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Norman A. Smith, May 15, 1940 ~ November 1, 2022

Jon W. Harris, PP, February 12, 1938 ~ November 4, 2022

Duane Carpenter, PGM, September 2, 1930 ~ November 12, 2022

Joseph C. Matson, February 5, 1930 ~ November 13, 2022

Rest in Peace

New Members

None

Your Lodge brother's name should be here.

From the Potentate



Greeting all!

I hope everyone is doing well and had a great Thanksgiving spending time with friends and family. As we get closer to the end of the year things are starting to slow just a bit. We were able to attend a few events this month. We supported the Job's Daughters Scholarship dinner to support them. We had a couple of parades that we tried to participate in, but the weather did not cooperate with us, and we had to cancel our participation. Hopefully next year will be better.

We as a temple attended a Grizzley Hockey game on black Friday. This was a great event, and we had several families that attended. I hope to see this type of thing continue for years to come. It is a great way for our families to get to know each other as well as some good fellowship.

On a side note, My Lady and I had the opportunity to go to dinner with a fellow noble from Tigris temple in New York. He was here on some training we meet up right before he left. It is interesting to see how there are so many similarities between the two temples. From our conversations it sounds like both temples have similar struggles. But it was great to visit with another noble.

I want to thank Dawn Wright from Shriners Children's Salt Lake for attending and giving a presentation at our last business meeting. She was able to give us some insight on what was going on up there as well as give us some new pamphlets that they are using. Illustrious Sir Lynn Larsen also gave a presentation on past and present famous Shriners. There were several that I was not aware of. Big thanks to both for coming and presenting to us.

We also had the opportunity to step up in our chairs for the November meeting. This gave everyone an opportunity to try the next chair above where they had been seated all year. I would have to say that they all did a great job with those new responsibilities.

As a final reminder our business meeting in December will be our elections. Make sure that you come out and have your voice heard for the next leadership for our temple. I look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting. Thanks for a great year.

Jeremy Estes, Potentate

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From the Chief Rabban



Season's Greetings to All!

A highlight of the Thanksgiving Weekend was a Grizzlies Hockey game with the Trois-Rivières, Quebec Lions team at the Maverik Center. We had about 30 Shriners and family members enjoy an entertaining evening together. The Utah Grizzlies held their own against the Trois-Rivières Lions during the first period; but the game was not decided until the final minutes of the third period. The Grizzlies stayed in the game until the end, but the 'farm team' of the Montreal Canadiens prevailed. Despite the home team's loss, the evening of fellowship was enjoyed by all. The time with family and friends is a treasure we all seek. The High Priest and Prophet along with the Potentate pulled this event together for us. A hearty thanks to them!

As we enter the final month of 2022, may we all strive to keep our focus on the meaning of this Season and on those around us. Our families, our friends and our brotherhood are important and should be cherished. Those less fortunate should be remembered as well. We want to publicly thank our families for supporting us throughout this past year. There were several events throughout the year which were opportunities for El Kalah to step out into the public eye, have some fun, be Shriners and help Shriners Childrens. My Lady, Sylvia and I wish each of you a fine Holiday Season and a very Happy New Year!

Sincerely and Fraternaly

Al Hokins, Chief Rabban

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From the Assistant Rabban



Dear Nobles and Ladies

One of my favorite stories at Christmas is “The Gift of the Magi.” I am sharing this in my articles this holiday season as I believe it is something we all need. “A young couple, Jim, and Della, poor but very loving. It is Christmas time and Della wants to buy a nice Christmas present for her husband – however, she has extraordinarily little money. One of Della’s treasured assets is her beautiful, layered hair – but since she did not have enough savings to buy Jim’s Christmas presents, she cut and sold her hair for \$20 and bought it. Perfect gift for Jim. Jim also sells his grandfather’s precious gold pocket watch – something he holds firmly on his lap – to buy a present for her. When he returned home, Jim was dumbfounded when he found Della’s new hairstyle. Della had bought a watch strap for Jim’s favorite pocket watch, and he bought precious hair combs for her long hair. When they received the gifts, they realized they were no longer helpful to them. The two sold their precious possessions to make each other happy, showing their love for each other. This story is about the personal sacrifices people make to their loved ones.” May I suggest that we look for our own “Gift of the Magi” in our lives, with our co-workers, friends and family and see what truly is most important in life. Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas.

Sincerely and Fraternaly

Daniel Drew, Assistant Rabban
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From the High Priest & prophet



Nobles,

If you haven't heard about the Sweet Potatoes sales, we had to cancel due to costs and the number of sales were roughly equal and would lead to a complete loss of debt. The farm we get the onions from was who was supplying the sweet potatoes. They have limited sales on this coast in this season. So, shipping costs are very high, and the cost would have cost the same amount as or more than our sales. So, we would

have lost money rather than raise money from the sales. When they send at other times of the year. Like when we have the onion sales, they have way more sales this way. That reduces the shipping costs. So, the shipping costs are lower. And our sales are higher with the onions. If you are still interested in sweet potatoes! We can order some when we get the onions. Yeah, you may say that they're out of season, but you can at least try them. Maybe we can gain more interest in them. Or look to another supplier next season.

I hope all the Nobles, ladies and families that attended the hockey game, enjoyed the game and friendship. Thanks to all 34 that attended and sorry to those that didn't make it. You missed seeing the Potentate's and his daughters dance moves.

This last month we saw a few Black Camels arrive at our Oasis. Noble Norm Smith will be missed when attending the BBQ after the Price parade. We're thankful for your diligence in being an awesome Onion salesman for your Club. Our clowns have shed some tears as we have lost a great clown, Noble Jon "Spinner" Harris PP. He had a last walk around this last month. Personally, I want to thank him for teaching me and other clowns, "How to be a Shiner Clown." From his welcome spirit, camaraderie when clowning around, teaching all new clowns how to make their face, and his knack of earning funding for our temple's needs. I will always remember you when I see a Spinner and a bagpiper as they fade off in the distance.

I want to thank our Illustrious Potentate Jeremy Estes for his work and service to our temple these past two years. "Well done our faithful servant. Hope you stick around and help keep our temple as strong as you have built it." Thanks for your service, fellow Nobles. I hope to continue to help serve you Nobles, and this temple as an elected Divan member in the upcoming year.

Yours in Service

Blake Hansen, High Priest & Prophet

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From the Oriental Guide



Fellow Nobles, Ladies, and Friends:

The celebration of Thanksgiving and the recent attendance at the Utah Grizzlies hockey game remind me how important our social activities are in bringing us a sense of belonging and having a support group of like-minded individuals. Our Masonic family can provide us with an environment of calm and normalcy when it appears the upheavals and distractions in our society are methodically disintegrating our institutions, the quality of our life, our morals, faith, and oaths. Wow,

what a depressing opening paragraph, or is it? We do have one of the best anchors in our lives, each other. For me it has been one of the best decisions I ever made to take the Entering Apprentice Degree, Fellowcraft, Master Mason, Scottish Rite, joining the Shrine and finally the York Rite. I have benefited by the friendship of countless men in Masonry and their examples of how to be a better man, friend, and coach. With God's help I pray I continue to improve.

My message is for all of us to do what we can to encourage men with values like ours to join us and share with them how Masonry and our fellow Masons have enriched our lives. Our ladies can reach out to the wives of men who may be interested in joining a service organization like ours, by sharing with them how our organizations enrich their lives. I find it refreshing to be off the internet, the cell phone, and actually interacting with other human beings in person and not online. I have found Benjamin Franklin's concern that if the rebels in 1776 did not all hang together, they would surely all hang separately. Let us not hang separately. We have a great philanthropy with the support of a large healthy financial foundation. I fear there are those who would love to see our Shrine Temple memberships fall apart and then they can swoop in and figure out how to redirect our foundation to support their interests and not ours. I frequently remember the lyrics of the Animal's ballad, 'I'm just a soul whose intentions are good, Oh Lord please don't let me be misunderstood.' In our world today we have those who do misunderstand, some who will pretend to misunderstand to misrepresent us, and perhaps defame our character. We need to be careful not to give anyone any ammunition to use against us. Thank you all for what you do for the Shrine and Masonry. I am pleased and thankful that you support me, befriend me, and treat me like family. May you all have a wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Michael Katsonis, Oriental Guide

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From the Recorder



I hope everyone had a good time over Thanksgiving, enjoying family and good food. Christmas is coming fast, have you started your shopping? I haven't, it's a challenge to shop on Christmas Eve! Back to business, if you haven't paid your 2023 Shrine dues, now is a good time. A couple of our Nobles have had difficulties trying to pay them, if you have problems get ahold of me (385-214-5268) and we should be able to work it out. The turnout at our November regular meeting was pretty low, please come to the meetings and support El Kalah. And in December we hold the elections so come and help to build EL Kalah. The Salt Lake Masonic Temple still doesn't have any regular heat, just auxiliary electric heaters in some of the rooms. During the Scottish Rite Reunion, it was cool but not too bad, just wish I had warmer shoes. We don't know if the boiler will be installed by our meeting (probably not) so dress a little warmer and come to the meeting. 2022 was pretty good for El Kalah, we attended the parades, had the picnic and the pinewood derby, attended a baseball and hockey game and fellowship was great at the events, it was a fun year. Only 1 month left in 2022 and all the end of year activities are just ramping up. While we're enjoying all the festivities and stay safe and remember to drive sober. *Christmas isn't a season. It's a feeling.* - [Edna Ferber](#)

Merry Christmas to all.

Dave Hutchinson, Recorder
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From the Chaplain



M Dear Brother Nobles and Ladies,

I hope every single one of you is well and safe this Holiday Season. As I prepare this message it is near the end of November, and we have just attended the funerals and memorials of 4 leaders of our Masonic family. Two of them were Past Grand Masters. I believe all were members of El Kalah Shriners. May they rest in Peace. As I attended these ceremonies for our departed Brethren, I remembered all of them as good men and Masons. All contributed significantly to our fraternity and to their community in many ways. We can learn from the actions of these great Brothers, and we should attempt to continue their good works.

By the time you receive this edition of the Minaret, you will probably be deeply involved in the frenzied activities that accompany this joyous season. I wish each and every one of you a safe, healthy, and Merry Christmas, a Joyous Noel, and a Happy Hanukkah.

Now, it is time for some levity. *Mike took his Boy Scouts out for a hike. He asked one of his Scouts "How could you get lost? Didn't you have your compass?" "Yes," the Scout replied, "but it kept pointing north when I wanted to go south!" (Kinda reminds you of some of our Nobles, huh?) ~ When an application asks who is to be notified in case of emergency, I always write, "A very good doctor." ~ Which arm is the Statue of Liberty holding over her head? The one with the torch. ~ To Al, the glass is half empty. To Jeremy, the glass is half full. To Danny, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be. ~ Why does a slight tax increase cost you \$200 and a substantial tax cut saves you 30 cents? ~ What did the pirate say when he turned 80? "Aye matey."* Remember, a while back I said they could get worse and, sure enough, they got worse.

Happy Holidays!

y Dear Brother Nobles, Ladies, and Friends.

Chuck Warren, Chaplain

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The Magic Flute



As you probably know, Mozart's opera is a thinly veiled masonic initiation. It is redolent with masonic symbols. If you wish to dive deeper into this work, read the last issue of the Heredom, the yearly publication of the Scottish Rites Research Society I wish to highlight two symbols from the opera. The first symbol is the serpent chasing Tamino. After killing it, Tamino uses it as steppingstones to enter the temple of wisdom. The living serpent represents our ego. It must be subdued to get wisdom. In other words, our egos keep us from obtaining wisdom. Why would we be open to others' ideas and beliefs if ours are so, so superior? The second symbol is the magic flute: as the centerpiece of the opera, it fulfills one of masonry's basic building blocks: BALANCE. Without it, life is maddening jungle of opposites pulling us from one extreme to another. Many of us resolve the tension thus created by choosing one extreme and demonizing the other. The consequences of such a choice are dire. Can a bird fly true with only one wing? The flute produces HARMONIOUS music. Harmony is another word for BALANCE. We cannot attain nor apply the wisdom of BALANCE until we subdue our ego.

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From the Daughters of the Nile



Greetings, Ladies and Friends!

I want to wish a wonderful Holiday Season to all the Masonic Bodies in Utah! May it be a blessed time for all your Families and Friends! There are many ways to celebrate the Holiday Season and the Christmas traditions. Let us keep the true meaning of Christmas Season, thanking God for sending His Son.

Sylvia Hokins, Queen

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From the Ladies Oriental Shrine



The holidays always seem to me to be a time of nostalgia. Remembering things past, being in the present and looking to the future. We seldom take time to do these things as our lives tend to be busy, busy busy. I hope that everyone takes a few moments over the holidays to be like Ebenezer and look at the past, present, and future! Sometimes in the moment, we forget how far we have come and how we got to where we are and appreciate who helped us get there. Please take a moment to come to our Christmas party on December 10th at the Edison Organ Loft, it is always a great time and Christmas music by organ is a beautiful way to remember the season! We are also still selling RADA knives on the website. They would make a great gift for someone in your family!

Kimberley Stenner, High Priestess navetusa@gmail.com

Shrine Family Calendar of Events

December 1 6:00pm Ogden LOS Club Christmas Party, Candice Sweet residence 2002 Jennifer Dr., Ogden. Kathy Wentzel 801-388-9361

December 4 6:00pm Ogden Shrine Club Toy Party, Ogden Masonic Temple 1240 20th St. Ogden, Dave Hutchison 801-773-2197

December 8 6:30pm Ogden Nile Club meeting, Merrill Lee Warren 801-866-8255

December 10 12:00 LOS Christmas Party, Edison Street Grill, Kim Stenner 801-663-0766

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

December 18 Hanukkah starts.

December 21 7:30pm, El Kalah Shrine business meeting and elections, Salt Lake Masonic Temple, Dave Hutchison 801-773-2197

December 25 Christmas!

December 26 Hanukkah ends.



SHRINERS TOY PARTY

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Sunday, December 4, 2022

6:00 pm Ogden Masonic Temple
Dining Room

Father Christmas for the kids

Jobies will sing

Snacks

*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
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