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Note From the Pote...

Dear Nobles and Ladies,

As we continue to move through the winter season, I am excited to share some upcoming events and opportunities to help us connect with one another. Our fraternity has always been a source of strength, and I am eager to keep that momentum going with some fun and meaningful gatherings. First and foremost, be sure to mark your calendars for our Valentine's Day Bash before the Ball on February 14th and our Nobility Ball this coming February 15th. Both events



promise to be a night of elegance, laughter, and camaraderie as we celebrate the bonds we've built over the years. Whether you're preparing your best formal wear or just looking forward to a beautiful evening, these events are sure to be favorites.

In addition to the Ball, we have some wonderful events lined up in the months ahead. From informal social gatherings to more structured activities, there will be plenty of chances to spend time with our fellow nobles, enjoy great conversation, and create lasting memories. Whether you're an old friend or a new face, we hope you'll join us for some fun times ahead. Stay tuned for announcements on these events and other exciting ways to engage.

As always, it's the connections we share with one another that make our fraternity so special. Our members are what make each event and gathering truly unforgettable. As we continue to build a vibrant and supportive community of nobles, we're reminded of the importance of coming together—whether in celebration or in support. It's in this spirit of unity that I also want to address the ongoing crisis in California.

As a firefighter, I can personally attest to the overwhelming destruction that fires can cause. Our hearts go out to those who have been affected by the devastating fires that have claimed lives and destroyed homes and property. We stand in solidarity alongside our fellow nobles and their families during this difficult time, as I know there are some nobles from Al Malaikah Shrine who have lost homes during this disaster. It's hard to comprehend the scale of such destruction, but we know that, through collective effort, we can provide some measure of support. I encourage everyone in our noble community to find ways to help—whether through donations or simply offering words of encouragement. Together, we can help rebuild and offer hope to those who have lost so much. Additional information will follow on how

Thank you for your continued dedication and for your generosity in times of need. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events, and I remain hopeful for brighter days ahead—for both our shrine community and those in need. Let's continue to lift each other up with joy, compassion, and strength.

With gratitude and warm wishes, Lou Miranda, PM 2025 Potentate

best to provide support and assistance.

OFFICIAL CALL OF THE POTENTATE

Nobility of El Zaribah MONTHLY STATED MEETING

Wednesday, February 12, 2025 March 12, 2025 7:00 pm



For the Purpose of Old and New Business Lou Miranda, Potentate Ken Neusch, PP, Recorder



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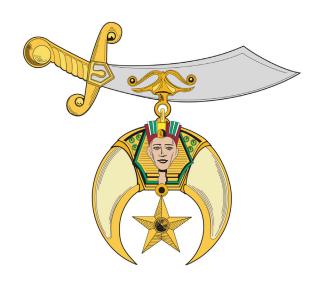
From the Oriental Guide

Hello El Zaribah Members, spouses, and family,

I'm so glad to be a member of El Zaribah Shrine and am grateful for the confidence you have shown me with your vote as the Oriental Guide. I have been a member of El Zaribah for a long time and have shared many milestones with you. We saw the Hot Sands of the desert become an Arch Degree, we saw an all-military Divan sharing all the branches (*** There was no Space Force at the time ***) and we have seen our first Imperial Potentate from El Zaribah. I have no idea what the next steps of our lives will become, but I can say with confidence that I'll be glad to take these steps into the future with you.

You are all special, and we need to show our appreciation of one another more. So, I want to thank you for being a Shriner and helping many children who may not have the means to do so themselves. I also want to thank you for being a member of El Zaribah because, with you, we can continue to have fun and fellowship together. We are our best resource, and we forget to share that sentiment with each other, so please look at your fellow Unit/Club members and thank them for their attendance. Reach out to members on your rosters and ask them to join you in a fun evening together. Once they join you, reach out your hand, thank them for attending, and invite them to continue to attend. These small sentiments of appreciation will go a much longer way than asking why they haven't attended. With that, thank you for reading this article and I hope to see you at the next meeting. If I don't say "Hi" to you, please come up to me and feel free to say hello to me. I'll always do my best to greet everyone and I hope you join me in sharing in the appreciation of our fellow Nobles.

Bill Enloe Oriental Guide



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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

December 2024 - January 2025 Membership Report



PASSED THROUGH THE UNSEEN PORTALS

Richard W Ayers | Donald S Crowder | Brent A Kittel

The above named Noble(s) were reported to the Recorder's Office since our last publication.

The families and friends are in our thoughts and prayers.

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

Membership 11/30/24: 941

Regular Members: 847 Associate Members: 94 Membership 1/31/25: 928

Regular Members: 840 Associate Members: 92

RESTORED

Dennis F McMillen

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Remember "Just One," the future of our fraternity relies on your commitment.

Potentate 2025

When we come together as individuals, as communities, and as a fraternity, there is no limit to what we can achieve. The strength of our teamwork and dedication will move us forward toward great accomplishments. "Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much," said Helen Keller. Every challenge we face is an opportunity to grow stronger. Together, we can make the impossible possible. And in doing so, we fulfill the promise of a brighter future for all. By lifting up those in need, especially the most vulnerable among us, we enrich our own lives and help create a world where every child has the opportunity to thrive. By supporting this mission, we are not only helping these children overcome medical challenges—we are helping to keep a promise that their futures are filled with hope, health, and endless possibilities. Together, we thrive, keeping the promise.

Together WE Thrive... Keeping the Promise

This year's bolo symbolizes hope and generosity. The North Star, which has guided mariners for centuries, represents the importance of adhering to guiding principles that lead us on a path toward the betterment of humanity. The three feathers on the crown symbolize the core tenets of Freemasonry—Faith, Hope, and Charity. The basket containing seven ears of corn signifies nourishment and the mutual support necessary to thrive in our mission to help children. The seven children holding hands reflect the Shriners' unwavering commitment to "keep the promise" of providing exceptional care to children around the world and forming lasting bonds with them. The three steps symbolize our journey toward becoming a Master Mason and honor the three generations of Masons in my extended family. The rough ashlar serves as a constant reminder of the need for ongoing personal growth and self-improvement, ensuring we can

continue supporting one another and the children we serve. The symbols on the side steps honor my service as a firefighter and paramedic, while the scarlet and gold colors in the background represent my over two decades of dedicated service to our country in the United States Marine Corps. Semper Fidelis! The design of the Kachina, standing on the three steps of Masonry, incorporates three significant figures. The Eototo (Kachina Chief), controls the seasons and is knowledgeable in all ceremonies. The Hototo, the Preparer of Food, provides sustenance and support to all mankind. The Tocha Hummingbird, depicted as a runner, symbolizes the celebration of over 150 years of Shriners International and more than 100 years of medical services provided by Shriners Children's.



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LADIES ORGANIZATIONS

QADESH #35

Qadesh Temple #35
Daughters of the Nile
Connie Massey, Queen

My reign as Queen of Qadesh Temple Daughters of the Nile is coming to an end, and I thank you! I thank you for attending our fun events, fundraisers and our meetings. You made my year as Queen memorable and successful.

I wish to thank the Nobles and Divan of El Zaribah for the support they offer to Qadesh Temple No. 35, Daughters of the Nile. I appreciate the dedication you each show to the Shrine and to the ladies' organizations that meet within it. Thank you.

I would like to acknowledge

congratulate and Darrell Mandrell, Lady Julie and his Divan for a successful and fun-filled year. I will ever be humbled by the support they extended to Qadesh and me. I was so happy to see everyone at the Shrine Installation on January 2. I look forward to the new year and all that the Divan led by Lou Miranda has planned for 2025. I wish for the Shrine success and growth as they move into the new year.

Qadesh held two Ceremonials during the year. The most recent held in January. We had the pleasure of welcoming 7 new members and as I understand it, 3 additional members will join in February. This will bring our membership gain to 17 for the year. I wish to thank my officers

for a wonderful year, their hard work and dedication are above reproach.

The last event of my year as Queen is a Dinner and Casino Night Roaring Twenties Style on March 15th. Come for the food, fellowship and fun. This fundraiser is to assist us with our Ways and Means and is open to the public, so bring your family, neighbors and even your friends for a great time. Look for the ad in this issue for all the information and we look forward to having you have fun with us.

From our Heart of Gold, Connie Massey, Queen







1920s BEST

Attire

ROARING TWENTIES

DINNER AND CASINO NIGHT

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025 SOCIAL HOUR AT 5. DINNER AT 6

Qadesh Temple No. 35 Daughters of the Nile

552 N 40 th St. Phoenix, AZ 85008

RSVP by March 1 at 602-762-0227

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BEFORE THE BALL

February 14, 2025 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

ALLARE WELCOME!

The El Zaribah famous Bash before the Ball is meant to be a celebration of fun and fellowship at no cost to you!

All units and clubs are asked to decorate the venue in a fun Valentine's Day theme and provide food, fun, and fellowship to share with our nobles, family members, and friends!

EL ZARIBAH RED FEZ AND FIESTA ROOM

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CALL JJ Jennings, PP at 620-821-2327





El Zaribah Shriners

Nobility Ball 2025

Honoring
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Potentate Lou Miranda and Lady LuAnn

Saturday, February 15th, 2025

El Zaribah Shrine Auditorium 552 North 40th Street, Phoenix AZ 85008

Social Hour 5:00 PM

March in at 6:00 PM with Dinner to follow

Menu Features
Beef Medallions or Salmon Fillets
Baked Potato, Broccoli, Cake Dessert

Vegetable meal provided upon advance request

Cost \$50 dollars per person

Reserve your seats via Email: membership@el-zaribah.org or you may RSVP by calling 602-231-0300 *Please RSVP with payment no later than February 7th, 2025 Thank you!

Dress is Formal with Fez for Nobles





Before the Ball Red Friday, February 14, 2025 6:00-9:00 PM

Red Fez Room 2025

Please call the Hilton Garden Inn at 602-306-2323 for room reservations (3838 W. Van Buren St. Phoenix, AZ. You may also use www.hotels.com to search for other nearby hotels in the area.





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Shriners Children's: A History of Innovation and Excellence in Burn Care



Shriners Children's™ is noted worldwide as a leader in pediatric burn care. Since opening our first pediatric burns hospitals in the 1960s, our healthcare system has been at the forefront of innovative programs and treatment techniques that have both dramatically improved the survival rate for children with severe burns and enhanced their quality of life. Here is a brief look at our work over the decades:

1960s

The governing body of the Shriners organization passed a resolution at the Imperial Session in 1962 to build and operate hospitals specializing in pediatric burn care. The first hospital opened in 1962 in Galveston, Texas, followed by additional specialized hospitals in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Boston, Massachusetts, two years later.

1970s

Tremendous improvements in survival rates were made, particularly because of innovative research in excision, grafting and intravenous feeding. In addition, pressure garments that helped lessen scarring were developed at the Galveston hospital. Our Cincinnati hospital pioneered skin banking – a precursor to future methods of tissue, bone and skin procurement. In addition, Shriners Children's worked with the United States Fire Administration and Consumer Product Safety Commission to identify burn prevention programs for schools and fire departments. And, our Boston hospital began the first school re-entry program.

1980s

Outpatient clinics were added to provide continued care for patients after they have been discharged from the hospital. Researchers at Shriners Children's discovered that early surgical excision of injured tissue and grafting reduces infections, shortens hospital stays and improves cosmetic outcomes for patients. Shriners Children's became leaders in burn prevention, collaborating with the American Burn Association to promote Burn Awareness Week, a national education campaign created to raise public awareness and reduce the number of burn injuries in children.

1990s

Treatments became available for non-burn conditions such as port wine stains, congenital ear deformities and other complex wound and skin conditions. In addition, new programs were set up to help burn patients with psychological and social issues, including transitioning back to school and community. In 1996, Shriners Children's Boston collaborated with the American Burn Association to develop an outcome instrument to measure functional outcomes in pediatric burn survivors. And, in 1997, Shriners Children's Northern California opened in Sacramento and soon became the busiest pediatric burn center in the Western United States.

20009

Our hospitals in Boston and Cincinnati received the Press Ganey Summit Award for extraordinary patient satisfaction. All four of the hospitals were recognized as leaders in the field of burn care, with each hospital maintaining a leadership position with the American Burn Association. Shriners Children's Boston, through microfluidics research, developed a microchip device that aids therapeutic strategies for burn patients.

2010s

In 2011, Shriners Children's Northern California hosted its first Regional Burn Conference, a continuing education program for physicians, nurses, first responders, therapists and other healthcare professionals. In 2014, David Herndon, M.D., chief of staff in our Texas hospital, was awarded the Medallion for Scientific Achievement by the American Surgical Association and the Tanner-Vanderput-Boswick Burn Prize from the International Society for Burn Injuries. In 2015, John Burke, M.D., former chief of staff at our Boston hospital, was inducted into the Inventors Hall of Fame posthumously for his work with the development of artificial skin. Shriners Children's achieved excellent results using CO2 fractional laser technology to increase function and improve the appearance of burn scars.

2020s

In 2021, our Cincinnati hospital moved to Dayton, Ohio. Shriners Children's burns hospitals have continued to offer innovative plastic, laser and reconstructive treatments for patients, including care for complex craniofacial conditions. Our burn care teams have expanded their outreach to countries where burn injuries are more prevalent; international patients are also being treated at our facilities. Shriners Children's researchers continue to pioneer the latest advancements in burn care and conduct outcomes research to improve care for burn survivors.

Shriners Children's looks forward to continuing its legacy of leadership in pediatric burn care.



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- 2000, Douglas H. Kurbat
- 2001, Leo R. Balthazor
- 2002, James L. Willittes
- 2007, Russell Gunther
- 2009, James G. Miller
- 2010, Philip W. Houghton
- 2011, Thomas W. Calvin
- 2012, Hon. J. Hut Hutson
- 2013, Ed Stolze, PIP
- 2014, Gerry Massey
- 2015, Chris Hagenian
- 2016, George Mather
- 2017, Randy Peters
- 2018, JC Reece
- 2019, Ken Neusch
- 2020, Dana Dobson
- 2021, Keith Seplak
- 2022, JJ Jennings
- 2023, Jim Hoover



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- 2015, Tom Bland, Al Kader Wilsonville, OR
- 2015, Daniel C. Kelly, Zelzah Las Vegas, NV
- 2017, Donald Ewald, Aad Duluth, MN
- 2017, Michael Metzler, Al Malaikah Los Angeles, CA







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- 30 Richard I. Laird
- 31 Richard D. Baskin David E. Johnson James R. Portzer Brian J. Tollefson Mauro F. Torrey

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- Jeffrey T. Varga Garrett Wright
- 2 Gene O. Ambroson Roger N. Behm Jr. Garrett L. Prado Erasmo E. Zazueta Jr.
- 3 James C. Hedberg David H. Luebke

James H. Mendenhall Robert N. Moore

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- 5 Michael Simonson
- 6 Donald K. Chism Jr. Douglas R. Hawley William Myers
- 7 Robert R. Beffel Michael A. Dale Robert K. Smith
- 8 Michael R. Canright James F. London
- 9 Dana A. Dobson John C. Forrest
- 11 Richard N. Davis Jeff Williams
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- 14 James T. Atha William L. Cundiff John S. McIntosh Larry C. Schafer
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10am - EASTER BRUNCH	21		5:30pm - Dir. Staff Mtg @	5:30pm - LOS-PHP CLUB	5pm - WEST VALLEY S C	20
			7pm - LOH Mtng	6pm - Unit and Club		
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27	28	29	30	1	2	3
	5pm - LOS MONTHLY	6pm - DIVAN MTNG @				
	7pm - HP85 Stated					