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From the Potentate



Greetings Nobles and Friends,

May arrived along with rising temperatures which led to various low-level flooding throughout the area. I hope everyone is staying dry and doing well. Despite low-level flooding, various roads have been wiped out causing significant inconvenience in many locations. The Ogden Shrine Club had to postpone its Spring Dinner meeting at Gray Cliff because that road was temporarily destroyed.

El Kalah Stated meeting discussions about the status of our Kelley Grove property was postponed again because researching the deeds has been difficult. Documentation goes back into the 1970s and is complicated by municipal system upgrades since that 'ancient' time. In the meantime, there have been a couple of very beneficial volunteers who stepped in to offer much needed services. Noble Chaplain Chuck Warren and his Lady Merrill-Lee have offered to do monthly site upkeep for the Summer. We owe them a huge Thank You for their help! Also, Brother Paul Wordelman has offered to handle bookings and advertising for leasing the property during the Summer. His phone number is 801-654-2000 if you have any leads for him to contact. Brother Paul also deserves a BIG Thank you!

This month, I have spent several hours participating in Webinars by Imperial about Financial topics to consider for approval during the

Imperial Session in Charlotte in July. For the past several years, they requested \$20 per year increase in Imperial per capita was not approved by voting delegates resulting in predicted budget deficits. In an effort to gain support from the delegates, a massive pre-meeting education campaign has taken place.

El Kalah continues emphasis on recruiting as do all Shrine Centers world-wide. Shriners International is still in its best position in decades to post a net-positive membership growth for the first 6 months of the year, January 1 through June 30, 2023. Everyone knows that New Members are the life blood of our fraternity. We need your help and participation to make El Kalah grow!

Have a wonderful season as we enjoy the Summer and the parades that go with it!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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Illustrious Potentate Al Hokins "FEZED' Most Worshipful Grand Master Travis Maguire at the May 17 stated meeting of El Kalah Shrine. The Grand Master was accompanied by his friend Alexis.

From the Chief Rabban



Dear Nobles and Ladies.

Recently, in class I am teaching my 7th graders about Entrepreneurs and Entrepreneurship and part of that is the traits of an Entrepreneur. I wanted to adjust one of those traits to us, because as I taught it today it resonated with me that is how I feel about El Kalah and the Shrine. The trait is: Passionate about their Business

So let me adjust it and say: Passionate about El Kalah and the Shrine. Here is how I feel about it. I/we have to thoroughly enjoy what I/we are doing - - there will be long days and nights and some point El Kalah and the shrine can be consuming. If I/we aren't fully passionate about what we are doing the added stress and obstacles will build on our shoulders, and lead to it not being enjoyable and the collapse of our passions for it.

Nobles, brothers, ladies, and friends, as we start June and go into this summer, please share with all those in our Masonic family how passionate you are about being a Shriner and the reasons why, so that we can come back in September and grow this proud temple of ours.

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From the Assistant Rabban



Nobles & Ladies

This month El Kalah is going to help take you out to a baseball game. June 24th we will go to a Salt Lake Bees ball game against the Sugland Space Cowboys. For a \$20 a ticket you can join the fun watching America's favorite pastime. You get to see fireworks as a bonus after the game.

Let me know how many tickets you want (801) 850-2434
or **brotherblake7@gmail.com** by June 23. You will also need to
download the Smith's Ballpark app and open an account and let me
know the username to send your tickets. Game starts at 6:35 pm and
wear your summer (ball cap) FEZ.

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From the Oriental Guide



Fellow Nobles, Ladies, and Friends:

We are quickly approaching the height of Parade Season for El Kalah, and I am excited to be able to get out of the house and participate. It is exhilarating to see so many families and children along the parade routes who are appreciative of what we do as Shriners in their communities for their children.

South Jordan Summerfest Parade June 3rd

Murray Fun Days Parade July 4th

Bountiful Hand Cart Day Parade July 15th

Ogden Pioneer Days Parade July 24th

We also have a Salt Lake City Bees baseball game on June 24th.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the parades and the baseball game in June and July.

Sincerely

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From the High Priest & Profet



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From the Recorder



Hello Nobles,

A heads up, since the Salt Lake Masonic Temple is closing for the summer on June 16th we won't have a June Regular Meeting. We will pick up in September with the Pinewood Derby on September 20th. DeMolay, Jobies and adults are invited to participate. Last year it was a lot of fun so get your car ready and come and have a good time. Even if you don't race come and cheer the racers on. The summer is also parade season. Check the calendar for parade dates. For details on the parades contact our Marshal, Shaun Davis at shaundavis815@icloud.com.

"Our prime purpose in life is to help others. And if you can't help them, at least don't hurt them." Dali Lama

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From the Chaplain

Hello again, Brother Nobles and Ladies;

I saw a news interview on the television recently that really startled me. A young father and his ten-year-old son were being interviewed by the reporter shortly after barely



surviving some very treacherous floodwaters. It seems that the father had accompanied his young son into waters that appeared to be somewhat calm. They had no life jackets or other safety equipment -- only what appeared to be flimsy tubes similar to a child's toy. Shortly after entering the waters, it became apparent that the flow was rapidly becoming overwhelming, and the pair needed help. Only due to the efforts of some locals and the rescue personnel were they safely recovered from the rushing waters. Oddly, it seemed almost like a lark to the father and son. Both seemed almost amused by the circumstances. The fact that they both nearly perished didn't seem to enter their minds! The child's mother didn't take part in the interview, but I suspect she had murder in her eye!

Regardless, I think there may be a couple of adages that are appropriate in this situation. Oldies like "Look before you leap," "Engage brain before proceeding," etc. We all are exposed to dangers daily that we may not completely be aware of or understand the consequences of. Be careful, stay aware of your surroundings, and stay alive.

Now, a lighter side.

A banker fell overboard from a sailboat. A friend grabbed a life preserver and held it up, not knowing if the banker could swim, and shouted, "Can you float alone?" "Obviously," the banker replied, "but this is a heck of a time to be talking business."

Danny said to one of his students, "It's clear you haven't been studying your geography. Why not?" "Well," the student replied, "my dad says the world is changing every day. So, I decided to wait until it settles down."

Signs of our economy – a sign in a local store states: FOR A SHORT TIME ONLY – 10 FOR THE PRICE OF A DOZEN.

A city slicker asked Blake, "Is it correct to say, 'a hen lays eggs' or 'a hen lies eggs'?" Blake replied, "Around here, we usually just lift her up to see."

Why did the doughnut maker retire? He was tired of the hole business. Shaun says, "A picture is worth a thousand words, but it takes longer to

load.”

I warned you last month. Just wait!! We haven't reached the bottom yet!!

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 Alyssa about our international kids:

Alyssa has moved on to working for Headquarters as a soldier of our international mission- I am glad that she is there to fight for our children in other countries and their access to our care. In addition, she still helps with our Juarez Telehealth and the coordination of operative care with the Portland Shriner's Children's Hospital.

“We provided over 90 telehealth/FTVV visits for our Mexico patients in 2022. The Juarez telehealth clinic will continue for the near future, though we are working on details to hold an in-person new patient screening clinic in El Paso during the first quarter of 2023. We have continued to collaborate with our sister facility in Portland to provide surgical services for these patients, with 20 surgeries performed this year. We were also able to start welcoming back our international AOT** patients, with many more slated to come for services in 2023.

Our staff is really looking forward to an in-person clinic held with Portland in El Paso.”

We are still in the market for a patient navigator to help with scheduling AOT appointments and travel. If you know someone interested in helping with this mission who has amazing Spanish language skills, please let us know!

**Adenomatoid odontogenic tumor (AOT) is a benign (hamartomatous) lesion of odontogenic origin and an uncommon tumor which affects young individuals with a female predominance, mainly in the second decade. This lesion is most commonly located in the anterior maxilla and is usually associated with an impacted canine tooth.

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**](#).

Jim Sweet, PP, Board of Governors
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Two Deaths



We celebrated Memorial Day last month. It gave us a chance to think about our beloved departed and our own mortality. The fact that we will soon join them disconcerts some of us.

Is this true for you? For most people, the fear of death is not overtly acknowledged. It thus raises its head in an unhealthy preoccupation with our bodies. Some even try plastic surgery. Many seek every medical test available, even when feeling perfectly well, to see if there may be something they can do to forestall the inevitable. Of course, prevention of disease is a worthy goal, but not when it becomes obsessive.

The fear of death signals that our ego is still in firm control. It does not understand that we are “*a ray of the Divine Light.*” If it did, we would not be afraid to rejoin The Source of that Light.

The fear of “the little death” vanishes when we suffer “the big death,” the death of our ego. No, we cannot kill our ego, but by understanding its childish drive to be in control, it loses its power without a struggle.

So, brethren, I wish that we all come to regard “the little death” *“not as a grim tyrant, but as a kind messenger sent to translate us from the imperfect, to the perfect, glorious and celestial Grand Lodge above,”* and *“approach our grave like the man who wraps the drapery of his couch around him and lays down to peaceful sleep.”*

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From the Daughters of the Nile



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From the Ladies Oriental Shrine



Hello Nobles, ladies, and friends

June is an exciting time for Ladies Oriental Shrine!
We have the yard sale on the second and third of June!
This is going to be at 8731 S 3780 W West Jordan, Ut
84088. We are also still doing the rada knives and the

website for that is

<https://radafundraising.com/?>

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and just hit that you are supporting Iris Court! It has amazing gifts for all occasions!

I'm also excited to be going to the formal opening and installation of Grand Bethel of Job's Daughters of Utah closer to the end of the month!

Please keep your eyes out for more exciting events from us and thank you for your support of LOSNA!

Jessica Norton, High Priestess

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Shrine Family Calendar of Events for June

- 2 -3 LOS Yard Sale
 - 3rd South Jordan Summerfest Parade
 - 14th Flag Day
 - 17th West Valley West Fest Parade
 - 18th Father's Day
 - 24th Bee's Baseball Game RSVP to Blake Hansen
 - 24th Lehi Round-up Grand Parade
 - 25th Minibikes Club Meeting, American Legion
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LET'S GO TO A BASEBALL GAME
AS NOBLES WITH OUR FAMILIES.
WE'RE GOING JUNE 24 @ 1 PM \$20 A TICKET
LET BLAKE HANSEN KNOW BY JUNE 23rd
(801) 850-2434, or brotherblake7@gmail.com
FIREWORKS AT THE END OF THE GAME
NOBLES WEAR YOUR SUMMER FEZ BALLCAP

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