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Potentate's Message -Rudy F. Nobleza

Thank You Nobles, and Ladies. Have I really been in the helm for almost a year? That sounds like a long time ... about the same length as a double spell of English grammar on a Friday afternoon when the sun is shining. That too can seem to go on and on and on.

I can remember how well 2020 started for Al Bahr, the Nobles, and our kids. We were all ready to embark on a successful 2020 in all aspects of what we do. Fraternity, Philanthropy, Fun. Then the Pandemic hit. A historic global event that stopped everything we had considered normal and expected.

It took a while to understand, for I was a reluctant learner. My head was so full of how things 'should be', there was very little room for how things 'were' or 'need to be'. The gap in those early days was large between what I thought I needed to share and what the Nobles actually needed. There were times when bridging it was difficult. There were even times when it seemed impossible and I wanted to give up. Many Past Potentates have been kind in saying I gave a gift of myself; my energy, enthusiasm, honesty, respect and love, to all of you. But I want to turn that around and give it back, for this is precisely what all of you have given me.

I have been privileged to have had in this fraternal organization, many fine people. They helped me build the first bridges. From them I learned to be a true Shriner is a special partnership, and that it only really works when one reaches beyond the outer image, looks into the heart, understands and respects what we see. Our role is to allow ourselves to be seen, not just for who we are, or have been, but also for who we could be.

Over the past months, meetings were held again via electronic means, plans for New Nobles Ceremonials are being made, and once again, fellowship were enjoyed if not only by electronic means. Younger generation of Nobles and the technologies they know, too reflect changing times, are charting new influences and a new path for our fraternity. Our fraternity is once again opening its mind to new ideas of Fellowship and Fun. Or future is brighter than ever if we embrace this new path and mix it with our old path once this pandemic closes its doors.

It is with gratitude that I look back on 2020. I entered a fraternity dedicated to assisting young and old people achieve their potential, to revealing or finding their best selves. As I see the year end, I think of the Nobles and the great times we had this year, the great conversations, the many undone tasks, the things a pandemic stole from all of us in 2020.

I want to pay tribute to all the Nobles for their support in 2020, friendship and exemplars of what it is to serve faithfully and with humility. I will always remember our shared laughter, our joys as well as our struggles of 2020. Thank-you for the never-ending supply of jokes to keep me awake and alert. Thank you too, for the notes of appreciation, words of encouragement, sharing of resources, and time but mostly for your sincerity and trust.

Thank you for being my traveling companions in 2020 along a large and important part of my journey in our fraternity. I am forever grateful for your stimulating company and the enormous collection of shared experiences indelibly printed on my mind. I hope to continue this journey with each and every one of you in 2021.

Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year

Chaplain's Message -Dave Winesett

GIFTS

The Holiday Season brings thoughts of gifts, both given and received. Many gifts generate great anticipation and excitement as surprises for family members and friends, and especially for young children. The holidays also focus our charitable thoughts and actions toward those in need and the gifts we can donate for their assistance, enjoyment or perhaps even their survival.

Our individual talents can be described as gifts, as well. "We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us." (Romans 12:6.) By offering and sharing these individual gifts with others, we can build relationships and create bonds much stronger than any gained with tangible items. Sometimes the greatest "gift" to someone may be a visit and time spent together. This has gained even more significance during our isolation throughout the pandemic.

The deepest pleasure derived from giving a gift is in seeing an expression of satisfaction and happiness on the recipient's face or hearing their positive response. This pleasure from giving can also be experienced by just hearing about the response and knowing that our gift had a good result. As Shriners, we gain great pleasure from knowing the good being done in our Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Legion of Honor -John Gowen

Greetings Nobles, Please take a moment and thank your higher power.

Special thanks for our health, very few of us have contracted the virus and become a part of the statistics that we see on the nightly news.

Thanks for our ability to adapt.

- We have changed things, but our core mission of sending our children to the hospitals continues.

- We can no longer come together for Masonic meetings; however, we are still finding ways to meet via electronic platforms and phone calls.

As we head into the season of Holy Days. Please take a moment to thank our creator for the many small blessings and daily miracles that we tend to overlook. Stay Healthy, Stay Positive, Stay Supportive. I'm wishing that you may be able to enjoy the companionship of friends and family. Happy Holydays*.

(*Misspelled on purpose)

Director's Staff -John Gowen

The Directors staff sends their best wishes to you and your family this holiday season. We all know that the pandemic will make it difficult for us to enjoy our family and friends. The results of the various vaccines is showing to be very promising. Please continue to practice social distancing, wearing your masks and washing your hands. The virtual get togethers are no replacement for actually being with your family and friends, but we need to hang in there a little while longer.

All the guys on the Directors staff hope you keep dreaming of sugar plums, lollipops, cheeseburgers and chips and most of all have a safe and Merry Christmas

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 December 9th at 6:00 with social and dinner around 6:30 and 7:00 for our meeting. Our next POSC meeting will be on December 18th at 5:30 social with dinner and 7:00 for our meeting. Both dates assume we are out of the lockdown.

The proposed 2021 Al Bahr Shriners Budget is available for review in the Records office. You must call the office and make an appointment to come in and review the budget as the building is currently restricted due to State and Local Health rules. The Office can be contacted at office@albahrshrine.org or 858-292-0092."

Recorder - John P Harris

Let me wish each of you joy, peace, and good health this Holiday Season. It's a time we celebrate with great joy, what we have, what we do, our families, our friends. We continue to make changes in our schedules and lives because of a pandemic that has thrown all of us for a loop. While we see all of the change, we, Al Bahr Shriners, are still on task with our children. We are still treating them and sending them to the doctors for care. Taking in new children that need our help. Sending children home to a different country after treatments that make them whole again. Sending them across our land home after treatments. We, Shriners, have a great deal of fun together. We are all grounded by the same principles. We all miss the fun we have together but we all know that we, Shriners, have a mission. Our Children, and even in times of a pandemic, we are on our mission, now more than ever. For our children!

Saying that, we have received very little donations to the Transportation Fund. If you do not know, this is the funding we have built up that pays for our children's transportation to and from the doctors and hospitals. Many things of this as the fund that runs our vans but it does so much more. This year, while in the pandemic, we have not been able to use our vans. We have instead have been sending many kids by air and bus to and from the treatments we provide in many locations: Northern California, Pasadena, St Louis, Boston, to name a few. We also have our guys at the border that turn in receipts for trips they are making to get the kids to airports or other locations where travel would begin. We are using our transportation funds for our children. We need donations to keep this fund up. Please consider a donation to our Transportation fund. Remember these are tax deductible donations. You can send donations to the office at: Al Bahr Shriners, Transportation Fund, 5440 Kearny Mesa Rd, San Diego, CA, 92111.

Speaking of sending checks, it's the end of the year and that means it is dues time! Your 2021 dues are to be paid by December 31st or you are marked as in arrears and cannot hold office or participate in activities once we open back up. Please get your dues in. As of mid-November we still have over 124 Nobles who have not paid 2020 dues! If you are having issues and need some assistance please contact me in the office or by email and we will work something out. recorder@albahrshrine.org or 858-292-0092. Al Bahr now can take your dues payments on line at <https://shrinetempledues.org>. If you choose to pay this way with a credit card, please consider donating \$5.00 to the Al Bahr to cover the cost of credit card processing. You can also make donations to the transportation fund and SHC right there at the same time. You can also mail a check in to the office at:

Al Bahr Shriners
5440 Kearny Mesa Rd
San Diego, CA 92111

So, let's get back to some fun, shall we? We will have another Social meeting via ZOOM on Friday December 11th at 7PM. It's meant for us to get together, hear some news from the Potentate and others he deems necessary and to each talk about what is going on in our lives and share in good old-fashioned fun and fraternity. Ladies are welcome and encouraged! The information to join is in the notice in this issue and I'll also be sending it out with the email communications. Did you know you can join these calls using just your phone? No video, no app required. You just need the meeting ID and passcode which is in the meeting notice. Don't let technology prevent you from joining us. We miss each and every one of you!

You know I always mention Pancakes and what I found is that someone actually reads what I put in my mailings and sent me a Pancake recipe. A delicious pancake recipe! Let me just say again, DELICIOUS! Thank-you Bobbi Holmberg! You get one free hug from the Recorder or a

Shriner of your choice when they allow us together again! Here is the Recipe Bobbi sent in:

OATMEAL PANCAKES

Mix together... 1½ cups rolled oats, 2 cups buttermilk

Beat in: 1/2 cup sifted Gold Medal flour, 1 tsp. sugar, 1 tsp. soda, 1 tsp. salt, 2 eggs, beaten

NOTE: Rolled oats as manufactured these days do not require the soaking often required for old-fashioned oatmeal.

Bake on hot griddle. (This is a thin batter, right for oatmeal.)

AMOUNT: 12 4" pancakes

From Bobbi "I am attaching a favorite recipe for pancakes that Marvin loved. It might not be what you are looking for but decided to send it to you anyway. This recipe is one we've used for years. It is in the Betty Crocker cookbook that I received when we were married—64 years ago! We usually make a half recipe—that is plenty for us. Enjoy!"

Al Bahr Shriners Social Meeting December 11th, 2020

The Potentate has requested a Social Meeting for Al Bahr Shriners via ZOOM. This will be a purely social meeting and not a Stated or Special meeting. No business will be conducted but there will be conversations on topics about Al Bahr and It's membership and general fun! Plan to attend and lets reconnect and start the conversation about emerging from the pandemic in a positive way as Al Bahr Shriners. Here is the meeting information:

Date and time: December 11, 2020 07:00 PM
ZOOM information:

Call in : +1 669 900 9128
Meeting ID: 828 1280 0577
Passcode: 8675309

Computer, Tablet, and Smartphone Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82812800577?pwd=QktqclJWSjJSdIJSSUNxN3NIRXBQZz09>

The Recorder will also be sending this information out via email so if you are not getting the emails contact the office at

office@albahrshrine.org

Tin Lizzies - Eison Brown

A-hooga! And just like that, the year is almost over! I pray that everyone had a wonderful year despite the circumstances we were all faced with. Restrictions with in person meetings and events still apply as I write this article so don't expect any events for December. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for allowing me the honor to serve as your president. It has been with great pleasure to have the opportunity to serve in this capacity and I am extremely proud to have worked with all of you which has been such a valuable experience. However, it is now time to turn over and welcome our new 2021 President; Noble Alex Manzano. Congratulations Noble sir, thank you for your dedicated commitment and service. Lastly, we are always taking applications for new members if there are any nobles interested in joining. Very Merry Christmas and a Happy new year to y'all! A-hooga!

Antique & Classic Cars -Thomas Mendoza

Happy Holidays to all Brothererren near and far, from Al Bahr Antique & Classic car club of 2020... Here is a beautiful inspiration to all from a young car lover ... https://komonews.com/amp/news/erics-heroes/erics-heroes-11-12-2020?_twitter_impression=true&s=03 Sincerely & Fraternally, I wish all a peaceful heart.



Sinaloa Ambassador -Jose Alfonso Aguilar

Nobles, another year is about to end, full of global health problems. We certainly hope that the next one will be much better than this one and that all of us will once again see health as the main thing in this life.

Our Club suffered the loss of two Nobles due to COVID, one active and the other one not from this year. This leaves us very important life lessons, let's take care of ourselves !! This is not finished yet!! Although, I am sending you the annual photo of the Nobles of the South of Sinaloa Shriners Club (Club Shriners del Sur de Sinaloa), taken in the beautiful port of Mazatlán, also known as the Pearl of the Pacific. On the other hand, I remind you that next year we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Blue Lodge Mazatlán No. 37 (May 21th 2021), the oldest one in Sinaloa working uninterruptedly since 1921.

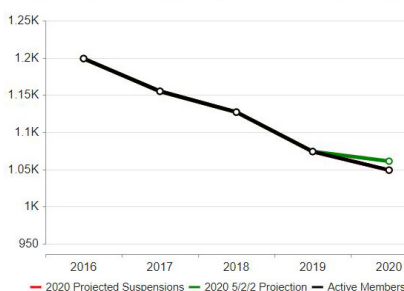
If you want to help us with fund raising, please send an email to jose.alfonso@shrinersdesinaloa.org.mx or text message to +526691104470 to get some masonic souvenirs, we are pretty sure that we will find a way to send them to you !!! Check: www.rismazalan37.com Also on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/mazatlan37>

Membership at a Glance

Status Count Breakdown

Year over Year Membership Totals

Status	2020	2019	5 Years Ago
BeginRegular	1,074	1,127	1,526
Creations	6	57	37
Affiliations	1	6	1
Restorations	20	14	10
Associations	0	2	0
Demits	2	11	8
Suspensions	6	89	160
Expired	44	30	59
Expulsion	0	0	0
Resigned	0	0	0
AssociateDrops	0	1	0
EndRegular	1,049	1,074	1,347
Gain/Loss	-25	-53	-179
Gain/Loss %	-2.33%	-4.70%	-11.73%



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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.

Maebelle Haslim 12/20	John P. Harris, Jr. 3/21	Shirley Van Ess 8/21
Vera Plain 12/20	Alice Mansfield 3/21	Betty Wong 9/21
Robert Voss 12/20	Willis Laughlin 3/21	Ruby Nyberg 9/21
Janet Voss 12/20	Nancy Merritt 4/21	Bill Romer 9/21
Steve & Karen Shultz 1/21	Frank Tremblay 4/21	Dan Potsdam 9/21
William P. Hoffmark 1/21	Charles "Doc" Pickett 4/21	Rocky DeLaurentis 10/21
Jeannie K. Hoffmark 1/21	Betty J. Love 5/21	Luella Oberg 10/21
Stuart Morpeth 1/21	Barbara Drummond 6/21	Charles Caldwell 10/21
Ed Sutton 2/21	Dora Nadeen Jones 6/21	Maebelle Haslim 11/21
John Gowen 2/21	Charles Willibey 6/21	Richard Wolz 11/21
Rudy Tintiangco 2/21	Ed Pangilinan 6/21	Linda Wolz 11/21
Mike Randall 3/21	Mary Schmid 7/21	Ken McMillen 11/21
Shirley Hansen 3/21	Charlie Webb 7/21	Bennie Bergado 11/23
William Stanfield 3/21	Joan Webb 7/21	James Blakely 12/21
Bill Stokes 3/21	Ray Webb 7/21	Alex Manzano 12/21
Joe Allen 3/21	Jean Anne Webb 7/21	Rey S. Cruz 12/21
Richard Mansfield 3/21	William Broyles 7/21	Jim Crawford 12/21



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	Hahn, Lou PP	Maizlish, Greg	Restine, Earl
Austin, Ed	Hampton, Robert	Markson, Richard E.	Rosemier, Dennis
Bauersfeld, Richard	Heath, Don	Mellos, Bill	Schoen, Frank
Benson, James	Heisner, John	Orvosh, William	Shultz, Stephen
Burris, Alfred	Hodge, Carmi	Pirie, Dave PP	Smith, Sidney R.
Condon, Howard	Hoffman, Leon	Potsdam, Dan	Stanley, Morton
Crawford, Jim	Hoffmark, William	Powell, Bob PP	Taylor, Bill
Domingo, Bernardo	Kellner, Albert	Rafferty, Alexander	Thorpe, Lewis
Dudley, Kenneth	Johnston, Doug	Ramos, Roy B.	Vance, Keith
Garsson, Steve	Lipa, Joseph	Rash, Ron	Weldon, Bob

Please let us know of any other ill or indisposed members

In Memoriam



NAME	BORN	CREATED A SHRINER	ENTERED INTO REST
Gary R. Hornberger	9/29/1939	5/18/1963	10/22/2020
George R. Proufoot	9/1/1949	10/1/2015	10/16/2020
James F. Benson	1/18/1948	5/31/2012	1/28/2020
Ralph C. "Scotty" Davis	10/27/1928	10/13/1984	11/30/2020
Gordon A. Galligan	2/4/1926	6/8/1991	11/9/2020

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

Donations and Remembrances from our Members and Friends

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In Memory of Nancy Saber:

Phil & Terry Johnson

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In Memory of Jay Mamuyac:

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In Memory of Ralph "Scotty" Davis:

Dan & Zsi Zsi Potsdam

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