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April 2021

POTENTATE'S NOTES



Hello Nobles, Ladies, Family and Friends!



The interesting times continue – I hope you and yours remain healthy and are spending the time we are apart enjoying the different pace life has taken. Over the past 15 months we have had opportunities to put the lessons learned in our degrees as Freemasons to work in new and meaningful ways – and in doing so have made a real impact in our communities. In the challenges it has been made clear that our society needs the ideals that we as Freemasons embrace, and that these ideals in action will attract more men to join us. While some of these opportunities have come due to the circumstances, they have created new relationships that will allow us to introduce Masonry to more people in the future. We have teamed up with the nonprofit CalVax.org to have our Shrine Auditorium facility serve as pop-up vaccination center. The first weekend saw approximately 1,000 people receive their first dose of vaccine. We will continue to make the facility available to assist underserved populations receive their vaccines as long as it is needed.

As your Potentate, I am pleased to report that our membership continues to come together. Our first quarter of 2021 was filled with virtual activities, including a fantastic online Ceremonial. We will continue to connect digitally in the days ahead. Please take advantage of the opportunities to visit different Clubs and Units from the comfort of your home. It really is a lot of fun.

Financially, we continue to do okay. With the help of our Treasurer, Recorder, and the office staff, we have been implementing new ways of monitoring and trimming our expenses. Their hard work is paving the way to help us continue to be financially stable for years to come.

That being said, we do need your help in supporting the temple. Without in-person POVs and Ceremonials we have missed some traditional chances for members to pick up items from the Fraternity Store.

Please check your Al Malaikhan or visit our website (amshriners.com) to pick up the bolos, hats, temple shirts and blanket. Thank you in advance for your support!

I remain hopeful that soon we will be able to return to the activities we all enjoy.

Until then, please stay healthy and happy.



A Season of Hope

I always find Spring to be such a hopeful season. New beginnings, fresh ideas, increased energy, brighter days. I am finding this Spring especially hopeful.

After a year of unimaginable challenges and loss, Spring still arrives. Today I am, again, inspired with hope.

Hope to be with family and friends again soon.

Hope for continued progress in the fight over the pandemic.

Hope for our nation's healing.

Hope for those who are battling health, both in body and mind.

Hope for those who feel hopeless.

I want to have the hope that each of our patients, parents, and doctors have when they begin their journey with the Shriners Hospitals and Medical Centers for Children. The kind of hope that is in the eyes and hearts of these children as they imagine a new life of possibilities.

Hope is available to each of us. It may have to begin with a very small thing to hope for, something we can grab onto and feel. But, it is worth our effort.

My hope for you is that you will always find hope in your heart.

*Thank you
First Lady Judy Badoyan*

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SHIPPING BEGINS END OF NOVEMBER

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS



by Larry Adamson, PGM
Chairman, Board of Director, Masonic Homes of CA

"And the greatest of these in Charity", is a phrase all too familiar to masons around the world. As Shriners it resonates in our commitment to be the answer for children looking to be able to stand, walk, smile and live life to the fullest extent possible. To masons in California, it starts with our obligation to care for one another and to extend our hand of brotherly love to our elder brothers and their wives or widows.

Your Masonic Homes of California is the North Star and today it shines bright in spite of the challenges that COVID-19 has brought to us all. Now over a year in duration the pandemic has created many challenges for operators of senior living in-residences facilities. I'm sure that most of you are aware, that the senior living communities were some of the hardest hit by the severity of the virus and far too many of that very vulnerable population lost their lives before science knew how to respond.

We were fortunate! Although it is impossible to be completely unaffected, the Masonic Homes of California helped lead in development of protocols and safety measures and as a result saw a very minimal impact overall. In a resident population that exceeds 300, we were able to isolate cases to fewer than eight percent. The actions of our staff and the administration's expertise lead us to actions that shielded our residents from the catastrophic outcomes that plagued so many communities of elderly living throughout the nation. We were quick to act. Five day prior to the lockdown order by the State last March, the Homes had already restricted entry and implemented full testing and safety measure to insure that no one except essential personnel would be in contact with our residents. All non-essential staff was shifted to work from home.



Working through the extended duration of this pandemic challenged us to create nontraditional means in addressing the potential of isolation and depression that everyone was feeling. We brought in technology to allow family visitation through Zoom and Facetime platforms, staff had doorway bingo and our own form of Masonic Jeopardy to help keep our residents busy. The safety and wellbeing of our residents and staff was our true North Star and we guarded it ever so preciously. In February, 2021 and through the time of this writing in mid- March no new cases have occurred and the counties have released us to reestablish visitation and group dining on our campuses; one of the first in the State. But, the biggest change is that all of our residents have now been fully vaccinated as well as staff and everyone is exciting about what may be the light at the end of the tunnel.

All of us should be very proud of the work of our Homes in giving every resident the safety, dignity and wellbeing that they deserve. As you know, we were forced to stop all outside visitations and activities during this past year but it appears that later this year, hopefully in the fall, we will again be able to welcome our masonic family back to our beautiful campuses. The first group, we hope will be the wonderful Nobles and wives of Al Malaikah Temple. In our next installment on the Homes we will discuss how one can apply and be admitted and the impact of the 2020 roll out of the 'Distressed Worthy Brother Fund.' Until then my brothers.

To learn more about the services and programs of the Masonic Homes of CA visit our website at www.masonichomes.org.

MEET YOUR NOBLE

Noble Ray Rust

by: Justin Denlinger

Brother Ray Rust joined our nobility in 2005. One month after his Shrine ceremonial he attended the Shrine circus with his trombone and never looked back.

Now in his second multi-year stint as director of the Shrine Band, Brother Ray continues to handle the position with aplomb. The Shrine Band is fortunate enough to benefit from his generous spirit and many talents. As director, he challenges musicians while still maintaining the fun of making music. However, he is more than just the band director; he is also an arranger, performer, and artist. Under Brother Ray's watchful eye the band has grown in numbers, become more organized, and spun off a second smaller band (the "Shrine Inch Nails"). He is personally responsible for bringing in several new faces that have helped the band thrive. Further, he's invested his own money (and much time) into better organizing the band room, including the Shrine Band's filing system and storage. That financial investment (with the support of is lovely Lady Lisa) does not even include the gas money he burns coming down from the mountaintop as he commutes round-trip from his home in Victorville to the Shrine each week. Moreover, under his directorship, he co-founded the Shrine Inch Nails as a jazz/funk/rock combo group to play at smaller functions. As such, Al Malaika has a proper concert band to play for large events (e.g., ceremonials and parades) and holidays (e.g., Oktoberfest) as well as a smaller combo band to perform for smaller, more intimate events. Both bands exist to raise money for the Pasadena Shriner's Children's Medical Center.

In addition, Brother Ray is an educator (he is high school teacher) and scholar (he is presently going back for his Ed.D. in educational technology). He gives of his talents; he can play just about any instrument, although he is most comfortable on trombone, trumpet, sax, or clarinet). He's a family man that enjoys spending time with his Lady Lisa and their children.

Al Malaikah is fortunate to count Brother Ray as one of its Nobles. The Shrine Band is better for his involvement. His good humor, dedication, and many talents help lift up our Shrine. Brother Ray Rust is a Renaissance man: Noble. Gentleman. Friend.



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2020 Summary Review of the Shriners for Children Medical Center Pasadena

Despite all the disruptions caused by COVID-19, our care *never* stopped. At the onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic, our team set one goal: keep our patients and staff safe and healthy. Working around the clock, we quickly modified the common areas within our medical center to allow more space between waiting parties. We installed instructional and wayfinding signage, deploying staff to lobbies and hallways to promote safer patient flow through the clinical areas. We removed any items in the lobby/waiting area that could be touched by multiple parties, but thanks to the caring, generous support of the Al Malaikah Temple, we substituted individual activity bags filled with goodies and activities that are even age appropriate and have been given out to patients and their family members upon entry. We have received many positive comments and continue to receive them for how awesome these bags have been for visitors! We trained our doctors, nurses, and clinicians in care delivery with infectious disease control protocols. We launched a virtual office visit program using iPads and smart phone telehealth technologies so that patients could see their doctors without leaving their homes. It was a time of radical transformation. Each day presented us with a new set of challenges. However, working together, we met and overcame them all. *Every. Single. One.*

Today, the outside of our medical center looks the same. It is the interior spaces and our people that have changed. We are smarter! We have learned how to meet the challenges of the COVID-19 Pandemic while continuing to provide much-needed high quality, safe care to children. We are tougher! We have rallied around the strength and determination of our doctors, nurses, clinicians, staff, and volunteers so that no child who needs our care is turned away. We are grateful! We have been blessed with countless examples of selfless charity from donations of masks made especially for kids to carloads of boxed meals from local restaurants for our staff to charitable gifts of jars filled with pennies from elementary school kids to million-dollar donations from wealthy philanthropists. Once again, Al Malaikah Temple really contributed with the cloth mask program they established. We have handed out hundreds of cloth masks to patients and families in Pasadena and in Tijuana!

Here are some of the highlights for 2020:

- Volume in the Pasadena Medical Center, which had started 2020 off 25% over 2019 volumes, turn downward due to the COVID-19 pandemic and finished the year approximately 20% below our 2019 volumes. Nationally volumes for the type of care we provide were down closer to 30%
- Our Press Ganey Patient Satisfaction survey showed that we continue to dramatically enhance the response rate from our patients and families. They also show that we continue to improve the Patient Experience as the overall indicator, Likelihood to recommend the Medical Center scored a very high mean score of about 98 – outperforming the Shriners Hospital for Children system.



Shriners for Children Medical Center™— Pasadena

- There was ZERO HARM in the Medical Center for the entire year of 2020.
- We renewed all three California Department of Public Health licenses for the Medical Center.
- We received our highest income from Donor gifts ever receiving over \$10 million for the year. This included a \$5 million gift and two \$1 million gifts.
- The combined draw on endowment (Pasadena and Tijuana combined) was 67% less in 2020 than the combined draw on endowment for 2019. This represent an \$11.7 million reduction in the draw on endowment.

In addition, through it all, you have been there with us every step of the way. For that, we are most grateful as every journey is best taken together.

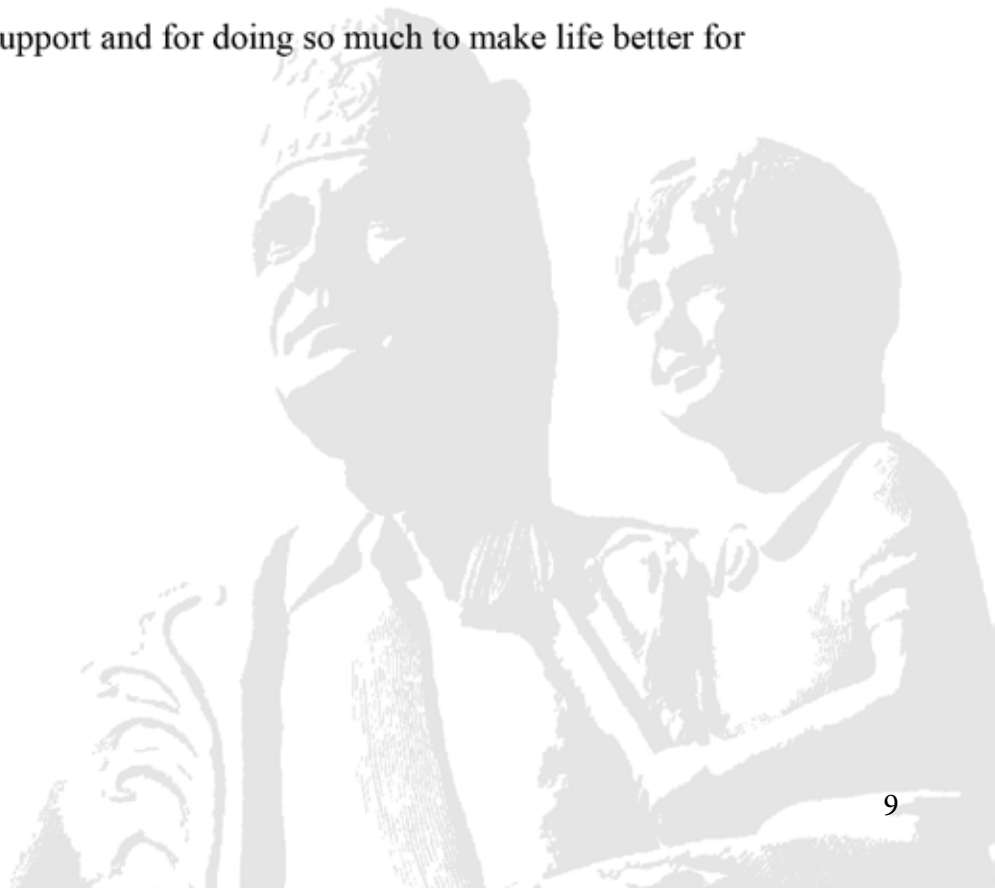
What does 2021 hold in store for us? We have some wonderful plans to rebound from the effects of the pandemic. We see greater partnerships that will enable us to care for more kids, in more places and with a smaller draw on the endowment. Only time will tell. As someone once said, “Time and tide wait for no one.” We are already on our way to making 2021 a fantastic year for Shriners for Children Medical Center.

Let us do this. Together.

Thank you again for your amazing support and for doing so much to make life better for children!!

Sincerely,

Chris Dougherty
Administrator



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MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE

Nobles and Ladies of the Shrine.

The new beginning is in our minds as we enter the Spring season.

Positive events are happening everywhere. Flowers are in bloom, birds are chirping and the possibility of Shrine gatherings of in-person events seems more likely.

Your Al Malaikah Shrine is part of the vaccine protocol. We donated our time and the parking lot for Covid 19 injections bringing us into the solution of beating this pandemic as we see light at the end of the tunnel.

Our Potentate, Illustrious Sir Seb Badoyan is gearing up to make the balance of the year fun for family and friends.

Your Temple has been having Zoom meetings every Saturday evenings with special guest, movies and the Nobility continuing to have access to Shrinedom. The best way possible!

Looking forward now we are hoping for an opening of Masonry in California from our Grand Master Arthur Weiss. But until then his directive prohibiting in-person Masonic meetings and events is still in full effect.

Once we are open Al Malaikah along with Membership Committees will offer the same fun events as parades in locations throughout our jurisdiction.

This is something we are all looking forward to.

We all want to go to Dodger Stadium, Hollywood Bowl, Cigars Under the Stars and more, again once we are open.

My family misses these great events brought to us by Noble Kerry Halgrims Director of Feztivities.

Meeting together with our Ambassadors with Noble Jack Witz Director of Ambassadors. The Mentorship Director Noble Kris Askins who has been in touch with our New Nobles by email. Talking with Noble Kris he too would like to send emails to the New Nobles of 2020 and 2021 as where to meet and learn just how much Al Malaikah has to offer for family and friends along with the entire Nobility.

We, The Membership Committee hope our next article will be full of pictures of these gatherings listed above and share in the best experience of Masonry and Shrinedom.

Until then all stay safe and healthy and if you so chose get your Covid vaccines. I for one can tell you I feel much safer now that I have had my vaccines and as cautious as we still are there is just something about feeling just a little closer to health and happiness.

Thank you all for reading our Membership Article and if you have any questions or suggestions we are always happy to hear from you.

Fraternally,

Noble Barry Balonick
Membership Chairman
Al Malaikah Shrine.

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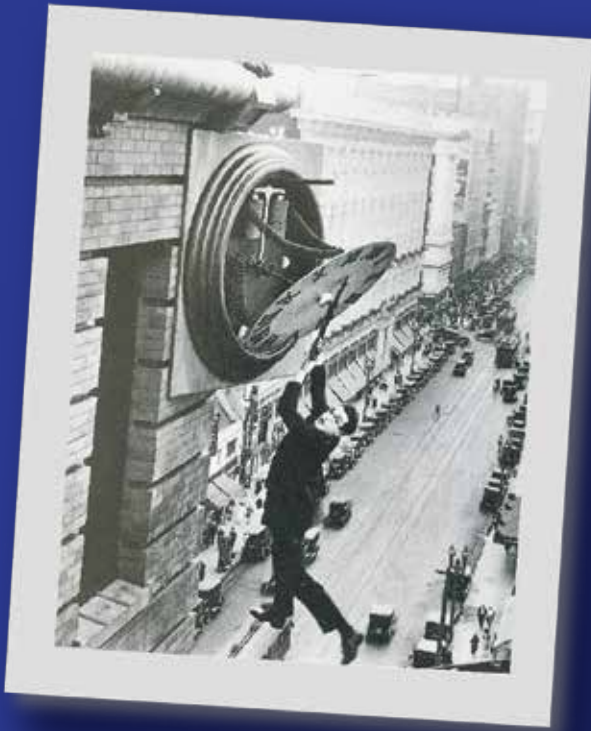
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Silent screen star Harold Lloyd (*Past Potentate of Al Malaikah* and *Past Imperial Potentate*) in his 1923 film "Safety Last!"

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

REFLECTION AND RENEWAL By Brian P. Bezner, P.M.

As a schoolteacher we are taught/trained to be reflective in order to improve our lessons as well as our ability to convey knowledge to those we teach. Of course, like most students, we do this exercise simply to get a grade and receive our teaching credential. We are dismissive of this skill thinking that we will figure it out as we go and there is no need to take the time to practice such a "silly" skill. How wrong I was, and I am sure that other teachers were as well as they begin their teaching career filled with all of the "know-it-all" bravado that come with young adulthood.

After 15 years of teaching, I don't necessarily sit down and write down my reflections on how something went and how to improve, but at least I reflect on how my day went. Being reflective is difficult because it causes you to call yourself on your own shortcomings. It causes you to harm your own fragile ego and do away with the narcissism that comes from being the "center" of attention. We endeavor to put our best foot forward, but sometimes the lesson does not hit the mark due to our own lack of enthusiasm or the lack of engagement from our audience. The most important part is to build upon it rather than dwell on the ineffectiveness or worse, look for excuses to make yourself feel better and place the blame on the other side. I was blessed with the opportunity gain a tremendous level of knowledge and it is my profession to impart that knowledge to others. The goal of teaching is not gloat about how much more you know compared to others the goal of teaching is to make your students smarter than you are. The trick is to be mutually gracious the day that you and the student realize it.

As a Mason, I have used the skill of reflection much more often than I have as a teacher and I wasn't even getting a grade to pass a class. However, I was getting a much more important grade – a grade for my life within a fraternity based on mutual improvement and growth. Reflection is a healthy component of our craft and should be intuitive to us in all that we do – ritual, presentations, fellowship, etc. We are a fraternal organization that combines social and academics, friendship and outreach, strength and love. When we consider our three principal tenants and four cardinal virtues we shouldn't respond with, "this is easy, what a cake walk" we should respond with, "this is challenge that I am up for and it will be worth it." The goal of being a Masonic leader is to help each other thrive in their own way at their own pace and within their own skill level. This allows for humility to take hold as you attain different levels within our gentle craft and more importantly allows for mutual benefit to be recognized.

Reflection is part one of your ability to grow and be of benefit to yourself, which makes you of benefit to your community. Once you reflect on a moment that has occurred it is important to bask in the glow if appropriate or begin the process of reconciliation. We are given multiple opportunities to repeat our mistakes, but we are given few opportunities to make our mistakes right in the eyes of those we might have wronged, knowingly or unknowingly – intentionally or unintentionally. Allow reflection to be your ability to note the difference and act accordingly.

Now, the next part...

Renewal is often viewed within the context of some sort of spiritual awakening in which you are able to reconcile yourself with your God and/or your personal belief system. We take part in this on yearly basis with our new years resolution, regardless if you break it you made one and you can check off the box. Thankfully, for most of us there are several more opportunities to "fix" something that we have deemed ineffective. Today is Ash Wednesday, so for Christians we begin the period of Lent whereby we correct ourselves in some way and renew ourselves to live a better life. For others that wait for a religious time period to start again on renewing themselves we have Rosh Hashanah, September 6-8 this year or Ramadan, April 12-May 12 this year. More in the realm of societal celebration for renewal we have the Lunar New Year, which began on February 12 or Nowruz (Persian New Year) March 21-March 22.

I am not attempting to make light of renewal nor am I attempting to make it seem to be nonchalant, "I didn't keep my New Year's Resolution, but it's all good I will make it up later." The fact is that reflection and renewal are ongoing processes that we should endeavor to practice on a regular basis, not just when it is convenient or proscribed by an edict of some kind.

There are four areas of renewal that are to be taken into account when venturing into the practice of renewal: Physical, Mental, Spiritual, and Social/Emotional.

Physical

How often have you arrived home from work tired only to find a house full of people eager to share their day with you? At times like these we wish we had just a bit more stamina. We tend to lose sight of the need for physical activity (exercise, walking, etc.). However, it is important to understand that the body fuels the mind. You don't need to become a tri-athlete nor begin an intense exercise regimen to begin the process of building up your stamina. I have found that a quick walk around my neighborhood clears my mind and gives me a boost of energy to complete the day.

Mental

Our minds need the same sort of exercise as our muscles. We need to stretch and expand our minds. Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. has said, "A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions." Make time to dive into a good book, look up tutorials on YouTube, develop a hobby, and simply visualize your future. Planning is a great mental exercise that allows you to visualize events and sequence the steps required to accomplish them.

Spiritual

How strong is your moral compass? Are the values that motivate your actions sufficiently strong? These are all good things to consider as you plan to renew your spiritual dimension. This happens in different ways for different people. Some spend time in nature, others in church. Some read scriptures, others read poetry. Some go to confession, while others write their challenges in the sand and wait for the tide to wash them away. All of these things can help us renew ourselves spiritually. Find what works for you and schedule it often.

Social/Emotional

The social and emotional dimension of renewal doesn't require us to set aside time, but it still requires effort. It requires that we listen with empathy, that we work together to find solutions to problems that all parties involved can agree upon, and it requires us to check ourselves. The way we relate to others has a lot to do with how we feel about ourselves. The way we feel about ourselves often comes back to how true we are living to our internal values.

Reflection and Renewal are not practices reserved for a specific period of time or as a "requirement" of your job. They are practices that work continuously in order to better yourself as well as your community (family, church, lodge, etc.). We are all in need of remembering that we are a small part of this vast machine. The words and actions we release into the world should be a direct reflection of who we are rather than a reflection of what we want people to think we are.

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