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**Utah Shriners**

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*Happy Thanksgiving  
from the Potentate and Officers  
of El Kalah Shrine*

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1985 Jerold R. Cochran	2003/2019 Robert N. Shupe	2013 William H. Broyles
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1997 George Auer	2011/2020 John D. Limb	2018 Paul Madsen
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## *November Birthdays*

Karac Bronyraur	11/1	D E Drew	11/8	Charles E Warren Sr.	11/24
R. D Brown	11/1	Robert A Miller	11/9	Frank W Smith	11/25
David R Brewer	11/4	Ray Klepzig	11/13	Donald L Egbert	11/26
Lee R Nielsen	11/6	Michael R Tonkinson	11/13	John R Testi	11/26
Matt Dunlap	11/6	Rudolph Zamora Jr	11/17	John Gilbert	11/28
Michael G Katsonis	11/7	Thomas G Woodbury	11/17	Aaron D Tafoya	11/29
Scott Lamb	11/7	Brad J Harmon	11/19	Brian B Anderson	11/29
		James L Sweet P.P.	11/21		

## *Black Camel*

NONE

*Rest in Peace*

## *New Members*

Charles Conrad

*Your Lodge brother's name should be here.*

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## From the Potentate



Greeting all!

Wow can you believe that we are close to the end of the year already? With the end of the year comes elections. As a reminder we will have elections in December like normal. One difference may be the location. As a lot of you are aware the Salt Lake Masonic Temple is getting a new boiler that has not been installed yet. If the building is too cold in December, we may look for a new location to have elections. I will keep you posted on that.

This last month was a busy month again. We held our first in person meeting since we went dark. While we were few in numbers, we had a lot of fun. I was out of town for a week for work and came back in time to attend the Utah Grand Chapter Installation OES. I had never attended that before and it was interesting to watch. We were able to sit next to a past Grand Patron who explained the ceremony to my wife and me.

It has been a great past two years serving as your Potentate. I hope that I have met your expectations. It was very enjoyable to get out and meet some of our Nobles from around the state. As well as representing El Kalah for the last two years at the Imperial Session. I have been asked to serve as a member of the Imperial Outer Guard Aid Committee. It should be a lot of fun for the next year.

I guess as I write it down it does not seem like I did a lot, but I sure felt busy. I look forward to seeing all of you at the November 16<sup>th</sup> Business meeting. Let us hope for a quick meeting some fellowship after the meeting. As always if there is anything that your Divan can do, please reach out to one of us and we will see if we are able to help.

One final thought we have had some Nobles with some health challenges over the last several months, please keep all of them in your prayers.

*Jeremy Estes, Potentate*

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# From the Chief Rabban



Greetings Nobles and Friends,

I hope everybody had a fun and safe Halloween! It's time to back away from the bags of Halloween candy...

By now, everyone should be aware that we are beginning to feel the result of no boiler in the Salt Lake Masonic Temple (SLMT). No heat in the building is not only uncomfortable and inconvenient for human occupants, but it is a distinct hazard for the health of the building, itself. The inside must be kept at a temperature above freezing to protect the water lines throughout the nearly 100-year-old edifice. October weather was kind this year, and, therefore, meetings in the SLMT were largely without negative impact from having no boiler as the weather began to cool down. El Kalah's October, mid-month meeting hardly noticed the boiler absence. We will closely monitor conditions inside the building as they evolve in November. Please bear with us and be prepared to respond to any potential changes in location which could result from a cold weather impact on the SLMT. Thank you in advance for your patience with this unexpected turn in events.

The basic problem is with manufacturing of the new boiler. We are told there are not enough skilled technicians to build the new boilers being ordered. We are still awaiting the new boiler to be delivered for installation as soon as it arrives. Current projected arrival and installation remain December 2022. Please be prepared for cooler than usual SLMT in the meantime.

Parking challenges around the Temple continue but the contractors have removed some office space and surrendered some parking lot space. Work continues with completion planned for early 2023.

There was a very successful Grand Master's Class at the Bountiful Temple in October. Twenty-four new Master Masons from around the state left the building that day. Keep your eye out for new Shriners from that group! Please keep in mind the recruiting needs of our fraternity as we enjoy Autumn activities. Share your 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 Winter approaches! We need each of you to be active Shriners.

*Al Hokins, Chief Rabban*

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## From the Assistant Rabban



Dear Nobles and Ladies

November is the time we remember those who came to our continent, lived through a harsh winter, and then shared their bounty with those who helped them through a tough winter. We are now going through a tough winter of our lives, and I would like us all to remember that as we have been given much we too must give. Not just that of possessions, but that of help, that of brother help, love, and kindness. We have all been given a great bounty as was our pilgrim ancestors. That bounty might be in wisdom, family, friends, knowledge, and even food. But let it also be in love. As the savior said, love one another as I have loved you. With every brother that we see, we should ensure that they have the same shelter, food, brotherly and kindness that we all receive. Us, let us remember that “we love the lord thy God with all thy heart, might, mind and strength, and the second is like unto it love thy neighbor as thyself”. Giving of ourselves to our fellow man, especially a fellow mason is how we as Nobles can truly serve!

Sincerely

*Daniel Drew, Assistant Rabban*  
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## From the High Priest & prophet



Nobles, now that baseball is winding down for the season. We have another sporting event we will attend for a final bash for this year. We as a temple and our families are invited to attend a Hockey game on November 25 between the Utah Grizzlies and the Troy Tickets our \$28 as well. Contact me if you would like to go, how many tickets you need, and your payments for your tickets. 801-850-2434 or at [brotherblake7@gmail.com](mailto:brotherblake7@gmail.com). Deadline for tickets is November 22.

*Blake Hansen, High Priest & Prophet*  
[Brotherblake7@gmail.com](mailto:Brotherblake7@gmail.com)

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## From the Oriental Guide



Dear Nobles, Ladies, and Friends:

Was Danny Thomas a Shriner? The short answer is yes. For our younger Nobles, who may have never heard of Danny Thomas, he was the energy behind the building of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis. On my last tour of our Shriners Children's, the day at the Hogle Zoo, there were Shriners from California and one of them mentioned that we have a famous fellow Noble Danny Thomas. Being an old guy, I knew who he was, as I watched his television show, 'Make

Room for Daddy,' and 'The Danny Thomas Show.' He had a very successful career, and had promised St, Jude when he was young and struggling, 'Help me find my way in life, and I will build you a shrine.' In 1962 with help from business people in Memphis, St Jude Hospital was opened.

Danny Thomas was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on March 15, 1984; in Gothic Lodge #270 F&AM, Hamilton Square, NJ. He became a 32<sup>nd</sup> degree Scottish Rite Mason and a Noble of Al Malaikah in May of 1985. Al Mailaikah is in Los Angeles, and I think the fellow Noble who mentioned Danny Thomas was from Al Mailaikah.

My reason for sharing this, is it is nice to know a famous, successful, and tremendously generous individual, who has nothing to prove to the world, decided to become a Freemason, and join Shriners. To me it says he recognized our fraternity was an honorable organization with honorable men and women working to provide an important service to our communities. We have reason to be proud and should not let the past few years of struggle with COVID, discourage us. We want El Kalah to survive and thrive. Try to stay as active as you can in Shrine events. We have great fun at them. If you have an idea on an event you would like to see available, please mention it to us, and we can see if we can make it happen.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving. Please consider getting your flu vaccine, COVID boosters, and the original COVID vaccine, if you have not already received it.

Sincerely,

*Michael Katsonis, Oriental Guide*

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## From the Recorder



The year is coming to a close, we've already had snow and we're getting ready for the holidays. The year has been good for El Kalah Shriners, participation is good, and enthusiasm is up. We had good participation at the parades and members of the Divan have attended many meetings of our appendant bodies, especially our Potentate. Our picnic was a lot of fun as was the Pinewood Derby in September, it was great. We're hoping to have many more participants and spectators for 2023 Pinewood Derby. Let's keep up the momentum and make the rest of this year and 2023 fantastic.

And with the end of the year approaching, it's also dues time. We should all get our dues paid by the end of the year and there are several ways to do this. One can pay through the Imperial website, EL Kalah website or mail a check to the El Kalah offices.

A word about our 2023 elections, there is a new Imperial requirement for being Potentate, the candidate must have attended either the Assistant Rabban or Oriental Guide Conference, prior service as a Potentate doesn't count.

To keep El Kalah successful, we need our members to be involved, attend the meetings, special events and make suggestions to improve us. If you have suggestions or questions, contact a Divan member but don't be silent.

*"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose."* — [Dr. Seuss](#)

Dave Hutchinson, Recorder

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# From the Chaplain



My Dear Brother Nobles, Ladies, and Friends.

It seems as if this is the season for us geriatric folks to fall apart a bit. I know of at least three Brothers who have undergone surgery, and a couple of our Ladies, as well. This getting old stuff ain't for weaklings, that's for sure! I hope you aren't one of those who has been in distress. I haven't heard from anyone, so I am in the dark. If you or someone you know is having issues, please let me know. I believe it my responsibility to stay in touch with all El Kalah and to provide whatever sympathy and comfort I can during times of unhappiness, illness, or mental anguish. But I can't help those I am unaware of.

'Nuff of the serious stuff. It's time for some fun. *Danny told me the other day that running into debt doesn't bother him. It's the running into his creditors that's upsetting. ~ Al went to his businessman's club last week and was surprised to see three other men and a dog playing poker in the card room. Pausing to watch, he commented on the extraordinary performance of the dog. "He's not so smart as all that," the dog's owner, one of the foursomes, replied in disgust. "Every time he gets a good hand, he wags his tail." ~ Past Potentate, Lyn, sent his tee shot into the woods, then hit a few trees, then proceeded to hit all the way across the fairway into some woods. Finally, he proceeded into a sand trap. He noticed that the club pro had been watching him. "What club should I use now?" he asked. "That depends," the pro replied. "What game are you playing?" ~ Potentate Jeremy said for him a night at the opera is watching a play he doesn't like, sung in a language he doesn't understand, wearing a tuxedo that doesn't fit. ~ Secretary, Hutch was in a tour group gazing into the depths of the Grand Canyon. "Do you know," asked the guide, "that it took millions and millions of years for this great abyss to be carved?" "Well, I'll be darned," Hutch exclaimed. "I never knew this was a government job." ~ You know you're getting old when work is a lot less fun, and fun is a lot more work.*

Keep hanging in there and we'll see ya next month.

Chuck Warren, Chaplain

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# Braindroppings on Science



As a scientist, I value its findings. They guide my work and my beliefs. Without it, we would still be stuck in the Middle Ages, or worse. But, like everything else, science has its shadow side: an inability to deal with issues that are not readily measured or visible.

In Masonry, we are taught in the Fellow Craft Degree that science and reason are an integral part to our belief system, as it should be. But ignoring that even science is based on beliefs creates significant problems, like blinding itself to further advances that may render present scientific dogma as incorrect. Also, science may become arrogant in its material approach and reject matters of the heart, which Masonry highlights in our Entered Apprentice Degree.

Presently, our society is quite divided on scientific issues. All too often, the public is unable to distinguish misinformation on the internet and scientific facts. Why? Because of our belief systems. Before rejecting any scientific fact or claim, we do well to examine our beliefs. Where do they come from? Is our culture, upbringing, and education (or lack thereof) coloring our interpretation of information? In the words of the Junior Warden in the 20<sup>th</sup> Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, *“there is no merit in him who entertains a belief without examination or investigation on the evidence upon which such belief is based.”*

As always, a balance of Strength (Science) and Wisdom (Philosophy) is best. Again, listened to that Junior Warden: *“[We seek after] light, the light of knowledge, science AND Philosophy.”*

Hugo Rodier, MD

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## From the Ladies Oriental Shrine



November is a time to be thankful. To be thankful for our country, how it began and what it stands for and for what all we have. It is also a time of reflection and realizing what we have, what we have been through and all the blessings we have, including friends, family, and opportunities. These challenging times can make us lose sight of the things our country has fought to preserve, and so a time of reflection of the freedoms we have is important. The veterans that have sacrificed for us to vote, worship even to meet as Masonic bodies. With all the holidays approaching Happy Veterans Day and Happy Thanksgiving! Be safe through the holidays and love to all!!

Kimberley Stenner, High Priestess [navetusa@gmail.com](mailto:navetusa@gmail.com)

## From the Daughters of the Nile



Greetings, Ladies and Friends!

I hope you all have enjoyed this great Fall weather we have been having. It is time to stop eating Halloween candy that the children brought home. The Daughters of the Nile had planned a wonderful event that was to take place at the Salt Lake Masonic Temple (SLMT) on November 4th. A fabulous Dinner Theater: with vignettes from plays by William Shakespeare by a group of experienced Shakespearian actors – a unique and fun evening! However, since the SLMT boiler is not in commission at the present time in our beautiful, nearly 100-year-old building there is no heat for the dining room. Without heat, you can just imagine how cold and uncomfortable it would be to try to accomplish a fun time for all. The temple dining room and other large room – the auditorium – have been closed since they are so difficult to heat under the current circumstances. Don't worry we will be having our fundraiser later. Our Dinner Theater Planners had done a spectacular job and will advise when the 're-schedule date' is known. Our special thank you goes out to all the Ladies who are working so hard at this project for us! Thanks to each of you for your efforts to make this a memorable month for Lybia Temple No. 32!

Looking forward to more of the Masonic Family!

Sylvia Hokins, Queen [Sylviahokins@gmail.com](mailto:Sylviahokins@gmail.com)

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# Shrine Family Calendar of Events

**November 3** 6:30pm LOS Ogden Club dinner meeting, University Broiler & Grill, 4343 Harrison Blvd. Ogden. Kathy Wentzel 801-388-9361

**November 6** Daylight Savings Time

**November 8** Election Day

**November 10** 6:30pm Ogden Nile Club meeting, Merrill Lee Warren 801-866-8255

**November 12** 10:00am LOS business meeting, Ogden Masonic Temple, 1240 20<sup>th</sup> St. Ogden, Kim Stenner 801-582-1565

**November 16** 7:30pm, El Kalah Shriners business meeting, Salt Lake Masonic Temple, Dave Hutchison 801-773-2197

**November 17** 7:00pm Daughters of the Nile Stated Session, Salt Lake Masonic Temple, Sylvia Hokins 801-294-2449

**November 24** Thanksgiving

**November 25** 7:00m Grizzlies Hockey Game, 3200 Decker Lake Dr. West Valley City. Blake Hansen 801-850-2434

Send Shrine Family Calendar of Events updates to  
Dave Hutchinson, Recorder at [elkalahrecorder02@gmail.com](mailto:elkalahrecorder02@gmail.com)

## Calling all Veterans, Shriners and their Families

Saturday November 12 - Northern Utah Veteran's Day Parade in Layton, step off at 11:11am starting at Colonial Dr and Wasatch Dr and processing around the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall and ending 1 block south of that point.

Following the parade, the Mini-Bike Unit will host a BBQ and Fundraiser at the American Legion Post 129, 604 S 7800 E, Huntsville.

Meal \$20 per person and all extra funds will be donated back to the temple to help with Fire Truck and Yellowstone Bus repair needs. Drinks need to be purchased separately.

Save the date and come out and help support our parade vehicles!

Send RSVPs to: Shaun Davis, (801) 209-7333, [shaundavis815@icloud.com](mailto:shaundavis815@icloud.com)

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# Go to a hockey game with El Kalah Shriners



November 25<sup>th</sup> game starts at 7:00 pm

Box Seating includes food and soft drinks

\$60.00 per person

RSVP to Blake Hansen, [brotherblake7@gmail.com](mailto:brotherblake7@gmail.com) 801-850-2434

RSVP by November 23.

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*Iris Court #47 Annual Christmas Party  
and  
Fundraiser*



**December 10**

**12pm-4 PM**

**Social hour 12pm to 1pm**

**Edison Street, 3331 S Edison St, Salt Lake City**

**Price: \$27**

**Menu: Chicken Cordon Bleu or Roast Baron of Beef  
with Brown Gravy, Green Beans with Mushrooms and  
Bacon, Baked Potato, Coffee, and Soft Drinks**

**Live and silent auctions**

Contact Lady Karen for reservations, and meal choice  
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