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### Potentate's Message Rudy F. Nobleza

July was a productive month. Al Bahr, thru the excellent job of Noble Luis Flores, Noble Alex Rosillo, and others, continues to send our patients to their respective appointments at the Shriners Children Medical Center in Pasadena and Shriners Hospital in

Sacramento.

The first ever remote Imperial Election, held on the July 11, 2020, was a great success, and we now elected our Imperial Officers for 2020-2021.

Representatives from Iowa and Colorado Corporations, totaling over 1500, sent in their votes, via computer, and/or smart phones.

When the news is all doom and gloom—as it has been since the outbreak of the coronavirus— it's hard for even the most optimistic among us to stay positive. It's true that we need to take this virus seriously. It's capable of causing severe illness, death, and drastic long-term changes to how we live and work. It could even cripple the economy. It's easy to stay focused on those calamities: they seem to be the only topics covered on local and national news.

But those thoughts would be counterproductive. Obviously, there are things you need to know about the coronavirus outbreak to protect yourself and those around you, but you do not need to become a COVID-19 expert, nor do you need to hear about every unpleasant detail from dawn until bedtime. Instead, focus on the positive so that you have the energy and resolve needed to weather this storm. Here are some things you can do:

- 1. You could watch 24-hour news channels, listen to dire warnings on the radio, or visit countless websites and be bombarded with the angst of the moment. Instead, choose a single news source and decide how much limited time you'll spend with it each day. Then stick to your plan.
- 2.Get hope from your past resilience. You have likely endured other unforeseen major life disrupters like 9/11, major hurricanes, or the financial meltdown of 2008. You made it through! And you are stronger because of it. Know that you will get through this. Remind yourself of your resilience on a regular basis.
- 3. Thanks to the huge popularity of YouTube, there are thousands of videos that can help you take your mind off current events, if only for three minutes at a time. Start to bookmark the funniest among them so you can return for a repeat viewing whenever things feel gloomy.
- 4. You may be at low risk of severe consequences from the virus, but it may not be the same for your neighbors whose immune systems are compromised. The act of checking in on them (keeping six feet apart, of course) will not only make them feel good, it will make you feel good and remind you that there are others for whom this predicament is even more stressful.
- 5.Maybe you're heeding the social distancing advice and aren't eager to sit in a crowded restaurant right now. And others feel the same way. Those empty seats aren't helping that restaurant owner to pay her staff or keep the restaurant in business. Buy a gift card to help the business owner now, and prepay for a wonderful meal you can have to celebrate when this pandemic is behind us.
- 6. It may not be wise to drop in on your loved ones with some fresh-baked goodies, so send them a card or gift in the mail. Unexpected treats can be a huge pick-me-up-in times of stress. This is especially valuable to the elderly who are living in nursing

homes. Many facilities have closed their doors to all visitors, making residents feel even more isolated and vulnerable.

7.Events are being cancelled left and right. It's stressful. I could wallow in that for days. But that wouldn't be productive. These cancelations give me an opportunity to focus on some things I've had no time for and to accelerate my progress on other product offerings. It's liberating, and that's what I've decided to focus on. I have completed some yard works and home improvement projects.

8.Leave an envelope with a little gift for the Amazon Fresh delivery person who drops of your supplies outside your door. Or have a coffee delivered to your doorman. Your kindness doesn't require a monetary outlay. Write an unsolicited book review for a friend of yours who is an author. Send a snail-mail note of appreciation to a friend or colleague. Many in the entire country of Italy broke out in song and applause to honor their healthcare workers. Thank the custodians in your building or workplace for their efforts to keep things safe. Think of those who could benefit from your thoughtfulness and generosity. Then act.

9.Close your day, every day, with a positive acknowledgement of something you accomplished, learned or are grateful for. It will help dilute some of the negativity you've absorbed and remind you that not everything that's happening right now is bad or depressing.

In times of constant negative messaging, you need an antidote so that you can keep your positive attitude and march forward with determination and hope. Be deliberate in activities that are positive, heartwarming, stress reducing and laughter inducing! Together, we'll get through this.

## Chief Rabban Message - Peter Krickhuhn

A moment of loneliness!

As you may know, our recorder had to ask special permission from the Imperial Potentate so that we could participate and watch the virtual Imperial Session and be able to vote from our respective homes.

Being the 11th of July today, I opened my laptop computer and followed all the explicit instructions and found that everything worked flawlessly. My Fez off to the people who organized all of this within the last few months.

So, here I was in a sea of Fezzes, wherever so dispersed around the globe. Many members were able to be together in their respective temples and do what needed to be done as one membership.

We, here in California were prohibited from doing so, because our Grand Master was following his medical and safety advise and disallowed any masonic gathering or meeting. A decision which I fully support. But again, here I was sitting in my office at home, in front of my computer watching the Imperial Session and suddenly, I felt as lonely as I never have felt before in my life. At this point I realized that I had not seen my fellow Shriners in over 3 months. To top it off, I had just received notification that one of our Past Masters of my Lodge had passed away a few hours earlier, after being afflicted by C-19.

All of this together moved me into a sphere of loneliness I had never been in before and, I can say with conviction, I never want to be in again.

So, I suggest that we stick our heads together and figure out some way to be able to get together, be together and refresh our reasons for being together.

My top priority for the next year is UNITY. Let's be friends, brothers, sisters over the entire spectrum of humanity and follow our convictions of being here to help our children to achieve the goal to be the best they can be in their lives.

I look forward to serving you as your potentate next year. I know for a fact that we can achieve new heights when we do it together in unity.

#### Recorder - John P. Harris

It has been a very unique year. Not one any of us could have expected or planned for. Some Temples have found themselves in the same position as many small businesses. As many of you know, Al Bahr was not renting the building and in the process of researching and performing due diligence as for the best way, if possible, to start renting again. Because of this, Al Bahr is in better shape than other Temples as we were not dependent on income from outside sources in 2020. We have missed some FUNd raisers and plan on a virtual FUNdraiser (a no-show Rodeo perhaps!) from the past so keep your eyes open for something about this in the very near future. For those of you that are Life members, Shriners International sent out a mailing asking for money for 'your' temple through a fund called "Be More, Help More Fund". Let me just state that Al Bahr was not informed or involved in this but we are going to contact Shriners International so if you have made a donation to this fund, we will make sure it goes to 'your' temple as they stated!

During this time with the hokey-pokey shut down status form the State and Local Health...<start hokey pokey theme> you close your hair salon down, you open your hair salon up, you close your hair salon down and you shake your head all about, you do the hokey pokey and you turn yourself around.... oh sorry off on a tangent there...the Office is open again but we have some adjustments. We open at 9AM and Close at 4PM most days. If nothing is happening, we may not be here but we have a great answering machine that we check and I check emails as often as I can from my phone so we can get back to you. If you need to come down to the office please call first so we can make sure someone is here and schedule an appointment. The building is locked all the time so we are not open technically but we will make appointments for our members to get stuff done. We are, as much as you, looking forward to opening up fully and putting all of this behind us, but for now we follow all the rules.

2020 Dues are now past due. Dues are how we operate. We do not use Transportation funds to operate our Temple but we use Temple resources to help the Transportation of our kids. Check your dues card and if you do not have a 2020 sticker you may owe dues. In August Shriners International will start sending out notices for 2021 dues (2021 dues should be paid for by Dec 31, 2020). If that notice comes and the amount owed is doubled, it means you forgot to pay your 2020 dues. Did you know we have added a way to pay your dues online? Al Bahr now can take your dues payments on line at https://shrinetempledues.org. If you choose to pay this way consider donating \$5 to the Temple to cover our processing fees. Using this same link you can also make donations to the Transportation Fund or the Hospital. For those that are not interested in online payments we still take checks in the office and we will process a card over the phone for you. Just give us a call.

If you have any questions or need any assistance with events, please don't hesitate to call the office. We are here to do a lot of things and support our Shriners is number 1 on that list. You can email us at office@albahrshrine.org , call us at 858-292-0092. If you would like to send a private note to the recorder you can do that at recorder@albahrshrine.org. If you do not get the monthly AlBahr-o-Meter and Other communication by email, please email the office or Recorder and let us fix that for you. You have no idea what kind of funny stuff I send out if you do not get the emails!

## Chaplain's Message -Dave Winesett

The challenges we face today in our lifestyles, work pressures and daily activities, make it difficult to be patient. Our culture has evolved to a level that demands almost everything "now," and current technology supports those demands.

Patience can be defined as the willingness to suppress annoyance when confronted with delay; the bearing of provocation, misfortune or pain without complaint, loss of temper or irritation; quiet perseverance and even-tempered care. One way to achieve greater patience is to follow Scriptural references such as Proverbs 19:11 – A person's wisdom yields patience; it is to one's glory to overlook an offense.

The most common lesson about patience in the Old Testament is the story of Job, whose faith was tested with numerous types of suffering. Job showed great perseverance and never cursed God for his inflictions. Based upon his exemplary faith, the phrase "the patience of Job" has been quoted through the ages, even in New Testament times. Certainly, the restrictions imposed during the current pandemic are testing our patience.

When we become frustrated or impatient, remember the patience needed by the children in our Shriners Hospitals. As we work to provide their treatment that may span many years, let us be inspired by them to improve our patience with much smaller hurdles in our lives. Again, look to the Scriptures in Ecclesiastes 7:8 – The end of a matter is better than its beginning, and patience is better than pride. Shalom~

### Oriental Guide - Anthony Mc Lean

It's been said that an old blessing and curse is embodied in the phrase "may you live in interesting times". Since March of this year, I'm sure we all agree that these are interesting times and I'm still not certain if it's most certainly a blessing or a curse.

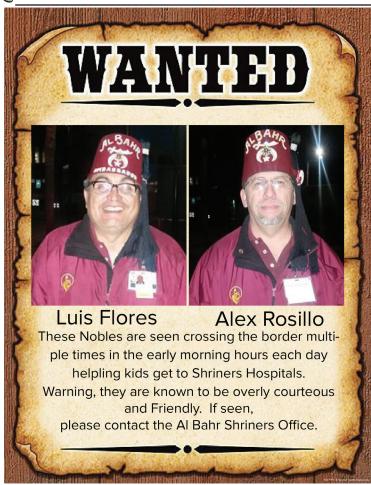
Just prior to what feels like the shutdown of everything, I had the honor to attend Oriental Guide school in Tampa. Not only did I meet many new friends, but I also reconnected with others from California Temples. I even reconnected with Jerry "Mouse" Neel, formerly of Al Bahr and a fellow clown who is my counterpart in Al Aska Temple in Alaska.

I noticed several similarities in those attending the convention. Shriners and their ladies have a passion for serving the Shriner's Hospital for Children, we embrace our Masonic heritage and we enjoy having fun. In talking to these men and their ladies, it was like speaking to many of our family at Al Bahr. We are all connected by the obligations we took as Masons, and all focused in the commitments and values that come with the Fez.

In several of these conversations it became clear we all have similar successes and opportunities as many temples in California, Illinois, Florida, just to name a few. Our membership is in a constant ebb and flow. Buildings needing work, and many other items that are usually explained away with the most dangerous phrase in any fraternal, professional, or civic organization: "we've always done it that way". Our world is changing around us, but we are not alone.

Our Divan here at Al Bahr, along with members that I've spoken to, and Shriners around the world are showing the power of our philanthropy: the Hospitals. We are able to continue on, even in these times of change because of that humanitarian focus. We make ourselves better by being Masons. We change lives just by being Shriners. We have fun being Al Bahr Shriners.

In these tough times please remember there are countless Children that rely on us. Our families count on us. Our Temple needs us. And what I've seen, Al Bahr is committed to coming out of these "interesting times" strong as we started this year. Thank you for your commitment to Al Bahr in keeping us strong.



## Tin Lizzies - Eison Brown

A-hooga! Sure is starting to get warm around here. I hope everyone is well and having a terrific summer so far especially during this most difficult of seasons. Normally, this would be the time of year where we'd get a little break from all the parading around. Although all cancelled Masonic activities are still in effect, that doesn't mean that we can't have fun anymore. I would like to encourage those that are able, to put on your masks, get in your tin lizzies and get those wheels, gears and all other mechanisms moving, drive around your neighborhoods, wave and make some noise in an effort to bring smiles to the faces of the young and old alike in our ever so tireless devotions of charity to all mankind. If you're not a Tin Lizzie and this sounds like it suits you then please apply. Everyone please stay well and healthy. A-hooga!

A little Italian tune up from my little helpers





## Club Sur de Sinaloa Shriners Message

#### Jose Alfonso Aguilar

Nobles, in this time that we currently live, due to the pandemic, it is very important to continue our work. This year 2020, as president of the Shriners Club of South Sinaloa (at Mazatlán), Al-Bahr Ambassador and Liaison in Sinaloa, I sought the solidarity of the Nobles in Sinaloa asking everyone to continue our work for our children. During this quarantine, (Noble Brito vice-president of the club) attended to a child who suffered burns in his body, which was carried out satisfactorily. As you can see in the photo, we went to the a Hospital with a dedicated area to the virus in the second floor to provide support to the children who were on the third floor. We avoided being infected with COVID 19. Everything went pretty well. Let's go together to work for our children!

In another vein, the best opportunities to be better persons that we may find in the pandemic are those for helping others. Keep this in mind, we may find such opportunities with our families, friends and coworkers (better if you do home office, lol). Let's try to make an effort to stay aware of the latest information on the COVID-19 through your national and local public health authority. We can reduce our chances of being infected or spreading COVID-19 by taking some simple precautions such as regularly and thoroughly cleaning our hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water as well as maintaining at least 1 meter (3 feet) distance between yourself and others.

Remember, as our Illustrious Sir Rudy Nobleza says, our children are our mission, don't forget that we can achieve new heights when we do it together in unity.

### 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.

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 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 October 12th at 6:00 social, dinner around 6:30 and 7:00ish for our meeting. Assuming that we are out of lockdown.

### Sons of the Desert -Bill Romer

Nobles, where did June go? I closed my eyes and opened them to July. I hope all are following the guidelines which State and Local governments are requiring, so when the time comes, we can meet again and take fellowship in our friends. Our thoughts and prayers go out to John and Nancy Ford, as John is fighting his medical problems again. He has been a fixture in our kitchen crew. Until we meet again,

## Shriners International 2020-2021 Imperial Divan

The Imperial Divan is the international governing body of Shriners International. The governing body works as a corporate Board of Directors and consists of 12 officers, each of whom is elected to the lowest position on the Divan and moves up one position each year with the exception of the Imperial Treasurer and Imperial Recorder

The highest leadership position within Shriners International is Imperial Potentate. The Imperial Potentate is both president and chief executive officer of Shriners International, and is elected for a one-year term. He spends his year in of ice visiting many of the Shriner temples (chapters), attending regional meetings and visiting Shriners Hospitals for Children® locations. He also serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors for both Shriners Hospitals for Children and Shriners International.

A similar organizational structure is followed at the local level within each temple around the world.



Imperial Potentate

James R. "Jim" Smith



Imperial Chief Rabban William S. "Bill" Bailey



Imperial Assistant Rabban Kenneth G. "Kenny" Craven



Imperial High Priest and Prophet James E. "Ed" Stolze



Imperial Oriental Guide Richard G. Burke



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Jim Cain



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Imperial Captain of the Guard Matthew Sturlaugson



Imperial Outer Guard Marty Bartlett



Imperial Chaplain
David C. Hamm





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## 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	Dudley, Kenneth	Johnston, Doug	Rosemier, Dennis
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Austin, Ed	Galligan, Gordon	Lipa, Joseph	Shultz, Stephen
Bauersfeld,	Garsson, Steve	Maizlish, Greg	Smith, Sidney R.
Richard	Hahn, Lou PP	Markson, Richard E.	Stanley, Morton
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Burris, Alfred	Heath, Don	Pirie, Dave PP	Thorpe, Lewis
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Crawford, Jim	Hoffman, Leon	Rafferty, Alexander	Woods, Olen PP
Domingo, Ber-	Hoffmark, William	Ramos, Roy B.	
nardo	Kellner, Albert	Rash, Ron	

Please let us know of any other ill or indisposed members

## In Memoriam A A A A A A

NAME	BORN	CREATED A Shriner	ENTERED Into rest
Lee Plastik	5/23/1961	12/7/1996	6/26/2020
Anthony J. Pierangelo	12/28/1923	12/10/1960	6/26/2020
Warren E. Lellbach	3/27/1932	6/3/1983	7/7/2020
Rafael Alfonso Sanchez C	risterna12/17/1965	6/30/2018	7/10/2020
Ralph C. Betters*	6/29/1927	6/9/1990	6/2/2020
Wayne G. Young	7/7/1936	12/5/2001	7/10/2020

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## REPERPORTER PLAN



#### THE AUTHOR IS NOT KNOWN. IT WAS FOUND IN THE BILLFOLD OF COACH PAUL BEAR BRYANT, ALABAMA, AFTER HE DIED IN 1982

Imagine that you had won the following \*PRIZE\* in a contest: Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 in your private account for your use. However, this prize has rules:

#### The set of Rules:

- 1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.
- 2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
- 3. You may only spend It.
- 4. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that day.
- 5. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time, it can say, "Game Over!" It can close the account

And you will not receive a new one.

#### What would you personally do?

You would buy anything and everything you wanted right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right?

You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?

ACTUALLY, This GAME is REAL. Shocked ??? YES!

Each of us is already a winner Of this \*PRIZE\*. We just can't seem to see it

#### The PRIZE is \*TIME\*

- 1. Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of life.
- 2. And when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is not credited to us.
- 3. What we haven't used up that day is forever lost.
- 4. Yesterday is forever gone.
- 5. Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time WITHOUT WARNING...

SO, what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds?

Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars. Think about it and remember to enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think.

So take care of yourself, be happy, love deeply and enjoy life!

Here's wishing you a wonderful and beautiful day. Start "spending"....

## "DON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT GROWING OLD...!" SOME PEOPLE DON'T GET THE PRIVILEGE!

Forward this to everyone you care about! I just did......

#### **RON JAERISCH**

## Peace Officers Shrine Club - Mike Randall

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.

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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 October 21st at 5:30 social, dinner around 6:00 and around 7:00ish for our meeting. Assuming that we are out of lockdown...



Most of you have seen the wonderfully presented television commercials for Shriners Hospitals for Children, which are intended to increase awareness of our Hospitals and also solicit donations from the general public.

A report from the Tampa headquarters provides us with the following information.

In 2019, more that 1.2 million donors gave a total of more than \$400 million to carry out the mission of the Shriners Hospitals and as a sampling:

\$55.5 million was sent via online gifts

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## DECEMBER 1

### DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE IS AUGUST 11TH

### 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



Buzz Aldrin, First Mason and Shriner on the Moon