

El Kalah Shriners

Minaret

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From the Potentate



Greetings Shriners and Friends,

We started the month of June with a work day at the Kelley Grove Pavilion. Although the workforce was fewer than 10, including one Shriner's Lady, we got the job done. Several minor repairs were identified and put on the To-Do list. Those chores were subsequently fixed along with a re-do of security by a locksmith.

The day after our Kelley Grove clean-up, several Shriners met at our Salt Lake City Hospital building to participate with the High School Seniors, football players from Wyoming on June 5th. Each year, Wyoming Shriners hold a North-South Shrine Bowl football game. Our Shrine brothers in Wyoming have graciously provided the proceeds of this game to benefit the Salt Lake Shriners Childrens facility each year. El Kalah Stated meeting discussions about the status of our Kelley Grove lots was postponed until the Fall. The Realtor has contacted me this past week after completing his research. He is ready to present what he has learned.

As you know, Brother Paul Wordelman is handling bookings and advertising for leasing Kelley's Grove 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!

Several El Kalah Shriners will be heading for Charlotte, NC for the Shriners International Imperial Session, June 30 through July 6, 2023. It will be fun to see old friends and participate in the work and festivities!

Past Potentate, Jeremy Estes is doing a fund raiser for El Kalah - custom Shriner belt buckles. Please contact II Sir Jeremy to place your order.

We need your help and participation to make a good showing for El Kalah at the Ogden Pioneer Days Parade on July 24th and the after-parade activities at the Ogden Masonic Temple!
Please Be safe and enjoy the Summer!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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From the Chief Rabban



Dear Nobles and Ladies.

The role of a leader in a volunteer organization such as EL Kalah has unique challenges. Because the leaders first must remember that all members of El Kalah are here in a volunteer situation and that they are first and foremost freemasons. Remembering that they are freemasons, they must understand Freemasonry, its tenets, its teachings, its practices, its organization, and the authority and responsibility of the Grand Lodge of Utah.

Members of El Kalah need to realize that there are usually three styles as the occasion demands, but most people will tend to favor one style over the other.

1.) The collaborative leader. This leader shares responsibility

with the other lodge officers. The collaborative leader works with the divan officers, club, and unit officers and the El Kalah membership in a harmonious way to ensure things are accomplished. This isn't to say they delegate their authority away, just allow ownership with membership of El Kalah.

2.) The unification leader. This type of leader works to overcome tensions and fractures among the nobles within El Kalah. Ensuring that Brotherly Love and Friendship always prevails.

3.) The growth leader. This type of leader would create a project or a program to strengthen El Kalah and its members. In the past, before the five-year plan, a growth leader's plans would go away after that potentate left office. But with the five-year plan, the goal is to create plans as an elected divan that continues from one potentate to the next.

We sometimes are lucky, and we get a leader who can be all 3 collaborative leaders who unifies and builds El Kalah. We hope that through the processes that have been created, that each year, that potentate that you elect will have at least 1 or more of those pre-mentioned attributes.

What we don't want is someone who acts as if they are Dictator, all must answer them, it is their way or the highway, and if you don't do what they want, you will be punished. We don't want someone who acts like "the masonic police". What we don't want is someone our members are afraid to talk to and communicate their opinions and beliefs with because they are afraid of retaliation. What we don't want is for our members to feel like the Divan is heavy handed. That is why John Limb, Jeremy Estes, Mike Clark, Myself, and Blake Hansen instituted the 5-year plan. The blueprints for that 5-year plan still exist and Next year I plan, along with Blake, to kick those blueprints back into full gear, so to speak. What we ask of you all now is to have fun. Enjoy and come out to the call out parades, come out to the BBQ and other Shrine events, let's make the rest of this year great, so that we can have an easy transition into next year.

From the Assistant Rabban



Nobles & Ladies

Well once again we're dark for business meetings for the summer. That doesn't mean El Kalah Shriners aren't doing stuff. It's parade season, with mandatory parades in Ogden on July 24th, Price on Aug 5th, both mandatory events that all Shriners are to attend. We could use a few more FEZ's to walk the crowd's. Why? To promote Shriners. Both parades have BBQs after to support the local clubs. Come help promote the Noblehood. On August 16th we'll have a BBQ at the Salt Lake Masonic Temple east lawn on the usual business meeting night, start time will be 6:30 pm. The last mandatory parade will be on September 9th in Brigham City. Now would be a good time to tune up your Pinewood derby car or build it whatever your situation might be. The derby will be our Business meeting on September 20th. Looking ahead to November we will be going to a Hockey game around Thanksgiving. You're informed plan ahead.

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From the Oriental Guide



Fellow Nobles, Ladies, and Friends,

We have entered the heart of the parade season and will have the opportunity to entertain the parade bystanders on the 4th of July in Murray, the 15th of July in Bountiful, the 24th of July in Ogden, and the 5th of August in Price.

There will be more parades in August and are listed on the El Kalam Minibikes Facebook page. If you can attend any or all these parades, please do. We as Shriners are always enthusiastically received by the communities sponsoring the parades. It is a great lift for our spirits. If you want to just observe the parade, wear your Fez, so the people around you can ask you about who we are, what we do, and how to become a Shriner.

I am looking to organize a fundraiser with auctions like those used by Ducks Unlimited or the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Many of us have items we no longer use that may have use to someone else. Think of this as a garage sale or yard sale. If you have any item you are willing to donate please let me know. It is also possible we could have a casino night played with play money, not real money. After all we do live in Utah, except for me.

Sincerely

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From the High Priest & Profet



Don Forbes, High Priest and Prophet
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From the Recorder

Hello Nobles,
There are several items of interest this month, Kelly Grove Picnic Grounds, 2024 dues, Club and Unit updates and summer plans.



we are renting **Kelly Grove Picnic Grounds** this summer and fall and to keep it up El Kalah is having a workday the first Sunday of every month, starting at 10:00 am. Any Noble that is able and willing is invited to come and help with general grounds work, maintenance and cleaning. Bring rakes, shovels, outdoor tools, etc. if you can come and help.

Work is beginning on **2024 dues**, which will go up by \$3.00 per the El Kalah bylaws. Beginning with the 2024 dues EL Kalah will also pass along the PayPal fee to the Noble. In 2023 PayPal's fee was \$6.86 for the due's payment of \$182.50 and El Kalah paid roughly \$200.00 in fees to PayPal that year. The table below shows the PayPal charge, so those of us that pay through PayPal, we will have to add \$6.96 to our due's payment of \$185.50 for a total of \$192.46. PayPal charges 3.49% + \$0.49 per transaction, examples below

Amount Due

\$185.50 – 2024 Due, Continuing Member
\$325.00 – Initiation Fee

PayPal Charges

\$6.96, - Continuing Member
\$9.72 - Initial Fee

Total Amount to Pay

\$192.46 - Continuing Member
\$334.72 - Initial Fee

Imperial is considering an increase in the Imperial per capita but we won't know if it will be approved or how much it may be until the Imperial session in early July.

An update is needed in the **Club/Unit** membership and officers so the officers of each Club/Unit will need to send a list of officers and members and we will update WebFez.

Our **summer and fall plans** are being set. We have call out parades

on July 24th in Ogden, August 5th in Price, and September 9th in Brigham City. There will be a family picnic on August 16th, at 6:30 pm on the East Lawn of the SLCMT. Work is beginning on a Ceremonial in September and the Pinewood Derby is September 20th. In November we are planning on going to a hockey game.

"I have found that if you love life, life will love you back." **Arthur Rubinstein**

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From the Chaplain



Dear Brother Nobles and Ladies;

Home fresh from the Bee's baseball game last night, Sunday, June 25. There were not many of us there, but we had a lot of fun. Those of you who did not participate missed out. The game was a bit of a blowout. It looked to me like the Bee's exhausted all their talent the night before when they won. The final score was 24 to 6 or something similar. I think most of us lost track. Thank goodness for the fireworks display, which was magnificent. Thank Noble Blake Hansen for his efforts coordinating this outing. As usual, he was on top of things. Look to the website and the Minaret for future upcoming events. Hockey, Baseball, and possibly Rugby are being contemplated, last we heard.

Now for some humor for your enjoyment (I hope):

Grandpa always said, "When one door closes, another opens." Great man, horrible cabinetmaker.

How did Vikings communicate over long distances? Norse code.

A tough old rancher told his grandson that the secret to a long life was

to sprinkle a little gunpowder on his canteen every morning. The grandson did this religiously, and he lived to be 97. When he died, he left behind 14 children, 27 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and a 15-foot hole in the crematorium.

When Danny got to work this morning, his boss barked, "You missed work yesterday, didn't you?" Danny answered, "No, not particularly."

I was having a hard time once and Al tried to comfort me. "Could be worse," he said. "You could be stuck at the bottom of a deep hole filled with water." I know he meant well.

Why did the chicken go to the séance? To get to the other side.

I warned you! Enjoy your Summer.

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 Natalie and Kristen for Clinic:

Thank you to our amazing MA team and Nurses in Clinic!!! Thanks to Michelle for joining us as outcomes coordinator and overseeing our

complex multispecialty clinics. Clinic is the basis of what we do and we crushed it in clinic this year. Nearly 6800 children will be seen by the end of December; our Clubfoot staff saw nearly 2000 children. More than 40 children with Ostio Imperfecta, 25 kids with rare skeletal dysplasia, 12 Cornelia de Lange kids and 160 neuromuscular children were assessed by orthopedics, advanced neurology, genetics, therapy services and nutrition. We did over 20 CP clinics with 300 kids getting Botox injections. We saw 165 hand patients and nearly 750 spine kids. Wow!

In addition, how do we ever thank our wonderful two care coordinators, Walter and Wade (bless them!), who make sure that all our kids get the care they deserve? Their dedication is remarkable. Our two wonderful social workers, **Eva and Marni**, are amazing with families and coordination of services. Child life and Rec therapy, **Jillian and Laura**, we Love you and the smiles you put on the faces of our kids and their families!

Lastly, **Genesis and your team**, thank you for always being by our side to make sure that communication is equitable, fair and empathetic. You are simply superb.

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 Gelines](#)**.

Jim Sweet, PP, Board of Governors
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The Descent of Inanna

Inanna is the original Sumerian name for Ishtar (Akkadian), Astarte (Phoenician), Aphrodite (Greek), Venus (Roman), Frigga (Norse), etc. Most of us know her as the Goddess of Love and the female nature of all of us.



The latter is often ignored by many individuals in particular, and most societies in general. The consequences are devastating for a balanced life and for societies' normal function.

The well-known advice to KNOW THYSELF takes on a more peculiar meaning—discovering the feminine is critical for us to get a better understanding of ourselves AND Deity. But before the Greeks put that vital recommendation on the threshold of Apollo's Temple in Delphi, the Sumerians had their own version of Self-Knowledge: **The Descent of Inanna**. Joseph Campbell interpreted this myth with facing the shadowy (neglected) parts of ourselves. It is not an easy task; it is **"The Hero's Journey."**

Masonry exhorts us to travel East on this journey. Let us do it with the courage befit a Hero. Let us help each other along the way. Let us include our loved ones as well, keeping in mind the main symbol of Inanna: LOVE.

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From the Daughters of the Nile



Friends,

Although our stated sessions have paused for the summer, the elected officers will be meeting the second week of July to brainstorm some fun activities in the coming months. These will be open to all women that are interested in making new friends, having fun and learning about our passion for Shriner's Children's Salt Lake City. My email is below, if you would like some information on Daughters of the Nile and how you can join in some of these upcoming events, please let me know because I would love to talk with you.

Stay safe this month and remember to keep fireworks to a minimum.
This is a tough time for animals and our veterans with PTSD.

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From the Ladies Oriental Shrine



Hello ladies, nobles, and friends,

July is a very busy time for LOS! We have our Grand High Priestess visit from the 31st of July til the 2nd of August! The 31st we will be having a dinner where we get to ask her lots of questions, then we have our clinic tour and meeting on the second and then she leaves for the next court on the second! We will also be having a fun membership party in August that I'll be sending more info on once we have that! Then September we have the golf tournament which is still in need of volunteers and golfers! Please contact noble Merlin "Lynn" Larsen for that and more info!

Jessica Norton, High Priestess
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Shrine Family Calendar of Events for July

- 2- 6 Imperial Session Charlotte North Carolina
 - 4th Independence Day
 - 4th Murry Fun Days Parade
 - 15th Bountiful Handcart Days Parade
 - 24th Ogden Pioneer Days Parade 9:00 am Call Out Parade
 - 24th Ogden Shrine Club Parade Burgers, OMT, after Ogden Parade
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Shrine Family Photo Gallery



Wyoming Shrine Bowl - High school Seniors
being educated by a Shriners Childrens patient on June 5th.



Kelley's Grove Work day - June 4th



Children's Charity Golf Classic Stonebridge Golf Club

Sept 14, 2023

Our 10th year
supporting
Shriners Children's



Scan the QR to Register now or call 801 455 7815.
This will be a Blowout Event, don't miss it

**HERE'S A GREAT CHANCE TO HAVE FUN AND HELP SHRINERS
CHILDREN'S AT THE SAME TIME**

Our goal this year is \$50,000 for Shriners Children's

But Wait... There's more!

**The weekend of September 15 is a big event for Shriners
Children's.**

**On September 14 it's the 10th Annual Children's Charity Golf
Classic.**

**On the 15th it's the Shriners Children's Walk for Love at Hogle
Zoo**

What a weekend!!!

**The golf tournament needs lots of helping hands on game day.
Come and join the fun.**

**Help with registration or better yet, help with all the fundraising
games out on the course.**

**If you would like to be a part of it, call Lynn 801 455 7815 or Robyn
Larsen 801 699 1259.**

Want to Play golf?... EVEN BETTER!

**Just scan the QR code above or visit the website
at kidsbestlife.org.**

***Don't miss the terrific Online Auction while visiting the Website.
It's open to the public and there are fabulous prizes and Getaways
to bid on.***

***Remember, while everyone wants a bargain, you are bidding for
Shriners Children's Bidding starts 8:00 AM, Sep14, 2023.***

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***Walk For Love at Hogle Zoo***

September 15, 2023

*You can also register for the Walk for Love, while you at the golf tournament or just go to: [walkforloveslc.org](http://walkforloveslc.org).*

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# El Kalah Shriners Present



September 20, 2023 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 Provided

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# EL KALAH SHRINERS PINWOOD DERBY SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

## RULES FOR BUILDING YOUR PINWOOD DERBY CAR

Each local Pinewood Derby committee determines the rules for building and racing cars. The committee will need to make sure their rules don't conflict with those of the district or council to ensure their members can participate in events at those levels.

### ***BSA's Pinewood Derby Car Building Rules***

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According to the BSA's Cub Scout Leader How-To-Book, the general rules are as follows:

All cars must pass the following inspection to qualify for the race:

1. Width shall not exceed 2-3/4 inches.
2. Length shall not exceed 7 inches.
3. Weight shall not exceed 5 ounces.
4. Axles, wheels, and body shall be from the materials provided in the kit. Additional wheels can be purchased separately.
5. Wheel bearings, washers, and bushings are prohibited.
6. No lubricating oil may be used. Axles may be lubricated with powdered graphite or silicone.
7. The car shall not ride on any kind of spring.
8. The car must be free-wheeling, with no starting devices.
9. No loose materials of any kind are allowed in the car.





# Kelly Grove Rental



Looking for a place to have a picnic or a family weekend, consider El Kalah's Kelly Grove picnic area.

Contact Paul Wordelman (801-654-2000 ) for information and reservations.





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