kithas June 20, 1922 ~ July 15, 2022

Rest in Peace

New Members

NONE

Your Lodge brother's name should be here.

From the Potentate



Good morning, everyone.

I would like to thank everyone who were able to come out to our summer BBQ on the Masonic temple east lawn. We had a great time visiting and getting to know each other better. To me that is what we need in this fraternity, and we always seem too busy to make this happen. As you may have noticed after our business meetings the last few months before we went dark, we were having snacks and bs sessions in the small cafeteria. We will continue to do this for the rest of the year and hopefully into the future.

We have had a lot of activity over the last month. The Divan was able to attend and support some of our club picnic's. We attended the BBQ in price and got to know our Brothers there just a little bit better. The next weekend we traveled to support our Shrine club in Vernal. Man, they have this figured out. What an awesome turn out they had. It seems like the whole town shows up to support this event. The next event I was able to participate in was the Shrine Golf Tournament. What a great event, I have helped in the past, but this was my first year to play in the tournament. I hate to sound like a broken record, but this was another great event that I am proud to support. We are all Nobles and trying to support our cause in any way we can, and it makes me proud to know and support what I can.

As a reminder we will be having our Pinewood derby on September 21st at 7:30. So get your cars ready and come and support our El Kalah pinewood derby event. It should be a lot of fun and fellowship. As a reminder this will be a family event. So, bring your family and show them why we are a part of the greatest group in the world.

As always if you need anything or have any ideas for your Divan, please reach out to us and we will help in any way that we can. Thanks for all your support and let's have some fun.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Estes, Potentate

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From the Chief Rabban



Greetings Nobles and Friends,

As you all know, the long, hot Summer continued into August. Parade season continues with the Brigham City Peach Days celebration to cap it off. The Salt Lake Masonic Temple building will be opening for business on Friday, September 2nd. Worth knowing about the Salt Lake Masonic Temple are several items of interest to El Kalah: The roof on the Back Entrance has been replaced giving the building an entrance which does not leak and has a better appearance. The old boiler has been removed. The new boiler will be installed as soon as it arrives. The west side road has been torn out and will be replaced with a new road which will fit in with the rear of the newly constructed building. This roadwork should be completed in the next couple of weeks. During the process of tearing out the west road, one of the old cisterns for roof rainwater was uncovered. It is one of six such tanks in the plans in the ground around the Temple, but it had not been seen for at least 50 years. The old Carriage house which came down has been rebuilt on the south side of the lot, behind the new building. The contractor used some of the original, old (100+ years old) bricks in the rebuild. The old gathering place around the trash can/ash receptacle out the back entrance in the parking lot has been moved to the east lawn area. Additional lighting and heating units will be installed to make the area more conducive to “after meeting” informal meetings. That means the smoking area has also been moved to the east lawn area. The intent is to have a more comfortable outdoor meeting area and a better overlook area view from the residences in the new building. Parking challenges around the Temple will lessen as construction nears completion. We love the positive financial impact this new construction will continue to have on the Salt Lake Masonic Temple (SLMT) for the next 99 years!

As continuing a reminder, El Kalah welcomes Shriners and their families to attend parades on the sidelines with Fezzes: Brigham City Peach Days, September 10. Don't forget the Shriners Childrens Walk for Love on the evening of September 16th at Hogle Zoo.

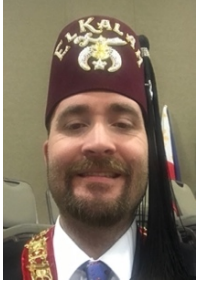
Please keep in mind the recruiting needs of our fraternity as we enjoy Summertime activities. Share our experiences with friends and neighbors. Many want the things which we offer and have. They just do not know how to proceed, and we can help them become Masons and Shriners.

Please be safe as the end of Summer arrives! We need each of you.

Al Hokins, Chief Rabban

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From the Assistant Rabban



August was such a fun month. Price Shrine Club started the month off with their yearly BBQ. The mini-bike unit had several fun parades they participated in. The Vernal Shrine Club also did their annual BBQ fundraiser as well, where many all Members of Ashley Lodge become "Shriners for a day" to help with the BBQ. Now we start September where College Football starts, public school is in full swing, and Freemasonry across the state opens back up. The summer days are still in full swing, but the days begin to be a little shorter, and we have less 90- and 100-degree days. Because September is when Freemasonry starts up across the state, so too does El Kalah. As many of my fellow Divan members have stated, we will kick things off with a pinewood derby this month, and all the bodies of Freemasonry has been invited to join. If what we are doing isn't fun, then why are we doing it? I am so excited and blessed to be part of this organization, and I am thankful every day that I get to serve. May the Grand Architect of the Universe Bless you and your family each day.

Daniel Drew, Assistant Rabban
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From the High Priest & prophet



Nobles,

You still have time to get your PINEWOOD DERBY CAR ready. We have the track reserved and pizza will be ordered. Jobies and DeMolay have been invited to compete also. The checkered flag will drop for the races on September 21 at 7:30 at the Banquet Hall, in the Salt Lake Masonic Temple. Bring your family to compete and eat as well. I have heard from a few of you about your interest in buying Sweet Potatoes. For the rest of you, I need to know by September 30th to decide if we have enough potential sales to see if we move forward. Call, text or email me at (801) 850-2434, brotherblake7@gmail.com or the El Kalah office at (801) 364-4421 or elkalahrecorder02@gmail.com

Blake Hansen, High Priest & Prophet
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From the Oriental Guide



Fellow Nobles, Ladies, and Friends:

I receive a tremendous amount of positive feedback while walking in the parades and can recommend it to any and everyone who is feeling down hearted with all the turmoil going on in the world, nation, neighborhood, or for no good reason at all. Walking in the parades is not even required. You can just show up and be a spectator, and if a Shriner, be sure to wear your Fez. We have a parade in Midway on Saturday, September 3; one in Brigham City on Saturday, September 10;

and one in Mesquite on Saturday, November 5.

We have such a wonderful fraternity and philanthropy, and I am surprised how often I have people approach me and ask what we do. Most will know about Shriners' Childrens' or our previous name of Childrens' Hospitals. Many are not aware of our providing artificial limbs, treatments for burns, cleft palate, and scoliosis. You can download an app, SpineScreen, on to your smart phone and use it to see if a child may have scoliosis. It is easy to use, and the app walks you through the procedure. Let's share our fraternity with our friends at every opportunity we have. We have a Walk for Love at the Hogle Zoo at 6PM on Friday, 16 September, with festivities beginning at 10 AM at Shriner's Children's with lunch at noon, Dinner at Hogle Zoo at 5 PM.

I recently attended a West Wendover City Council Meeting and explained to all present that the Shriner's are a private philanthropy that is supported by its members and as a Shriner we do not receive payment for what we do. In fact, we pay out of our own pocket for travel to parades and activities. I could tell most if not all present did not know this. I also added we provide our services for children and teenagers through the age of 17, and no one is turned away if they cannot pay. There was dead silence after my brief presentation and those present had a stunned look on their faces. I concluded they were unaware of this information or just in a hurry to conclude the meeting and go home. We definitely have a generational gap in knowledge about what we do, and how we do it. We need to get our message out. Don't forget the Pinewood Derby on 21 September and bring prospective members with you.

Sincerely,

Michael Katsonis, Oriental Guide

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From the Recorder



We summer is drawing to a close, thank goodness, we've had too many days of 100+ temperatures. But summer brings parades and the Shriners have participated in them this summer. I had to miss them because I was moving our daughters around Washington, Oregon, and Utah, glad that's over. One big parade left, Peach Days in Brigham City on September 10th, come and join in the fun.

Also, it's getting close to dues time, the dues notices will be sent out in early September. There are several ways to pay, PayPal on our website (elkalahshriners.org), send a check to El Kalah or pay on the Imperial website (shrinersinternational.org). If you haven't paid the 2022 dues, you'll need to get those too. There is a big change coming in the way Imperial handles dues cards and the annual stickers, they are going away soon. We will be moving to an electronic card that you will have on your smartphone. Most Nobles will not get an annual sticker for 2023, the e-card will be the proof of payment. For Nobles that do not own a smartphone, the local Temple can scan the QR code on your existing gold-colored membership hard card to instantly determine membership status and check-in for stated meetings/events. El Kalah has purchased a QR scanner and will roll it out at the Pinewood Derby on September 21st. It's not necessary to have your card to participate, we are just practicing. We will use it for the October regular meeting. When you pay your 2023 dues you can install the app (My FezCard Viewer) and get your e-card, which is now black. I've installed it on my phone, and it was very easy. There are several advantages to the e-card; automatically registers your attendance, verifies that your dues are up to date, calculates any points for attending events and it saves on postage which is getting expensive. It's not as painful as it sounds. If you have any questions, please contact me at elkalahrecorder02@gmail.com or 385-214-5268.

Closing thought for the month: *"A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives."* - [Jackie Robinson](#)

Dave Hutchinson, Recorder
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From the Chaplain



If you were not present at the Shriners BBQ Saturday, 18 August, you missed a good one. Illustrious Past Potentate Jerry Everett performed his customary chef duties on the grill and made sure nobody was allowed to go hungry. He prepared a delicious variety of dogs, brats, sausages, and burgers that kept us all well satisfied. Other attendees supplied numerous other goodies that added to the sumptuous feast. We were celebrating our 100th Anniversary and we did a good job of it, in my humble opinion. It was also Chief Rabban Al “Wilbur” Hokins’ birthday, so we had a fine time roasting him and singing Happy Birthday. It may have been a bit raucous and discordant, but it got the message across, nevertheless. We asked him how old he was, but he had his dark glasses on and wasn’t telling.

Now, it’s giggle time. Some of these may be even worse than what I’ve supplied in the past, but, Oh Well!!!: *Several of us went bald many years ago, but we still carry an old comb. We just can’t part with it. (I warned you!!) ~ Danny and Mike were out drinking when Danny fell off his bar stool onto the floor. “One thing about Danny,” Mike said to the bartender. “He knows when to stop”. ~ Did you hear the one about the roof? Never mind. It’s over your head. (Ooooooooooh) ~ Mr. Bill and his Lady often laugh about how competitive they are. But she laughs more. ~ Do you think if we send a letter to Washington D.C. and tell the politicians the brain is an app they will start using it? ~ Scientists say the universe is made up of protons, neutrons, and electrons. They forgot to mention morons. (Go back up to the previous one) ~ Glen and Leon went into a restaurant and ordered drinks. Then they took sandwiches out of their briefcases and started eating. “Hey, you can’t eat your own sandwiches here!” the waiter exclaimed. So, Glen and Leon traded sandwiches. (Sly rascals, these attorneys!!) ~ Jeremy says, one day, refrigerators will take their revenge. They will burst into your bedroom in the middle of the night, switch the light on, stare at you for a few minutes and then leave. ~ A man checked into a hotel for the first time and went up to his room. Soon after, he called the front desk and said, “You’ve given me a room with no exit. How do I get out?” “Sir, that’s absurd,” the desk clerk replied. “Have you looked for the door?”*

“Well,” the man said, “there’s one door that leads to the bathroom. There’s one that goes into the closet. And there’s a door I haven’t tried, but it has a ‘Do Not Disturb’ sign on it.” (Kind of reminds you of some people, huh?) Keep praying and maybe (slim chance) they’ll be better next month.

Chuck Warren, Chaplain
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Have you a small coin/ego?



Understandably we focus on the exoteric meaning of our ritual. Esoteric interpretation is subjective and potentially misleading. However, there is a place for it. Let's not throw out the baby with the bathwater. Some Masons recoil at the very mention of "esoteric." But a more Masonic approach would be to study it and take what is relevant to our individual journey Eastward. Considering other people's point of view does not mean we agree wholeheartedly with them, but that we wish to understand where they are coming from and, perhaps, moderate our own views, especially if we hold extremist ideologies. This is likely if our ego is a wee bit oversized.

Our Senior Steward warns us about an inflated ego: we must *"divest ourselves of all worldly distinctions and equipment which are not in keeping with the humble, reverent and childlike nature it is now your duty to assume."* The Stewards then divest us of any metallic substance to render us *"duly and truly prepared"* to enter our Lodge, a symbol of the spiritual realm. Later, the Worshipful Master asks us if we have a *"small coin"* to teach us a lesson on charity, the Exoteric meaning of that exchange.

The Esoteric meaning, in my view, is that we must have a small ego to not only be charitable, but to *"subdue our passions and improve ourselves in Masonry."* Remember that in the FC degree we are introduced to *"another kind of charity, infinitely higher in merit and the aim of Masons:"* to accept and tolerate each other's flaws and be ready to forgive each other. That definitely takes a small coin/ego.

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From the Daughters of the Nile



Greetings, Ladies and Friends!

September is here and it is time to resume our normal schedule. The Salt Lake Masonic Temple will be opening, and we will be starting our regular Stated Sessions. This year September is a very special time for the Daughters of the Nile. We are so looking forward to the official visit of the Supreme Queen, Vickie Hill. Our Ceremonial will be Monday, September 19th. Tuesday, September 20th is the Supreme

Queen's official visit to Shriners Children's Salt Lake City. The Daughters of the Nile are working very hard to make this a memorable visit for the Supreme Queen to Lybia Temple No. 32.

Sylvia Hokins, Queen

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From the Ladies Oriental Shrine



Well, Iris Court is hosting WAOUM here in Salt Lake. All the talk and work is coming together to make a fantastic Unit Meet! We appreciate all the love and support from El Kalah. The July 24th parade was a lot of fun!! Thanks to Danny Drew for driving our trailer. We had a great time at the picnic afterwards too. The Golf Tournament was a lot of fun! I learned so much about how we all work together to support our hospital and the kids it serves. Happy 100th birthday to the

Hospital. Thanks for allowing Iris Court to participate in the event! I look forward to it for next year and doing more work with the hospital. Speaking of the Walk of Love is coming up in September and we would love to help anywhere needed!! I hope to have the opportunity to help or participate as it will be at the Hogle Zoo this year! Walk of Love and Hogle Zoo! What could be better!! Our Grand visitation update Lady Linda Figler has a serious infection in her right foot. She has been released from the hospital but will be rehabbing in Cincinnati for the next few weeks until she is cleared to travel. We are still not scheduled for our Grand Visitation, but it will probably be sometime in February or March.

Kimberley Stenner, High Priestess

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Shrine Family Calendar of Events

September 1 6:30pm LOS Ogden Club, University Broiler & Grill, 4343 Harrison Blvd. Ogden. Kathy Wentzel 801-388-9361

September 3 10:00am Midway Parade David Hutchinson 385-214-5268

September 8-10 LOS Western Area Unit Meet, Little America Hotel, Salt Lake City. Kim Stenner 801-582-1565

September 10 10:00am, Brigham City Peach Days Parade, David Hutchinson 385-214-5268

September 15 7:00pm Daughters of the Nile Stated Session, SL Masonic Temple, Sylvia Hokins 801-294-2449

September 16 Time 6:00pm, Walk for Love Shriners Children, Hoogle Zoo, <https://lovetotherescue.org/events/walk-for-love-salt-lake-city-ut/>

September 19 7:00pm Daughters of the Nile Ceremonial, Salt Lake Masonic Temple. Sylvia Hokins 801-294-2449

September 20 Daughters of the Nile Supreme Queen's official visit to Shriners Children's Salt Lake City. Sylvia Hokins 801-294-2449

September 21 7:30pm, El Kalah Shriners Pinewood Derby, SLC Masonic Temple, Blake Hansen 801-850-2434

September 22 7:00pm LOS Court Meeting, SL Masonic Temple, Kim Stenner 801-582-1565

Send Shrine Family Calendar of Events updates to
Dave Hutchinson, Recorder at elkalahrecorder02@gmail.com

Shrine Family Photo Album



Pictures of the Shrine summer picnic, August 18 at the Salt Lake Masonic Temple submitted by Ashley Childs.

We are always looking for Shrine family pictures and videos. Send yours to jsweetinogden2@yahoo.com and you may see them in the Minaret.

El Kalah Shriners Present



September 21, 2022 7:00 pm
Salt Lake City Masonic Temple
DeMolay & Job's Daughters Invited to Compete
Follow BSA Pinewood Derby Rules
No Registration Fee
Dinner is Pizza

Contact:

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Blake Hansen at brotherblake7@gmail.com

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Contact Noble Tim Stenner
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Walk for LOVE

AT HOGLE ZOO!

Friday, September 16, 2022

Or Virtual! (September 10-17)

Shriners & Ladies!

Come join us for a walk on the wild side as we celebrate **100 years of Shriners Children's**. This year's Walk for LOVE is at Hogle Zoo. Join us for festivities at Shriners Children's during the day, followed by an evening walk at the zoo.

Or participate in our virtual Walk for LOVE, Sept. 10-17, 2022 from the convenience of your own neighborhood.

Kick-off Festivities

at Shriners Children's

Friday, September 16

10 a.m.	Facility Tours
12 p.m.	Lunch
1 p.m.	Board Meeting (Shriners)
2:30 p.m.	Free time

Walk for LOVE

at Hogle Zoo

Friday, September 16

5 p.m.	Dinner
6 p.m.	Walk for LOVE begins
9 p.m.	Event concludes

Register for either our Walk for LOVE at the zoo, or our Virtual Walk, at walkforlove.org. RSVP for tours, lunch and dinner to Kathy Kelly Huston at 801-536-3700 by September 9.

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