

# SHRINE CALENDAR

# JULY

Saturday, 2nd - 7th Shrine Imperial Sessions Minneapolis Minnesota

Monday, 4th Newhall Parade

Friday, 15th Loggins and Messina Concert Hollywood Bowl

Saturday, 16 Shrine Family Day LA Live Steamers Sunday, 17th Grand Masters Breakfast LAX Hilton

Saturday, 23rd Stated Meeting Special Elections Shrine Unit Dining Room

Sunday, 24th POV Westwood, Encino, Burbank, and Show Biz Shrine Clubs

AUGUST

Thursday, 4th Back to School at Pasadena Medical Center

Saturday, 13 Cigars Under the Stars Shrine Auditorium Roof Top

Saturday, 20th Tehachapi Parade

Sunday, 21st Awesome "A" Shrine Club Picnic Lower Scholl Canyon Park

Saturday, 27th POV Apple Valley Shrine Club

Monday, 29th Divan Meeting Shrine Auditorium

**SEPTEMBER** 

Saturday, 17th Fall Ceremonial At The Shrine Auditorium

Sunday, 18th 5k 10k Walk/Run Woodley Park

Monday, 19th Divan Meeting At The Shrine Auditorium

Saturday, 24th-October 1st Potentates Trip Pacific North West Cruise

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From

Noble Ray Thurm









Illustrious Sir Raffi Barsamian Potentate Al Malaikah Shrine 2022

have the opportunity to host this event in 2026 and we are very much looking forward to that.

Had a fantastic POV with Los Nietos, Downey, and RV Shrine Clubs and visited Knotts berry farm afterwards.

This was all in the month of April, May started off a bit slower but definitely picked up the second half. On May 22nd we had a Hillbilly Degree which was a great event where some Nobles and their ladies became cousins and a Possum Queen was elected, CONGRATULATIONS! Linda Rizzotto,

The fabulous Indy 500 followed on May 25-30, twenty-two in all Nobles and friends had a great time with many Nobles from Murat Shrine in Indianapolis, IN including the Imperial Potentate and the Grand Master of Indiana. Definitely a bucket list item!

On June 4th we headed off to Santa Maria for the Santa Maria Elks Parade, something we've missed the last couple of years (due to you know what). It was a great time and would encourage you all to make the time and go next year.

On June 8th we had another POV in Santa Barbara hosted by the Santa Barbara Scottish Rite and three Shrine Clubs, Santa Barbara, Ventura, and Carpenteria, thank you all for a fantastic evening.

On June 12th we had the long-awaited Tri-Temple Ceremonial with Al Malaikah, El Bekal, and Al Bahr from San Diego all together at Kwanisland Park for an outdoor Ceremonial which turned out to be an Outstanding day with a total of 32 new Nobles of which 25 became Al Malaikah members. My hats off to all the Ritual cast members for a job well

# Hello Nobles, Ladies, and Friends

You know the old saying "time flies when you're having FUN" well it certainly applies to us at Al Malaikah Shrine.

We're halfway through the year and there's no letting up as we continue to offer many more events and FUN for everyone!

The last quarter has been a full one, in April we had the Eggstravaganza at the Medical Center, we had an opportunity to visit with some of our patients and their parents, and we provided the kids and the staff with pizzas and other goodies.

Next, the El Bekal Temple Gala followed which was a very nice event with our neighboring Temple.

On April 20th through the 23rd we attended the SDA (Shrine Directors Association) Conference in Orlando, FL. which is an annual event that allows all the Stagecraft Units throughout the country to showcase their work, our Stagecraft Unit along with the Potentate and the 2nd Ceremonial Master have been attending for a very long time. Al Malaikah Shriners will

done and the always hard-working Stagecraft Unit, of course, the Patrol Unit, Office staff, receiver of Novices, and the many other volunteers that pitched in to make this one beautiful event. I would also like to thank El Bekal and Al Bahr Potentates, Nobles, and their ladies that took part in this Special event. Thank you All!!

June 18th was the Fezzy awards at Sergestrom Shelby Center in Irvine, this was a celebration for the 100th anniversary of Shriners Children's. It was an awards ceremony put on by the Pasadena Medical Center who presented awards for five different categories of winners, a very beautiful and elegant affair.

We close out the month of June with an Outreach Clinic in Apple Valley hosted by the Apple Valley Shrine Club. This will be the first Outreach Clinic that we've had in many years, and I'd like to thank Apple Valley and its membership for stepping up and hosting this event. The purpose of an Outreach Clinic is to evaluate children that may qualify to receive our help for a condition that they may have. Our Medical Staff Unit will be doing the evaluations, it's something that I'm very excited about restarting. If any other Clubs are interested in having an Outreach Clinic in your area, please reach out to me.

That brings us to the end of what we've been doing the last few months and the next three months are just as full. Check out the calendar in the magazine or at amshriners.com for all upcoming events, and keep an eye out for the weekly email blasts that are sent to you with information on all upcoming events.

If you have any questions or suggestions, I'm a phone call away! Thank you ALL for your support and participation in Making a Difference Together.

Have a happy and safe 4th of July.

YIF

Raffi Barsamian

Potentate, 2022

# AL MALAIKAHAN MAGAZINE FIRST LADY REMARKS





Marsha Barsamian First Lady Al Malaikah Shrine 2022

# I can't believe that half a year has gone by!

I just love how there are so many good people in our world who strive to give our kids a better life. It pleases me to announce that we have received in contributions approximately, \$237,500 to date for my HEART Project. This will most definitely benefit our children and the Medical Center.

# THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT, HARD WORK AND **BELIEF IN MY PROJECT!**

LET'S CONTINUE "MAKING A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER"

Here is a message from Natalie Chicas, MA, CCLS Department of Child Life and Volunteer Services regarding my project:

### **HEART PROGRAM:**

In the beginning of 2022, we were fortunate to start our HEART Program. In January we piloted a music therapist to work with Shriners and see what benefits it would bring to our patients. The outcome of having music therapist we saw with patients was lessened anxiety about surgery. For example, on one occasion, we had a teen patient going to surgeryvery scared and nervous. The music therapist sat with her and used the patients favorite song to create their own lyrics of the patients feelings. When it was time for the patient to go to surgery, the music therapist accompanied the patient to the operating room and used the song as a coping mechanism to help the patient relax.

This is just one example of many benefits we were able to see. In addition, we are continuing to engage patients in creative arts by having volunteers have appropriate activities for patients to participate in. We have also launched our staff recharge room, where employees have the opportunity to have a quiet space to take time out of their day to recharge and feel relaxed.

Currently, we are working with Loyola Marymount to start an art therapy program where students from the university would provide services to the patients. We are also working with our home office to contract a part-time music therapist to be on board with Shriners two times a week in our clinic and outpatient surgery departments. We are continuing to expand the HEART program and appreciate all the support we have received from First Lady Marsha Barsamian to provide these wonderful resources to our patients and families.

Yes, YOU help give these kids hope and a better life! Join us in our journey

### "Making a Difference Together".

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- Drama

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· Relaxation room

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The components of the program are provided at the medical center by trained professionals and volunteers.

Join us in our journey Making a Difference Together, please donate to:

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# ÄL MALAIKAHAN MAGAZINE

# FROM THE RECORDER





Illustrious Sir David Wehmeyer Recorder Al Malaikah Shrine 2022

# Hello Nobles and Ladies,

The year keeps moving along, it's already July and the kids are out of school. But Al Malaikah just keeps on rolling along. There are many events in the coming months you can attend. If you see something in the Al Malaikahan or the Weekly Blast, call the Shrine Office for more information. We all support our Shrine Medical Center in Pasadena. But sometimes our Medical Center is not equipped to help a patient. So, we need to transport the patient to another hospital elsewhere. That is why we have a Transportation Fund. This helps Al Malaikah pay for the transportation of patients and their guardian to Shrine Hospitals all around the United States. Some of the patients come from other parts of the world. The Transportation fund is very important, without it some of the children will not get the care they require to survive. Noble Dario Gamboa has been assisting in bringing 2 patients to the Shrine Hospital in Galveston Texas. This hospital is one of our burn centers. The 2 patients are severely burned. If you have ever burned your finger, now imagine

half your body. (I had to stop for a moment) These children are suffering, but we, and that includes you, are here to help. One of the patients lost her mother and father in the house fire that burned her. We as Shriners must step up and help others. That is what we learn in Masonry. If you wish to help you can donate to the 'Transportation Fund'.

Hope to see you all soon. Ill. David Wehmeyer,



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# ÄL MALAIKAHAN MAGAZINE CHIEF RABBAN MESSAGE



## Greetings Nobles, Ladies, and Friends.

Noble Scott Shaw Chief Rabban

Happy Summertime wishes from your friendly neighborhood Chief Rabban Scott Shaw. We had an amazing ceremonial last month out in Garden Grove at the lovely Kiwanis land Park! We took in 24 new Nobles to our fraternity! I want to acknowledge our entire ritual cast who did a top-notch job: and our Stagecraft unit for doing the setup and tear down.

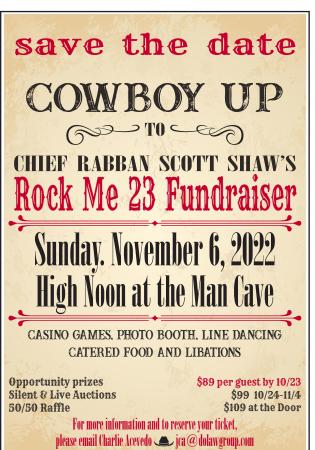
# Well done, Nobles!

We are gaining momentum on the new 100K Klub with donations at about \$2,000 by the last count! We now have couches to go with our 85" TV screen in our new Nobility lounge upstairs between Patrol and Stagecraft unit rooms. Next up will be to add Vending machines, dart board, and Cornhole set. Then when we secure more donations, the woman's bathroom plans for remodeled can begin! Keep those Donations to YOUR Shrine Fraternity coming in! If not you then who?



We look forward to seeing everyone at our next big social event... Cigars under the stars on Saturday August 13th. Come on down and listen to some music on the roof of our 6th-floor parking lot to see an epic view of downtown LA. Break bread and enjoy libations with old friends and make new friends as we enjoy fellowship and hospitality together while relaxing with family and friends.

This will be our 2nd biggest social event after the gala this year so hold the date and get those reservations in soon! Wanna Get Away? Please consider coming out to Las Vegas on the 6th-9th of October for the PGA Shrine Children's FED EX Golf Tournament! Great event outdoors and come meet Shriners from around the country.



Our Shrine center works on Hole 6 and we need 10 volunteers to help out each day. Seeing our Shrine patients live in person, make me very proud to wear the Fez and know we helped these kids out! We Look forward to seeing your smiling faces out there!

Please Save the date: Sunday, November 6th High Noon to 6 pm out at the Man cave in Anaheim is where my lady Mary and I will be hosting our Chief Rabban Cowboy up Rock me 23 fundraisers with casino

games, opportunity raffles, silent auctions, Live Auctions, 50/50 along with line dancing, BBQ and bottomless libations and drinks. Same price \$89 pp.

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If elected, my Lady Mary and I look forward to being of service to the Nobility and ladies of Al Malaikah

Fraternally, Scott Shaw



# Al Malaikah STATED MEETING

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# In Memoriam Illustrious Sir Aaron Grossman March 2, 1931 - May 30, 2022

Illustrious Sir Aaron Grossman was a significant presence in the Shrine. You always knew when he was on the scene and it was something to look forward to.

Illustrious Sir Aaron was born in 1931 and grew up in Boyle Heights. After high school, he joined the Army and served in Korea. He and his high school sweetheart, Natalie, were married for 61 years until her passing.

He joined Menorah Lodge No. 623 in Los Angeles (later Southern California Lodge No. 529). He was Initiated on May 10, 1962, Passed on July 26, 1962 and Raised on November 29, 1962.

He was a 50-Year Golden Veteran of Southern California Lodge No. 529 in 2012.

He served as Potentate of Al Malaikah Shriners in 1995 and Treasurer from 1997 to 2005.

Ill. Sir Aaron joined Al Malaikah Shrine on May 14, 1971. He was a member of Sahara Patrol and Stagecraft. He also supervised the Shrine Circus. He was elected Potentate in 1995 and was elected Treasurer from 1997 to 2005. He was also a Trustee Emeritus of the Al Malaikah Shrine Auditorium Company.

In 2007 he received the prestigious Flying Eagle Award as Shriner of the Year. He remained an active Shriner until health issues kept him away the past few years. He was a mentor and a historical reference to his Shrine family and to many other Shriners. He was always ready with a joke or three.

Ill. Sir MW Stu Wright recalls that in the early days, prior to becoming Potentate, a golf game with Aaron Grossman, Aaron Blackman and Tony Parisian was an event with nothing but pure laughter for 18 holes.

Also, Ill. Sir Aaron was a donor to many organizations; he was flat out a generous person. He had a strong love for his grand and great-grandchildren. He visited his wife, Natalie's, grave every Wednesday until health prevented him doing so. He made a personal call every day to Ill. Sir and MW Stu and Julie Wright to check on their health.

Ill. Sir Aaron Grossman was laid to rest on Sunday, June 12, 2022 at Eden Cemetery in Mission Hills. Imperial Sir Nick Thomas, PIP, conducted the Masonic service and Most Worshipful Stu Wright, PGM, served as Chaplain. The funeral was attended by Masons, members of the Desert Sun Patrol, family and friends.

A moment of silence in his honor was observed at the previously scheduled Tri-Temple Ceremonial which occurred at about the same time as the funeral.

Illustrious Sir and Brother Aaron Grossman was a dedicated Mason and Shriner and friend. He only wanted the best for the fraternity's future.

# He will be missed.



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# Tri-Temple Ceremonial on Sunday, June 12, 2022 A Great Success

Congratulations to the new Shriners and kudos to everyone who participated in and supported the June 12 Tri-Temple Ceremonial at Kiwanis Land Park in Garden Grove. Al Malaikah, Al Bahr (San Diego) and El Bekal (Anaheim) Temples joined together at this unique event and initiated 31 Master Masons into their respective Shine Temples. It was very impressive and we should all be very pleased with ourselves.

It was not without challengers. We overcame being locked out for 90 minutes or so with ingenuity and determination and still finished in time for the fine catered lunch.

We had several last-minute Ritual Cast substitutions due to unfortunate circumstances. Members from all three Temples admirably filled in where needed.

Ill. Sir Mikie Metzler PP gonged his way out of California and saw his son initiated into the Shrine. All the Illustrious Potentates gave their parts of the obligation with confidence. Every cast member delivered his lines smoothly and with confidence. Ill. Sir Lynn Georgeson recited My Old Fez as well as we have ever heard it. Noble Robert Dockery of Al Bahr performed Now I Walk at the end. We have never heard it at Al Malaikah, but we want to incorporate it into our future ceremonials. There were rounds of appreciative applause for some of the parts.

Noble Moses Gazazian and the other Shrine Temples' First Ceremonial Masters may have had the hardest task - to figure out who in the capacity crowd was from their own Temples and should be introduced.

Thank you Noble Zack Maples and Stagecraft for setting up so well in a strange venue after having to heave much of the sets and equipment over the fence that was not unlocked for us. I am sorry the food ran out before you finished the tear down and putting away the equipment. We will have to do a better job looking out for you in the future.

Thank you Noble Aaron Purther and the Patrol for serving as Shrine sheep dogs in herding three temples' groups of candidates into the right spots at the right time and being flexible with the changing pre-ceremonial schedule.

The registration and office staff did a brisk business registering the 31 candidates and selling merchandise.

The Hawaiian-themed lunch was very good. It was great to relax for a while under the canopy's shade with our friends.

It was a great experience to meet and work with the other Temples. Maybe it will become a "thing."

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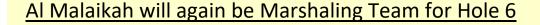
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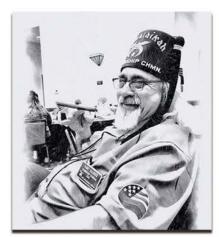




# MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE







Noble Barry Balonick Membership Chairman Al Malaikah Shrine 2022

This membership article finds our Temple in great condition and moving on to a record year of brotherhood and friendship.

We just completed another Ceremonial with 25 new Nobles from Al Malaikah in outdoor Southern California celebration.

This included our neighbors from San Diego Al Bahr and Orange County El Bekal.

Three Potentates took the stage to officiate in bringing our communities closer together in the first Tri-Temple Ceremonial in recent history.

The Hawaiian theme Ceremonial included local Hawaiian food and many Nobles wearing Aloha shirts. The success brought on by many Nobles from Al Malaikah Units and clubs. A herculean effort from our Stage Craft Unit is not to go unnoticed by all in attendance.

The Ritual Cast also did a great job in making all 31 collective new Nobles enjoy their first step into Shrinedom.

There was over 130 Nobles and Lady's on the special Sunday Ceremonial and we have heard positive accolades from all that attended.

Your membership team in attendance from Director of Ambassadors to the Director of Mentorship and all their efforts were greatly appreciated.

Our Potentate Illustrious Sir Raffi Barsamian and first Lady Marsha Barsamian were great hosts to this 20

incredible event. And the Nobility thanks them for their service to Al Malaikah. On a personal note I want to thank Illustrious Sir Raffi for keeping his "kids" front and center in his year as our Potentate.

This is a good start of taking our Shrine to a more user friendly Temple and will be a long lasting legacy. From the Nobility Lounge on the second floor to upgrading events for all of us to enjoy.

Last week Al Malaikah attended Santa Maria Elks Club parade. A weekend that we won't forget !! This too will be an on going Temple event for the next years with a special day of everyone in one room enjoying the local food and beverages. Don't miss it! The plans are already in the works and promises to be an all inclusive under one roof get together.

One more thing, please bear with me. Santa Barbara Shrine Club is celebrating their 101 year as a Shrine Club and we had 3 new members added

this year. The "gateway" to the northern jurisdiction is growing and their plans for the future is exemplary. Let us all watch this area grow as the smaller towns in the Central Coast are exploding with younger population.

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# Message to the Shrine



I first learned about the Shriners and their work a long time ago. My father was a Shriner, and was committeed to contributing to the work of the Shriners Hospital for Children – work that focused on making a huge difference in the lives of children.

My father "reached the end of his earthly toils" a number of years ago. As President of the Board of Trustees of the Smidt Family Foundation – and as a longtime member of the Order of the Eastern Star – I have continued my father's legacy, and honored his memory, by contributing annually to support the work of the Shrine.

I am overwhelmed when I think of the Shrine's selfless kindness in what can best be described as an Act of Love for children and their families who otherwise might have little hope for the future, including children with bad burns, and children with orthopedic, craniofacial, or spine issues. By contributing to Shriners Children's, the Foundation is also supporting the Shrine's cutting-edge research, focused on new and better treatments for the children served. I wanted to particularly mention that the Smidt Family Foundation separately contributes to the Shrine Learning Center, whose work I strongly endorse.

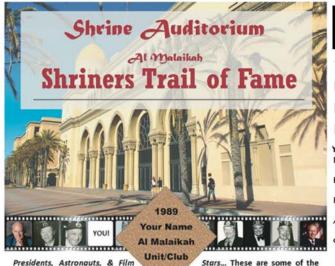
Helping the Shrine to help improve the lives of children with major medical needs gives me the warmest sense of giving something back, in a most fulfilling way. I'm sure it is the same for each of you.

To the children who are patients, I would ask that you "look to the future with confidence and enthusiasm." You are surrounded by the love of the Shriners, and the love of the doctors and nurses who work so hard to take care of you.

May God bless you all.

Maya June 2022





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# THIS IS WHAT WE DO... WE ARE SHRINERS

It's a mantra of our fraternity "Having fun while helping kids". We're all clear on the fun part, as we should be but before I was given the honor of being directly involved in the process, I really didn't personally understand the impact we have in the lives of our children and their families.

Although what I'm about to share with you is told through my eyes, you should be proud to know this is happening thousands of times every year all across our hospital system. I wish I had the space to elaborate more on all of the wonderful experiences over the past year, but I wanted to share at least a snapshot of one recent experience that really illustrates what we're all about when it comes to helping our kids.

We know all of our patients are important but the most critical case I've been involved in is with a 9-year-old little girl from Puebla Mexico named Estrella. The little girl's home was destroyed in a fireworks accident that tragically killed both of her parents and caused her to suffer 3rd and 4th degree burns over 63% of her body and face. She was admitted to a local Hospital in Puebla Mexico that was not equipped to treat her life-threatening burns.

I was contacted late the night before our annual Indy Race trip about Estrella's dire situation. Time was of the essence. If arrangements could not be made to quickly get her to a specialty burn center, she would likely not survive. Fortunately, one of the best burn centers in the world is our own Hospital in Galveston TX and we needed to get her there. The local Shrine Club in Puebla could cover the local ambulance, but she would require a specialized Air Ambulance to transport little Estrella to her destination.

The complicated process to get her to life saving treatment was set in motion immediately. Our Potentate, Illustrious Sir. Raffi Barsamian gave the green light for the Air Ambulance right away as part of an all-hands international effort working through the night to save the little girl. Next up was the regional Nuevo Laredo Shrine Club helping to expedite the documentation for US Customs and Department of State. By early morning, the boxes were checked in record time and little Estrella was cleared to enter the country for treatment. By this time, it was early morning and I was at LAX waiting to board my flight to Indianapolis for the race but our job was not done. With travel documents completed, the Air Ambulance could be secured with a guarantee from the Al Malaikah Travel Fund and flown into place at the local airport. The Mexican National Guard jumped into action and escorted Estrella to the waiting aircraft. El Mina Shrine in Galveston Texas was mobilized and ready to do their part to receive her and safely transport her to the waiting hospital. Against all odds, Estrella and her grandmother arrived safely in Galveston at 11 pm on 5-25-22. Barely 24 hours from the time of the request.

In all, over 30 people were closely involved in tracking her progress and ensuring this little girl arrived safely to her destination. Everyone who helped and participated, knew once Estrella was in the hands of our staff in Galveston, she'd have the best chance for life and recovery.

Everything went as planned, sort of, in order to secure the Air Ambulance, I missed my flight to the race. But even as I was watching my flight depart without me, a relieved smile came across my face knowing this precious little girl and a chance to live.

Since this time, she has received several operations but kept in an induced coma. She still doesn't know the heart-breaking news about the passing of her parents. But when she does, I hope she feels the love of our medical center staff and all of the faceless Shriners that played a part in saving her life.

Someone asked me if I will meet Estrella someday and I replied "Probably not, but it doesn't matter because this is what we do...

Fraternally,

Dario Gamboa High Priest and prophet of Al Malaikah Shrine

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