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1993	David B. Edwards	2007	Lawrence K. Fielden	2016	Joel E. Meza
1997	George Auer	2008	Jon Wayne Harris		
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Deaths

Cres Michael Olson March 6, 1932 ~ December 21, 2016
Charles Gibson Pearce September 11, 1943 ~ December 21, 2016

Birthdays

2/2	Orrin B Hansen	2/20	William A Butterfield
2/5	Joseph C Matson	2/21	Carl D Fortune
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2/14	Alex E Mansour	2/28	Miles L Crockett
2/16	Mark E Litherland	2/28	Kevin C Lloyd
2/18	Richard P Schwoerer		

Potentate's Remarks from the Installation of Officers

Good Evening,

I want to assure the Nobility that while in the office of the Potentate I will continue to carry on the great work of El Kalah temple through its fundraisers, charity and social activities and protect the financial wellbeing and continue in every way possible to increase its membership. These tasks are not something I will take lightly and will devote myself to them with every ounce of energy I can muster.

Nobles, ladies, guests and masonic family I stand before you a humbled and blessed man. Humbled because I have been chosen to lead a group of men who have committed themselves to the purpose of helping children in need through service and raising awareness to the great philanthropy that is Shriners Hospital for Children.

Humbled because of the great fraternity of Freemasonry that has seen fit not only to admit me to their numbers but also to embrace me and honor me with many awards, ranks of distinction, and accolades despite all my quirks and faults.

Blessed to have as a young man growing up in Carbon County positive male role models around like James Robertson and John McCurdy. Men that I would one day come to find out were Freemasons and inspire me to also commit myself to the great views Freemasonry has in aim for our families, communities and the world.

Blessed to have been mentored and nurtured in my masonic journey by men like Larry Feilden, Blaine Simons, Ridge Gilmour and Glen Cook. Humbled and blessed to have a mother who worked two jobs to provide for me and to see to it that I went to university and kept me out of a coal mine where I have lost many close friends.

18 years and 2 weeks ago my life changed forever my kidneys failed, I went on dialysis and awaited for a transplant that would eventually come 3 years later. All the plans and dreams I had at the time suddenly seemed to disappear. The office in a historic building downtown, the dream of having an important job with all the financial and social trappings that surround it and being a force of change in this world seemed impossible at the time. After my first transplant, there were many complications that wouldn't allow me to return to what most consider a normal life. Having devoted most of my twenties to fighting kidney disease many of my friends were married with families. I found that my social circle had shrunk considerably. A friend of mine approached me and told me that masonry would be a good

experience for me. I would meet some new people and I could do as little or as much as I felt comfortable with and it would get me out of the house. I am so grateful he did and I will always be thankful to my masonic brother Leon Crockett for his recommendation to join this august group of men.

Since I have joined this fraternity I have always had an office within this great historic building downtown. Since joining I have been presented numerous opportunities to be a force for good in the world. I have had been blessed to travel most of the English-speaking world, I have dined with English nobility and Irish statesmen and have practiced philanthropy in ways I never imagined. All of this is and was because of my association with masonry.

However, the greatest reward I have received from being affiliated with this institution is when I sponsored a 7-year-old girl for treatment at Shriners Hospital for Children. She had one leg that was shorter than the other and thru the miracles that are preformed daily in our hospitals I receive word ten years later that she danced at her senior prom. That is the difference that one Shriner can make. I like many of the men in this room have become a force for good in the world.

I thank God every day that he and modern medicine has seen fit to preserve my life with not one but two kidney transplants. Occasionally I ask him "God couldn't I had done all this without the kidney failure, with a high-profile job and all that comes along with it." The answer is the same every time. Well not every time the first time was "I don't think so Jason". All the rest have been "open your eye and ears what are you stupid?"

Most of the things I wanted to happen 18 years ago happened just not the way I thought they would. When I came to realize this I truly understood how blessed I was to be kidney patient, a Freemason and especially a Shriner.

In closing I wish to thank all the Divan for their willingness to serve and to the friends and family for coming this evening to show support for your loved ones and for joining us in this great work. Continue to dream, continue to persevere, and continue to look for the blessings in life. Remember when disaster strikes you. Life will be no better or worse only different

Until I am with you all again, may God blesses you as he has blessed me. Again, thank you and goodnight.

Yours in the faith,
Jason C. Varner, Potentate

Congratulations to the 2017 Officers

Chartered August 16, 1892ⁱ; this year El Kalah Shrine Temple celebrates its one-hundred-twenty-fifth year serving the community and the children. This is an accomplishment that should be well recognized by all Nobles. Thank you and give yourself a Hand!

The derivation of the name El Kalah means “The Fortress”ⁱⁱ. And the fortress has remained a significant part of Utah masonry for those many years and continues to be a stronghold of support for children and charity.

George M. Gadsby, one of El Kalah’s Illustrious Potentates and who was active in Utah Masonry, in both of the Rites and a member of Argenta Lodge No. 3 was instrumental and played the leading role in the financial reorganization of the Utah Power and Light Co when he was Vice President of that company as it became a publicly owned corporation.ⁱⁱⁱ It appears Illustrious Brother Gadsby not only worked to bring light to the community but strived to deliver more light to the Fraternity as well.

He made a proclamation during his term as Potentate. It states: “To all Sons of the Desert – ‘GAMUL CUM IMSHIE,’ which is Arabic for ‘UP CAMEL, GET GOING’ and that means bring in Petitions!! ‘The caravan is being formed. Search out the un-regenerates that they may travel to Mecca with us and become true Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.”^{iv}

May Illustrious Brother Gadsby’s Proclamation ring true today as it did back then, may the Fortress continue delivering light and relief to the community for another one-hundred- twenty-five years and I know through the leadership of this year’s officers the Camel gets up and gets going. I congratulate you and wish El Kalah and all Nobles therein great success for the ensuing year.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Frank C. Baker
Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Utah
Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, SMJ, USA

ⁱ *Parade to Glory* – Fred Van Deventer, 1959, page 278

ⁱⁱ *Ibid*, appendix, page 283

ⁱⁱⁱ *SL Tribune*, Obituary March 30, 1960 page19

^{iv} *Proclamation flyer* – El Kalah Shrine Temple

From the Recorder's Desk

There has been a lot of discussion, lately, about our Merit Awards system. It is important to be able to acknowledge the efforts of Shriners, who put forth great effort to see that El Kalah Shriners thrives and grows; that Masonry is maintained in Utah, and support by action, our beloved Shriners Hospital.

Our method of acknowledging this work is through our Merit Awards.

Coppertone Award 500 points

Silvertone Award 1000 points

Goldtone Award 2000 points

Gold Award 3000 points

Gold Stars are awarded for every 1000 points earned thereafter.

Our annual Awards Night is built around these very awards. It has been an integral part of Shriners for decades. In order to advance through the awards, it is important to keep track of your activities within the shrine. Your attendance at regular meetings is tracked by the "sign in" sheet at each of our meetings. If you're a top line signer in Blue lodge or a Shrine petition, you receive significant points. This is verified by the lodge secretary or Shine office. Your participation in parades and unit events should be collected by the unit secretary. Participation in fund raisers and other Shrine events should be recorded by someone in charge of the event. Thanks to efforts by Noble Doug Kunkel, points may now also be earned by participation in hospital clinics held around the state. You may also receive point by donating the hospital transportation fund. There are other point opportunities, but these are the major ones. A complete list will be sent to each noble very soon.

Keep track of your points and allow us to acknowledge your efforts. Remember it also encourages our new Nobles to be active in support El Kalah Shriners.

Lynn Larsen

Recorder

From the Marshal's Desk

As I look out my window at all the snow and cold, dreaming of warmer places. I realize it time to start preparing for this year's Parades.

Why do we Parade? We have many reasons, for me, it's the fun and to have Pride in the thing we Shriners do.

Every parade I've been in I have hear shouts from the onlooker "WE LOVE YOU SHRINERS".

For whatever your reason, I would like to challenge each and every one of you to participate in at least one of the parades, that goes for the ladies as well.

The first call out Parade of the season is the St.Patrick's Day Parade in Salt Lake City on Saturday March the 18, 2017. We will have the Yellowstone bus and the Ladies are welcome to ride in it.

I'm also looking for some Nobles for the Honor Guard.

If you have any Suggestions or comments, please get me a shout.
(flysteve43@gmail.com or 801-628-9501)

See YOU in the PARADE

Stephen Sawyer, El Kalah Marshal.

THE HUMBLE, REVERENT AND CHILDLIKE NATURE OF THE SHRINERS



As a new member of the Board of Governors for Shriners' Hospital I am grateful and excited about this wonderful opportunity to serve, and to learn. As Masons we are aware that Giving to others has a most salutary effect on our own journey East. Working for our Mystic Order—being that it involves children—is even more rewarding. Pondering the honor of spending time in such a worthy cause I have reviewed my Masonic vows, specifically those we take when we are made Entered Apprentices. Not coincidentally, **our Initiation ritual bookends two principles that showcase service in the Shriners:**

The first is expounded on by the Senior Stewart in the Preparation Room: *“And the Lodge into which you are to become a member insists that you divest yourself of all worldly equipment and distinctions that are not in keeping with the humble, reverent and childlike nature which is now your duty to assume as all have done who have gone this way before.”* We are clearly asked to be childlike, open to the wonders of Masonry—and service—that may only be appreciated by an innocent, guileless attitude as we are also told by the Senior Deacon in the Fellowcraft Lecture. Both degrees also make it clear that *“It is only with the heart that one can see clearly; what is important is invisible to the eye”* as Éxupéry tells us in his immortal classic The Little Prince, a story that only childlike adults may appreciate.

The second principle is delivered by the Worshipful Master; it is about teaching us a *“True Masonic lesson, that of Charity.”* The words that precede such momentous advice link this principle with the one of humility and childlikeness expounded above: *“My brother, this has not been done to humiliate you or to trifle with your feelings...”* Brethren, I believe that to truly serve one must leave one's ego at the door of the Preparation Room and cultivate humility and childlikeness, two qualities we have a great opportunity to develop as we serve the Shriners. Tongue in cheek I wonder if asking for a small coin, anything of a metallic substance may have been indeed planned to at least “tweak” our feelings, enough to remind us that we are nothing unless we commit ourselves to be of service. Truly, *“our future usefulness in this institution depends upon your thorough knowledge and understanding of this, the noblest, the grandest of all Masonic principles.”*

Hugo Rodier,
Board of Directors
Shriners Hospitals for Children, Salt Lake City

SHRINER FAMILY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2, 6:30 PM Ogden LOS Club dinner meeting ~ University Broiler & Grill, Ogden. Rachel Sweet (801) 791~8360

February 4, 7:00 PM Grand Lodge Installation of Officers ~ Salt Lake Masonic Temple. Robert M. Wolfarth (801) 916-7676

February 9, 6:30 PM Ogden NILE Club dinner meeting ~ Hug Hes restaurant, 1220 48th St Ogden. Kathy Wentzel (801) 388~9361

February 12, 4:00 PM Klown Unit Potluck Dinner ~ At the home of Lynn and Robin Larsen. Lynn Larsen (801) 455-7815

February 13, 6:30 PM Divan Meeting ~ Shriners Hospital for Children, Board Room. Lynn Larsen (801) 455~7815

February 18, 7:30 PM El Kalah Business Meeting ~ Salt Lake Masonic Temple, Colonial Room. Lynn Larsen (801) 455~7815

February 23, 7:00 PM LOS Business Meeting ~ Salt Lake Masonic Temple. Donna Testi (801) 745~7212

February 25, 11:00 AM NILE "Festival of Tables" and luncheon ~ Salt Lake Masonic Temple. Lindsey Cohen (801) 699 7761

February 26, 4:00 PM Mini-Bike dinner meeting and social - American Legion 320 E 3900 S, Salt Lake City. Ann Martin (801) 560-7963

Send calendar updates to jsweetinogden2@yahoo.com



Shriners Hospitals for Children®— Salt Lake City

Hospital Events – Coming Soon!

“Tours on Tuesday at Ten” at Shriners Hospital

- Every Tuesday at 10 a.m.
- Meet in the hospital lobby and sign-in as a visitor
- *Join us any Tuesday at 10 a.m. for a 30-minute drop-in tour of the hospital. An expert guide will share a brief history of the Shriners Fraternity; the origins of Shriners Hospitals for Children; and significant achievements of the Salt Lake hospital's 90 years of service to the Intermountain West. Please feel free to invite prospective Shriners. No appointment necessary.*

Wyoming Shrine Bowl Players Visit

- Mon., June 5 (11 a.m. – 1 p.m.)
- Shriners Hospital – Central Activities
- *More than 100 Wyoming Shrine Bowl football players, cheerleaders and coaches visit the hospital to learn more about what they're playing for. Korein Temple and Kalif Temple Shriners will accompany the players. The event features a hospital presentation, interaction with Patient Ambassadors and the players and lunch. Please RSVP with Dawn Wright by 5/31 at dewright@shrinenet.org / 801-536-3769.*

Hospital Days / Walk for Love & Family Fest

- Fri. Sept. 15 (all day) & Sat. Sept 16. (8:30 a.m. – Noon)
- Shriners Hospital
- *Join us for Hospital Days / Walk for Love & Family Fest. Hospital Days is a wonderful opportunity offered every two years to connect with our supporting Shriners from 10 Temples, learn the latest and greatest on the hospital, and engage with patients and staff. The event will conclude with Walk for Love including: opening ceremonies, 1.5 walk on picturesque 11th Avenue and festive party with games, face painting, entertainment and special guests. Walk for Love registration opens in June at www.walkforlove.org. More details on Hospital Days coming soon.*

For more information, contact Dawn Wright, Director of Public Relations at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Salt Lake City: dewright@shrinenet.org; 801-536-3769

Klown Korner

The next clown potluck is scheduled for Sunday, February 12th at 4 pm at Lynn and Robyn Larsen home. Topics to be covered include election of new officers, payment of dues and purchase of special ordered clown shirts.

Richard (Rhineheart) Johnson
Klown Prez



Grand Master-elect Robert M. Wolfarth and the Officers of the
Grand Lodge, Free & Accepted Masons of Utah
cordially invite you and your guests to attend the annual
Installation of Officers Ceremony

Salt Lake Masonic Temple ~ Auditorium
650 East South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

Saturday the 4th of February, 2017
Seven o'clock in the evening

Semi-formal | Reception to follow ~ refreshments served



The Madsen Family Legacy

For more than 140 years, Shriners have carried the values and mission of the fraternity across generations of families. To recognize Legacy families, Shriners International has designated February as Legacy Month to honor those families who display a keen sense of pride and commitment to the Shriners' fraternity within their own family lineage. Members of the program receive a gold Legacy pin and signed certificate from the Imperial Potentate and Imperial Recorder to commemorate their membership in the program.

For many men, being a Shriner is a family tradition. From one generation to the next, Shriners have enjoyed a unique brotherhood and shared in an important, more personal fraternal tradition and legacy.

One family that recently extended their Shrine lineage is the Madsen family. Paul Madsen, son of Imperial Potentate Al Madsen joined El Kalah Shriners of Salt Lake City in the summer of 2012. Paul, a pilot for Southwest Airlines, said, "Watching [his father's] passion for the fraternity and for Shriners Hospitals for Children® engendered a goal of becoming a noble someday." During his father's time as a member of the Imperial Divan, Paul has been able to interact with the children and patient ambassadors of Shriners Hospitals, which also motivated him to join the fraternity.

Since becoming a Shriner, Paul's relationship with his father has taken on new depths as the two celebrate their fraternal bond. Paul and his father have spent a substantial amount of time together at Shrine events such as the Rose Bowl Parade and during hospital visits. Particularly important to Paul was his father's presentation of a philanthropic award to Southwest Airlines at the Houston hospital. "I hope to give the fraternity more than I get from it and someday earn the opportunity to lead," said Paul. "I will volunteer my time, passion, and charity to Shriners Hospitals for Children and the fraternity when I can, and will do so in an honorable manner."

Paul hopes to continue the Madsen Shrine legacy and has started mentoring his son in Masonry. Just as his father did, Paul awaits the day when his son will join the fraternity and be part of the Madsen fraternal bond.

(Photo: Alan W. Madsen, 2012-2013 Imperial Potentate of Shriners International, and his son Paul display their Legacy certificates.)

To learn more about becoming a member of the Shriners' fraternity, visit www.beashrinerenow.com.

If you are already a member of Shriners International and want to learn more about the Legacy Program, visit www.shrinersvillage.com.

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