

El Kalah Shriners



Minaret

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From the Potentate



Greetings Shriners and Friends,

August was a busy month, starting with the first weekend in Price for their International Days Parade and celebrations. The second weekend found El Kalah Shriners in Vernal to help with their annual Community BBQ. And on the 16th El Kalah Shriners held the annual Summer picnic which was open to our Masonic family. Shriners present enjoyed the fellowship and the entertainment.

As I mentioned in last month's notes, my Lady, Sylvia, and I were headed for Spokane, Washington, and the Summer session of the Pacific Northwest Shrine Association (PNSA). There were about 100 Shriners and their Ladies present. El Katif Shriners hosted the events at their facilities just outside of downtown Spokane. El Katif Shriners have a couple of buildings including one with the capacity to feed 700 people at one sitting.

Among those in attendance at the Summer PNSA were the Imperial Potentate and Chief Raban. Imperial Shriners served one of the evening meals. The activities included an all-Shriner rodeo at a local arena with events specially created

for Shriners – it was a hoot! In addition, there was a corn-hole contest, an antique car show, clown and motorized unit competitions as well as ample opportunities to visit and make friends with Shriners from the USA and Canada. Everybody had fun and a great time!

At the hospital this week, Kruisers for Kids presented a check to the Shriners Childrens for about \$34,000 as a result of their Car Show on the 19th of August.

There are a couple of fun events in September where El Kalah needs your help: The Golf Tournament a Stonebridge on the 14th – Shriners in their Fezzes always add color to the festivities. And the Walk for Love at Hogle Zoo on the 15th – more Fezzes, please. More information will be forthcoming.

Please do not forget that our first meeting of the Fall Season will be on the 20th of September at 6:00 PM. It will be a very short meeting because we have the Pinewood Derby event that evening. So, build a car and come on down...

Please Be Safe as you continue to enjoy the final days of Summer!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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From the Chief Rabban



Dear Nobles and Ladies,

Last Month I discussed what the executive board is and what its duties are for El Kalah. This month I will tell you directly from Imperial Bylaws what is stated about the

The Duties of a treasure is to “Act as the chief financial officer of the temple, under the general supervision of the potentate. Act as the custodian of all funds. Sign or countersign, if available, all checks for withdrawal of funds, in accordance with resolutions adopted by the board of directors. Examine as often as necessary the financial reports and books of the account of the temple. When requested at any meeting of the temple, give a financial report of the revenue and expenditures of the temple since the last report. Prepare from books and records of the temple and submit at its annual meeting the following information:

-An annual statement of the financial condition

-An annual operating statement

-Any information or supplementary report or statement necessary to disclose the true financial condition, the nature and current value of the assets, the operating results, the income and sources thereof, of the temple and any affiliated subsidiary or appendant corporation of the fund.

“Present his books and papers to the auditor whenever required. Prepare, or have prepared by a qualified individual, and timely file all tax, informational or other financial returns or documentation required by any state [sic]”

Next month, I will go over the duties of the Temple Attorney and Chief Rabban.

Every year, the Shriners Hospital along with various charities puts on car shows or the walk of love or other really awesome events. Then a week or two later there is a neat event that includes a check ceremony and what the money is used for. On Monday, August 28 2023 I was informed of the Kruisers For Kids check ceremony where they hand out the check and also the special bikes for the kids. What a special event this was. They brought the cars from the car show, followed by the check ceremony, followed by my favorite part, the kids on their new bikes, with the happiest looks and the biggest smiles. I hope we can get this information to all of you sooner and we can plan this so more of

you can attend, because these kids are why we are Shriners.

Sincerely

Daniel Drew, Chief Rabban
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From the Assistant Rabban



Nobles

We made it to the Price International Days parade and an excellent BBQ put on by the Price Shrine Club. Who puts on an awesome BBQ every year. Everyone that attends is fed well and enjoys friendship with some great Nobles.

You should plan to attend next summer.

We also attended the annual Vernal BBQ to help with such a huge undertaking the Nobles from Uintah Shrine Club take on each year. They start the Wednesday before preparing the food. Davis Foods donated all the food for the event and they also graciously buy Vidalia onions from us for their stores each year. The money raised from the BBQ is a later donation to help with Shriners. Also another great event you should plan to attend each year on the second Sunday in August.

If you haven't yet got your pinewood derby ready you have til the night of the 20th at the Salt Lake Masonic Temple at 6:30 PM.

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From the Oriental Guide

Fellow Nobles, Ladies and Friends,



We have had a great August. Starting off with the Price International Days Parade, the Vernal Shrine Club BBQ, the Shrine Picnic, presidential debate, and whatever else you may have found to enjoy this summer. September will start off with the Brigham City Peach Days Parade on 9 September, the Shrine Golf Tournament at Stonebridge on the 14th, and followed on the 15th with our Hogle Zoo 9th Annual Walk for Love. The Pinewood Derby will be on the 20th, so get your car ready to leave the others in your rear-view mirror. Good family fun and a chance to feed your competitive spirit. Don't forget our Jewish friends who will be observing Rosh Hashanah on the 16th.

On a more serious note, we are fast approaching Flu, COVID-19 variant BA.2.86, and RSV immunization time, so check with your health care provider, favorite immunizer, or whoever else you might want to consult to see if it is a good idea to be vaccinated. COVID-19 cases in August were on the rise. RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) has been recommended for 60-year-olds and above. RSV can make COVID-19 worse as can the flu. You can check the latest information at <https://coronavirus.utah.gov/case-counts/> and at <https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/whats-new/covid-19-variant.html>. The COVID-19 cases in Clark County (Las Vegas) have increased in August as well. Let's keep the Black Camel in the barn and lock the door.

Enjoy the remainder of your Summer and try to join us at our upcoming activities and bring your family and friends. Looking forward to seeing you. I have a Pinewood Derby car, but haven't put the wheels on it yet.

Sincerely,

Mike Katsonis, Oriental Guide

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From the High Priest & Profet



Don Forbes, High Priest and Prophet
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From the Recorder



Hello Nobles,

Dues statements from Imperial will be emailed on September 8th and if you choose to pay through PayPal the table below shows what the final payment needs to be. If you pay by check or cash there is no additional fee.

Amount Due
PayPal Charges
Total Amount to Pay
\$205.50 regular dues
7.66
\$213.16
\$105.00 80 & over
4.15
\$109.15
\$325.00 – Initiation Fee
11.83
\$336.83

Questions have been asked about where money can be donated locally. We have several funds in EL Kalah that you can donate to. They are: **El Kalah Transportation Fund, El Kalah General Fund, Fire Truck – for maintenance, Yellowstone Bus – for maintenance**

If you are making a donation with your dues, write where you want it to go on your Renewal Notice. If mailing a donation separately, put a note in with the donation saying where you want it to go. If you have questions, please contact a member of the Divan.

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.

September has several activities for us. Peach Days Parade on 9/9/23, the Children's Charity Golf Tournament on 9/14/23, Walk for Love on 9/15/23 and the Pinewood Derby on 9/20/23.

“A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives.” **Jackie Robinson**

Dave Hutchinson, Recorder
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From the Chaplain



Dear Brother Nobles and Ladies.

September is now here, and we will be resuming our regular meeting schedule. I hope you will mark your calendar and make it a part of your monthly routine to attend each month. Our

website <https://elkalahshriners.org/> contains a calendar, as well as many other items of interest. If you need to look up an article you remember seeing from the Past, the Minaret archive files are available there on the website, too.

I sincerely hope you enjoyed our parades and picnics this summer. A lot of your Divan and Brother Nobles put much effort into planning and preparing. Give them a “Well done” next time you see them.

I know all of you are saddened as I am by the horrible fires and subsequent loss of life in Maui recently. Most of you probably do not know that I am your Utah Masonic Service Association (MSA) Representative. MSA is raising funds to assist those in need. If you would like to donate, go to <https://msana.com/current-appeals/> for more information.

Now let's lighten up a bit.

Blake and Mike were talking about their vacation plans. "Why are you going back to that resort?" Mike asked. "It's all mosquitoes and no fishing." Blake replied. "The owner told me he's managed to cross breed the two. He guarantees a bite every second."

One night, Danny kneels and prays to God. "Oh Lord," he says, "let me win the lottery." The next day, he prays again. "Please make it so I win the Lottery, Lord." The third day, Danny prays even more fervently. "Please, please, Lord, make me win the lottery!" Suddenly he hears a voice from above: "Danny, kindly go and buy a lottery ticket."

Don's psychiatrist told him he knows what makes him tick. But he can't explain what makes him chime on the hour.

Lynn was on the links and asked his pastor who was playing with him, "How do you let off steam? Say, if you miss a shot and your ball goes into a sand trap?" The pastor replied. "I just repeat the names of some of my congregation members.... with feeling."

Al said to a candidate for county sheriff, "Before I support you, I'd like to know if you partake of intoxicating beverages. "Before I answer," the candidate replied, "I'd like to know if this is an inquiry or an invitation."

Jim told me, "I'm going to stop putting things off, starting tomorrow."

Nowadays, a dollar saved is a quarter earned. (I agree – that ain't funny!!)

Hope to see ya at our meeting 20 September. Be safe, be happy, be careful.

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 Dora on Business Development:

The Business Development team continued outreach efforts with our referral base and focused on communication with our top 100 referring providers and their associated pediatric care managers, office managers, and referral coordinators with emphasis on our "Uniquely Shriners" campaign, which focuses on our auxiliary services and specialty clinics. We participated as exhibitors at 36 conferences/events. Presented at 43 conferences, clinics, and healthcare organizations. We also guided 16 Shriners Children's tours for clinics, and other healthcare organizations. We completed 906 tasks and activities pertaining to healthcare professional offices. We collaborated with the MarCom team on 6 new pieces of marketing collateral and an additional 7 pieces were rebranded and updated (including 8 more which Dora translated to Spanish). Dora maintained her strong connections with local and regional Hispanic/Latino organizations and continued teaching with the Utah Highway Safety Office as one of 16 Child Passenger Safety Instructors in the state of Utah. In addition to physician outreach, the team held meetings and conducted presentations with 79 community healthcare organizations. Jill maintained her connections with the University of Utah's Health Affiliate Network members, facilitated Shriner's clinical presentations via the Project Echo platform, and increased communication with local school districts and school nurse organizations. Dora has continued the relationships and collaboration that Jill had established with the University of Utah Health Affiliated network and Salt Lake School District among other healthcare organizations. Jill left Shriners Children's in October. Dora has continued communication with Jill's top referring providers and other various roles.

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](#)**.

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The Vitruvius Man



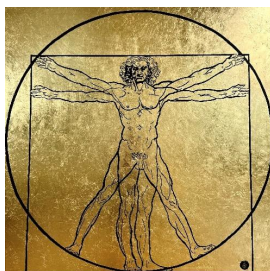
Da Vinci associated his Vitruvius Man with Architecture. Specifically, he maintained that any structure, in order to be sound, must have three “Vitruvian” virtues: ***Firmitatis, Utilitatis et Venustatis***. In English, ***Stability, Utility, and Beauty***. Sound familiar?

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.

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From the Daughters of the Nile



Happy September my friends,

Cooler nights, kids walking to school with new backpacks, and watching for the leaves to change color any day now.

It's autumn and after a lazy summer it's time to get back to business. Lybia No. 32 will meet for Stated Session on September 21st at the Salt Lake Masonic Temple.

If you are interested in meeting lovely women dedicated to helping children in our Shriner's system, this is the organization for you. Call me, I'd love to talk to you!

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From the Ladies Oriental Shrine



Hello ladies, nobles, and friends,

I can't believe it's already September! The summer is over, and the fall is coming! We have so many exciting events coming up! September 16th at 9am – Fall Bingo Breakfast. We will be having a yummy breakfast of

breakfast casserole, waffles, and other assorted breakfast goodies. We will also be playing Bingo with some great prizes available! It will be from 9am to 11am at the Midvale Masonic Temple. December 9th - Annual Christmas Party and Basket Auction! Mark this date down! This is a very fun party where we have lots of laughs and memories made while we celebrate the holiday season! Grizzlies Game and Chuck-a-puck! Date will be determined when next year's schedule comes out! March 9th, 2024 - Wendover Fun Bus! We will have lots of fun on this trip! We will also be continuing the Rada Knives fundraiser. This is all online so please check out the link to see everything! Holidays are coming soon! <https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=6559661.cea599>.

We will also be having more membership events coming up so please keep your eyes out for them! We had so much fun at our last one that we were so excited to be having more! Please mark your calendars for all this fun! We look forward to seeing you there!!!

Jessica Norton, High Priestess
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2023 Summer Un-Limb-ited Camp

On the Monday morning of July 10th, seventeen teenage patients with limb deficiencies or amputations from Shriners Children's system departed on six-day, 96 mile whitewater rafting trip down the Green River in eastern Utah. The journey launched at Sandwash, south of Rosevelt and pulled out on Saturday morning in Green River, Utah. Patients throughout the Shriner system attend the summer Un-Limb-ited camp to experience a week of fun, laughter, whitewater rafting and meeting other teenagers with similar experiences. Typically, our patients are the only ones in their schools with a limb deficiency and rarely know anyone else in their day-to-day lives, thus leaving them with a sense of isolation. The opportunity to meet like teenagers and to discuss challenges, difficulties and to learn new and different skills to overcome them leaves them with self-confidence and a new outlook. With social media they can continue their friendships after camp and offer each other support. This is just one example of how Shriner's Children's change the lives of children.

Scott Anderson,
Board of Governors, Transportation Fund



2023 Summer Un-Limb-ited Camp

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!

REGISTER TODAY

Shrine Family Calendar of Events for September

- 2nd Hopper Tomato Days Parade
- 4th **Labor Day**
- 7th Ogden LOS Club, University Broiler, 6:30 pm
- 9th Peach Days Parade, Brigham City, 10:00 am Call Out Parade
- 14th Children's Charity Challenge Golf Tournament childrenscharitychallenge.org/golf-registration
- 14th Ogden Nile Club, University Broiler, 6:30 pm
- 15th Walk for LOVE Shriners Children's, Hogle Zoo
- 16th Fall Bingo Breakfast, Iris Court 47, Midvale MTA, 9am-11am, \$20/person 385-249-4753
- 20th Pinewood Derby, SLCMT, 7:00 pm (Takes the place of our Regular Meeting)
- 21st Daughters of the Nile Stated Session, SLCMT 7:00 pm
- 24th Minibikes Club Meeting, American Legion, 4:00 pm
- 28th Ladies Oriental Shrine Regular Meeting, SLCMT, 7:00 pm
- 30th Ceremonial – plans being made, the date may change.

Shrine Family Photo Gallery





Summer Picnic Fun!

Photos from the Ogden and Vernal picnics submitted by Potentate Hokins.

CHILDRENS CHARITY CHALLENGE

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

The advertisement features a background image of a golfer in a bright green shirt and dark pants in the middle of a golf swing on a green field. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. In the top left corner, there is a circular logo with a stylized red and white figure inside a green shape, surrounded by the text 'CHILDRENS CHARITY CHALLENGE'. A large QR code is positioned on the left side of the advertisement. The bottom section has a solid green background with white text.



IRIS COURT NO. 47,
LOSNA

FALL BINGO


Breakfast



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

START AT 9 AM - 11 AM
Midvale Masonic Temple
7689 S Center Square, Midvale, UT 84047

\$20 PER PERSON

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or (385) 249-4753



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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