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July - August 2023

# AL MALAIKAHAN MAGAZINE



24 PAGE DIGITAL MAGAZINE



## Tri-Temple Ceremonial 2023



WELCOME  
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FIRST LADY MARY



*"Share the Love, Heal the Kids, Shriners Rock"*

### WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON

Quarterly Stated Meeting Saturday, July 15, 2023  
Continental Breakfast 9am • Meeting Starts at 10am

Cigars Under the Stars Saturday, August 12, 2023  
Rededication Plaque Ceremony 4pm • 5pm Social 6:30 pm Dinner



# SHRINE CALENDAR JULY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						2023 Imperial Sessions 1
2023 Imperial Sessions 2	2023 Imperial Sessions 3	Huntington Beach Parade Independence Day 2023 Imperial Sessions 4	2023 Imperial Sessions 5	6	7	8
Ararat Lodge & Awesome A Picnic 9	10	11	12	13	14	AM Shrine Quarterly Meeting 15
Grand Masters Breakfast 16	17	18	19	20	CD Sales Hank Williams Jr 21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

# AUGUST 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	Old Spanish Fiesta Parade 4	Solvang Getaway Weekend 5
Solvang Getaway Weekend 6	7	8	9	10	11	Cigars Under The Stars 12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	CD Sales Foreigner Farewell Tour 5 Points Theater, Irvine 6pm 21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

**The Mentorship/Membership Committee** is dedicated to introducing, connecting and providing New Nobles with an education and knowledge of AL Malaikah Shrine Organization, it's club and units. A place where New Nobles may feel welcome and in the best position to having fun helping kids. To accomplish this goal, the Mentorship Committee created and continues to improve its approach to engagement and retention of New Nobles. The approach is designed to allow New Nobles to form stronger connections and create a more structured mentorship process.



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Imperial Sir, Illustrious Sirs, Nobles and Ladies friends and family all.



*Ill Sir Scott Shaw  
Potentate Al Malaikah Shrine*

To transition away from the high cost of printing 28-page magazines and to keep from going \$12,000 over budget, we will now be mailing an 8-page printed Al Malaikahan Magazine. The 24-28 page digital version is still available on our website [www.Amshriners.com](http://www.Amshriners.com). Thank you for your understanding.

Wow, hitting the halfway point of this busy Shrine Year 2023 year already! It has been an adventure and I am very grateful for all the help from Nobles and Ladies with all our great events that were hosted in May and June. Special thanks to Koppers and Captain Barry and his First Lady Julie Balonick for helping host a fantastic 2nd Ceremonial Roast in May!

We could not have had such an epic trip to the 40th Annual Indy 500 with Murat Temple if not for our racing stewards, Richard Rizzotto and PP Guy Richmond heading up the trip, doing all the planning, and taking such great care of all of us who went! That sure was a bucket list racing trip of a lifetime!

The Santa Maria Parade had a great turnout and I must offer my gratitude to the Fadel brothers, Nabil and Tony, for opening their home and giving five star treatment to every Shriner and Lady who traveled from Al Malaikah Shrine. My lady Mary and I say thank you to your families and both of you for your continued hospitality and generosity.

Our Tri Temple Ceremonial brought in 17 new Nobles to Al Malaikah, 14 to El Bekal, and 3 to Al Bahr for a total of 34 new Nobles of the Mystic Shrine! This would not have been possible without the dedicated Stagecraft Unit who worked some magic to make the park look and feel like a desert tent. ***My appreciation to office staff Sean Caster who was rocked selling swag for the Temple. He sold \$1,300 worth of Shrine merchandise. Well done!***

Thank you to our High Priest and Prophet and his Lady, Steve and Jenny Harris, for setting up the special private steamer rides we enjoyed at Griffith Park and a special thank you to Noble John Kosorek for providing yummy barbeque for us all.

In Charlotte, North Carolina at Imperial Sessions, all elected Divan Nobles and Ladies who were in attendance were invited up on stage to participate as the Al Malaikah Shrine presented Imperial Potentate Ed Stolze with his custom Imperial Swagger Stick. Commandant of Units Gary Strum proudly shared the history of the Swagger Stick and its significance to an audience of over 1,000 Shriners and Ladies! What a proud moment for our temple!

Our 2nd Stated meeting is scheduled for July 15th and we will be presenting 25- and 50-year certificates to

as many deserving Nobles who can be there in person to receive them. Please make plans down to come down and applaud our loyal Nobles for their numerous years of support!

One of our favorite events of the year will be held Saturday, August 12th, at the LA Shrine with a special addition to the schedule. At 4PM, we invite all Nobles and their Ladies to the unveiling of the newly restored Walking Tall Statue and rededication ceremony. Our 18th Annual Cigars Under the Stars will begin immediately after the ceremony on the rooftop. This is our annual special fundraiser benefiting Al Malaikah Temple Nobility only. Please join us as we enjoy fun, fellowship, dancing, libations, some Shawn Donohugh Bourbon Tasting, and some great cigars. If you can only attend just one event this year, this is the one to come out for! The theme is Mediterranean, so come dressed casually, but bring a jacket as it can get chilly on the rooftop. Tickets are \$60 per person or \$110 per couple. Fresh chicken and steak will be cooked on site. See the flyer in the magazine for more information.

Share the Love, Heal Kids, Shriners Rock!" Because as a Shriner, that is what we all proudly do best!

2023 is going quickly for First Lady Mary and I and we are so grateful to all the wonderful Ladies and Nobles who have been a huge part of our Temple's success this year! Without all those who graciously give of their time and support to all of the events, success would not be possible. Thank you all for supporting Shrine Year 2023! Happy Independence Day and God Bless our Men and Ladies in uniform who serve and protect us all. Fraternaly with Regards,  
Scott Shaw





# HUNTINGTON BEACH PARADE 2023





# URGENT NOTICE REGARDING SHRINE PARKING

Fellow Al Malaikah Nobles:

**S**ome exciting news about parking at the Al Malaikah Temple. Beginning July 1st, parking at the Shrine will finally be entering the 21st Century.

**S**We are installing an automated system for parking at the garage entrance, eventually expanding to the Jefferson West Lot gate as well.

For now the West lot will still be accessed on a regular day by driving into the garage and crossing Royal into the West Lot. Other times we may have the West Lot gates opened for different reasons but for now use the 32nd St entrance of the garage.



The new system will require you to download to your smartphone an app called ZipBy. Instructions are in the attachment to this email. All you need to do is scan the QR code to find the app in the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store.

It will ask you for payment info but do not worry. As a Shriner you continue to park for free when you visit the Shrine on Temple, Unit or personal visit. Nobles will still, as always, pay for parking if they are attending a show that is not a Shriner show, etc...

This system works via Bluetooth on your smartphone and senses you approaching and the gate will open before you are even able to come to a full and complete stop at the booth!

If you do not have a smartphone, don't worry, you can still identify yourself at the booth and the attendant will open the gate.

Over time though, the hours of the attendant will be minimized as we develop a timing/use database.

I intend this to be as seamless as possible. But, as we all know, with technology comes challenges. I hope for these to be few and far between.

Just in case, do not hesitate to email me at [NobleBigDave@gmail.com](mailto:NobleBigDave@gmail.com) and I will do my best to answer your concerns.

Thank You

“BIG” Dave Garner  
Al Malaikah Temple Board Member



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## Time Flies when you are Having Fun!!!

That statement could not be more truthful, here we are in June, and the year is already halfway done. Scott and I spent so much time considering, budgeting, and planning for our year of leadership, it seemed that at one point it would never get here, and now we are halfway through it. The year has been delightful. Every event we have attended, the Nobles and Ladies at the events have only been supportive, kind, and fun! Thank you all who have made our year, thus far, really great.

Fun & Fellowship...has been the focus of our theme for the year, while supporting our patients and medical centers. The Nobles & Ladies of Al Malaikah have not disappointed.

I'd like to again Thank Everyone who has supported and contributed to my First Lady's Project, Creating Brighter Smiles, Changing Lives and More...the Cleft Lip & Palette department at Shriners Childrens Southern California Medical Center. If you would still like to contribute to my project, it is not too late. You can mail donations to First Lady's Project 2023, c/o Mary Shaw, 3750 Pacific Ave, Long Beach, CA 90807. Make checks payable to: Shriners Childrens Southern California Medical Center. Please remember that on the subject line, you MUST write Mary Shaw, 1st Lady Project, Al Malaikah Shrine. This will ensure that the monies donated will go directly to my project.



The monies that are raised will help fund our new Cleft Palate Extended Stay Program. As an outpatient facility, the extended stay allows us to cover one overnight stay of care. Another option with our funds is providing Welcome Bags to new patients. Depending on the age of the patient, the bag could include Cleft Lip bottles and nipples, bibs, toys, blankets, etc.



## What is Cleft Palate?

It is a condition that occurs when there is a gap in the roof of the mouth of the child. The tissues that form the roof of the mouth do not join together during the development of the child in utero.

What is Cleft Lip? When the child is born with a gap in the upper lip. The skin, muscle, and inner lining of the lip may be missing in the lip area.

Correcting Cleft & Lip Palate is NEVER done in just one surgery. Generally, most patients will have 8-9 surgeries through the age of 20 to correct all factors of their condition.

Facial Clefts occur in nearly one in 600 births in the United States.







# Al Malaikah Shrine

*invites all Masons, and their families and friends, to*

## Nashville

**September 20-25, 2023**

Join Scott and Mary Shaw as we explore the sights and sounds of Nashville. Stroll the world famous music venues on Broadway, enjoy the small town charm and history of Franklin, and the local civil war battlefields, spend an evening at the Grand Ole Opry, cruise along on a dinner cruise aboard the General Jackson Riverboat, and enjoy some of the most incredible food anywhere. We want you with us. So join us in "Music City".



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*Kalani Jensen*  
Chief Rabban Al Malaikah Shrine

*News from*  
**SHRINERS CHILDREN PASADENA**

**Y**our Medical Center in Pasadena has new people, new locations, and facilities, but still the best care anywhere. First, we have a new head of Donor Development. Alexa Barajas joins us as the director of Donor Development. She comes to us from UCLA fund raising, and actually started her career with us at Shriners Hospital Los Angeles about ten years ago. She is excited to be working with us again and has jumped right into this new position, picking up where Aaron left off. She is already hard at work developing contacts and potential

sources for donations and support. Remember that a major portion of our budget is made up of donations and your support is always welcomed.

One more thing, speaking of Donor Development. Along with our new director came a change to the name of the department. This is now the Office of Philanthropy. New name, same mission, to help support Shriners Children's, Southern California

Next, we are finally very close to signing up with Harbor UCLA. We will be able to extend our care to the south bay. Opening a clinic here will enable us to do more surgeries closer to where the children are. It allows more operating room time for our doctors at a facility with a PICU available. It is hoped that soon we will have similar "clinics" in other Southern California locations, such as Riverside.

We are also working with the Los Angeles County burn center. This will bring some of their burn and reconstruction patients to our facility. We have added a plastic surgeon to our staff to assist with this added care.

Meanwhile, we continue to increase the traffic at our Medical Center. Our intakes have steadily increased over last year, and we are still on track to exceed the number of surgeries from last year. At our current rate we will exceed our target of 705 surgeries this year. A huge



increase from the 634 surgeries performed by our doctors last year. And still there is plenty of room for growth. There was even talk about activating the unbuilt third Operating Room at the Medical Center, but we aren't there yet.

Our Tijuana clinic continues to grow. Exceeding targets and continuing to care for children closer to their homes. Not only with this facility in Tijuana, but also with tele-health facilities in Hermosillo. This clinic will soon be joined by new clinics in Guadalajara, and Chihuahua in Mexico. So, as you can see, your Shriners Children's Medical system is growing. Not only our facility here in Pasadena, but all across North America



## First Lady Mary Shaw's Project *Creating Brighter Smiles, Changing Lives and More...*

• In 2023, First Lady Mary Shaw is working with the Shriners Children's Southern California Pasadena Medical Center's Cleft & Lip Palate Department.

Monetary donations are always the easiest way to fund the department as needed and as issues arise that need attention.

If you would like to donate to the First Ladies Project, please make your checks to Shriners Children's Southern California – Pasadena.

*On the subject line, write 1<sup>st</sup> Lady's Project-Mary Shaw.*

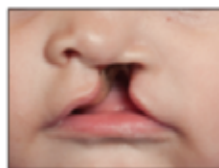
You can mail your check to the Shrine Auditorium, 665 W Jefferson Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90007 or to Mary Shaw at 3750 Pacific Ave, Long Beach CA 90807.

- Through your donations to the First Ladies Project, the monies that are raised will help fund our new [Cleft Palate Extended Stay Program](#). As you know, we are an outpatient facility, but the extended stay allows us to cover one overnight stay of care. Most of our families that come to us for Cleft Palate will be financially incapable to cover many of the costs.
- Additionally, we hope to also fund other needs of this amazing department such as [starter patient packets](#) that include things that are specialized to a cleft lip & palate patient and their families. If you would like to donate throw blankets (twin size or smaller), bibs, Spanish & English word find and puzzle books; you can bring them to a Shrine event / meeting or to the Shrine office and drop them off. We will get them to the Medical Center.

**Thank you!**



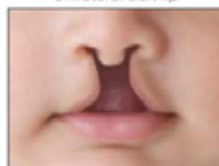
Normal lip



Unilateral cleft lip



Microform cleft lip



Bilateral cleft lip



**Dear Nobles of Mystic Shrine,**



Moses M Gazazian  
Oriental Guide  
Al Malaikah Shrine

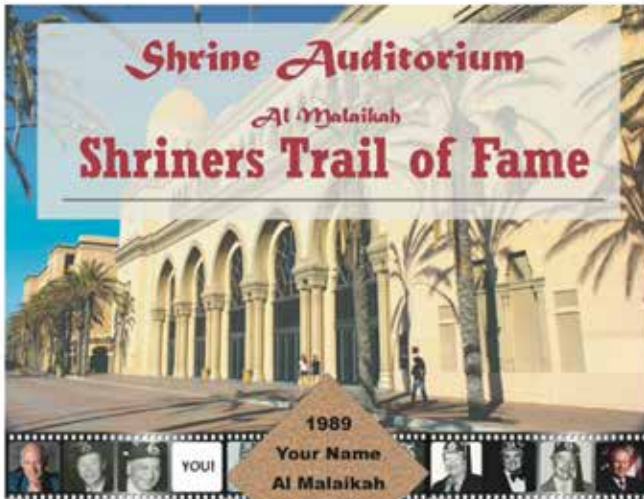
**T**his weekend I had the honor of joining ritual cast at tri-Temple Ceremony and saw lots of new faces and old friends that I haven't seen for a long time. Unity and brotherly respect prevailed at our ceremony yet again. It was great to see new members joining the Shrine Temples and it was really great to see number of new Nobles joining Al Malaikah Shrine. I was asked to do the Shriners Creed and I did my best to present it properly and motivate new members to comply, believe, understand and be part of such an amazing organization where fun and fellowship is raised to much higher level and that level is and always will be Children of Shriners Hospitals. Creed had some deep words and meanings which I would like to emphasize again for the benefit of new and old members!

“As Shriners we look beyond ourselves to serve the needs of others, especially children who can not help themselves. We believe Shriners Hospitals and Medical Centers to be the world's greatest philanthropy, and we covenant with each other to support it's “Temples of Mercy” with spirit, time, talent and means” Nobles, anyone can put on a Fez, anyone can claim to be

a Noble of Mystic Shrine, but it takes special individuals who understand and really grasp the privilege, honor and duty for a higher cause. Without healthy and well educated children who become tremendous and valuable members of our future generation, there will be no better future for anyone and our believes, goals and support will fade away. Don't let that happen!

Let each one of us do their part as “NOBLES of MYSTIC SHRINE” and understand true meaning of “The Shriners Creed”. I did and now its your turn to refresh those believes and obligations.

Fraternally,  
Moses M Gazazian,



Presidents, Astronauts, & Film Stars... These are some of the Great Men that come to mind when we think of Shriners of Notoriety. However, many more great men not celebrated in popular culture daily walk that Trail, touching lives in every way, large... and small. They are the Fathers, Sons, Brothers, Husbands and Mentors that demonstrate by their deeds the best traditions of what it means to be a Noble of the Shrine. These Men have earned their place here, on the *Shriners Trail of Fame*.

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# In Memoriam

## **Dennis C. Shaffer** **September 1, 1942 – March 13, 2023** **99th Illustrious Potentate (1997)** **Al Malaikah Temple, Shriners International**

**I**llustrious Sir Dennis Shaffer was born in Glendale, California. The family moved to the Antelope Valley when he was three and he remained there for life. As a youth, he and his sister, Verda Ann, helped run the café in his family-owned Shaffer Scales on Sierra Highway in Lancaster. Dennis spent his summers at Antelope Valley Country Club perfecting his game of golf. In 1960, at age 17, his hard work and dedication to the game paid off. He became SoCal Junior Amateur champion. It was an accomplishment he was extremely proud of. He graduated from Antelope Valley High School in 1960.

Ill. Dennis married JoAnn Zook in 1961 and started their family. During their marriage, Dennis ran a sweeping business, worked in the family café all while attending college classes at Antelope Valley College and California State University, Los Angeles. He later worked for Security Bank and SoCal Edison, but he found his calling selling insurance for the Auto Club. With his people skills, insurance knowledge and personality, he branched out into the independent insurance arena where he worked for two local agencies before opening his own independent agency with his wife Linda, in Palmdale in 1992.

Dennis was raised a Master Mason in 1969 in Lancaster Lodge No. 437, F. & A. M. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite bodies in Pasadena and York Rite bodies.

His accomplishments in Masonry were many and varied. He was Past Master of Lancaster Lodge #437, F.&A. M. in 1976, a Knight Companion, a member of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders, a Knight Templar and a 32nd degree Knight Commander Court of Honor. He has served as a Grand Lodge Officer (Grand Pursuivant 1979 – 1980) and on several Grand Lodge Committees (Insurance, Leadership Development, Masonic Properties, Membership and Junior Warden Selection). He was heavily involved in community organizations, including Kiwanis Club of Antelope Valley, past President of the Antelope Valley Boys and Girls Club, past President of Antelope Valley Country Club, president of SAVES Foundation and board member of Palmdale Regional Medical Center. He was Past Director of the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame, and served as a member of the Los Angeles County Youth Development Committee.

Ill. Dennis joined the Shrine in 1971. He was a regular member of the Patrol and an active Honorary Member in the Chanters. His many Shrine appointive positions included Deputy Membership Director, Deputy Shrine Club Director, Golf Chairman and Masonic Liaison Committee. He was appointed to the progressive Divan as Second Ceremonial Master in 1991 by Potentate Davis B. Leonard. He was elected to the Divan as Oriental Guide in 1993 and each progressive Divan position thereafter. He was elected the 99th Potentate in 1997 (his Shrine family line included two past Imperial Potentates, Walker Kisselburgh and Harold Lloyd). Also, in 1997 he was elected President of the Western Shrine Association. He was also a member of Court #84 Royal Order of Jesters.

He served as an ex-officio member of the Board of Governors of the Shriners Hospital for Children, Los Angeles, and of the Al Malaikah Temple's Board of Trustees. He was also one of the Directors of the Al Malaikah Auditorium Company. His Imperial appointments included that of Imperial Aide and member of the Imperial Shrine Insurance Committee.

His service to Al Malaikah continued to the very end. He was an insurance advisor to the Auditorium Company until his passing. He enjoyed travel. Most recently, he and Lady Linda made an adventurous cross-county RV trek with Ill. Sir Ken Judd and Lady Margie. He was an avid sportsman and a terrific golfer. Golf was his passion throughout his life. He loved the thrill of competing in golf tournaments. Dennis always felt that a man's integrity is measured on the golf course. If he cheats on the course, he'll cheat you in business.

Illustrious Sir Dennis left behind his wife Linda of 40 years, his sons Robert, Blake (Elaine) and daughter Lynda Larkin (Jack); eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Also left behind is his sister Verda Ann Olson (Curtis) and four nieces.

His dedication to the Fraternity of Masonry, as well as the Shrine was well known and recognized by all who knew him.

He is missed.







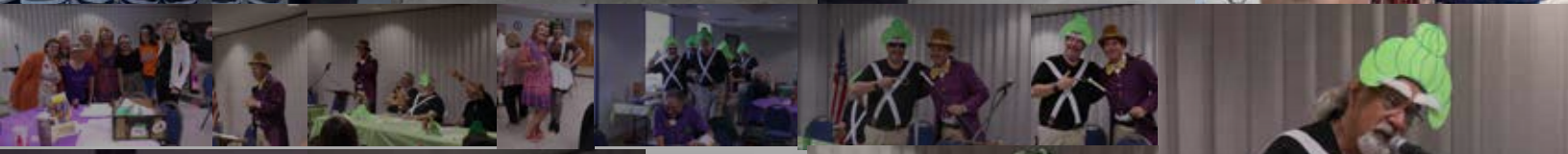




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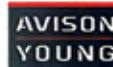
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