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# AL MALAIKAH SHRINERS

TIME FOR GRANTING HEALING WISHES

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR SEB BADOYAN

NOVEMBER 2020

# POTENTATE'S NOTES



Hello Nobles, Ladies, and Friends,

I have been blessed and humbled by the trust you bestowed on me in January to serve as the 122nd Potentate of Al Malaikah Shrine Temple. It has been a wonderful year and I cannot thank you enough.

I can't believe this will be my last article for 2020 – a year which can be best described to the future as memorable in countless ways.

January, February and the beginning of March were very busy months for all of us. We enjoyed our election and the very first open public installation, our All Unit Potentate's Official Visit, and several Shrine Clubs' POVs. We hosted our open house and ceremonial. And we

had a roaring good time at our Gala on March 14th.

And then the shelter in place orders began in California to slow the spread of Covid-19 and the Grand Master's decision to halt all in person events to protect our members and families.

For several weeks, we did not know what we were dealing with, but I could tell that it was not going to go away quickly. This forced the Divan to reassess and act accordingly for the benefit of our temple, our members and families. Hard decisions were made to proactively cancel events, gatherings, trips and parades, sometimes before event promoters were forced to make the decision themselves. Each cancellation was hard, but every time, it was the right thing to do. Then we started to get creative! Beginning in April we've been ZOOMZOOMING every Saturday night with wonderful presentations from our youth orders, the ladies' orders, the Medical Center Administrator, doctors, past and present Grand Masters, the Masonic Homes, Midnight Mission, our Patient Ambassadors local and national, Pasadena Scottish Rite, units, and clubs with variety shows. We learned about technology and perseverance! And as we learned these things, we gained confidence and we expanded our vision, hosting our quarterly stated meeting and Cigars Under the Stars. We made virtual presentations on behalf of your temple to our Imperial potentate James R. "Jim" Smith, to our outgoing Grand Master, MW John E. Trauner, and our incoming Grand Master MW Arthur H. Weiss! And we didn't stop there. We even made our annual 5k/10k Walk Run a virtual event allowing people to support the medical center no matter where they were in the world. Thank you to Noble Tommy Ray Smith and his lady Michelle for the planning and promotion of this great event!

This fall we also hosted four historic events.

Al Malaikah made history when it presented the very first virtual Ceremonial in the United States (and possibly in the world) on September 12th with more than 200 nobles, ladies, families, friends including many dignitaries such as past and current potentates, divan members, past Grand Masters, past grand officers from many states and jurisdictions, Imperial officers and, of course, our Imperial Sir Jim Smith and our First Lady Alice in attendance. It was a wonderful day and I am thrilled to report we created over 58 new nobles that day, and over 82 new nobles YTD as of October.

Next was the very first virtual Hillbilly Ceremonial anywhere in the United States, with over 75 cousins in attendance! A big thank you to papa Gary and mama Cathy Kahvedjian for your hard work on that event.

Then we had our first virtual Potentate's official visit with two of our Shrine Clubs - Los Angeles Trojan Shrine Club and Santa Barbara Shrine Club celebrating their 100 years of service to our Fraternity.

Halloween just wouldn't be the same without our Youth Orders Dance, so we took that online and invited members from all over California and beyond to participate. It was so much fun to see our youth orders in action. I would like to thank the committee members Nobles Thomas "T.J." Elliott, James Orr, Danny Foxx, Dario Gamboa, David Williams, and our MW Russ Charvonja P.G.M. for an outstanding virtual party.

Now let me tell you about First Lady Judy's projects.

Her original project announced on Election Day benefits the Pediatric Orthotics and Prosthetics Service (POPS) at the Medical Center in Pasadena. Almost \$32,000 has been donated so far to our Shriners For Children Medical Center on behalf of all the members, ladies, families and friends of Al Malaikah Shrine Temple.

The second project, our pandemic "Bag of Wishes" project started about middle of June and as of October thanks to generous donations from our units, clubs, youth orders, ladies' orders, nobles, ladies, families, friends, churches, synagogues, and corporations, Al Malaikah shrine temple was able to deliver over \$30,000 worth of toys, crayons, coloring books, hand sanitizers, and school supplies. More than 3,500 bags and over 4,500 cloth masks as of October and we will continue as long as we can.

And now I would like to take a moment to extend a few special notes of thanks:

To our First Lady for your encouragement and involvement with our activities and efforts to help move our Fraternity forward. All of the things we have accomplished this year would not been possible without the help and dedication of all the ladies of our temple.

To our dedicated Divan members appointed and elected for your unparalleled service during this year.

To our hard-working Auditorium Company Trustees and Trustees Emeritus under the leadership of Ill Dave Chernik P.P. for keeping our temple financials as healthy as possible under the circumstances that we were given.

To our Shrine office staff for helping us day in and day out to keep our Shrine affairs in order.

To our Al Malaikahan magazine editors - our Chief Rabban Noble Raffi Barsamian, our PR Noble Danny Foxx, and my sister-in-law Jill Korpall for answering my calls, texts, and emails 24 hours a day.

To our Units and Shrine Clubs for doing everything to keep your members as active as possible.

To the Potentate's Staff, Executive and Assistant Aides, Hospital Screening Clinic Director, Temple Santa, Children Holiday Party Chairman, Directory Editor, Photographer, Temple Security, Fire Marshals, Medical Directors, Press Corps, Membership Director and committee members, Feztivities Director, Ambassador Director and our ambassadors, Shrine Clubs Director, Assistant Director and Regional Directors, Receiver of Novices Committee, Donor Relations Committee, Gala Committee, Masonic Youth Orders Committee, Sick and Visitation Committee, Temple Aides, Potentate's Advisors, Financial Advisors, Insurance Advisors, Legal Advisors, Masonic Liaisons, Scottish Rites Liaisons, York Rite Liaison. With as many amazing and dedicated nobles and ladies I may have missed someone in a list, but truly, I am so incredibly grateful for your efforts and enthusiasm throughout this year.

Though the year may have unfolded differently from the vision in my head in January, the result are treasured memories I will carry with me always.

As the year comes to a close, First Lady Judy and I wish you and your families health and happiness in the holiday season ahead. We hope you keep creating memorable days with your families and friends to be cherished for years to come. Please keep the memory of those we have lost this year in your hearts and minds.

Your wish is my command,

Seb Badoyan  
Potentate 2020T  
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Thank you



Our hearts are so full. There is no way we can describe the love and support we have felt this year and all of our years with this amazing family of Al Malaikah nobility and ladies. As always, *thank you* just never seems to feel like enough to show you our appreciation. My family, as well as my most amazing mother, Laurie Korpall, would like to thank all of you for your kind words and support to help soften the unbelievable shock and heartbreaking loss of my daddy on September 27th. My dad *loved* being a Shriner and was so proud of the work we all do for the children. We *thank you* all for the donations in his memory to my POPS project - your generosity will make a big difference to help grant healing wishes in our sweet childrens' lives.

♥ Judy

# Are you ready to make a difference?

## Al Malaikah

All Master Masons in good standing are invited to join  
Al Malaikah Shrine at our next

*Open Virtual Ceremonial*

### Saturday, December 5th 2020 10:11 a.m.

This is an open Ceremonial, which means your spouse  
and family are not only invited but encouraged to  
witness this event as you become a Shriner.

VIA ZOOMZOOMING  
Meeting ID: 850 8246 2638  
Passcode: 430276

Initiation Fee \$195.00  
Includes 2021 dues

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### PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP



Al Malaikah Temple A.A.O.N.M.S.  
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Residence Address \_\_\_\_\_ PLEASE CHECK PREFERRED MAILING ADDRESS

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STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE

Phone (Office) \_\_\_\_\_ (Fax) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Place \_\_\_\_\_ Hat Size \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies \_\_\_\_\_

To the Illustrious Potentate, Officers, and Members of Al Malaikah Temple, situated in the Oasis of Los Angeles, I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Master Mason in good standing of:

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MUST SHOW EXACT LODGE NAME, LODGE NUMBER, AND LOCATION (CITY & STATE)

I furthermore represent that I have never applied for said order, nor have I, to the best of my knowledge, been rejected by any other Shrine Oasis. If I be found worthy and my request granted, I promise to conform to all of the ceremonies, engagements, constitutions, regulations, and edicts of the Imperial Council together with those of Al Malaikah Shriners.

Recommended and Vouched for on the Honor of: (Both must sign and be members of Al Malaikah Shrine)

First Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Shrine Club \_\_\_\_\_

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Check or Credit Card Payment must accompany this application:

Initiation Fee: \$195 (Includes 2020 Dues)

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Initiation PLUS Fee: \$342

Please make all checks payable to: Al Malaikah Shrine

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2021 Western Shrine Association  
Wednesday, April 7 to Sunday, April 11

WSA Pre Registration \$110\*

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The Officers of the Western Shrine Association invite you to attend our ASSOCIATION MEETING in Las Vegas, Nevada hosted by Illustrious Sir Ken Haukaas, Past Potentate of Asiya Shrine.

Headquarters Hotel: Golden Nugget Casino Resort, Las Vegas, Nevada

Wed/Thurs \*\*King or Double—\$ 69

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Reservations can be made via the website:

westernshrine.org or by calling Golden Nugget Casino Resort  
(702) 385-7111 remember to mention WSA to get our rate.

\*Includes registration fee & Hospitality room access. Competitions are free!

\*\*All rates quoted do not include resort fee, state and local tax, (subject to change as dictated by the City of Las Vegas.)



Daughters of the Nile  
Mokattam Temple No 12, Los Angeles  
Princess Royal Fundraiser 2020

Dear Friends:

The Princess Royal Fundraiser is the Key fundraiser for the Operation of our Temple every year. ~~The current Pandemic will not stop us.~~

We are following the tradition of the founders of Mokattam Temple who organized our Daughters of the Nile temple during the Flu Pandemic of 1918. Our temple began with its institution in 1921.



**Mokattam Temple's Eve of our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:**

**Princess Royal Virtual Fundraiser**

**November 14, 2020, 6 pm**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**Link will be emailed to participants**

**With this celebration we are producing a Souvenir Program to commemorate this event.**

*This will be a beautiful keepsake that will highlight the Princesses that make Mokattam Temple great. We will have pages in the book dedicated to the officers, pages, past queens as well as families of our members. In addition, we will have articles highlighting the glorious history of Mokattam Temple No. 12. **If you would like to receive a copy of this book: please contribute \$30 (or more). Please send check to Mokattam Temple No 12, c/o Carla Sanchez: PO Box 7061, Industry, CA 91744.** The book will be mailed, or hand delivered to your house.*

**Princess Royal Carla Sanchez**

Princess Royal Fundraiser 2020 Committee  
c/o Carla Sanchez  
PO Box 7061, City of Industry, CA 91744-7061  
cbsanchez.DONMokattam12@gmail.com  
626-824-6610 cell (text first)

# OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

## Congratulations !

### Most Worshipful Arthur H. Weiss

Worshipful Brother Arthur Harold Weiss was raised a Master Mason in Conejo Valley Lodge No. 807 in Thousand Oaks on January 28, 1986. He served as Master of the lodge in 1991 and 2003, and was presented the Hiram Award in 1997 for his distinguished service to the lodge.

Brother Weiss served the Grand Lodge as an Inspector, as Grand Marshal, and as Grand Chaplain. He served on the Leadership Development Committee, was a founding member of his Public Schools Advisory Council and has served on all five Constitutional Boards, including twelve years on the California Masonic Foundation, eight of them as President and Chairman of the Board.

In addition, Brother Weiss is active in the concordant and appendant bodies; including the Southern California Past Masters Association, the Los Angeles York Rite Bodies, Allied Masonic Degrees, Knight Masons, the Red Cross of Constantine and the Rosicrucians. He is a 32° Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in the Scottish Rite Valley of Los Angeles, a member of Al Malaikah Shriners, Hi Twelve and the National Sojourners. Brother Weiss is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, served as Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California and is a General Grand Chapter Committee member.

Brother Weiss received a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Engineering in 1973 from Purdue University. He enjoyed a 42-year career in aerospace and defense at Rocketdyne, where he was part of the Space Shuttle Main Engine development team, led development of the RS-68 booster engine flying on the Delta IV, and propulsion for missiles currently deployed by the U.S. He was Executive Director of Missile Defense and of Advanced Programs prior to his retirement in 2015. He continues to consult and started an executive consulting firm.

Art and his wife, Barbara, live in Newbury Park and have one married daughter.



## MEET OASIS LODGE



It wasn't too long ago, 2008 I believe, that a group of us Nobles from Al Malaikah Shrine got together and discussed the possibility of having a new Masonic Lodge in the Downtown area of Los Angeles.

We brought this before the Temple Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors and all agreed that, yes — Downtown L.A. really needed a Masonic presence. They permitted us the use of the Unit Dining Room until more permanent facilities were arranged. Well, this was easier said than done. Anyhow, after many ups and downs, thanks to John Everson, Brownie and his crew, and the Board of Trustees we now have a beautiful Lodge Room, approved by Grand Lodge, of course, and we have settled in, but it won't be too long before we start looking again because it's starting to get a little crowded up there.

We were granted club status from Grand Lodge and began holding organizational meetings. Wor Michael Bear was appointed our Inspector, who I learned is a very patient man.



After meeting all of the requirements, MW Wm J Bray III on September 15, 2011 granted us a dispensation as Oasis Lodge UD. Our Lodge is growing. Petitions are read every Stated Meeting.

At the 2012 Annual Communication in September, MW Frank Loui granted us a charter to operate as Oasis Lodge No 854; and on November 2, 2012, MW John Lowe consecrated us in due and ancient form. It is a dream come true for many of us.

We have learned that there is a great desire for Freemasonry in this area of town. Police officers, doctors, dentists, many professional men, and students from USC have joined Oasis. Hey, how is that for a name? Oasis. Quite fitting don't you think? An Oasis of Freemasonry. I like it. Wor Dave Chernik came up with that.

Our future looks bright. We have plans for reaching out to the Community; making them aware of our presence, talking to them about Masonry and holding public events. We have many ideas to bring forth. Watch us grow.

# OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

## Imperial Sir James R. Smith

Dear Nobles and Ladies of Al Maliakah,

I'm pleased to have this special opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from both First Lady Alice and I! While this year has been different in many unexpected and difficult ways, we hope that your holidays will be bright and memorable, and that you will be able to gather with family and friends – even if it may need to be from a distance. Remember that Zoom or Skype can help bring people together. During difficult times, Fun and Fellowship – significant elements of both the holidays and our Fraternity – become even more important. I urge you to be creative and find ways to connect with family members, friends and fellow Shriners if you cannot be with them in person, and have some virtual fun!

Please make the extra effort to stay connected and help one another. While the holiday season is a wonderful, special time of year, it can be difficult for many people, and the pandemic-related restrictions may make things even more complicated and stressful. Sometimes something as simple as a phone call or email can make a huge

difference in combatting feelings of isolation or loneliness. Remember that each of you is an important, valued member of the Shriners International family.

As members of our amazing Fraternity, we can do a lot to ease those empty feelings. As Imperial Potentate, I am focusing on and promoting that original mission of offering fun and fellowship, with a theme of "Havin' Fun in '21." To help with this initiative, I have created a Fun and Fellowship Council that will assist our temples in assessing the programs being offered and adapting and improving them as needed, and in reviewing and making sure our temples are places people would want to go – places of welcome and inclusion.

Of course, defining fun and fellowship, creating group activities and bringing people together in the midst of this horrible pandemic requires some extra thought and ingenuity. We are up to the task. For example, during this time of isolation and social distancing, many nobles and temples have found ways to come together and help others, from visiting nursing homes, sometimes even as clowns (with all appropriate precautions), preparing food for health care workers and other first responders, to "drive by" birthday events and mini-parades.

I firmly believe that if we shift our focus just a bit to the initial mission of providing fun and fellowship, and promote it, as well as the bond between Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals, the Fraternity will grow, and grow stronger – which can only benefit our beloved Philanthropy.

Our amazing Philanthropy also benefits greatly from the compassion and dedication of our First Ladies, and their innovative annual programs. This year is no exception. I want to thank you for your support of First Lady Alice's program, Rising Stars, which supports the availability of assistive technology for our patients, which can make a big difference in their treatment, as well as their daily lives.

Assistive devices can range from items to help kids move, walk or play; to things that help children feed or dress themselves; to even computer-driven systems that help kids who have difficulties speaking and communicating.

First Lady Alice believes that giving our patients every possible advantage and opportunity to achieve helps them to become Rising Stars, and she is dedicated to strengthening their incredible spirits and abilities, helping them to have full, satisfying and productive lives.

The First Lady is also supporting Women & Philanthropy – Shriners Hospitals for Children, now in its second year. Membership is open to all women in the worldwide community who support the amazing life-changing work of Shriners Hospitals for Children. This is a tremendous new outreach, with a tremendous potential to raise both awareness and funds for Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Thank you for your compassionate, generous support of these important programs.

As 2020 comes to an end, I thank you for your support and trust. As we look forward to a new year, I know we all hope and pray for an end to the pandemic. I also wish you a year of health, happiness and a renewed commitment to the missions of our Fraternity and Philanthropy.

Yours in the faith,

James R. "Jim" Smith

Imperial Potentate

Shriners International



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### **To Ensure:**

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**If you die without a Living Trust or Estate Plan, the State of California has a plan for you, but you may not like it:**

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**\* Noble, if you have a Last Will and Testament, your family will still face problems 2 and 3!**

**If you want to subsidize the State and others, use the State's plan. If you love your family, use a better plan.**

Planning takes only about 2 hours of your time and may be less expensive than you thought. It gives you peace of mind knowing that you've taken care of your family. We cater to the nobility of Al Malaikah, so consultations are always free for fellow nobles and we offer special rates to our masonic brethren only. We'll also review your old Will or Living Trust, free of charge. For Nobles who can no longer drive or are disabled, limited in-home appointments are available.

### **Basic Fee Schedule:**

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## "Let Inspiration Move Us To Action"

by Noble Eric Howell Sharp:

Masonry is what you make of it. You got your degrees. You forged friendships with brethren and their families. You were the protégé of a wise and inspiring Noble and now you are likely officially or unofficially mentoring a new brother.

You got your apron, you got your ring, you got your lapel pins, you got your fez and you wear these as you should- with honor. You donate a few bucks (or a lot of bucks) when you can to the Shriners' Kids' and other worthy and deserving Masonic causes. Maybe you donate your time and energy by serving as an officer in your blue lodge or sit on a committee or several committees. These are tremendously wonderful deeds and accomplishments. Only a tiny fraction of the world's population have done, are doing or will ever embark upon such adventures.

This author is certain that if you are taking the time to read this publication then you are such a noble that has experienced great satisfaction in all of the things mentioned in the preceding paragraphs. Perhaps you know this already but it is certainly worth mentioning here: Your journey inspires others to do the great work. You are blazing a path and lighting the way for many more who will travel this way. It is this author's opinion that you can best inspire others and further enrich your own journey by joining a Shrine Club and make things happen. All you have to do is let inspiration move you to action.

P.S. Quick pitch: the Show Business Shrine Club has risen like a Phoenix from the ashes of yesteryear and is once again open to Shriners who want to be part of a club with a mission to entertain, inspire and enrich each other's lives. Join us and let's celebrate life together.



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# MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE

## Greetings Nobles and Ladies of the Shrine.

We have both exciting and good news! And in 2020 who doesn't need exciting and uplifting news?

In addition to our very successful "envy of all Shrinedom" Saturday night Zoom meetings, we are now planning and committed to the first ever online Ceremonial, the brain-child of our leader, Illustrious Sir Seb Badoyan!!! We are on the way to making it happen!

The date is Saturday, September 12 at 10:00 am and open to all on Zoom. The links will be provided by the temple office and everyone will receive them late Monday or Tuesday morning in the September 7 issue of the "Weekly Al Malaikah News". If you do not receive the newsletter, please call the office or drop an email to Noble Tyler Davies.

We are going to have an absolutely blockbuster event right in the comfort of your own home, back yard, or even in the pool!! Think about it: getting the family together to experi-

ence the magic carpet ride of a Ceremonial during breakfast with the family on your computer, iPad or phone or even mirrored to your big screen TV!

Grand Lodge is excited to see how well we do, as is Imperial Shrine. Who knows who may show up?

YOU can assist in making this first ever digital Ceremonial successful by helping your Membership Team, Ambassadors, and Shrine Club/Unit Officers reach out to lodges and candidates. We need some phone and email time from everyone! Remember: JUST ONE!

One more piece of good news for the nobility and our families: the Western Shrine Association (WSA) members have elected Illustrious Sir Seb Badoyan to the office of Third Vice President. WSA is composed of fourteen temples and is dedicated to providing more opportunities to have fun and help kids and a place where we can mingle with other fami-

lies from the Western Region of the United States. Their web site is westernshrine.org and the Membership Team suggests everyone go there and look. The annual gathering will be April 7 to 11, 2021 in Las Vegas and Al Malaikah will have a great presence at this event. There are opportunities for volunteers to be a part of the steering and planning committees - so let Seb know if you are interested. Other than Imperial Session (which is also open to all nobles and ladies), this will be the largest event in Shrinedom. The Western Shrine Association will have events going on for nobles and their families.

Fraternally,  
Noble Barry Balonick Chairman of Membership  
Noble Jack Witz Director Ambassadors  
Noble Kerry Halgrims Director of Fesztivities  
Noble Kris Askins Director of Mentorship

## CONGRATULATIONS

Al Malaikah will like to recognize the following Nobles for their

# 50 years

of continues service:



Jerome Ginsburg  
Stanley Gresick  
Kenneth Miller  
James Snedden  
Alexander Work  
Harry Anderson  
Dennis Bruecker  
William Connell  
Robert Cronshey  
Frank Gafkowski  
Clyde Garrison  
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Stanley Hignett  
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D.C. Mayes  
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Michael Mulcahy  
Calvin Patton  
Emmanuel Segall

Dale St. Claire  
Glenn Stallins  
James Taylor  
Charles Yacobain





# Help A Shriners Medical Center Patient Enjoy Being A Child

**T**he First Lady's Project for 2020 will benefit the Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic Service POPS providing special prosthesis for our patients; enabling them to run, swim, and play sports. The joy of being a child, able to play with their friends is something we can provide. Activities and adventures with their family become a reality. Every single dollar counts.



If you would like to Help Grant Healing Wishes,  
please donate to:  
First Lady's Project 2020  
c/o Judy Badoyan  
521 W. Leaside St., Glendora, Ca. 91741

Make checks payable to  
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**AL MALAIKAH SHRINE'S UNIT AND SHRINE CLUB CONTACTS**

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Sahara Patrol	Robert Orgen 818-591-0130	Downey	Gary Phillips 562-922-3627
Shrine Band	Jason Edwards 714-414-7541	Encino	Jerry Deprest 818-980-8370
Stagecraft	Ed Calzaretto 310-398-4507	Five Cities	Eric Laiblin 805-478-5084
Temple Guard	Spencer Champaneri 562-644-2007	Golf	Guy Richmond, PP 310-291-6913
Silver Mounted Patrol	Charlie Acevedo 714-299-4681	High Desert	Joe Romero 442-269-1385
Hosts	Victor Lerma 818-314-0333	Kern County	Steve Worford 661-664-6297
Koppers	Jeff Bonney 661-317-1924	Lake Isabella	Thomas McKinney 760-417-9265
Clowns	"Pogo" Jerry Zeldes 818-216-1255	Lompoc	Fred Holmes 805-733-3685
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## ANTERIOR VERTEBRAL BODY TETHERING: A NEW TECHNIQUE TO FIX SCOLIOSIS IN GROWING CHILDREN

Jenna is a 14-year-old high-level dancer with a history of adolescent idiopathic scoliosis. Her spinal curvature was progressive and reached 57 degrees in the lumbar spine, and 53 degrees in the thoracic spine. She had sought opinions with many other surgeons in the local area and many of them recommended spinal fusion, which would have corrected her curves but would limit her flexibility.

I saw this patient and listened to her concerns. They were adamant that they wanted to maintain her spinal flexibility so she could resume dance at a high level. I recommended a new procedure called anterior vertebral body tethering (VBT), which uses a flexible polyethylene terephthalate tether to gently guide spinal correction over time. This is a new procedure that is only performed by a handful of surgeons in the country and was only recently FDA approved. After multiple discussions, this family wished to proceed with VBT.

I performed the procedure on May 27, 2020 at Children's Hospital Los Angeles with Dr. Cathy Shin, a renowned pediatric thoracoscopic surgeon. This operation was performed in a minimally invasive fashion and the child has mostly less than one inch scars with minimal muscle

damage. She had almost no pain after surgery and required only two opioid doses at home. I saw the family in clinic and they remarked how surprised they were, both with the amount of correction she received, but also how little pain she had compared to others who had a similar operation or a full spinal fusion. She was cleared to go back to light exercise at 6 weeks postoperative and is already back to dancing full time at 3 months. Over time, she should continue to increase the amount of correction she obtains as she grows.



Jenna: Preop



Jenna: Postop



Nico: Preop Nico: Postop

We have since performed this operation on another patient, Nico, who is an elite tennis player and has dreams of playing in college and professionally. He also has done incredibly well and is already back to hitting tennis balls at 6 weeks after surgery. And just like Jenna, Nico will continue to see increased correction as he continues to grow, while allowing him much more flexibility than traditional spinal fusion. Because we are the only facility in Los Angeles that performs this procedure, we have been seeing many children who are interested in our clinic from Southern

The Shriners Hospitals for Children have always been innovators in medical science and technology. This device, which was developed in conjunction with Zimmer Biomet, was conceived at the Shriners Hospitals for Children in Philadelphia with Dr. Randal Betz (former Chief of Staff) and Dr. Amer Samdani (current Chief of Surgery). Shriners Hospitals for Children owns part of the patent for this device and continues to be a pioneer in helping to change the lives of children with pediatric subspecialty conditions, one life at a time.

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# IN MEMORIAM

## WILLIAM JOSEPH (JOE) RYLAND,

By Noble Bernard N. (Bernie) Harris, M.D. Al Malaikah  
National Surgeon of National Sojourners and Heroes of '76

Noble Brother Joe Ryland was born on January 30, 1937 in Selma, Alabama. He joined the U.S. Army in 1960, receiving his commission from the Auburn University ROTC program and retired in 1988 as a Lt. Colonel. He started his masonic life as a DeMolay in 1955, then joined a lodge in 1965 while in the Army. In 2000, he became Worshipful Master of Rosemead Lodge No. 457, and then served as Grand Junior Deacon in the Grand Lodge of California in 2009-2010. He joined the Scottish Rite in 1968 and received the Royal Order of Scotland Degree in 1999 and his 33rd Degree in 2005. He joined the York Rite in 1988 and served as Most Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of California in 2007 until his demise. On August 2, 2008, he received the Order of the Purple Cross and became an Associate Regent of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. He was the Excellent Chief in the Knight Masons. On October 23, 1999, Joe received the DeMolay Legion of Honor. He joined the Ancient Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine on December 2, 1972 at Isis Temple, Salinas, Kansas. After transferring all his Masonic affiliations to Augusta, Georgia bodies in 1974, he then transferred all of them again in 1979 to respective bodies in Southern California, joining San Gabriel Valley Shrine Club, where he became President of the Mini-car Club in 1993, an office which he held until 2008.

Joe's passion really was the National Sojourners and its affiliated Heroes of '76, both consisting of Master Masons who served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Sojourners is now 100 years old and the fourth order of Masonry, along with the Blue Lodges, the Rites and the Shrine. Joe joined Sojourners while he was in the Army on March 11, 1970 and became a Hero six months later. He was the Charter Secretary of Pasadena Chapter No. 265 from 2004 to 2018 and was also Adjutant to both camps. He received the National Secretary of the Year award in both 1973 and 2001, the only Sojourner to ever receive it twice. He was a member of several National committees, including being selected as a charter member of the Order of Barrow Wheelers in 1974 and served as Chairman for several years. The Barrow Wheelers is a group of 100 elected Brethren who serve as workers for the Sojourners organization. He was elected to NASOCOCO, the group that runs the business end of Sojourners, from 1993 to 1996. He was also elected to the Committee of 33, the group that gives counsel to the National President, from 1994 to 1996. Joe was National President of Sojourners in 1999-2000. In 2013, Joe was awarded the most prodigious and exclusive award a Sojourner can be honored with, the Legion of Honor. He continued to be active on both the Chapter and National levels until he could not serve anymore. He was a victim of ALS, Lou Gehrig's Disease, and rode the Black Camel, passing to the Celestial Chapter above on September 11, 2020.

He leaves behind his lovely wife of 55 years, Katie, and one daughter and three grandchildren. Katie Ryland is a Past Bethel Guardian of Job's Daughter Bethels No. 29 and No. 179, and has served as a Deputy Grand Guardian for California. She is a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile, and the Social Order of the Beauceant, of which she was Supreme President in 2010-2011. Joe also leaves behind a multitude of saddened Brethren. Rest in Peace, most dedicated and honored Brother. You deserve your righteous and esteemed place in Heaven as you did here on Earth.



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As 2020 closes, we look forward to the forming of a new Patrol. Since the Patrol's inception, at the end of the first year of every decade, Patrol members have formed a new unit for the next decade. For 2021, we have formed the Desert Sun Patrol. Please celebrate with us by making a new friend in the Shrine.

Questions, comments, and/or interest in attending a Patrol function, please contact Aaron Purther (clay909@gmail.com), president of the Patrol 2020 & 2021. We meet the second and fourth Monday of every month at 6:30 PM.

Shout out to Patrol member birthdays: Michael Schneider (11/6); Steve Merriam (11/10); Mike Metzler (11/12); Raffi Barsamian (11/28); Stu Wright (12/9); Jose Vela (12/22); Bill Frankenstein (12/25)

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 THEN RETURN IT WITH THE CURRENT MAIL LABEL TO THE  
**AL MALAIKAH RECORDER**  
 665 W. JEFFERSON BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CA 90007

## SHRINE SHOP

PRODUCT SHOWCASE

# Support your Temple

**2020 POTENTATE'S  
 BLANKET**  
 \$50.00



**2020 POTENTATES  
 COLLECTORS COIN**  
 \$15.00  
 2 for \$25.00



**2020 POTENTATES  
 BOLO**  
 \$20.00



\$30.00

**AL MALAIKAH  
 BASEBALL VISOR**  
 \$15.00



**AL MALAIKAH  
 LICENSE PLATE FRAME**  
 2 for \$25.00



**AL MALAIKAH  
 TEMPLE SHIRT**  
 2 for \$50.00



**AL MALAIKAH  
 USED FEZ**  
 \$25.00

**AL MALAIKAH  
 BASEBALL CAP**  
 \$20.00



Please make check payable and mail to Al Malaikah Shrine.  
 I/We wish to contribute to the Potentate's Items Program, at a cost stated  
 per item above. *Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club/Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Digit Code on the back of the card \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL CONTRIBUTION \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$10.00 FOR SHIPPING PER ORDER  
 665 W Jefferson Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90007

## ORDER TODAY

Potentates Blanket	_____	x 50
Potentate's Bolo	_____	x 20
Potentate's Coins	_____	x 15
AL Malaikah used Fez	_____	x 25
AL Malaikah Baseball cap	_____	x 20
AL Malaikah Visor	_____	x 15
AL Malaikah License	_____	
Plate Frame	_____	x 15
AL Malaikah Temple Shirt	_____	x 30