



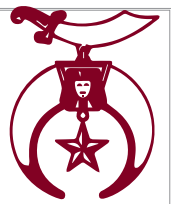
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Potentate's Message

-Rudy F. Nobleza

Before everything else, I would like to announce first and foremost, that I am running for the position of Potentate again for the year 2021, to continue what we all started early this year.

A few good months have flown by and this will not be the last time that I will formally present an

article to all of you on behalf of Al Bahr Shriners. It has been a happy time - a time where I gave off my expertise, a time where I imparted skills and some life lessons, and aptly, also a time where I learned a great deal.

I have learned that the Shrine is underpinned by a group of people that gives selflessly their time and commitments. I have been involved in meetings, ceremonials and the likes, and I value the opportunities to which I have been exposed. I have more empathy for what it takes to lead a Shriners Center - the strategic and financial planning that is required, and more - while at the same time keeping all the Nobles and Ladies satisfied, maintaining the honor and integrity of our organization's vision, while still being open to innovative changes. It has been a significant learning curve for me and one which I undoubtedly learned a great deal from.

The past few months have also taught me the value of having a positive and enthusiastic band of brothers. I have witnessed colleagues giving tirelessly their time to enhance the image and productivity of our beloved organization. I want to acknowledge that you have all played your part in making Al Bahr Shrine Center a commendable and more productive place. I have also learned that this is the role that I will strive to emulate in the future.

I also need to acknowledge just how much I have been shaped by my brothers and sisters at this shrine center. I have a myriad of experiences, too many to mention, that have impacted my life in memorable and meaningful ways. What follows barely scratches on the surface of all that I have learned over the years, but bear with me as I make mention of some of these memories.

I have learned, Ladies and Gentlemen:

-That it takes a group of very special people to commit to their jobs on a daily basis - even when the going gets tough - and believe me...we've all experienced that over the years, especially this pandemic year.

-That our ethics and ground rules are maintained on an ongoing basis, by a group of smiling and cheerful individuals who choose to be happy, in spite of the constant stress that looms from time to time.

I have learned:

-That if something is broken, like a computer, and you approach it mumbling under your breath with the odd uncensored word, followed by a sharp kick to the hard drive, it will quite miraculously resume working.

-That the peals of laughter I hear resounding from the meeting place to the dining room reflects the vibrant and happy group that we are fortunate to have.

-That a cup of coffee with friends and brothers, before any activity starts, can make a difference - and can give you that much needed perspective.



I need to add, Ladies and Gentlemen:

-That I would have been absolutely useless at unravelling the mysteries of giving and sacrifice, yet somehow it all becomes clear when I watched Noble Luis Flores and others, sends our children to their much needed appointments to the hospital with ease, professionalism, and much gusto.

-That I really do appreciate the respect with which I was always treated.

Very importantly, I have learned:

-That we are exposed to phenomenal opportunities for growth at our center- of that I have no doubt - and I have equally learned that we may only fully appreciate them as we move on, as ambassadors in the world of philanthropy.

And then, you'll be glad to hear, I have learned:

-That the only thing you should ever worry about while lying awake at night, is not going away speeches, ceremonials and/or business transactions - but whether or not we are lying, top of the league!

And finally, personally, I have learned that "Happiness is the consequence of personal effort. You fight for it, strive for it and insist upon it - always!"

I am extremely grateful for the role that everyone has played throughout the year - they have been happy year and a year that I will always remember fondly. Thank you.

Chief Rabban - Peter Krickhuhn.

To all my friends at Al Bahr Shriners:

Yes, indeed I had a nasty bout with my health. However, all is under control now and I am taking nourishment.

I want to thank all of you who have called, sent messages, Get well cards and in general have been concerned with my health. It is wonderful to watch all of you to congregate around Connie and help her thru this time. That is what fraternity is all about. So, thanks again to all of you. It is very heartwarming to know that we are a unified group and ready to assist in any way possible.

Speaking about "assist"; I have no doubt that you are aware of the fires all up and down the coast and into other states, as well as the hurricanes on the East coast. These fires and hurricanes created havoc in a broad sweep and many of our Nobles and Brethren are affected by this. So, how about all of you joining me and open your wallets and donate whatever value you can without hurting yourself. John and Barbara are ready in the office to collect those donations, keep track of them and make sure that all is given to the right place.

Imperial Shrine is suggesting sending all donations to the following and this is where any monies collected will be sent:

**MSA Disaster Relief Appeal
Masonic Service Association
3905 National Drive, Suite 280
Burtonsville, MD 20866**

They will apportion our donations and send the entire amount to those in need. Of course, that includes our brethren here in California and Oregon as well. The donation will be made in the name of Al Bahr Shriners.

I look forward to seeing a big pile of money collecting in the office.

And with that, I wish all of you a ghoulish Halloween - don't eat all the candy at once.

Chaplain's Message -Dave Winesett

Healing means to make whole again or to make well. It may relate to recovery from a physical infirmity or perhaps relief from some psychological condition caused by a particular occurrence or even self-generated. The healing process may take only a short time, sometimes being almost instantaneous, or it may extend for a very long time – days, weeks, months or even years. With any type of healing, our faith in God can be instrumental in how we deal with our special need and our acceptance of the healing process itself. The Holy Writings give us hope for healing by God's hand. "For I will restore health unto you, and I will heal you of your wounds, saith the Lord." (Jeremiah 30:17.) May we maintain this hope through the pandemic we are experiencing. Many have experienced enhanced healing through the encouragement of friends and family, group therapy, prayer, meditation and unspoken support through touch. Through these and perhaps other means, we all have numerous opportunities to help someone in need of healing – a warm embrace, a pat on the back, sincere eye contact or a kind word may be more meaningful than we can ever know. "Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones." (Proverbs 16:24.) Our Shriners Hospitals for Children are tremendous environments for healing. As members of the international fraternal organization responsible for those healing environments, we must maintain the energy and focus necessary to sustain them.

Assistant Rabban -Daniel Smith

Illustrious Sir Rudy has encouraged the elected divan members to share something worth while that is going on in the Shrine family. Due to our Mason Teaching we are eager to assist each other. As always the recorders office and the elected office are interested in your wellbeing. The Shrine is here for your questions and you may contact the office or me directly at

drsmith9268@yahoo.com

On March 8-11, I attended the Assistant Rabban in Tampa, presented by the Imperial Shrine. It was an amazing experience as we attended classes with Imperial offices and other Distinguished men and women as the speakers. Your Divan have been in constant contact with each other this year, connecting via Zoom Meetings, emails, fax and phone calls. I have attended several recent Zoom Meetings including with 15 other Assistant Rabbans. The Nobles shared activities their Shrine is doing and their effort to retain members and obtain new members, their similar problems managing their Real Property and their lack of rental income to pay the overhead.

Clubs and Units are still active and you can participate with these as well support Lady Alice's fund raiser to support Shriners Hospitals for Children. The Clown Unit as well as other Clubs and Units are actively taking applications for new members.

Director's Staff - Steve Bumgarner

This has definitely been a summer to forget. We have lost too many good Nobles and the shelter at home orders are getting difficult to bear. We need some good old Shriner comradery. I miss cooking cheeseburgers almost as much as you miss eating them. The projects that the Director's Staff takes on throughout the year have been missed. Hopefully, in the coming months we will see enough improvement that we can start to get back together, even on a limited basis and incorporating the new social distancing rules. Well, I dont know when that will be, only time will tell and until then, Be safe and Be healthy.

Recorder -John P Harris

It continues to be a strange year. The opening/closing hokey pokey because of covid numbers in California is getting tiring and worrisome. We are also still not permitted to have in person meetings by order of the Grand Master so there is also that. We are hoping to get a couple of social meetings on the calendar via ZOOM and we will email details out about those. If you do not get emails from Al Bahr send an email to the recorder at recorder@albahrshrine.org and I will make sure you get copies of the ZOOM meeting invites when they come out. Units and Clubs are clear to have virtual meetings and we have a master ZOOM account so contact me and I will help setup the meeting for your unit or club, it does not cost anything.

This month I am going to try something I read in the Al Malaikah monthly publication. They had an article about a 100-year-old club and they called it "Meet Your Club". I thought it would be great to make this kind of introduction for each Unit and Club in Al Bahr. Something fun to read and also rebuild this information so it can be presented to candidates during a ceremonial day presentation. I have been working with Bob Weldon and the first club we will feature will be the RV Club. Give it a read and let me know what you think. There may be a second featured Unit or Club depending on space in the AlBahr-o-Meter. I will be looking for Units and clubs to submit as much of this information as they want including pictures and I will put it all together with some edits and history included from the information we have available here in the office.

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 financial or health issues and may not be able to pay your dues contact the Recorder and he can find a way to assist you.

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, or 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 communications 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!



Sinaloa Ambassador -Jose Alfonso Aguilar

Dear nobles, another summer is passed away, for all of us and for several people it's gone with bad memories that will be in us for the rest of our lives, for our club Shriners del sur de Sinaloa (Shriners of the south of Sinaloa club) at Mazatlán, we will be missing our dear noble

Rafael Alfonso Sanchez cristera, passed away through the black camel due to COVID 19 virus, he become noble in the time of potentate Oscar Cañedo in a ceremony in 2018 in Mazatlán, we already miss you bro!! We are pretty sure that we will be back stronger than ever, all mankind. In our blue lodge Mazatlán number 37 (Scottish Rite) on May 5 in 2021 we will be celebrating our 100 anniversary!! This will be the oldest blue lodge (regular) in Sinaloa with uninterrupted masonic work for the last 99 years, we still do it from the zoom platform. Anyway, if you want to support us in our fundraiser for the celebration, then do it by entering this page <https://www.facebook.com/mazatlan37>, or this e-mail: jose.alfonso@shrinersdesinaloa.org.mx, WhatsApp 6691104470) plus México code, we will surely find a way to send the souvenirs to San Diego !! We have nice hats, t-shirts, a mug for coffee, thermos, pens Remember the winter is coming !

MEET YOUR RV CLUB



Do you enjoy socializing and traveling around the area and beyond? Then the RV club may be the right club for you! The RV Club was chartered in 1977 by Illustrious Sir Glenn C. Corey. The Club's first President was Noble Dave Snyder and the first outing took place at Bob Lee's Outdoor World near Jamul. Originally limited to 40 members, the tremendous response from the Nobility forced the club to rescind that and open membership up to as many Nobles as indicated interest.

The RV Club can be found traveling the roads of Southern California and Arizona. The club recently joined forces with the RV clubs from Al Malaika and El Bekal to enjoy even more fun and fellowship! The club plans travel in 2021 to places such as Yuma, Borrego, Pala, and other locations on a nearly monthly schedule. At the meetings the club will have shared meals at the local clubhouse and at one time had a traveling chuckwagon for meals.

You can find members of the RV Club serving various positions in Al Bahr Shriners such as ambassadors, aides, and other leadership positions. Membership in the RV Club is still open to all Nobles and they will accept any size or type of RV. If you do not have an RV they will still permit you to join and then they will assist you in finding that RV right for your situation.

If you are interested contact the President Dick Wolz at 858-335-5546 or Secretary Robert "Bob" Weldon at 760-807-2883.

Tin Lizzies - Eison Brown

A-hooga! Autumn is here and it's finally starting to feel cool enough to be able to pull that pumpkin spice cider and pecan pie out of the pie chest. Still no parades but don't worry, in due time we will once again become active. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us for any reason and let's all continue to serve those in need and one another. Prayers for our country and its current state of turmoil and to those that's been affected by this covid-19 outbreak, the natural disasters and wildfires that has occurred in the past couple of months. Wish y'all well and good health. A-hooga!

Sons of the Desert -Bill Romer

I regret that we have lost too many good Nobles so far this year, including our Past President and Purveyor John Ford. He was a main stay for the kitchen crew and will be missed. This has been a year we would all like to forget and move forward. I will be glad when we can meet again and have some get togethers with the friends and Nobles we miss. If you know of anyone who would like to become a member, please have them contact me. Until then, please stay safe and be well.

Peace Officers Shrine Club & Greeter Unit- Mike Randall

Any Al Bahr member who is interested in either the Greeter Unit or the Peace Officer's Shrine Club is welcome to attend the meeting of the unit or club of your choice. If each of us just brings in one new member, we could be on our way to being the Unit or 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.

Our Greeter meetings are held quarterly on the second Monday of the meeting month. Our POSC meetings are now held on third Wednesday of the meeting month. Our next Greeter's meeting will on October 12 at 6:00 with social and dinner around 6:30 and 7:00 for our meeting. Our next POSC meeting will be on October 21 at 5:30 social with dinner and 7:00 for our meeting. Both dates assume we are out of the lockdown.

Al Bahr O Meter needs your support

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.

Bob Strangman 10/20	Rudy Tintiangco 2/21	Charles Willibey 6/21
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Rey S. Cruz 11/20	Shirley Hansen 3/21	Mary Schmid 7/21
Alex Manzano 11/20	William Stanfield 3/21	Charlie Webb 7/21
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Verna Zopfi 11/20	Joe Allen 3/21	Ray Webb 7/21
Maebelle Haslim 12/20	Richard Mansfield 3/21	Jean Anne Webb 7/21
Vera Plain 12/20	John P. Harris, Jr. 3/21	William Broyles 7/21
Robert Voss 12/20	Alice Mansfield 3/21	Shirley Van Ess 8/21
Janet Voss 12/20	Willis Laughlin 3/21	Betty Wong 9/21
Steve & Karen Shultz 1/21	Nancy Merritt 4/21	Ruby Nyberg 9/21
William P. Hoffmark 1/21	Frank Tremblay 4/21	Bill Romer 9/21
Jeannie K. Hoffmark 1/21	Charles "Doc" Pickett 4/21	Dan Potsdam 9/21
Stuart Morpeth 1/21	Betty J. Love 5/21	Rocky DeLaurentis 10/21
Ed Sutton 2/21	Barbara Drummond 6/21	Luella Oberg 10/21
John Gowen 2/21	Dora Nadeen Jones 6/21	Charles Caldwell 10/21



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	Garson, Steve	Lipa, Joseph	Rosemier, Dennis
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Bauersfeld, Richard	Hampton, Robert	Markson, Richard E.	Shultz, Stephen
Benson, James	Heath, Don	Mellos, Bill	Smith, Sidney R.
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Please let us know of any other ill or indisposed members

In Memoriam



NAME	BORN	CREATED A SHRINER	ENTERED INTO REST
Gordon V. Greeson	8/11/1929	5/21/2002	8/25/2020
John W. Ford	9/30/1939	12/7/1996	8/28/2020
James W. Allen	9/21/1955	5/25/2000	9/2/2020
Charles "Doc" Pickett	3/7/1935	12/5/1992	9/12/2020

A Memorial Contribution to the Shrine Hospital Transportation Fund has been made in memory of our members listed above

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