



**DESERT OF CALIFORNIA** 

OASIS OF SAN DIEGO

APRIL 2020





**Potentate's Message**We had a good start in March with the First Lady's birthday celebration, with a room capacity overflowing of nobles, ladies, families, and friends. It was a wonderful evening to celebrate Paulina's birthday.

While the St. Patrick's Day parade was cancelled by the City of San Diego, we still held our annual corned beef & cabbage luncheon. Those nobles and ladies who helped with the luncheon did a wonderful job. The food was amazing, and we sincerely thank those who attended the event.



I also had an opportunity to visit with the Honored Ladies group at their Saturday meeting. What a great group of ladies, still involved with the Shrine and enjoying every bit of it.

April is the fourth month of the year in the Gregorian calendar and consists of 30 days. It is commonly associated with the season of spring in the Northern Hemisphere and fall (autumn) in the Southern hemisphere. In April 2020 we will observe Easter and Passover. May we all take time to reflect on the significance of these 2 religious' events.

April starts on the same day of the week as July and ends on the same day of the week as December in common years. During leap years, April starts on the same day of the week as January.

As you are aware and in accordance with the edicts of Shriners International and the Grand Lodge of California, I have had to cancel all meetings and events planned due to the increasing global health concern, COVID-19.

To ensure the safety and well-being of all of our Masonic family, we are closely monitoring the changing developments as they may affect our planned May 2020 scheduled events and meetings. Stay at home if possible and be safe. Yours in the Faith,

#### Rudy F. Nobleza

## Chaplain's Message Dave Winesett

All of us are driven by hope in everything we do and in each of our experiences in life. Sometimes a hope may be for something immediate, or it may be for some distant future event. Some of our major hopes never change – such as those for health, happiness, opportunity, success, wisdom, longevity and peace. Others may evolve as we continue our life's journey. Albert Einstein is quoted as saying "learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow." What better daily mantra for each of us?

## Save the Date - May 30th

Dear Nobles and Ladies, save the date of Saturday, May 30th for the Al Bahr Shrine Ceremonial to be held at our Shrine Center. A full day is planned to usher our Noble across the Hot Sands of Shrinedom?

#### Save the Date - June 13th

Ladies. looking ahead we want you to pencil in Saturday, June 13th for the Ladies of Al Bahr Shrine to honor Al Bahr's 1st Lady, Paulina Nobleza. We will be going all out to offer a wonderful luncheon.

#### Check out a new website: BeAFreemason.org

A joint effort of Shriners International and the Scottish Rite to promote membership.



Unless otherwise stated, all proceeds from events and activities are for the benefit of Al Bahr Shrine, its Units and Clubs & are not deductible as a charitable donation.

For all the latest and most up to date information, refer to the website www.albahrshrine.org
This site includes the online Shrine Calendar

# A Message from the Editor -Dennis W. Brown

Dear Nobles and Ladies,

Due to the extraordinary circumstances the world is facing at this moment, we are forced to limit the content of the Al Bahr O Meter this month to this smaller issue. To those of you who have submitted articles, rest assured that your information will be included in the next full publication, hopefully in May. I apologize for the inconvenience that this may cause for some of you. I hope that I have your understanding. Please keep yourselves and loved ones safe during this period.

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# A Fraternal Welcome to our newest Al Bahr Nobles!



Potentate Rudy Nobleza (center) with Gregory LaFleur, Mark Curameng, Cesar Calma, Rence Figueroa, Percival Bautista and Diego De La Cruz