

El Kalah Shriners



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From the Potentate



Greetings Shriners and Friends,

El Kalah started our new season with a quick meeting before adjourning to the Pinewood Derby race room (the main dining room). While we were disappointed with a slim youth turnout, the adults had fun with their cars.

The Golf Tournament at Stonebridge was another annual success; and the Walk For Love at Hogle Zoo was fun for everybody.

Membership is a critical area for El Kalah, and everybody should be working on bringing in new Shriners!

Have a fine fall Season.

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From the Chief Rabban

Dear Nobles and Ladies of El Kalah



The last few months I have been defining each of the jobs of the Shrine Divan as dictated by the imperial shrine.

This month I will define the job of an assistant Rabban:

Assistant Rabban. In the absence of both the Potentate and the Chief Rabban, the Assistant Rabban shall preside.

Next month, I will define that of the Chief Rabban.

During the month of September, I had the opportunity to attend the Walk of Love at the Hogle Zoo. What an awesome opportunity. It started with dinner, followed by a meeting with the hospital officials, kids, parents, shriners their significant others from all around our region. What an awesome opportunity. These opportunities are why WE all are shriners. I hope moving forward, that these opportunities are presented and (for lack of a better term) advertised to you all so you all can attend. Seeing the smiling faces of the kids at these events is the best reminder of why we are all Shriners.

I know that next year, we will have more opportunities to be with these kids, and I am excited by that.

I hope you all had a wonderful summer, and I hope that as we go into this autumn season that you feel the blessing of deity in your life.

Fraternally yours

Sincerely

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From the Assistant Rabban

Nobles

What a busy month September was for El Kalah Shriners.



The Children's Classic Golf Tournament was held at the Stonebridge golf course on the 14th. A fun day working with a community of golfers that continue to attend and raise money for Shriners Children's. A good lunch and a chance to meet 2 of our local ambassadors.

The Walk for Love was held, again at the Hogle Zoo on the 15th. Tons of Shriners children racing around the zoo. It was so fun to see all the excited kids having fun.

On the 21st after the first business building after going dark, we held another Pinewood Derby. Jim Sweet PP brought his fast car "Sweet Dreams" once again one of the fastest and got 3rd Place. Jeremy Estes PP took 2nd place with "Red Thunder". Along with a newcomer Ephraim Sing took 1st place with "F1". My car made it across the finish line.

Hope to see more of you Nobles at our next Business meeting on October 18th at 7:30 pm.

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From the Oriental Guide



Greetings Nobles, Ladies, and Friends;

Our activities in September were very enjoyable. I missed the Golf Tournament, as I was having allergies and did not want to be a health concern with red eyes and a runny nose. The allergies cleared up for the Hogle Zoo and the Walk for Love, so I joined in with the huge group attending at this event. If you missed it, try to make it next year, as this is a great event and inspiring as we have patients from the clinic, a great dinner, and an enjoyable walk through the Hogle Zoo. The weather was also outstanding.

Next up was our Pinewood Derby on our usual third Wednesday of the month business meeting, changed to race day in the Salt Lake Masonic Temple Dining Hall. We had 15 cars competing for first place and bragging rights. I came in fourth, so no bragging from me, but it was a good time. The pizza, companionship, and friendly banter was all excellent and good fun. Join us next year if you can. No car required, but it will add to your enjoyment.

I also want to continue with some information on US Presidents, who were Shriners. Warren G Harding, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Harry Truman, and Gerald Ford. Some of you may be aware that Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter were named Ambassadors for Shriners, January 16, 2016; but as far as I know Jimmy was not a Shriner. This is not an endorsement for any of the mentioned presidents and I received no compensation from any of them or their foundations. LOL.

The Best to All of You,

Sincerely,

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From the High Priest & Profet



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From the Recorder

Hello Nobles,

We had our Pinewood Derby race in September. Participation was down a bit from last year



but the folks that participated had a great time. We've scheduled it for September 25, 2024 and we hope to see you there.

2024 dues notices are showing up so please get your 2024 dues paid before the end of 2023. We had a bylaw change this year so if a Noble is 1 year in arrears he will be dropped for NPD. If you haven't paid your 2023 dues by December 31, 2023, you will be suspended for NPD. The reason for this is Imperial charges El Kalah \$55.00 and the SLCMTA charges \$50.00 for every Noble on the books on January 1. If you have any questions, please contact me at elkalahrecorder02@gmail.com

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

"If life were predictable it would cease to be life and be without flavor." – Eleanor Roosevelt

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From the Chaplain

Dear Brother Nobles and Ladies.

Fall is here and it is rapidly getting more difficult to plan for the temperature changes. This often leads to the dreaded



annual cold . Since some of us seem to not be getting any younger, may I suggest you throw a sweater/light jacket/hoodie or something similar in the back seat or the trunk “just in case”? We are already hearing of several of our Nobles being ill and unable to get out to participate in our activities. Don't become one of those! Speaking of activities, if you didn't attend the Pinewood Derby fun night you missed out on a great event. Although there were not as many attendees as we would have liked, those who were there had a great time. Many of us were taking photos which, I am sure, will begin to appear soon. I will post some of mine on our Facebook page. My thanks to all who attended, especially those racers who expended the extra effort to prepare a car for the competition.

Goofy time now.

Me: “I'm still tired from all the crossfit this morning.” Blake: “It's pronounced ‘croissant’ and you ate 4 of them.’

My wife never complained – until I got my hearing aids.

Note seen in paint department of Home Depot – HUSBANDS MUST HAVE NOTICE FROM WIFE BEFORE SELECTING COLORS.

A “senior” Noble (Mike?) was sitting at the bar and a beautiful young lady was on the stool next to him. “Where have you been all my life?” he asked her. She replied, “For the first two-thirds I wasn't born yet.”

Al was watching a TV show for about 10 minutes and this lady was listing all these great things to do for fun. Then he realized it was one of the religious channels and she was reading a list of sins.

When I returned from a trip my wife said she missed me. Normally that would be a good thing, but she was reloading.

Danny told Jeremy, “I got my wife a lady's wristwatch.” “Did she like it?” Jeremy asked? “Yes,” Danny replied, “but then the sales lady showed up and took it back.”

Once you understand why pizza is made round, packed in a square box, and eaten as a triangle, then you'll understand women. (NOT!)

*Al asked Dave, "How long have you been working here?"
"Ever since I heard you coming down the hall," Dave replied.*

So, then Lyn asked me "What's the difference between golf and politics?" " In golf you can't improve your lie."

What do you call an apology written in dots and dashes? Re-morse code.

Maybe we'll do better next month or maybe not.

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 James in POPS:

We had another successful and fulfilling year in the POPS (Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic Services, LLC) department. The transition from a hospital to a clinic went very smoothly for our department. Our numbers are only down a few percent, but we ended the year with the highest collections of all the POPS locations covering around 90% of

our expenses! we are going over to Primary Children's Hospital a few times a week for moldings in the OR, including our first EDF brace mold last week. We fit our very first microprocessor-controlled knee on a patient; this technology allows for a knee that senses where the foot is during gait and controls the speed at which the knee bends, allowing for better walking on uneven terrain, stumble recovery and ascending and descending stairs. We also delivered a very specialized snowboarding knee to help a patient achieve their dream of snowboarding. Speaking of snow...we had a patient compete in the 2022 Paralympic Winter Games in Beijing and got 9th in slalom! One of our patients was featured on the nationally syndicated TV show 'Good Morning America' wearing sockets that we delivered. We continued our tradition of educating the next generation of practitioners by hosting our 20th student (in the last three years) for their residency, a program that both POPS and the residents find great value in. We have an amazing team that does incredible things, and we are all looking forward to what 2023 will bring!

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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Masonic Synthesis



You may recall we discussed Hegel's philosophy in a previous edition of the Minaret. In a nutshell, he maintained that all life/reality is about a THESIS, opposed by an ANTITHESIS, which come together in SYNTHESIS. Think of the Ying-Yan where each half contains the seeds of the other half.

With this in mind, consider some of his musings on this basic concept:

“The categories on which the mind arranges experiences, and gives meaning to them, the universals in which the particulars are grasped in the individual, are a logical chain, in which the first presupposes the last, and the last has its presupposition and its truth.”

“The real Prius of absolute mind [GOD] is SYNTHESIS.”

“The nature of GOD is to exhibit the triple movement of dialectic, and so the nature of GOD presented in religion must be a triplicity, a trinity.”

“Reality cannot be self-contradictory... to be related to anything outside of one’s self is to be self-contradictory... the ultimate reality must be a single all-inclusive systematic whole.”

“All reality is rational and righteous, even when we cannot see in the least how it is so.”

We may reject these concepts for whatever reason our backgrounds may conjure up. I have chosen to ponder them in my journey East in quest of the True WORD, my identity, and that of GOD’s. On a more practical level, these concepts have helped me deal with reverses in my life, and learning from those who hold opposing points of view.

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From the Daughters of the Nile



Hello friends,

If you didn’t make the “Food Hall Friday” dinners this summer you missed a fun time. These aren’t your usual mall foodcourt meals, last time I had a delicious lobster roll! We couldn’t fit one in this month but put November 10th on your calendar for the next time. It’s a nice way to be together away from a meeting.

October is shaping up to be busy. Our Stated Session is on Thursday the 19th and Ogden Nile Club will host a Queens Luncheon on Saturday the 21st. Our Supreme Queen Patricia Larimore will arrive in

Salt Lake City on October 31st for her official visit to Lybia Temple.
More details will follow but please put November 1st and 2nd on your calendars so you'll be ready to join us for The Visit. It should be a fun time.

As always, if you're reading this and want more information about Daughters of the Nile please don't hesitate to call or email me, I'd love to talk to you.

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From the Ladies Oriental Shrine



Hello nobles, ladies, and friends,

It's already October and that means that my year as high priestess of my amazing court is hitting the half way mark!

I'm super excited for all of the fun activities happening this month and what every organization has to offer for this fun month. October is the month of Halloween, and that's my favorite holiday of the year! One of my symbols as high priestess is the Halloween pumpkin, so the fact that that fits me so well made me so happy!

December is coming up and that means our Christmas party will be coming up. We will be starting to take RSVPs starting this month! More info to come in my next article with the menu and everything but mark your calendars for December 9th, at noon at the Edison organ loft! Hope to see you all there for some super fun times, yummy food, and lots of baskets and laughs!

Please contact our lady Kristie Schilling for more info!!!

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Panda Express Fundraiser

Lybia Temple No 32 is having a fundraiser for the Daughters of the Nile Holiday Sharing program and The Zananas, our pageantry unit. All funds raised will be split between these two groups.

This is a one day only fundraiser!!

Friday October 27th

To give you only need to Order food online from your local Panda Express---Pick-up or Delivery any time on the 27th and use the code **918082** in the fundraiser box.

As this is a national code it is good any where in the United States, so you can ask friends and family to help too.

It doesn't cost you anything extra, our money is raised by the amount of food that is ordered on that day with our code.

The Holiday Sharing program is run through Daughters of the Nile Foundation and goes to the Convalescent Relief Account which goes directly to the hospitals.

Please help us with this fundraiser.

Shrine Family Calendar of Events for October

- 5th Ogden LOS Club, University Broiler, 6:30 pm
 - 12th Feast of Tishri, OMT, 6:30 pm, RSVP to Jerry Everett 801-721-8372
 - 18th El Kalah Divan Meeting, SLCMT, 6:30 pm
 - 18th El Kalah Regular Meeting, SLCMT, 7:30 pm
 - 19th Daughters of the Nile Stated Session, SLCMT, 7:00 pm
 - 21th Ogden Nile Club Queen's Luncheon
 - 22nd Minibikes Club Meeting, American Legion, 4:00 pm
 - 26th Ladies Oriental Shrine Regular Meeting, SLCMT, 7:00 pm
 - 27th Nile Fund Raiser online orders Panda Express use code 918082
 - 31st Halloween**
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Shrine Family Photo Gallery



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