

**Al Bahr Shriners**  
San Diego

*To All True and Faithful Nobles of the Mystic Shrine:  
Know ye that Worshipful Noble*

**Imperial Sir Jeffrey Sowder**  
*has been unanimously elected an*

**Honorary Member of Al Bahr Shriners**  
*Oasis of San Diego, District of California*

June 26, 2019

*Eugen [Signature]*  
Secretary

*Jim [Signature]*  
Recorder



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**Al Bahr Shrine**

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**September 2019**

- 2 ..... Labor Day  
5 ... Directors Staff Burgers @ Shed @11:00  
7 ..... Drum and Bugle SM @ 11:00  
9 ..... Clowns SM  
Past Potentates @ 11:00  
11 ..... Directors Staff SM  
Northern Sinaloa SM  
12 ... Directors Staff Burgers @ Shed @11:00  
13 .. **Stated Meeting/Scottish Rite 5:30 PM**  
14 ..... Greeters BBQ Fundraiser  
Honored ladies 9:30Am  
16 ..... Greeters Meeting  
Mexico Independence Day  
19 ... Directors Staff Burgers @ Shed @11:00  
RB Club DM 5:30  
Yacht Club SM 5:30  
Culiacan SM 7 :00  
20-21 Scottish Rite Honors, No ShrineActivity  
22 ..... Ensenada 5k Walk Dads & Kids  
23 ..... Divan BOD Meeting 6:00  
24-26 ..... RV Club Outing Pala  
26 ... Directors Staff Burgers @ Shed @11:00  
Mexicali Clinic  
Culiacan Ceremonial 4:00  
28-29 ..... Clowns Adams Avenue Street Fair  
28 ..... LOH SM 12:00  
Islanders Luau 5:30  
Cabo San Lucas Ceremonial 4:00

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**Potentate's Message****Eugene "Gene" Yee**

Hello Nobles and Ladies,

It has been a long and busy summer! I hope you have had as an enjoyable summer of activities and fraternal friendship as I have. It has been a busy time with the major event of the Imperial Sessions in Nashville. A lot of business was conducted, and there was time each evening to meet and catch up with my counterparts and Nobles from around the world. We share a common legacy and common activities, regardless of the location or the language. But then we all speak as Shriners, and have our common Masonic background. The business sessions culminated with the installations of Imperial Sir Jeff Sowder as Imperial Potentate with his Lady Cheryl, and of Imperial Sir Jim Cain as Imperial Recorder, after serving a year as Imperial Potentate.

These last three months have been filled with meetings and events including the Antique Cars, Islanders Picnic, Samaritan Drivers Annual Luncheon, Peace Officers Fund Raiser, Past Potentates Breakfast, and Directors Staff Burgers; and fundraisers at The Broken Yolk in Mission Valley and Coronado Lodge 441. Al Bahr was represented and participated in numerous activities with other Masonic bodies: I represented Al Bahr at the Scottish Rite Law Enforcement Appreciation Night, Scottish Rite Stated meetings, Sovereign Grand Inspector General Advisory meeting, York Rite Dinner in Appreciation of the Scottish Rite, York Rite College 148 annual meeting, Chinese Acacia Club Grand Master's Reception, and Kerak Shriners Potentate's gala, among others. Al Bahr Nobles also participated including "flying the fez" at the Fourth of July parade in Coronado, Rancho Bernardo, Oceanside, La Mesa Flag Day; and the Legion presenting colors at the Fourth of July Parade in Coronado and at Lemon Grove Lodge. Nobles were active in stated meetings of the Past Masters, Yacht Club, Northern Sinaloa, Culiacan, Mazatlán, Tijuana, Peace Officers, and others. The Past Masters had their Hill Billy Wedding at the end of August.

The Honored Ladies of Al Bahr meet each month on the second Saturday of the month. Every September meeting they honor as an annual event the birthdays of all of the honored ladies. There is one great celebration. This year it will be on September 14 in the Red Fez Room. These ladies are the silent backbone of Al Bahr Shrine. They were there with and by their Nobles for many decades, and now they stay the same with us all in their special status that was granted originally by my good friend and Noble Illustrious Sir John A. Rose when he was Potentate. We have a great history, and many long-standing traditions as Al Bahr Shriners, and this is one of which we are justifiably proud to include. I wish, as I am sure you all do, a very Happy Birthday to all the Honored Ladies. What a special note, to celebrate all the birthdays at one time for everyone for the year! Feliz cumpleaños, Maligayang Bati, Otanjoubi omedetou, zum geburstag viel gluck, jut lai sang yug fai lok, and bonne fete ami, Honored Ladies.

Among other long-standing tributes, I need to shout out to Noble Fred Arney, Past Commodore of the Al Bahr Yacht Club, congratulations on his 90th birthday in August. A shout out to Imperial Sir Ed Stolze on his election as Imperial Oriental Guide. Also thanks to Noble Tom Horn (and his lady Loreta!!), a Noble of Al Bahr for over 50 years, for his generosity paying for the dinners of the first 95 ladies of Al Bahr to RSVP for the September dinner. His recognition of the Ladies' longstanding efforts to help Al Bahr fundraise for its operations and for the transportation fund and other support is greatly appreciated.

Fall begins September 23. Where has the summer gone? So far, so fast. We look forward this month to the Stated meeting on September 13 where we are honoring the Scottish Rite and also all of the ladies of Al Bahr. Special thanks to Noble Tom Horn as I mentioned above. I will want to thank Noble Luis Meza and the Broken Yolk in Mission Valley for allowing the fundraiser there August 13, and Worshipful Sir and Noble Jesus Centillas for including Al Bahr as a beneficiary in Coronado Lodge 441's charity fundraising shoot at the range and the following festive meal. We will have a busy and festive time. Along with all the other activities we have planned, we will have a fun-filled busy month. See you on the trail!!

**Shriner of the Month**

The first month Shriner of the Month will be for the month of August, 2019. That Noble is Noble Bob Salini. Noble Bob handles the telephone tree for Al Bahr, and willingly volunteers and carries out duties as his time permits. He has always made himself available to carry out the highest fraternal principles of Al Bahr Shrinedom. Bob has been a Samaritan Driver. He has been active with the Legion in many parades over the years. Congratulations, Noble Bob.

The Shriner of the Month for September, 2019 is Noble Bill Romer. Noble Bill has always accepted requests from the Potentate to perform activities for Al Bahr Shriners. He accepted and shouldered his activities to make them successful in their presentations for the good of Al Bahr and for a fun filled event. We know Wee Willie as a great clown. He works tirelessly as a Past Master. Congratulations, Noble Bill.

Stay tuned to this article for announcement of the October Shriner of the Month!!



## Chaplain's Message - Greg Maizlish

The Jewish High Holidays, also called the High Holy Days, comprise the holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and encompass the ten days from the beginning of Rosh Hashanah through the end of Yom Kippur.

The High Holidays begin with Rosh Hashanah (הַנִּשְׁבָּה שָׁנָה), which translates from Hebrew as "the head of the year." Although it is just one of four Jewish new years, it is generally referred to as the Jewish New Year. It is observed for two days starting on the 1st of Tishrei, the seventh month of the Hebrew calendar, usually in late September.

In Jewish tradition, Rosh Hashanah marks the anniversary of the creation of the world as described in the Torah. It is also the day on which HaShem inscribes the fate of each person in either the "Book of Life" or the "Book of Death," determining both if they will have a good or bad year and whether individuals will live or die.

Rosh Hashanah also marks the beginning of a 10-day period on the Jewish calendar that focuses on repentance or Teshuvah. Jews mark the holiday with festive meals and prayer services and greetings of other L'shanah Tovah Tikateiv V'techateim, which means "May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year." The 10-day period known as the "Days of Awe" (Yamim Nora'im, בְּיָמֵינוּ) or the "Ten Days of Repentance" (Aseret Yamei Teshuvah, הַיּוֹם יְמֵי תְשׁוּבָה) begins with Rosh Hashanah and ends with Yom Kippur. The time between these two main holidays is special in the Jewish calendar because Jews focus intently on repentance and atonement. While HaShem passes judgment on Rosh Hashanah, the books of life and death remain open during the Days of Awe so that Jews have the opportunity to change which book they are in before it is sealed on Yom Kippur. Jews spend these days working to amend their behavior and seeking forgiveness for wrongs done during the past year. The Shabbat that falls during this period is called Shabbat Shuvah (הַשְּׁבִיעִת תְּשׁוּבָה) or Shabbat Yeshivah (הַשְּׁבִיעִת תְּשׁוּבָה), which translates as "Sabbath of Return" or "Sabbath of Repentance," respectively. This Shabbat is ascribed special importance as a day during which Jews can reflect on their mistakes and focus on Teshuvah even more than on the other "Days of Awe" between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Often referred to as the "Day of Atonement," Yom Kippur (יּוֹם כִּפּוּר) is the holiest day in the Jewish calendar and concludes the period of the High Holidays and 10 "Days of Awe." The focus of the holiday is on repentance, and final atonement before the books of life and death are sealed.

As part of this day of atonement, adult Jews who are physically able to are required to fast for the entire day and abstain from other forms of pleasure (such as wearing leather, washing, and wearing perfumes). Most Jews, even many secular Jews, will attend prayer services for much of the day on Yom Kippur. There are several greetings on Yom Kippur. Because it is a fast day, it is appropriate to wish your Jewish friends an "Easy Fast," or, in Hebrew, a Tzom Kal (לֵק מְעֻל). Likewise, the traditional greeting for Yom Kippur is "G'mar Chatimah Tovah" (הַכּוֹס הַמֵּיתָה רַמֵּג) or "May You Be Sealed for a Good Year (in the Book of Life)."

At the end of Yom Kippur, Jews who have atoned consider themselves absolved of their sins from the previous year, thus beginning the new year with a clean slate in HaShem's eyes and a renewed sense of purpose to live a more moral and just life in the year to come.

Although it is believed that the Book of Life and the Book of Death are sealed on Yom Kippur, the Jewish mystical belief of Kabbalah says that judgment is not officially registered until the seventh day of Sukkot, the feast of booths or tabernacles. This day, known as Hoshana Rabbah (חֹשֶׁן רַבָּה, Aramaic for "the Great Salvation"), is viewed as one final opportunity to repent. According to the Midrash, HaShem told Abraham:

"If atonement is not granted to your children on Rosh Hashanah, I will grant it on Yom Kippur; if they do not attain atonement on Yom Kippur, it will be given on Hoshana Rabbah."

L'shanah Tovah Tikateiv V'techateim,



## Sunshine Committee Report

In consideration of recently enacted Federal regulations, we are unable to provide full information on our ill and indisposed members. Please keep these nobles in your prayers. Should you wish to contact one of these members, please call the office for further information.

Arney, Fred	Garsson, Steve	Johnston, Doug	Rosemier, Dennis
Bauersfeld, Richard	Hampton, Robert	Latham, Ernest	Schoen, Frank
Benson, James	Hodge, Carmi	Lipa, Joseph	Smith, Sidney R.
Burris, Alfred	Hoffman, Leon	Maizlish, Greg	Stanley, Morton
Condon, Howard	Hoffmark, William	Marbott, Hank	Taylor, Bill
Crawford, Jim	Huszar, Skip	Markson, Richard	Thorpe, Lewis
Domingo, Bernardo	Kellner, Albert	Rafferty, Alexander	Young, Wayne
Dudley, Kenneth	Kellogg, Doc	Ramos, Roy B.	
Galligan, Gordon	Johnson, Johnny	Rash, Ron	

Please let us know of any other ill or indisposed members

## In Memoriam



NAME	BORN	CREATED A SHRINER	ENTERED INTO REST
Schreck, David W.	8/1/1948	12/5/1981	6/25/2019
Church, Richard R.	11/26/1937	12/11/1971	7/2/2019
Burdick, Donald E.	9/9/1932	6/6/1998	7/19/2019
Pignatelli, Salvatore J.	11/20/1928	3/26/1966	7/28/2019
Fry, Jack ***	11/11/1926	7/23/1966	7/27/2019

\*\*\* Member of Widow & Orphans Fund

A memorial contribution to the Shrine Hospital Transportation Fund has been made in memory of our member listed above.

## Donations and Remembrances from our Members and Friends

### Shrine Hospital Transportation Fund Donations

*In Honor of Nancy Merritt's 90th:*  
Connie Gentle

*In Honor of Bob Mars:*  
Sons of the Desert Shrine Club

*In Memory of David Schreck:*  
Jeanne Woodstrup

*In Memory of Robert Webb:*  
Charlie & Joan Webb

### Shriners Hospital for Children's Donations

William E. Mangum

### Pillar of the Temple Donations

Wilcox Estate



Congratulations to these members of Al Bahr Shriners who have been recognized by the Scottish Rite for their Service to Freemasonry

### 33° Inspector General Honorary

Richard Carlson  
Bob Astudillo

### Knight Commander, Court of Honor

Robert Salini  
Richard Bullard  
Oscar Garcia  
Gary Creason



## Shriners International

Dear Fellow Nobles,

It is my honor and privilege to serve as your Imperial Potentate; thank you for your trust, and for this amazing opportunity. Cheryl and I are committed to doing everything we can – every day – to strengthen our amazing fraternity and philanthropy. My goal is to leave the fraternity a little better than I found it, and to make sure our health care system is in a position of strength and prepared for its second 100 years of service.

Every year, the Imperial Potentate is asked to have a theme, or a slogan, that will define his year. That was easy. JUST ONE is a phrase I have come to believe in, and to live by. It's short, easy to remember and perfectly describes the path we need to take in membership development.

I firmly believe in the power of one – the power of each person. Every person matters; every person can make a difference. In terms of our fraternity, each of us has a responsibility to increase membership, one by one. Multiply one by every noble (more than 200,000), and you quickly see what could be accomplished if every noble was determined to make a difference, and help bring JUST ONE new person into the fraternity – or help one person return to his fraternity.

It would be easy to step back, consider our overall membership numbers, be overwhelmed, and lose heart. Or, we can each decide to do our part,

**JUST  
ONE**

work as hard as we can to promote our fraternity, and be, one by one, a powerful force for growth and change. I hope you believe that you can make a difference – and that you actively join this effort.

For more information on the JUST ONE program, please

contact your membership chairman or the office of membership development.

I also believe in the power of communication. This year, we will make every effort to keep everyone informed and up to date. This is no easy task in an organization with members literally around the globe. You can make this a bit less challenging by making sure your contact information is kept current and correct in WebFez.

Cheryl and I are looking forward to meeting more members of our extended Shriners family, working with you, and hearing your stories and successes as we strive to increase our numbers and strengthen our temples this year.

Again, thank you for giving me this very special opportunity to serve you as Imperial Potentate. I will do my very best for our beloved fraternity and philanthropy. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Yours in the faith,

*Jeffrey L. Sowder*

Jeffrey L. Sowder  
Imperial Potentate



## Recorder - John Harris

In August, Shriners International sent out the 2020 dues notices. You should all have received them or will receive them very shortly. If the amount is greater than \$140.00 that means you still owe dues for 2019! Call us right away and get this taken care of. Dues are one of the revenue streams we use to operate our yearly budget. If you don't get a sticker for your plastic dues card after you pay your dues let us know, we have some in the office we can send out or you can come pickup. That reminds me, remember we do not send out new dues cards every year, you should have a plastic dues card. If you lost this or never received it, email or call the office and we can check your address and have Shriners International send you a new card. If you have reasons you cannot pay your dues please contact me and we can discuss your options.

Some time ago everyone received information on how to log in to Web Fez and see the information Shriners International and Al Bahr has on file for you. This allows you to make corrections and to address, phone, mail, etc. I am excited to tell you that there is also now a "Pay Your Bill" button so you can pay your dues online without calling the office to process a credit card. This is something a lot of you have asked for and now we have it! I would ask that, if you do this, you make a \$5 donation to Al Bahr as "Temple Donation" to cover the credit card processing costs. It's a convenient way to pay your dues and make other donations but, as with everything else, it's not free. If you need your member number to setup your login please email the office at [office@albahrshrine.org](mailto:office@albahrshrine.org).

Have you been receiving the Al Bahr O Meter and other announcements via email? If not, contact the office and update your email address. We send a lot of information via email now. You can email us at [office@albahrshrine.org](mailto:office@albahrshrine.org), call us at 858-292-0092, and if you would like to send a private note to the recorder you can do that at [recorder@albahrshrine.org](mailto:recorder@albahrshrine.org). If you want to save Al Bahr some monies and would like to get the Al Bahr O Meter via email only, please email the office with your name. This confirms your working email and we will make this change right away.

## Samaritan Drivers - Gene Gillard Chairman/President

Hello Nobles and Ladies,

As you probably know by now I will be stepping down as director of the hospital drivers in January. A replacement for this position still has to be found. With the expansion of our system into Mexico we will be seeing a reduction in patient transports. However we still will be making the trips and need someone to "to take the helm" and run the show.

If you have any leadership skills and are able to run what amounts to a small business please contact either myself or the office so we can discuss this most important service to our "Shriners Kids". Remember they are the real reason the Shrine exists.

I am not dropping out of the picture completely and will remain a driver when available. I also will provide OJT and guidance when asked.

My Noble Brothers, I want to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve these most deserving children and showing them that there are good caring people left in this world

Yours in the Noblehood in the service to our kids.



**Shriners Hospitals  
for Children**



**Islanders Club - Rudy F. Nobleza**

The Islanders Club will have the Annual Luau Fundraiser event on the 28th day of September in the Al Bahr Shriners Center banquet room. We had a great meeting last July, during the Annual Picnic, attended by many members, ladies and guests. The secretary/treasurer, Noble Alex Manzano has the new membership/dues cards for 2019, and is in the process of expediting them to the membership. Our dues is still the same as it was, \$10.00/year. The annual LUAU is fast approaching, and we need your undying support for the LUAU to be a success. Tickets are priced at a reasonable value of \$20.00, and that includes buffet dinner, show, raffle and lots of camaraderie and fellowship. Come One, Come All. Invite your friends and relatives, both Masons and non-Masons, and show them what we are about, and "HOW GREAT IT IS FOR BRETHREN TO DWELL TOGETHER IN UNITY."

**Motorcycle Club - George Page**

Noble Riders, It's been a few months now since the Motorcycle Club has been able to drum up enough participation for a group ride. With all the other commitments with units, clubs and concordant bodies. I do hope you are individually getting some miles in. I personally have been putting in plenty of miles, with tire changes, new brake pads, and fluid change my ride is rumbling along just fine. For those who are riders and interested in getting together. We need support, and participation. Reach out and offer a ride or an idea for one, we're happy to try to put something together! Stay safe out there, see you in the wind!

**Rancho Bernardo Shrine Club - Phil Johnson**

As is our custom the Club took a few months off during the summer but we are ready to get going again with a social and dinner on Thursday, September 19th.

We are still working on a location and when that is finalized, all of the Club members will be notified.

If you are interested in some fellowship with the Nobles and ladies of Al Bahr, please contact me and I will be happy to share our plans with you, 619/884-5440

**Antique & Classic Car Club - Bob Seybold**

We give a shout out to all those who participated in our Cookout in July and a special thanks to the Directors Staff for the assist with flippin' burgers. We look forward to doing this and other events in the future and we are inviting ALL Nobles to the next event. Keep watching this space for news, times, location and description of upcoming events. If you have any interest in motor vehicles of any sort, we welcome you. In fact, one of our members, Tom Mendoza, could use your assistance on Thursday mornings between 9:00 and noon as he is attempting to repair a slight owie on the front end of his soon to be classic Chevy El Camino. Stop by and give him some free advice. You might even want to turn a wrench. He will be glad to hear from you. As always we are accepting donations of tools, parts, labor and your old trade-in motor vehicle or even your neighbor's.

**Congratulations to Robert Mars**, Commandant Emeritus, on being awarded the Order of DeMolay, Active Legion of Honor.

This recognition, by DeMolay, is presented to a Senior DeMolay member for their achievements in their adult life in their chosen profession and service to the community

**Greeters - Mike Randall**

Dear Fellow Greeters and other Nobles, Any Al Bahr members who are interested in the Greeter Unit are welcome to attend our Greeter meeting as our meetings are open to anyone interested in checking out our Unit. To OUR current Greeters, we need YOUR participation!!! Please attend your Greeter Shed meetings throughout the year. Please make sure that I have your current email address. Please RSVP your attendance at our meetings, so the quartermaster can schedule enough food for everyone. You may RSVP me back at this email address... randallml@aol.com or by calling me at my cell 619-888-mike (6453).

Our Greeter Meetings are held bi-monthly, our next meeting will be on Sept 16th at 6:00 social, dinner around 6:30 and 7:00ish for our meeting. Please remember that our MEETING DAY FOR OUR BI-MONTHLY MEETINGS IS THE THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH. Any shed moving has been postponed until further notice, so we are still in our shed.

**Al Bahr O Meter needs your support**

Every month the Temple sends out nearly 1,800 issues. The publication and mail costs for 2018 was more than \$28,000. We are asking that you consider donating at least \$35 per year for our Dime A Day DAD program to help fund the Al Bahr O Meter. Your name will appear in our monthly Al Bahr O Meter and you will be assisting the Temple in continuing our publications.

Maebelle Haslim 9/19  
Dora Nadeen Hanly 9/19  
Shirley Van Ess 9/19  
Bill Stokes 9/19  
Reynaldo Cruz 10/19  
Vera Plain 11/19  
Madeline Giardina 12/19  
Stuart Morpeth 12/19  
Jim Zopfi 12/19  
Verna Zopi 12/19  
Rusty Seith 12/19  
Joyce Seith 12/19  
Nancy Merritt 1/20  
Dick Jones 1/20  
Bartolome Briones 1/20  
Jim Crawford 1/20  
Ed Sutton 2/20  
John P. Harris, Jr. 2/20  
Mary Schmid 2/20  
Alice Mansfield 2/20  
Betty J. Love 2/20  
Frank Tremblay 3/20  
Richard Mansfield 3/20  
Bill Romer 3/20

Mike Randall 3/20  
Charles D. Pickett 3/20  
Hank Marbott 3/20  
Norm Rentle, PP 4/20  
Charlie Webb 4/20  
Joan Webb 4/20  
Ray Webb 4/20  
Jean Anne Webb 4/20  
Eddie Camerino 5/20  
Gary Hornberger 5/20  
Gene Yee 5/20  
Ed Pangilinan 6/20  
Charles Willibey 6/20  
Tetsu Willibey 6/20  
William Broyles 6/20  
Dick Wolz 6/20  
Linda Wolz 6/20  
Jeanne Cohen 7/20  
Dan Potsdam 7/20  
Sal Covarubias 8/19  
Nina Mc Donald 8/19  
John Ford 8/19  
Ruby Nyberg 8/19

**Sons of the Desert - John Ford**

Fun time had by all who attended the 91st birthday of our member, Dick Jones. With the help of his family, we surprised him on Saturday, July 27th ---his BIG DAY! Thanks to our wagon master, Hal Scott, along with Club Chaplain, Charlie Webb, for driving the SOD truck in the 4th of July parade in Coronado. Next SOD meeting will be on Saturday, Sept. 21st



**Legion of Honor - John Gowen 1st Lt Cdr.**

Our July LOH Stated Meeting was a little different. Instead of our usual pot luck, we stopped in at the Peace Officers' fund raiser for some tacos.

Upcoming events:

September 13th Stated Meeting Honor Guard, (Dinner Reservations w/ Office)

September 28th, LOH Stated Meeting at Red Fez Room, (Pot Luck), Chili Cookoff, Saturday, November 2, 2019, 11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M., Poway VFW Post # 7907 (Please sell/purchase your tickets)

Nobles, if you would like the Legion of Honor to Present the Flag of our country at a special event, please contact us as soon as possible. We are starting to see requests come in from our brothers for their Masonic Lodge installations.

**Past Masters - Robert Dockery**

September is here and the Past Masters Club would like to thank you for your support this quickly passing year. The Honored Ladies Dinner in June was well attended. The Hillbilly wedding, in August, was fun to put together and we hope you enjoyed it.

This being September we look forward to the ceremonials in October. The Past Masters Club will be contacting lodges to offer not only our help in degrees but also to invite the outgoing and incoming Masters to become Members. The Past Masters Club offers ritual assistance to our blue lodges and we will inform our incoming Masters that we will be available to help them.

The Past Masters Club would like to thank you for your response to our letter regarding dues. We appreciate those brothers who contributed a bit more than their dues. We have a collection of members who are very busy, but cannot attend our events and showed appreciation by paying it forward. We thank them.

I remind you of our social time which happens before our stated meetings, on the third Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Red Fez room. The club endeavors to have a good social hour and a short to the point stated meeting, to make it worth your time. We hope to see you in the Red Fez.

**Mecca Temple Daughters of the Nile**

Sept. 3 Patrol mtg., Unity Lodge, 10:00 a.m.

Sept. 4 Dancers & Pageantry mtg. 10:00 a.m.

Sept. 9 Sewing, Unity Lodge, 10:00 a.m.

Sept. 12 Practice, Scottish Rite, 10:00 a.m.

Sept. 16 Luncheon, Scottish Rite, 11:00 a.m.

Reservations required. Session, 12:15 P.M.

Sept. 19 Queen's Party, Chula Vista Elks Lodge,

Sept. 24 Mecca to visit Merret Temple

Sept. 29 Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon

1935 Quivera Rd. Doors Open 11:00; Lunch 1:00 p.m.

For reservations call Annette Draper

For info on getting there, call Judi Kessler at 858-484-7149 or Annette at 619-899-0299

Oct. 1 Patrol Mtg., Unity Lodge 10:00

Oct. 2 Dancers & Pageantry Mtg., 10:00

Oct. 14 Sewing, Unity Lodge 10:00 a.m.

Oct. 15 Mecca to visit Mokattam Temple

Oct. 19 Newsletter deadline

Oct. 21 Luncheon 11:00 a.m., Reservations required.

Session, 12:15 p.m., Mokattam and Merret to visit; Scottish Rite

**Tin Lizzies - Eison Brown**

A-oogah! School is back! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer break and for those retired, continue enjoying, y'all deserve it. Special thanks to El Bekal Shrine Tin Lizzies for supporting us in the Oceanside parade, Oceanside Lodge No. 381 and their ladies/family for their continued support, accommodation and warm hospitality. We had a huge presence, great fellowship and the food was delicious! Coronado's 4th of July went great. Rancho Bernardo was a little rough but we pulled through. Oh! Pine Valley is back and it was a great turnout! Pheww.. Besides being busy with parading around, the Tin Lizzies have also been busy with getting all our new and returning members squared away and ready for the road. Welcome to all the new and returning Nobles. Looking forward to seeing that firetruck and hot rod back on the road. We have a few more cars available and our very own Noble John Harris is also putting together a tow truck which will eventually be available so if there are any Nobles interested in joining, please let us know. We are actively seeking new members and we need a tow truck out there with us so we hope to hear from y'all soon. As for parades, this month will be slow so we have a chance to get a slight breather before the Holidays come. Lastly, this month marks the 18th anniversary of 9/11 so let's all take a moment to observe and honor those who gave and lost their lives. Romans 8: 28-39. You Will Never Be Forgotten. President -Eison Brown (619) 813-3318 or [brownjjface@gmail.com](mailto:brownjjface@gmail.com)

**Islanders Shriners Club  
Annual Luau –Al Bahr Shriners Center**

**Saturday, September 28th**

Hawaiian Buffett ... Show ...

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Hawaiian Attire

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Social 6 PM -- Dinner 7 PM



Always a good time to share the Sunshine of the Shriners and the Islands

**Al Bahr Honored Ladies - Alice Mansfield**

September will mark the Honored Ladies 40th Birthday. Our September 14th meeting celebrates the 1979 organization of the "Honored Ladies of Al Bahr Shriners" by Potentate John A. Rose and Lady Dori. They felt that widows of the Nobility should always be an honored part of the Al Bahr Shriners family. We are thankful to Past Potentate John A. Rose and Lady Dori for organizing our unique group. Come and join us in celebrating this happy occasion, our 40th birthday!

The meeting and birthday celebration will be held in the Red Fez Room at the Shriners Center on Saturday, September 14th. Join us at 9:30 for social time; meeting begins at 10:00, followed by a Pot Luck Luncheon and birthday cake. Bring your favorite dish to share. We hope you join us for this happy occasion. All are welcome to stay after the meeting to play dominoes.

The Shriners Stated meeting will be held Friday, September 13th. Come support our Shriners family. Call the Shriners Office for details, (858) 292-0092.

Join us for Mexican Train Dominoes on Game Day, Thursday, September 26th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Friends and guests are always welcome to join us. Bring a lunch or purchase a freshly grilled hamburger prepared by the Director's Staff. Hope to see you then! Remember Ladies...The more we get together, the happier we'll be!



## Al Bahr Shrine Clowns -Gabe Borboa

Greetings all, My name is "Bobo" the newest probationary clown in the Al Bahr Shriners Clowns unit. Suffice it to say, I did not dream from a young age of wearing bright voluminous clothing and large colorful shoes or, in my case, tattered, ill-fitting clothing and worn out oversize shoes. I ended up in a business career raising a family and having jobs of moderate to large responsibility. While I continue to pursue my career, I also serve as Master of Fallbrook Lodge No. 317. One could say I fit the mold for a serious individual. So, it begs the question, how does a serious individual end up acting like a clown? One needs to step out of his comfort zone and try something that he never thought he would. It starts with my friend and brother Tex Perry. He actively recruited me and several others at my home lodge into the shrine. Once we were members he repeatedly dangled the possibility of becoming a clown. I came to find that several members of my home lodge had already become members of the clown unit. So, after months of continuous harassment from Tex, I finally caved in and agreed to walk with the clowns in the Lakeside parade. I approached this with nervous energy and a high degree of excitement and anticipation. I immediately began searching clown faces, make up techniques and anything else clown to be as prepared as I possibly could be. On the day of, the clowns were most welcoming, very helpful and gave me all the tips I needed. We were finally in the staging line I was in my make up & costume and I suppose, ready to go. They gave us the order and we began marching. Crowds lined the streets, and something switched in my brain. My inner clown began to find his way to the surface. I realized that this was fun. The faces and expressions of the kids, adults and elderly alike, were priceless. I had found the answer. The real question now becomes what keeps this individual acting like a clown? The answer to that is 100%, the reward of seeing the happiness it brings the people who come out to enjoy A-day at the parade. This coupled with the fact we are doing everything within our means to help children who cannot help themselves, is all the justification one needs to act like a clown. I hope that this "probie's" perspective might encourage some of you to join the clown Unit. We could always use the help. There are plenty of kids for you to make smile and you just might have some fun.

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## Notice of Special Meeting and Ceremonial

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 IN CULIACAN, @ 4 PM**

A special meeting will be held at The Grand Lodge of Sinaloa  
Calle Republica de Chile #2346, Col Humaya, CP 80020  
Culiacan, Sinaloa at 4PM for the purpose of balloting on petitions  
for membership in Al Bahr Shriners. A 2019/2020 Dues Card  
is required for entrance.

A Ceremonial will follow this special meeting.

Fraternally,  
Gene Yee  
Potentate

Attest  
John Harris  
Recorder

## Notice of Special Meeting and Ceremonial

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 IN CABO SAN LUCAS @ 4 PM**

A special meeting will be at The Cabo Party Salon  
Calle Miguel Angel Herrera S/N esquina Pez Gallo, Col Lienzo Charro  
Cabo San Lucas, BCS. Mexico at 4PM for the purpose of balloting on  
petitions for membership in Al Bahr Shriners. A 2019/2020 Dues Card  
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## STATED MEETING NOTICE

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2019 Honoring San Diego Scottish Rite**

Be it known that a stated meeting of the Al Bahr Shrine will be held on Friday, September 13, 2019, at the Al Bahr Shriners Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road, San Diego, California. The meeting will begin at 7:45PM and will include the reception of petitions for Shrine membership, committee reports, financial reports, and such other business as may rightfully come before the membership.

A 2019/2020 dues card is required for admission

**The first 95 ladies to RSVP will receive a Free Dinner!**

Call or email the Shrine Office at 858-292-0092  
(office@albahrshrine.org) for reservations. Social: 5:30

Fraternally,  
Gene Yee  
Potentate

Attest  
John Harris  
Recorder

## Notice of Special Meeting and Ceremonial

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 IN SAN DIEGO, @ 7:45 AM**

A special meeting will be held at Scottish Rite Center  
1895 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego CA 92108 for  
the purpose of balloting on petitions for membership in  
Al Bahr Shriners. A 2019/2020 Dues Card is required for entrance.

A Ceremonial will follow this special meeting.

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