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From the Potentate



Greetings Nobles and Friends,

The month of March started the El Kalah Parade schedule as it commonly does – with a cold, yet sunny day. The week-long threat of Saturday snow thankfully faded away. The crowd seemed much larger this year than in past years. Our big, yellow, 1939 Yellowstone bus carried the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Utah Masons, Noble Travis McGuire and his Lady, Alexis along with several Shrine passengers including our most recent Past Potentate, Jeremy Estes and yours truly. We all had a fine time with the crowds along the route as well as a wonderful ride. In addition, we had Clown participation and four minibikes.

At the end of the parade route, our most Noble Estes circulated among the parade viewers wearing his Fez. He received a significant number of inquiries about how to become a Shriner. Hopefully, next year El Kalah will have even more Shriners in the crowd with additional petitions to hand out.

A visit to Price found us meeting with Price Masons and Shriners as they rebuild their Shrine Club. Price Masons are excited to participate in our Onion/Sweet Potato sales project as a means for them to raise some money and help El Kalah at the same time. Don't forget: El Kalah needs you – to buy onions and sweet potatoes!

El Kalah will continue work on recruiting. The Divan is planning to continue its travel to reach out to Masons in Vernal, Cedar City, Moab and St George as well as to Logan, Brigham City and all around the state. Our emphasis throughout the year MUST be on recruiting! New members are the life blood of our fraternity. We need your help and participation to make El Kalah grow!

This afternoon, as I shoveled my driveway, a young man came up to me with snow shovel in hand and volunteered to help me finish the job. Of course, I accepted his offer. In the process of conversation as we shoveled, he asked me about current travels. I told him that I was headed out to a Shriner meeting. He immediately and proudly said he is a Shrine Hospital Kid. He was 17 when he was sent to Shriners to have several broken bones repaired from an accident. Soon after that, he asked me how he could become a Shriner. While he is not a Master Mason, I seized upon his questions, and his process to join us has begun.

Have a wonderful Spring season (in spite of the snow – we need the water)!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

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From the Chief Rabban



Dear Nobles and Ladies.

Management consultant Peter Drucker, PhD, once described leadership as being about follower-ship. I think when people think or contemplate about leadership they think of a job title, in freemasonry it's a title of a position.

Being assertive, having a “position” or even charismatic isn't actual leadership. So, when we think about our fraternity and El Kalah what is leadership? I think we can look at leadership as the outcome the person gets from the actions they do. For example, we can look at the outcomes of forming a new club in St. George and adding new Nobles to our ranks last year as a sign of leadership. Leadership is what the Central Shrine Club came up with, to try and see if they could figure out if the Kelly Grove Pavilion could be viable and profitable long term and if not, then what to do with it next, and coming before the Divan and then Nobles to put that plan into motion! The Hogan group (Hogan, R., Curphy, G., Kaiser, R., & Chamorro-Premuzic, T. (2018). Leadership in Organizations.) tells us that “leadership style is affected by a leader's performance across four leadership domains.” Those four domains are: **Intrapersonal** – handling pressure, challenge, and learning; **Interpersonal** – facilitating communication and connections; **Operational** – driving results, accountability, and structure; and **Strategic** – creating vision and strategy for the future. As Hogan goes on to say “If effective leadership is like mountain climbing, then many routes exist to reach the summit. Individual leaders have a combination of strengths that produce a rich and complex interplay among the

domains.” You will see these domains of leadership among many of the elected Divan members. It is understanding the difference between leadership and management that leads between a good year and a great year for us in El Kalah. The five-year plan that has been developed, and started in 2019, is one of leadership and not management. It allows for the ability that no leader is a manager but a leader because all leaders rely on all members of the elected Divan, so we can have continuation of what we have been working on, and so it continues into the future, just as we embody what we have learned from the Utah Grand Lodge! As leadership is dependent on collaboration of its leadership it also depends on its membership to speak up and talk to us as well. Please remember to talk to any member of the elected with any ideas or concerns you might have!

Sincerely,

Daniel Drew, Chief Rabban
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From the Assistant Rabban



Nobles and Ladies,

My phone isn't ringing off the hook, and my mailbox and email are not full of orders either. Every one of you should help by buying a bag or more with a cooker. All proceeds go to the transportation fund. So after the first of April I should have a mailbox and email full of orders, along with my phone ringing off the hook. See the flyers for additional details.

Blake Hansen, Assistant Raban
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From the Oriental Guide



Dear Nobles, Ladies, and Friends:

What is a Shriner? I have been asked this question many times over the last couple decades and I give a short recount of the history of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine. Does that explain anything to the inquisitor? Maybe. Shriners are men, who are also Masons. Each and every one of us is unique, because God made us that way. There is no one definition for a Shriner. Those of you who know my history know I am a Shriner because I met a polio victim in second grade, because my last name begins with a K and hers began with an L, and we were seated alphabetically. I was six and she had just turned 7 and had a heavy steel brace on her left leg. I was good at math and she was either not so good at math or was clever enough to ask me to help her so I would feel important. I fell in love and I feel she did too. The rest of this story you already know.

It is important for all Shriners to look in the mirror and ask themselves why they joined. Dig deep and explore the real reasons you became a Shriner and continue to be a Shriner. Did you join because you wanted to help children? I feel all of you joined for that reason, and pray I am correct. Do you continue to be a Shriner because you want to help children? Again, I pray I am correct you do continue to be a Shriner for

that reason. This may sound like I am cynical concerning the motives of our membership in El Kalah. I am not. If we are going to convince other men of good character to join us we must be able to give them our reasons and sound sincere while we are giving our reasons. If you have not explored your own emotions for why you love our philanthropy, it will not give the full impact of just how rewarding what we do is for us. We can talk about what our philanthropy does for the children, their families, and their friends, but that personal, emotional reward is a strong motivator for others to join us, and must be sincere when communicated. Anything less may come across as phony.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

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From the Recorder



March has been pretty busy, the best part was attending the Recorders Annual Conference in San Antonio, Texas. Recorders from all over the country get together and learn how to do our jobs better. There are presentations from the WebFez support staff, Imperial staff and other recorders. This is my second year and it was very informative again.

One new thing that we are doing is putting out an annual calendar each month which includes events from El Kalah, Daughters of the Nile and the Ladies of the Oriental Shrine. If you want to have an event listed

please let me know as soon as you can.

Don't let yesterday use up too much of today. **Will Rogers**

Dave Hutchinson, Recorder
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From the Chaplain



Hello there, dear Brother Nobles and Ladies;

As I compose this little tidbit for April, I look out my window and wonder – what happened to Springtime? Last month I chatted with you about gardening, harvesting your beautiful tomatoes, etc., etc., but here we are still making snowmen and enjoying (maybe not so much) the wintry wonderland. I know we all agree we need the water but – Really?? Regardless, one of the unwanted side effects of this gloomy weather can sometimes be what I refer to as “Cabin fever”. Some of us, especially our Seniors, are cooped up and unable to get out and about to shop, socialize, or do any of the things humans are fond of doing. If you know of such a person (sure you do), maybe give them a phone call? Many of us are in the habit nowadays of relying on the computer to perform all of our communications, but a phone call is much more personal and some of our Seniors are not all that computer literate. Take that extra moment and call an old friend and just say, “Hi, howzitgoin?” You both will be glad you did. You could even share some of my ridiculous jokes and stories if you are desperate for a topic of conversation!

Innocence Is Priceless

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Albert standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names and small American flags mounted on either side of it. The six-year-old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the little boy, and said quietly, "Good morning, Albert." "Good morning, Pastor," he replied, still focused on the plaque. "Pastor, what is this?" The pastor said, "Well son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service." Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque. Finally, little Albert's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear asked, "Which service, the 8:30 or the 10:45?"

We Need Proofreaders

Did I read that sign right? **TOILET OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW.**

In a Laundromat: **AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT.**

In a London department store: **BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS...**

Outside a second-hand shop: **WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?**

Message on a leaflet: **IF YOU CANNOT READ THIS LEAFLET WILL TELL YOU HOW TO GET LESSONS.**

And finally, on a repair shop door: **WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING. (PLEASE KNOCK HARD ON THE DOOR - THE BELL DOESN'T**

WORK.)

Proofreading is a dying art, wouldn't you say?

Chuck Warren, Chaplain
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From the Board of Governors



Greetings All!

Over the next several months I will be highlighting portions of the 2022 annual letter to the staff of Shriners Children's, Salt Lake City from Dr. Carroll, Chief of Staff. As you will see 2022 was a year of challenge, change and success. I hope you keep the staff, their patients and families in your thoughts and prayers throughout this year.

With the help of our departmental leaders, here is a synopsis of our accomplishments in 2022 as an outpatient facility:

From Jenna and Kristen: Surgery

Our Surgical volumes at Primary Children's Hospital continue to rise through the year. High census due to viral infections (COVID, RSV and flu) curtailed activity in January and February and again in December, but despite this, we completed surgery on many of our children, and were still able to protect them from severe financial strain.

This year our three Shriners physicians did roughly 300 surgeries on our Shriners children. In addition, Drs. Hennessey and Woiczik did

nearly 400 cases on call so we could maintain our privileges at Primary Children's Hospital. In addition, many of these 'on call' children eventually became Shriners patients. Our subcontracted physician partners from the University of Utah did 250 cases.

In addition to surgery, over 50 children had bisphosphonate infusions for their fragile bone done at the Rapid Therapy Unit at Primary Children's Hospital. These were kids with not only osteogenesis imperfecta but also muscular dystrophy and other chronic conditions that decreases their bone mass. This took tremendous coordination, and I am incredibly grateful to Wade Walter, Emily Tyler and our MD associates who helped these kids get the life changing care they needed at Primary Children's Hospital with Shriners backing.

Stay tuned folks for more from the amazing staff of Shriners Children's.

In-Kind giving is always welcome at Shriners Children's, Salt Lake City. Here is the link to the giving guidelines: **[Giving Guidelines](#)**.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Jim Sweet, PP, Board of Governors
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And Improve Myself in Masonry

How do we do that?

The main thing seems to be "*To learn to subdue our passions.*" Well, good luck with that! If you are like me, it



takes a lifetime to do it. In my case, with mixed results. But, it seems we need a handful of other attitudes or qualities to do begin the process. In my opinion, two are essential: humility and flexibility of mind. They are related. And they will lead us to the prized Cardinal virtues of Temperance, Prudence, Fortitude and Justice.

It seems like a lot of work, right? Fortunately, the journey of a thousand miles begins with one step. We have already taken "*the first step in Masonry*," For my second step I chose **flexibility of mind**.

"How rapidly the mind adjusts itself," wrote Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. Indeed. The good news is that we thus stand a chance to change our bad habits and control our passions. So, when we come across people with new ideas and shining examples of character/passions refinement, we stand a chance to emulate them. If we remain inflexible and closed off, we are not likely to "*improve ourselves in Masonry*."

So, what was/will be your second step given your own experiences? Whatever it may be, it is good that we don't travel alone; we journey with our families, loved ones and our brethren with whom we " *dwell together in unity*."

Hugo Rodier, MD
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From the Daughters of the Nile

Greetings friends,



Thank you for your support as I begin this year-long journey as Queen of Lybia Temple No. 32, Daughters of the Nile. As I said at my installation I have three goals this year. The first and foremost is to continue our work supporting our one and only charity - Shriner's Childrens.

We do this by participating in fundraising activities and helping with events, sewing and any special projects that come our way. My second goal is to deepen friendships and begin new ones. The third goal is easy - have some FUN!

I'm looking forward to a fun and active year. If you know someone interested in joining us please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Candice Sweet, Queen, Lybia Temple No. 32
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From the Ladies Oriental Shrine



Hello Nobles and friends,

I just want to take a second and introduce myself!

My name is Jessica Norton, and I was just installed as High Priestess of Iris Court #47 of LOSNA! I hope that if you ever need anything from us white fezzes, you can contact any of us and we'll be happy to help in any way we can!

I want to thank all of you for coming to our installation on the first! It was wonderful to have you and I always appreciate seeing all the support from you! I look forward to writing more articles to tell you all about our year and what we will be having planned!

As I said earlier in the article, I am looking forward to this year, and sharing what we are doing! Please keep your eyes out for that!

Thank you so much for the support again and taking the time to read this.

Jessica Norton, High Priestess
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From the Grand Council Ladies Oriental Shrine Foundation



The Foundation continues to support children and patients of Shriner's Childrens. In mid-March, at our regular meeting of the Board of Directors, \$80,000 was donated to several camps and units.

\$25,000 to Camp Ytiliba in Ohio for children with burns.

\$25,000 to Victory Junction Camp in North Carolina, specifically for Shrine kids.

\$25,000 to the adaptive bike program at Twin Cities

\$5,000 to Chicago's Build a Bear program.

The Foundation is a 501(C) (3) organization committed to the kids of Shriner's Childrens. We do not have an endowment, paid staff or keep a large bank balance, every dollar donated is given directly to help our children. There is nothing more satisfying than to be able to send kids to a week of camp or to see that quality of life is improved by your donations to our Foundation.

Tax day is approaching - please consider donating to the Grand

Council LOS Foundation.

Candice Sweet, Board of Directors
Grand Council Ladies Oriental Shrine Foundation
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Shrine Family Calendar of Events for March

1st Ladies of the Oriental Shrine Installation, SLCMT, 1:00pm

6th Ogden Ladies Oriental Shrine Club business meeting, University Broiler, Ogden, 6:30pm

9th Easter Sunday

13th Ogden Nile Club business meeting, University Broiler, Ogden, 6:30pm

19th El Kalah Divan business meeting, SLCMT, 6:30pm

19th EL Kalah stated meeting, SLCMT, 7:00pm

20th Daughters of the Nile stated session, SLCMT, 7:00pm

27th Ladies Oriental Shrine stated meeting, SLCMT, 7:00 pm

23rd Minibikes Club business meeting, American Legion Post 71, Salt Lake City 4:00 pm

29th Deadline to purchase sweet potatoes and onions



2023 EL KALAH SHRINERS SWEET POTATOES SALES

EL KALAH SHRINERS IS NOW SELLING SWEET POTATOES.
SEEING AS WE WERE NOT ABLE TO GET THEM LAST YEAR HERE IS YOUR CHANCE
AGAIN TO TRY THEM.

WE HAVE:
10-POUND BAGS OF SWEET POTATOES - \$10 A BAG
5-POUND BAG FOR \$5 A BAG

APRIL 29, 2023 IS THE ORDER DEADLINE

GET YOUR ORDERS TOGETHER AND GET THEM TO **BLAKE HANSEN** BY
APRIL 29,2203. MAKE YOUR CHECKS OUT TO **EL KALAH SHRINERS**.
CONTACT **BLAKE HANSEN** (brotherblake7@gmail.com) AT 801-850-2434 (CELL).
ORDERS CAN BE TAKEN AT THE EL KALAH SHRINE OFFICE, **801-364-4421**.

MAIL CHECKS TO:
BLAKE HANSEN
58 NORTH 750 EAST
AMERICAN FORK, UT 84003.

DELIVERY OF SWEET POTATOES TO BE BY THE END OF MAY
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP FOR OUR SHRINERS!

Proceeds benefit El Kalah Shriners and are not tax deductible as charitable contributions.



2022 EL KALAH SHRINERS VIDALIA ONION SALES

EL KALAH SHRINERS IS NOW SELLING VIDALIA ONIONS.

WE HAVE:

10-POUND BAGS OF ONIONS \$12 EACH

5-POUND BAGS OF ONIONS \$6 EACH

ONION COOKERS FOR \$6.00 EACH

VIDALIA BLOSSOM DIPPING SAUCE \$6.00 PER BOTTLE

- GET YOUR ORDERS TOGETHER AND GET THEM TO BLAKE HANSEN BY APRIL 29, 2023. MAKE YOUR CHECKS OUT TO EL KALAH SHRINE. THERE IS A \$1.00 PER 5-POUND BAG AND \$2.00 PER 10-POUND BAG BACK TO EACH GROUP WHO SELLS 30 BAGS OF ONIONS OR MORE.

CONTACT BLAKE HANSEN (brotherblake7@gmail.com) AT **801-850-2434** (CELL). ORDERS CAN BE TAKEN AT THE EL KALAH SHRINE OFFICE, **801-364-4421**. MAIL CHECKS TO:

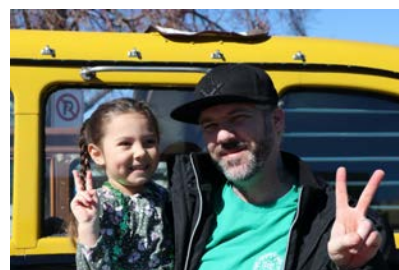
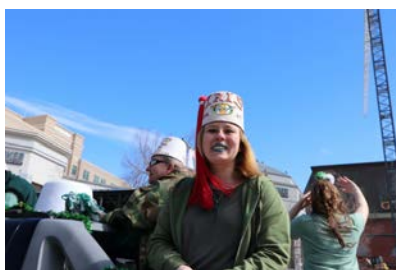
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DELIVERY OF ONIONS TO BE IN MIDDLE TO END OF MAY. THANKS FOR YOUR HELP FOR

OUR SHRINERS! Proceeds benefit El Kalah Shriners and are not tax deductible as charitable contributions.

Shrine Family Photo Album

The following beautiful pictures of the St. Patriotic Parade were taken by Ashley C. Enjoy!



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