

El Kalah Shriners



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From the Potentate



Greetings Shriners and Friends,

El Kalah Shriners ended the month of June with a 'play' day at the Salt Lake Bees game with the Space Cowboys. The last inning of that game became a huge romp for the Space Cowboys who handedly trounced the Bees. Shriners present enjoyed the fellowship and the entertainment.

As you may know, the Imperial Session this year was in Charlotte, NC. About 4,000 Shriners came from all over the world – Canada, Germany, Lebanon, Bolivia, Brazil, the Philippines, Chile, Mexico, Panama, Puerto Rico, and the US. Shriners with Elected Representatives got together for annual business and committee meetings mixed with some fun and fellowship. For example, the World Championship Shriner Band did an impromptu performance in the lobby of the Headquarters hotel.

Among the new this year was a Brew Tasting event held outside of the NASCAR Museum where Shriners could taste the works of many Shrine Center brewing clubs. Also, El Kalah Shriners enjoyed a special dinner in the private dining room of the headquarters hotel, hosted by the Potentate and his Lady, Sylvia.

On-stage Recognition of many Shriners, Shrine Centers, units and organizations showcased successes of Shriners Childrens and Shriners International throughout the world. As they do each year, many Shrine Centers presented large checks (\$10,000 and up) to the Shriners Hospital system. In a public installation, the new Imperial Potentate, Imperial Sir James E. "Ed" Stolze Jr was installed with appropriate honors.

Next year, the 2024 Imperial meeting will be held in Reno, NV, so start planning now, to attend.

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

Don't forget Price International Days. The parade will be on Saturday, August 5th. El Kalah has been invited back to Price International Days after several years of absence. They missed us. Our Price Shriners are re-invigorating their Shrine Club, and they look forward to our support. There will be a cookout picnic following the parade. For tickets, call Jason Varner (801-231-6248).

By the time you read this, I will have returned from the summer session of the Pacific Northwest Shrine Association (PNSA) in Spokane. I will report on that meeting next month.

Please be safe as you continue to enjoy the Summer!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

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From the Chief Rabban

Dear Nobles and Ladies..



To help nobles and our ladies better understand how El Kalah operates the rest of the year I am going to be showing you the different positions within El Kalah and what they do. I first want to discuss El Kalah's Board of Directors.

Iowa Bylaws 327.8: Board of Directors

The board of directors consists of the temple elected divan. The board of directors has the power and responsibilities usually vested in the directors of a non-profit corporation of the state in which the temple is located, except otherwise provided in [sic] the articles of incorporation and bylaws.

Daniel Drew, Chief Rabban
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From the Assistant Rabban



Nobles,

Hope to see you in Price for our next mandatory parade and BBQ after with the Price Shrine Club. Also, we will have a BBQ at the Salt Lake Masonic Temple on our normal meeting night, August 16th.

We have our final mandatory parade in Brigham City on September 9th for the Peach Days. Also make sure you're building your pinewood derby car for our annual Pinewood Derby Race on the business meeting night. If you do not showing up you are missing out on all the summer fun.

Hope to see you at some upcoming events.

Blake Hansen, Assistant Rabban
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From the Oriental Guide



Fellow Nobles, Ladies and Friends:

We had a great parade in Ogden on Pioneer Day. Very enthusiastic crowd with plenty of young boys and girls excited to see us along both sides of the street with their parents. I lost count of the number of high fives, low fives, fist bumps, and hand slaps. They like our hats and want to know how to get one. Very encouraging for future members of the Shrine.

Good news. The pandemic is over, but the COVID virus is still out there and has and is mutating. Healthcare providers are still recommending using masks to prevent catching the virus and to get immunized if you have not already and get the booster vaccines. I have had the original two doses of the vaccine and three boosters. Being 71 years old, living in a small town with a large entertainment industry on the I-80 corridor, and often traveling on airplanes, I want to use all the protection I can get. There have been infections in Los Angeles, I-15, and San Francisco, I-80; so don't let your guard down. We want to keep the Black Camel unemployed.

We have our Shrine Picnic coming up on 16 August at the Salt Lake Temple, the Stansbury Parade on 19 August, Hooper Tomato Days Parade on 2 September, Brigham City Peach Days Parade on 9 September. You might want to start getting your Pinewood Derby vehicle ready for the 20th of September.

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Shrine activities in the coming months. May the remainder of your Summer be fun.

Sincerely,

Mike Katsonis, Oriental Guide

From the High Priest & Profet



Don Forbes, High Priest and Prophet
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From the Recorder



Hello Nobles,

By the time members of El Kalah Shrine read this they may have already received their 2024 dues notice, which will go up by \$3.00 per the El Kalah bylaws and \$20.00 for the Imperial per capita increase. Beginning with the 2024 dues EL Kalah will also pass along the PayPal fee to the Nobility. The table below shows the PayPal charge, PayPal charges 3.49% + \$0.49 per transaction, examples below.

<u>CORRECTED</u> Amount Due
PayPal Charges
Total Amount to Pay
\$205.50 – 2024 Regular Dues
\$7.66
\$213.16
\$105.00 – 80 and Over Dues
\$4.15
\$109.15
\$325.00 – Initiation Fee
\$11.83
\$336.83

Also remember that we no longer get new physical dues cards each year. There is an app for smartphones to access an electronic dues

card. Instructions for the app are in WebFez. If you have any questions about dues or anything, please email me at elkalahrecorder02@gmail.com We still have several parades left and the Pinewood Derby on September 20th. The derby is open to kids and adults, build a car and have some fun. In November we are planning on going to a hockey game. See the calendar for more activities.

“How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these.” **George Washington Carver**

Dave Hutchinson, Recorder
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From the Chaplain



My Dear Brother Nobles and Ladies;

Our fearless leader (Illustrious Potentate AI) is home from Imperial and, it seems he and Lady Sylvia brought some unwanted bug back with them. Both are feeling terrible.

Hopefully they will be fully recovered in time for the parade and by the time you read this. We need to keep them, and any others feeling under the weather, in our thoughts and prayers. I think we all agree summertime is the worst time to be ill. It is never good, obviously, but this season seems even more uncomfortable. I hope everyone has been checking out our website and keeping up with activities out at Kelly's Grove Pavilion. Many of our Brother Nobles and Ladies have put in quite a bit of time cleaning up and sprucing up the area to make it more attractive for prospective users. Thanks to all who have made the effort to help.

Be safe this Summer and we will see you at the parade and other events. Check out the Calendar on our website so you don't miss out on the fun.

Giggle time, now. This month I will remind you of some of the Laws that govern our daily lives.

Law of Mechanical Repair- After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you will have to pee. Relates directly to Law of Gravity - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the universe.

Law of Probability - The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

Variation Law - If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now.

Law of the Result - When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, IT WILL!!! (Applies specially to auto mechanics and computers.)

Law of the Theater, Ball Park & Hockey Arena - At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet and who leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies, and stay to the bitter end of the performance.

The Coffee Law - As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, you will have to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

Law of Physical Surfaces - The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.

Law of Logical Argument - Anything is possible IF you do not know what you are talking about.

Law of Physical Appearance - If the clothes fit, they are ugly.

Medical Law - If you do not feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there, you will feel better. But, do not make an appointment and you will stay sick.

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.

From Nathan Clark in Development:

The year of 2022 began full of aspiration and hope. After SLC's largest fundraising year in history in 2021, we set off on our largest goal ever-- \$4 million in 2022. As all journeys do, we experienced some unexpected detours. Our Donor Development Department went through change in early spring. We said farewell to two of our long-time employees, Nancy Wiscomb and Kim Milligan, and welcomed two more: Mary Stuart, a new Associate Development Director and Makensie Dawson, Development Officer.

As good works abound at Shriners, so do those miraculous moments. We were thrilled to have a very productive first quarter reaching \$1.3M in donations. Our Board of Governors and Administration's support through all the steps of hiring was remarkable. The summer months brought forth Proud Supporter events in grand style, something we had not experienced since pre COVID days. By autumn, we were fully staffed, and kicked off a new venue and site for our Walk for Love – Utah's Hogle Zoo! It was a magical night of animal growls and patient cheers! We celebrated Shriners Children's 100th anniversary, our outgoing Administrator, Kevin Martin, and acknowledged all the patients and families in attendance. We had 101 patients register to walk with a more than 700 people in attendance. Patients in teal-colored shirts walked the park greeted by Shriners, physicians and staff. It was a momentous occasion, the first time we had been back together, in person, for a Walk for Love since 2019. The magical night

was heard all throughout – complete with children’s laughter and a lion roaring. Our Walk for Love brought in net proceeds of \$108,000. Sponsorship support was almost doubled from previous years, and Big O Tires, graciously pledged to do be our Presenting Sponsor again next year.

Behind all these magical moments is a hard-working Development team, collaboratively working together with others to make an impact on every child who enters our doors. As we come to a close in the year, we have raised a total of \$3.7M from 14,293 gifts from 3,503 donors. **With one more month to go to reach our goal, we are set to exceed \$4M!**

This could not have been done without the commitment of a small team of fundraisers, some new, some old, a supportive Board of Governors, Administration, MarCom and other departments helping us through our transition, all working together to make a difference ... one child at a time.

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



Da Vinci associated his Vitruvius Man with Architecture. Specifically, he maintained that any structure, in order to be sound, must have three “Vitruvian” virtues: ***Firmitatis, Utilitatis et Venustatis***. In English, ***Stability, Utility, and Beauty***. Sound familiar?

Wisdom, Strength and Beauty, the three pillars of our fraternity, are the foundations of the architecture of everything—from buildings to

mankind, even the whole Universe. They are the very tools of THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE.

Architecture is prominently referred to in our FC lecture. Consider the FIVE PILLARS mentioned therein: The **Tuscan, Doric, Ionic, Corinthian and Composite**. Given the premise of this article, we may interpret these columns to also represent personality types of people. Which personality fits you better?

Perhaps as Masons we ought to strive for an **Ionic personality**: it is the one that represents moderation, the middle way. Ionic philosophers flourished on the shores of the Ionic Sea ~600BC, about the same time that the Buddha was on Earth. Both emphasized BALANCE or BEAUTY in our lives. So did Albert Pike. His book ESOTERIKA is so titled to be an anagram of SEEK RATIO, or BALANCE.

Hugo Rodier, MD

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From the Daughters of the Nile



Happy summer!

On July 24th, our Ogden Club again sold pie and ice cream after the Pioneer Days Parade. Thanks to Kathy Wentzell, Aline Smith and Rachel Sweet for 'womaning' the booth and serving up pie. Thanks to those that donated pies, the coconut cream seemed to be the most requested.

I'd like to invite everyone to our summer picnic on Saturday, August 5th at 6:30pm. It will be held at Jane Myer's home in West Jordan and we will need an rsvp by Thursday the 3rd so Jane will know how much chicken salad to make. You can rsvp to Jane at (801) 815-4315. This is open to all of our friends whether you are affiliated with Daughters of the Nile or not. It's a potluck so bring something fun to share.

We are looking to host an Ogden Raptors Night at the end of

August on the 31st. If you haven't made a baseball game yet this year, you still have time to fit one in. Please plan to join us for one of these events, keep cool and enjoy your summer,

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



Hello ladies, nobles, and friends,

Wow, I can't believe it's already August, this summer just flew by! We had so much fun representing Lady Shriners with the Shriners at the Ogden Days Parade, thank you so much for allowing us to tag along and I look forward to doing more parades with you gentlemen!

We did our Grand Visit and it was a lot of fun! We are now getting ready for our membership event! It will be on the 13 of August, it starts at 2, and it will be at 375 E. Bridlewalk Lane Murray, Ut 84107. Reservations are due on the ninth of August. Please contact our amazing Associate Princess, Karen Penske at 801-891-9426 or **fordgirl32@gmail.com** to RSVP! We will be celebrating our courts 75th birthday that day and would love to teach any ladies interested about our amazing organization and why we wear our fezzes so proudly!

I hope to see many ladies there, and I can't wait to announce that we have one petition that we read at our meeting, and hopefully after our membership event we will have many more!

I look forward to announcing more fun events and everything that will be going on later in the year!

Jessica Norton, High Priestess
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CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

Walk for LOVE — Salt Lake City

PLEASE help us celebrate 100 years of Shriners Children's at our 9th annual Walk for LOVE.

Last year we received an outpouring of support for hosting the event at a fun, off-site venue, so we decided to take another “walk on the wild side” and once again hold the event at Utah's Hogle Zoo (virtual option still available).

This year's 1-mile Walk for LOVE is at Utah's Hogle Zoo in Salt Lake City on Friday, September 15, 2023, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. To show even more love for our patients, families, and allies this year, we are hosting a special picnic for ALL event registrants from 5:00 p.m. – 6:20 p.m. in the Events Pavilion at the Zoo. So come hungry, and get ready to walk, roll, or stroll through the zoo to benefit patients at Shriners Children's Salt Lake City.

Or, participate in our Virtual Walk for LOVE, September 10 – 17, 2023, from the convenience of your own neighborhood.

Patients register for FREE and may choose to walk at the zoo or walk virtually.

Register NOW to guarantee your t-shirts in time for the event.

Click the “REGISTER TODAY” button TODAY for more information and to register.

This is our only facility-led fundraiser of the year. Thank you for helping us provide the most amazing care, anywhere!

Shrine Family Calendar of Events for August

1st LOS Grand Official Visit

5th NILE picnic

5th Price International Days Parade & BBQ, Call Out Parade

12th Ogden Shrine Club Steak Fry

13th LOS Membership party

13th Vernal Shrine Club BBQ

16th Family Picnic at SLCM

19th Stansbury Park Parade

19th Kruisers for Kids Classic Car Show

Shrine Family Photo Gallery



Shriners Hospital for Children, Salt Lake City is now Shriners Children's. The rebranding ceremony of the former hospital now Clinic was held on July 31.





Pictures from the Ogden Pioneer Parade, July 24.
From Jessica Norton

Kruisers



for Kids

Charity Car Show

Saturday, August 19, 2023

9 am to 4 pm

at

Midvale City Park

455 West 7500 South, Midvale, UT

kruisersforkids.org Contact: Karen @ 801-269-8029

100 % of ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO
SHRINERS CHILDREN'S SLC

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JC Hackett will be there to play all the oldies

Family Fun

Food & Entertainment





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***

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.

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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