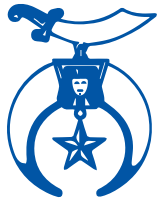




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Potentate's Message

Rudy F. Nobleza

Memorial Day last 25 May 2020 was celebrated in Al Bahr by conducting a Memorial Day Ceremony on the lobby by the Legion of Honor, produced, directed, and recorded by our Recorder Noble John Harris, and posted in You Tube.

On June 6, 1876, the Imperial Council, the original governing body of the Shriners fraternity, was founded. To honor this important milestone in our history, Shriners International has declared June 6 as Shriners International Awareness Day. On this day, nobles everywhere are encouraged to celebrate their great fraternity and raise awareness of its importance in their communities. "Happy Shriners Day". The First Lady's Luncheon scheduled for the 13th of June, 2020 was rescheduled for the 8th of August.

The month of July is the seventh month in the Julian Calendar, was previously called Quintilis in Latin as it was the fifth month in the ancient Roman calendar. The name of the month was changed to July in honor of Julius Caesar during the Julian calendar reform.

In modern times, July also has 31 days. It is the warmest month of the year in the Northern Hemisphere and coldest month in the Southern hemisphere.

The month of July starts on the same day of the week as April during common years and as January during leap years. July does not end on the same day of the week as any year in a common year but ends on the same day of the week as January in a leap year.

July's birth flowers are the Larkspur or Water Lily. The birthstone for July is the ruby which symbolizes contentment.

Did you know? John Adams believed that July 2nd was the correct date on which to celebrate the birth of American independence, and would reportedly turn down invitations to appear at July 4th events in protest. Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826—the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of Lee's resolution for independence in a near-unanimous vote (the New York delegation abstained, but later voted affirmatively). On that day, John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail that July 2 "will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival" and that the celebration should include "Pomp and Parade...Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other."

On July 4th, the Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, which had been written largely by Jefferson. Though the vote for actual independence took place on July 2nd, from then on the 4th became the day that was celebrated as the birth of American independence.

The tradition of setting off fireworks on the 4 of July began in Philadelphia on July 4, 1777, during the first organized celebration of Independence Day. Ship's cannon fired a 13-gun salute in honor of the 13 colonies.

"Happy 4th of July" to all. Enjoy but be very safe.



Chaplain's Message -Dave Winesett

Preparing...

Our lives seem to be dependent upon preparing for something. We are taught and constantly reminded about the importance of preparing – for our careers, for marriage (or not), for special events and for future unknowns. The process of preparing in itself requires careful definition and organization for us to achieve our desired results. "There are no honors too distant to the man who prepares himself for them with patience." (Jean de la Bruyere.)

Most of the things for which we prepare are within our power to influence or control by the extent and success of our preparation. Others are not. In those situations, we can only prepare ourselves through strengthening our relationship with God and growing our faith. The ultimate example is our own mortality. The Holy Writings state "As no one has power over the wind to contain it, so no one has power over the time of their death." (Ecclesiastes 8:8.)

As we emerge from the restrictions of the pandemic we are experiencing, preparing for changes in our lifestyle and activities is critical. Patience and perseverance continue to be essential.

Our Shriners Hospitals for Children provide the means for thousands of children to succeed in preparing for a better future. As Shriners, we must be committed to supporting our hospitals in every way that we can and maintaining an active role with them, especially in times such as these.

Legion of Honor -John Gowen

Hello Nobles – Where did the year go? I'd like to thank the Potentate for allowing the Legion of Honor to do the Memorial Day Ceremony. While I had the privilege of being the MC for this event, I need to thank Al Bahr's team and the LOH's team for their support and for helping turn this into a polished event. Special thanks go to John Harris, who handled the technology required to support our Zoom event.

I am conflicted between the need to be safe and the desire for fellowship with my friends. While we are apart, my brothers, let us consider what the "4th of July" meant to our young nation. It was a day when the early Americans, who had been second class citizens, celebrated their liberation and independence from England. With that freedom came the responsibility to figure out how to live justly. It took a lot of work to create a framework by which our young nation could live. They did their best, but they didn't get everything right the first time. Our nation has had many problems throughout its history. Recent events show that the challenge of living justly is still in front of us. But, as a proud military veteran, I want to say that we veterans, as individuals, will constantly try to improve the lives of those around us. And – I can hope that the nation will follow the leadership of honorable citizens.

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Nobles, The Sons of the Desert are abiding by the wishes of the Grand Master & Potentate, we have no meetings or events planned until we can meet again. I hope that will be soon, and that all are safe and will be able to meet as a club in the near future.

Tin Lizzies - Eison Brown

AA-hooga! I hope this message finds y'all well. Summer is finally here and the reopening of our economy and the easing of public restrictions has been looking good. Our Captain sent out an email with a list of all parades cancelled thus far a few months back. If you did not receive the email please let us know, but I think that it's safe to say that we will not be parading any time soon. I want to encourage everyone to continue staying healthy, look after one another and our communities and let's all be safe. A Happy 4th of July and God bless America! A-hooga

Yacht Club - Robert Lakosil

Ever hear the expression: "Red Sky at Night, Sailor's Delight. Red Sky In The Morning, Sailors Take Warning". Looks a lot like Red Sky at Night. Yea! Yep, I just came from the waterfront, and lots of folks are out in the Bay on everything from sailboats and Hobi Cats to speed boats and jet skies. Well 'Happy Days Are Here Again - almost' The pandemic slowed our plans a bit and required us to make appropriate adjustments and has dictated that we employ prudent responses and new safety measures. As such, we will implement our new plan - a new 'normal' plan - for all foreseeable activities, and the fun will begin! Speaking of activities, once we get the 'go ahead', we will resume our meetings and rescheduled in the bay fun day cruises. Stick around, you won't want to miss out! Email Pete at casalegno@cox.net or Bob Lakosil at rlakosil1@gmail.com for up to date info.

Peace Officers Shrine Club - Mike Randall

The Dear Fellow POSC and other Nobles, Any Al Bahr member who is interested in the Peace Officers Shrine Club are welcome to attend our POSC meeting. If each of us just brings in one new member, we could be on our way to being the CLUB we once were. We need new members so if any of you wish to come and see what we do, please contact me below.

Members, 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 POSC Meeting are now held QUARTERLY and on the Third Wednesday of the meeting month. Please see the dates below for all of our 2020 meeting dates. Our next meeting will be on July 15th at 5:30 social, dinner around 6:00 and around 7:00ish for our meeting. Assuming that we are out of lockdown.

Greeter Unit -Mike Randall

Dear Fellow Greeters and other Nobles, Any Al Bahr member who is interested in the Greeter Unit are welcome to attend our Greeter meeting. If each of us just brings in one new member, we could be on our way to being the UNIT we once were. We need new members so if any of you wish to come and see what we do, please contact me below.

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Our Greeter Meeting are now held QUARTERLY and on the Second Monday of the meeting month. Please see the dates below for all of our 2020 meeting dates. Our next meeting will be on July 13th at 6:00 social, dinner around 6:30 and 7:00ish for our meeting. Assuming that we are out of lockdown.



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.

Allen, Bill	Galligan, Gordon	Lipa, Joseph	Schoen, Frank
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Every month the Temple sends out nearly 1,800 issues. The publication and mail costs for 2019 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.

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The History of the Al Bahr Shrine In San Diego - Phil Johnson

It all began, according to the earliest records available, in 1908, when Shriners living in the San Diego area initiated a movement to establish a Shrine Temple in their city. Following some three years of effort, Al Malaikah Temple in Los Angeles granted dispensation on May 12, 1912, and this was followed by the Imperial Potentate William J. Cunningham granting a charter on May 13, 1913 as the 129th Shrine Temple.

Fittingly, the name Al Bahr was bestowed upon the infant Temple because the literal translation is "By the Sea", and with the Pacific at our back door, what could be more appropriate?

Following the receipt of dispensation, the Temple had her Inaugural Ceremonial as well as Ceremonies of Institution, at the U.S. Grant Hotel in downtown San Diego. The first Potentate to serve Al Bahr was L.S. McClure, who completed 1912 and a full year in 1913. The class of novices numbered one hundred and twenty and there was a delegation of between four and five hundred present for the festivities, including Imperial representatives. At the close of 1912 Al Bahr had 430 members and was located in the U.S. Grant Hotel

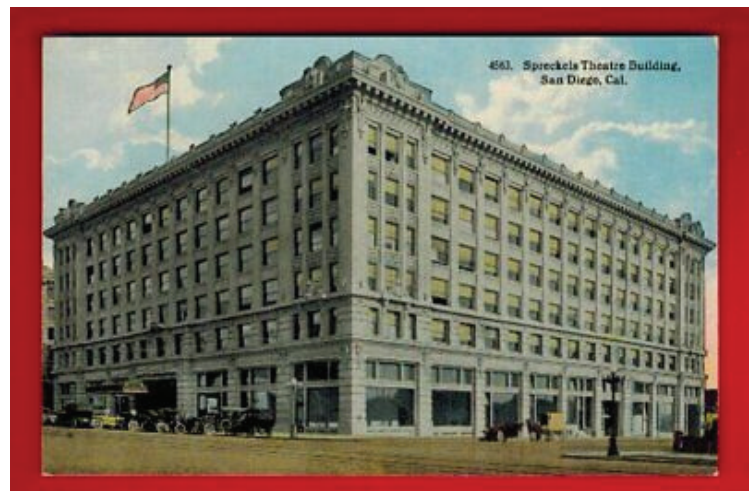
Soon after, the Temple moved from the U.S. Grant Hotel to the Southern Counties Building in Balboa Park and one of the 1914 Ceremonials was held in the Park at the Panama California Exposition Building. The Temple purchased Ocean Beach property for \$12,000 for use as a Shrine Club in 1914. A second 1914 Ceremonial, at Coronado, was marked by a second visit of Imperial Officers to the fledgling Temple.

In 1918, the Temple rented its Lodge rooms from the Scottish Rite for \$5.00 per meeting and the initiation fee for candidates in military service was reduced to \$25.00.

A milestone was reached in 1921 when Al Bahr reached her long sought-after goal of 1,000 members. President of the United States Warren Harding was made an Honorary Member of Al Bahr in 1921. The Temple's office in 1922 was in the downtown Spreckles Building.

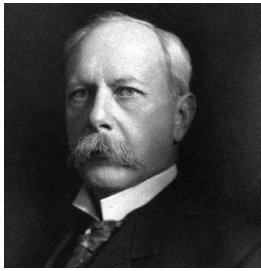
1923 was the year the Temple signed a contract with the U.S. Government for the leasing of 20 acres to be used for a Shrine Camp at Mt. Laguna.

The lease fee was \$20.00 annually. An enlarged downtown office of three rooms on the fifth floor of the Spreckles Building was now the Temples' Headquarters.



This eventful year can be remembered as the time Al Bahr aided the San Diego Zoological Society by purchasing two camels for the zoo. They were appropriately named Mr. and Mrs. Al Bahr and were bought for \$1,000 with the proviso they could be used by the Temple for parades and pageantry.

Following several years of this arrangement, the San Diego Zoological Society terminated the agreement as the camels were being returned to the zoo in an inebriated condition. Seems the camels had acquired a taste for beer.

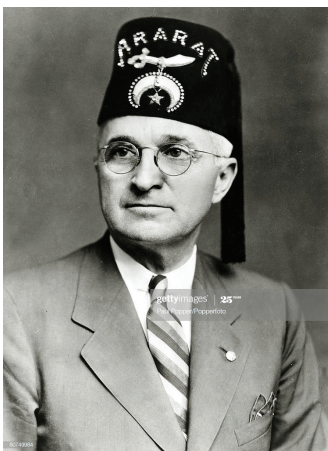
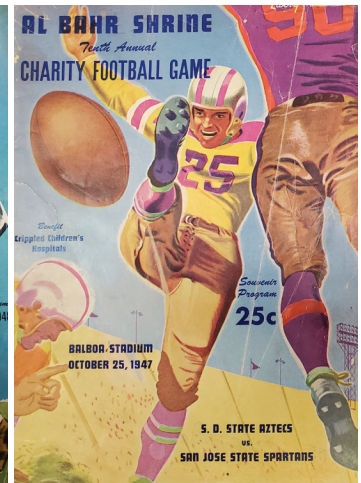


Noble John D. Spreckles, an Al Bahr charter member and one of the men largely responsible for her founding, was claimed by the Black Camel in 1926 and a great Shriner and friend was lost.

In 1930 Al Bahr became a member of the Western Shrine Association (WSA) and from that time on participated in their annual conventions and pageantry.

The year 1936 is important in Al Bahr's history because that year marked the advent of the Al Bahr Charity Football game. That first game resulted in the Temple raising \$1,414.60 for our Children's Hospitals, and considering the game was a first-time venture and the prevailing economy, this was a substantial contribution.

The largest number of candidates for one Ceremonial in Al Bahr's history – 321 by initiation – became Nobles in 1943 and the membership roles climbed to 1,289. There were 200 proud and patriotic Al Bahr nobles actively serving in the Armed forces. San Diego State College played the University of Arizona in the Fifth Annual Shrine Football Charity game.



Noble Harry Truman assumed the Presidency following the death of Honorary Al Bahr member Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Temple in 1945 also voted President Truman an Honorary Membership, sending him proper notification and a certificate. President Truman had served as the Grand Master of Masons in Missouri and was a member of Ararat Temple in Kansas City.

The custom of the Potentate's jewel being used during the year served, then being passed on for use by the next Potentate, was established in 1946.

The Shrine Football game enabled Al Bahr to send \$2,000 to Anezeh Temple in Mexico City for the Mexico Shrine Hospital Unit.

A new Shrine Hospital unit was opened in Los Angeles in 1952 making it more convenient and economical for Al Bahr to send San Diego area sponsored children to the nearest Shrine Hospital.





The 1960's opened with a Temple Pilgrimage to Honolulu for the WSA Convention, hosted by Aloha Temple. One of the year's outstanding events, and probably one unique in Shrinedom, was an Al Bahr Ceremonial on board a Long Beach based U.S. Navy Aircraft Carrier.

Approval for the Temple to purchase 5.3 acres of land for possible use as a future Temple site was given by the Nobility in 1964, and the property on Linda Vista Road was later acquired.

One of our historic events occurred in 1966 when Al Bahr moved from the downtown Cedar Street address that for so many years had been home to her members, to the Scottish Rite Center in Mission Valley.

A fund raising program for a new Temple was instituted in 1970 which was also the year Al Bahr's Units and Clubs started their transportation fund programs that subsequently provided funds to transport our sponsored injured and burned children to Shrine Hospitals.

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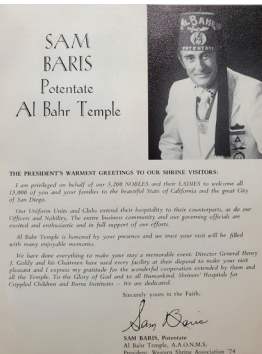
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Finally, in 1971, representatives from Al Bahr began negotiations for the purchase of the Circle Arts Theater, on Kearny Mesa Road, for a permanent, self-owned Mosque. After preliminary agreement, a down payment was made on this valuable property that was to be our future home. A membership gain of 222 Nobles helped make this a memorable year, as did the revival of the custom of having Desert Ceremonials.



The new Mosque was dedicated in 1972 at a never-to-be forgotten ceremony and the age-old dream of Al Bahr's Nobles was now a reality – a home of their own!

Sam Baris, Potentate in 1974, was the President of the WSA and nearly 5,000 Shriners and their ladies attended the annual convention in San Diego. At the conclusion of the convention, nearly 2,000 embarked on a five-day Mexican Rivera Cruise. 1974 also saw the membership zenith of Al Bahr Shrine with 5,182 members.

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For the first time in many, many years a Ceremonial was held in 1976 at Shrine Camp in Mt. Laguna with the beautiful outdoor mountain setting providing an impressive background for both Sessions.

The 1977 football game netted \$80,000 for our Shrine Hospitals. Over 400 Nobles from Zelzah Temple of Las Vegas attended the game.

In the late and early 70's, the temple's membership remained steady and the nobility and their families enjoyed numerous events and activities.



In 1987 Bill Lauritzen served as president of the Western Shrine Association and nearly 1,500 nobles and ladies attended the annual convention held in May of that year.

The biggest change was the sale of the Shrine Mosque, the former Circle Arts Theater, which had been our home since 1971. The sale of 4 acres of the Temple's 8.6 acres allowed Al Bahr to design and build a new Shrine Center for the membership. The 23,000 square foot facility was dedicated in 1989 and was more suitable to the needs of the Temple. With the new facility, additional room was also made available to the Unit and Club warehouse, bringing that facility to 20,000 square feet.

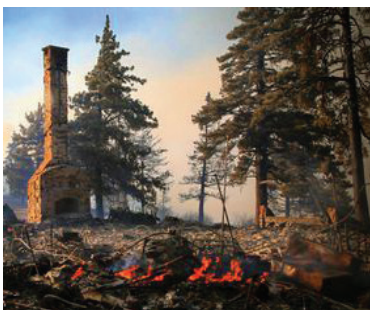
A new 20 year lease was signed in 1990 for the Al Bahr Shrine Camp in Mt. Laguna, ensuring that the membership would have continued access to that wonderful, mountain recreational facility.

1995, Illustrious Sir Arnold Korey brought another WSA Convention to San Diego and the membership greeted the visiting Nobles and Ladies to our fine city.

With Y2K on the horizon the new century was celebrate with a gala New Year's Eve's party and the Temple looked forward to a bright promise of service and fraternal involvement in the upcoming years.

Over the next several years Al Bahr Shrine worked with the Forestry Department to make much needed improvements to the Shrine Camp, with upgraded rental cabins, a more functionally kitchen, electrical and water supply upgrades. Ceremonials continued to be held at the Shrine Camp and this became a popular weekend event for the Temple members and their families.

Unfortunately, tragedy struck the Al Bahr Shrine with the loss of the much-appreciated Shrine Camp in Mt. Laguna when a fire completely consumed the area and almost all of the Shrine owned buildings and members owned trailers and cabins were destroyed. As a result of the fire, the US Forestry Service



terminated the site lease for the Camp.

Past Potentate Mel Stein served as Grand Master of Masons in California in 2006-2007. Ken Short was elected President of the Western Shrine Association and the 2008 convention was again held in San Diego. With more than 2,200 children on the active patient roles, Al Bahr members gave freely with their support of the Shriners Hospitals for Children and continued to provide transportation services on an almost daily basis to the Los Angeles and Sacramento Hospitals.



The Imperial Council increased jurisdiction of Al Bahr to include the Mexican States

of Baja California and Sinaloa and 5 new Shrine Clubs were organized to serve the Shrine Masons of the area. There was hope that one day these States in Mexico would be part of a new Shrine Temple in Northern Mexico.

Events and activities of the Al Bahr continue to be a source of fellowship, service and dedication to its members, families, and the San Diego Community. Since 1912 more than 18,000 Masons have been members of Al Bahr Shrine.





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Stated Meeting Notice August 22, 2020

Be it known that a stated meeting of Al Bahr Shrine will be held on Saturday, August 22, 2020 at the Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road, San Diego.

The meeting will begin at 2:00 PM and will include: the reception of petitions for membership, committee reports, financial reports and other such business as may rightfully come before the membership.

This is a members only event without the ladies.
 Summer attire with Fez.

There will be no meal or beverage service provided.
 Mask Coverings are required.
 Social distancing will be required.

This meeting is dependent on State, County, and Local Health agency rules and regulations as well as edicts by the Grand Master of Masons of California.

A 2020 dues card is required for admission.

Fraternally
 Rudy Nobleza, Potentate

Attest:
 John Harris, Recorder

2021 Calendar Meeting

There will be a meeting on August 27th at 7:00 PM for Units and Clubs Officers to plan the 2021 Al Bahr Shriners Calendar.

Units and Clubs are required to send a representative with 2021 plans and proposed dates for meetings, fundraisers, and other activities. More information about this will be sent to the Units and Clubs Officers



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