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## **ÄL** MALAIKAHAN <mark>MA</mark>GAZINE





want to start by wishing all of you a Happy and healthy New Year. We have a great year planned. I hope you can join us.

I plan to focus this year on the core things that I have always felt were what drew many of us to the Shrine in the first place. Fun, Fellowship and Philanthropy. First among these is the fun that we have as Shriners. Be it giving back to the community with a Christmas in July event, or back

to school giveaways or just hanging around with our nobles after a club meeting. We have some great events planned for this year that should give us all an opportunity to get together for the fun and camaraderie that we all so dearly enjoy.

Look for upcoming events on the temple calendar that will bring us all together. A Luau in June, a picnic in July even a hospitality room shuffle through the temple in August. As well as all the regular events like Cigars Under the Stars, and Parades. Not to mention all the great events at local shrine clubs.

Let us not forget the final 'F' that of Philanthropy. Al Malaikah will continue to work to give back to our community. The Toy Ride this last month is testament to what we can do when we work together.

This year we will be hosting the 'Walk & Run 2 Heal Kids' right in front of our home at the Shrine Auditorium. Also, let's not forget the great work we do contributing to our Shriners Children's Health system. The best care anywhere, and that is all from the work and contributions from our nobles and ladies. This year we are celebrating the construction of our home here at the "World Famous" Shrine Auditorium. The cornerstone of the temple was placed in 1924,



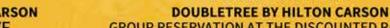
beginning a two-year construction process. Here we are 100 years later, and the old girl is still rocking. We will have a rededication ceremony in April where we will set a time capsule as a part of the Open House in April so look for the flyers. There is also a special coin that has been created for this very special year. Look for it in your Al Malaikahian Magazine.

So, join us for 2024! I look forward to seeing all of you soon.



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## First Lady's Commentary

elcome to 2024 at Al Malaikah Shrine to our Nobles, family, and friends. The New Year always seems to come sooner than expected but with it comes the expectation of new experiences and opportunities. Kalani's theme for this year is "Fun with a Purpose" and, with the help of our Divan, Nobles, their Ladies, family, and friends, we hope to have an awesome year. There will be Luaus, Hula dancers, Cigars Under the Stars, a summer picnic with food, games, and trains, dinner on a paddle wheeler, a VIP trip to Miramar Airshow, dancing at galas, participating in an international parade in Reno at Imperial (which is being held on the west coast for the first time since 2006), ceremonials, and other events to come. Wherever an Al Malaikah Shriner is, there you will find fun and fellowship.

As the Shriner's International website says Nobles join Shriners to make a difference in the world, have a positive impact on children, and have a blast doing so. Al Malaikah is blessed to be located near Shriners Children's Southern California in Pasadena Medical Center as we have an opportunity to make a direct and lasting impact on the patients and families that patronize our local facility. Our past First Lady's



Projects from 2019-2023 have raised over \$303,000 to help support the patients and families of Shriners Children's Southern California. The projects created have consisted of purchasing Virtual Headsets, High-Activity Prostheses so children can participate in sports, creating a dedicated music room and introducing healing experiences through the arts, and supplying cleft lip and palate patients with specialized tools. The First Lady's Project for 2024, "Making a Lasting Impact", is focused on raising awareness and funds to maintain and grow these worthwhile and, I believe, necessary programs. They simply cannot be allowed to disappear due to lack of funding. I have every faith that Al Malaikah will, as always, continue to contribute to this very worthwhile cause.

Thank you so very much for giving Kalani and I both your good wishes and the opportunity to represent you in 2024. We will work hard to justify your faith in us but, most of all, thank you for being a member of our family.

## FIRST LADY'S PROJECT 2024

From 2019 through 2023 Al Malaikah Shrine's First Lady's Projects have raised over \$303,000. These monies have purchased virtual reality headsets that reduce opioid usage. Purchased high-activity prostheses for the POPs Department. Created a music therapy room, helped develop a pet therapy partnership, introduced art therapy services, and paid a part-time music therapist for a year and a half. And, finally, at Shriners Children's Southern California's Cleft Lip and Palate Program these monies have purchased specialty bottles, items, and activities to address the needs of these very special patients and their families.

The impact these projects have had on our patients has been extensive. According to Natalie Chicas, the Child Life Specialist at our medical center "The use of the VR headsets definitely provides emotional, mental, and psychosocial support for our patients, but it is also just something fun and new to experience." Denis Jordan, the POPS Supervisor finds that "Individuals with a limb deficiency who participate in a sport report improved social interactions, and overall quality of life." When talking to Sara Nolan, our part-time music therapist, she mentions that "In the medical setting, our kids don't get a lot of opportunities to make decisions and that can contribute to their feelings of anxiety, but through music, we can give them a voice and empower them."

But what happens when the monies run out? Virtual headsets break. POPs still need funds for high-activity prostheses. The music therapist has become a vital resource to reduce anxiety. Our Cleft Lip and Palate department's littlest patients still need specialty bottles. We simply cannot allow these vital programs to disappear for lack of visibility and funding. These resources must continue but they take money. And while Shriners Children's is one of the largest pediatric sub-specialty healthcare systems in the world, it is in the care of the entire patient and their families where Al Malaikah can have the greatest visible impact.

To summarize, Al Malaikah has created a legacy of necessary support that directly benefits our patients and their families above and beyond medical needs. Let's not allow any of these incredible projects to disappear. They've got to continue to be visible and that can only happen if we, Al Malaikah Shrine, continue to fund them.

Please note that all donations to the First Lady's Project are tax deductible as Shriners Children's Southern California is a 501(c)3 corporation. So, when sending in a check to Al Malaikah Shrine write in the memo section "First Lady's Project" or when using any available payment options, always make sure to note "First Lady's Project".





## 2024 First Lady's Project

## MAKING A LASTING IMPACT

Virtual Reality Headsets - High Activity Prostheses - HEART Program - Cleft Lip & Palate Program



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 Natalie Chicas, MA, CCLS Child Life Specialist



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- Sara Notan MT-BC Music Therapist



Nonprofit, Love on 4 Paws provides pet therapy services twice a week



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Ill Sir Scott Shaw Potentate Al Malaikah Shrine

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

### ROCK ME '23!

t has been my honor and privilege to serve as your Potentate for Shrine Year 2023! On behalf of my Lady Mary and I, we are both very proud of our efforts to bring back the fun and fellowship this year! We had an epic year and one that brought much joy and accomplishment to us both. The year started out with a bang.

At our first POV we had both Tommy Ray Smith and James Orr pay over \$700 to buy back their clothes as a donation to the First Lady's Project. After successfully compromising, the Medical Center paid for the promotional 40 x 60" lighted box in the lobby of Shrine Auditorium. We were blessed to host three ceremonials and welcomed 68 new Nobles across the hot sands into our Shrine Temple! Our rocking Gala was an amazing good time with 175 guests! First Lady Mary's Alice in Wonderland ladies' brunch was a magnificent event that the ladies

will remember fondly for years to come. Many saw the Koppers roast new Second Ceremonial Master James Orr get roasted with Wonka chocolate fun and fellowship. We had four call out parades this year, Whiskey Flats in Kernville, the Santa Maria Parade, and for the first time we joined both the Huntington Beach Fourth of July parade, as well as the East L.A. Mexican Independence Day Parade.

Cigars under the Stars was a monumental all-time record success that brought in over \$10,000 to the fraternity and had 200 guests celebrate a lovely evening on the roof of the parking lot. Well done, Barry and Julie Balonick! Special acknowledgement goes out to Jesus Gonzalez aka Gonzo for the hundreds of man hours put in to restore our Standing Tall statue that we can now all be proud of on display out on Royal Street.

The proudest crowning achievement for the year was when First Lady Mary got to scrub in on not one, but two surgeries at the Medical Center. I am very proud to be the first sitting Potentate to scrub into a cleft lip bone graft surgery for a nine-year-old patient as well.

Our Potentate's trip to Nashville was without a doubt a highlight for many of us and a memorable trip experienced by all 38 attendees who enjoyed five days of tours by day and Honky Tonkin' by night on Broadway!

All of our lives changed on Halloween when our beloved First Lady Mary suddenly and unexpectedly passed from heart disease. The outpouring of love and admiration has been so wonderful and touching and has helped me get through these last few months to put an exclamation point on a very successful year for Al Malaikah Shrine Temple. It takes a village to get things done and without the help of our Divan and office staff, plus the club directors, ambassadors, unit and club officers, this year would not have been as successful.

So I give a nod and a thank you to all those who supported us and loved us all the Rock Me '23 Year long. Next year I will still be around as I am lending my talents to help revitalize the Lodge Ambassador program. I request that all Nobles who attend Blue Lodge regularly, please let me know who you are and what lodge you belong to so we can get you down as a Shrine Ambassador to let the Brethren of Masonry. You already know the good work we do and the fun we have! My last request of this year is that the nobility give the same courtesy and respect to our next year's Potentate Kalani Jensen and First Lady Natalie. I look forward to seeing all of you on January 6th for the last meeting and reading of the 2024 budget and Installation of 2024 officers. Let's do more in 2024.

Fraternally, Scott Shaw Potentate 2023

# Welcome All to the official 4-Way POV of Encino, Burbank, Granada Hills and Westwood Shrine Clubs

Date: Saturday 01/13/2024

Time: 10:45 am Social / 11:00 am Armenian BBQ Lunch

Cost: \$40 Per Person

**Dress: Shrine Casual with Fez** 

Location: Burbank Masonic Lodge
406 Irving Dr, Burbank, Ca 91504
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## WESTERN SHRINE ASSOCIATION

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# 2024 Business Meeting February 29 to March 3, 2024

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Make your Hotel Reservations now and fill out and submit your registration form.



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Al Malaikah Shrine: A New Beginning in Leadership

by Noble Danny Foxx Editor Al Malaikah

n the heart of the bustling city, amidst the cheers and warmth of a vibrant community, the Al Malaikah Shrine Center witnessed a significant transition in its leadership. The 6th of January 2024 marked a pivotal moment for the Shrine, as Illustrious Sir Kalani Jensen ascended to the esteemed position of Potentate during the annual installation of officers. This ceremonious event, held in the expansive expo hall, drew an impressive gathering of Nobles and their Ladies, symbolizing the unity and strength of the fraternity.

The installation ceremony was graced by the presence of the Installing Officer, Imperial Sir Nick Thomas, and the Installing Master of Ceremonies, Illustrious Sir Seb Badoyan, Past Potentate. Their experienced hands guided the proceedings with a blend of tradition and contemporary flair, setting the tone for an evening of reverence and celebration.



# ANNUAL INSTALLA



As the new Potentate, Illustrious Sir Kalani Jensen, took the helm, he was joined by a team of dedicated officers. Chief Rabban Dario Gamboa III, Assistant Rabban Noble Steve Harris, and Oriental Guide Noble Moses Gazazian High Priest and Prophet Noble Tommy Ray Smith, 1st Ceremonial Master Noble Jaime Orr, and 2nd Ceremonial Master Noble Roland Sanchez stepped into their roles, ready to support the Potentate in leading Al Malaikah towards a bright future. The administrative functions were entrusted to Recorder Illustrious Sir Raffi Barsamian, Past Potentate.

The event was not just about the future but also a moment to honor the past. The outgoing Potentate, Illustrious Sir Scott Shaw, delivered his farewell address amidst a wave of emotions. The Shrine community, while excited about the future, also felt a poignant sense of loss for the First Lady Mary Shaw, who had passed away earlier in the year. Her memory was honored with a moment of silence, reflecting the deep bonds within the Shrine family.

The gathering, which saw all units and Shrine Clubs represented, was a testament to the unity and collaborative spirit of Al Malaikah. The attendees, engaged in conversations that ranged from lighthearted banter to deep discussions about the future of the Shrine.



# TION OF OFFICERS



As the day progressed, the air was filled with a sense of anticipation and excitement for the year ahead. Under the new leadership, Al Malaikah Shrine is poised to embark on a journey filled with charitable endeavors, community service, and the strengthening of fraternal bonds. The new Potentate, Illustrious Sir Kalani Jensen, expressed his commitment to upholding the values of the Shrine and leading the fraternity into a new era of growth and prosperity.

In conclusion, the annual installation of officers at Al Malaikah Shrine was not just a ceremony; it was a celebration of tradition, a transition of leadership, and a reaffirmation of the Shrine's commitment to its noble cause. As the Nobles and their Ladies departed, there was a shared feeling of optimism and enthusiasm for the journey ahead. Al Malaikah, under its new leadership, is ready to shine brighter than ever in the service of humanity.





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## **ÄL** MALAIKAHAN **M**AGAZINE



# Angels Among Us

here are angels among us. Little did we know that one of our angels was soon to become our guardian angel. Throughout this year, my beloved Shrine Mother Mary Shaw, and our reigning First Lady, and I brainstormed topics for her heartfelt articles. Earlier this year, she eloquently wrote of the "costumes" the angels at the Medical Center wear daily. Her words spun the tale of the scrubs and masks those angels wear. Her commitment to the cause we are all so dedicated to, our patients and those who provide them the wings to fly in this life, should not pass without acknowledgement. She loved spending time with the patients and their families as they prepared or recovered from their procedures. The photos of the smiles on their faces as she did arts and crafts with them was proof positive of her impact. She was an exemplary representative of the mission of the Potentate and First Lady.

She led with this abundance of spirit and service in every aspect of her Shrine life. Mary was the first person in the room to welcome someone new. She brought ladies into the fold that might have felt their place was in the shadows. She would pull you onto the dance floor with her, old friend or new. Mary lived a life of gratitude and it was never more



apparent than in her dedication to appreciation, whether through a thank you text, phone call, or one of her hundreds of stockpiled thank you cards.

A flamingo in true spirit, as flamingos represent grace, balance, and harmony, Mary chose her mascot well. Mary was the leader of our flamboyance of flamingos this year, but also fulfilled so many other roles in her all too short, but magnificently lived life, far too many to list here. At the heart of it all, she served as an inspiration for all Shrine Ladies to keep our true cause as the guiding light throughout our years supporting our Nobles.

In her spirit, I have decided to live 2024 and beyond following WWMD, What Would Mary Do? May I invite you to join me? She would've been the first to greet, given the biggest hug, worn the pinkest of pink nail polish, twirled on the dance floor in the frilliest of tutus, rocked the bookworm look in fashionable readers, drank the largest Diet Coke, laughed from the bottom of her toes, nurtured the most beautiful blooms, been the very best friend of all, and served with heart and humility. She has left the biggest shoes to fill (surely an impossible task), but if we all do our very best to live life like Mary, we will be living our lives as she would have wished.

With love to our Mary always, Colette Orr Shrine Daughter



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A deposit of \$100.00 per person guarantees you a spot on this fun and inspirational weekend.









## **News from the Shrine Band**



Hail Brethren!

Most of you Nobles know me, and for those that do not (yet)...well, I am Steve Pashby, Vice President of the Al Malaikah Shrine Band. I want to inform ALL of our members, family, and friends that when that Covid virus went around, like you, we stopped playing. With the dedication of a select few we have come back better than ever! We've restructured our strategy.



Shrine Band performing at Octoberfest

We now have TWO bands! First, we have a 8-piece jazz band (rehearsing every Tuesday evening). Second, we have a 10-piece rock/funk/pop band (ShrineInchNails.com) rehearsing every Thursday evening. We have all of the equipment (PA, lights, etc.) to take your event (indoor or outdoor) to the next level. We will fill your event with dance music, foot-tapping fun, or just great listening.

So, fellow Nobles,
I am asking that
when you go to
your Blue Lodge
and plan an event,
please consider your

Brothers right here instead of hiring outsiders. Your committee is welcome to come down and listen in on all rehearsals and make their own decisions or requests. A portion of the proceeds for any monies the bands may receive is always designated for our Shriners Children's Hospital. I want to close on a high note by restating PLEASE consider your Brothers here at our own Fraternity. Sincerely/Fraternally

Sincerely/Fraternally Br./Noble Steve. AKA Trombone Steve.



World Famous Throw back Shrine Band circa 1970





## Dear Nobles of Mystic Shrine,



2023 is coming to an end and there is so much that we could look back and see the effort and hard work that Shriner Nobles of Al Malaikah did all year long. Camaraderie and friendship made our fraternity even stronger.

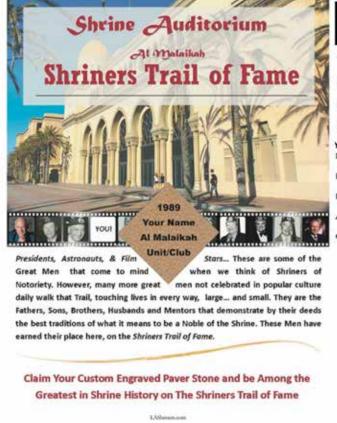
As a Divan member I'm proud of our officers and of course our ladies that allow us to do what we do. We are a great team and relationships that we built with each other, will last for years to come. Every year elections happen and we move forward with great appriciation and gratitude to our Potentate and of course our First Lady Mary. Everything that she did all year long brought fun and smiles back to Divan. We wish our new Potentate elect and First Lady a successful year in 2024.

Both myself and my lady Marina are greatful for all of you for support and respect and like to assure you all respect is a two way street and we all are on it.

From our family to our Shrine family we wish you all Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year. May 2024 brings you all health and happiness and success in all your endeavors.

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## THE SHRINER'S FEZ: A SYMBOL OF UNITY AND BROTHERHOOD

By Noble Dario Gamboa III Assitant Rabban Al Malaikah

In the heart of the Al Malaikah Shrine, one Shriner's journey unveils the deeper meaning of their fraternity, highlighting the significance of unity and brotherhood that transcends charity work. In the midst of life's hustle and bustle, we often find ourselves caught up in our daily responsibilities, gradually drifting away from the communities that once meant so much to us. It is in this context that the tale of our Shriner, whose experience serves as a poignant reminder of the true essence of the Shrine, begins.

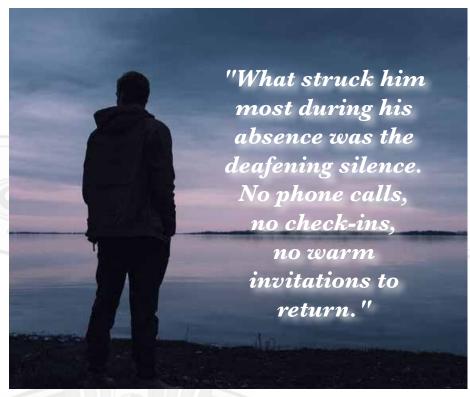
The Shriner, our central character, was initially drawn to the Al Malaikah Shrine by the grand ceremonies and benevolent events that unfolded within its hallowed walls. The camaraderie he experienced and the shared sense of purpose were unlike anything he had ever encountered before. For several months, he threw himself headlong into the activities, attending every gathering, and passionately participating in the Shrine's charitable endeavors.

However, as the demands of life mounted – his work, family, and other commitments tugging at his time and energy – he found it increasingly challenging to maintain his active presence at the Shrine. What was initially just one missed event spiraled into two, then several more, until the Shrine seemed like a distant memory in his life.

What struck him most during his absence was the deafening silence. No phone calls, no checkins, no warm invitations to return. The bonds of brotherhood that he had come to cherish now felt superficial, leaving him with a sense of disconnection. He was left to wonder whether the unity and camaraderie he so deeply valued were simply a facade.

One evening, the absent Shriner decided to bridge the gap and took a bold step by attending a gathering at the Shrine. Sitting at the back, he felt like a stranger in a familiar place, wondering if anyone would recognize or remember him. It was then that the Potentate, the Shrine's leader, noticed his presence, and sensing an opportunity to impart wisdom, beckoned him forward.

In his hand, the Potentate held the distinctive red fez, a symbol that resonated deeply with every Shriner. It was not just a hat; it represented their commitment to one another and to the children they served. It was a symbol of unity. The Potentate began to address the assembly, "This fez," he said, "is not just a hat. It's a symbol of our commitment to each other and



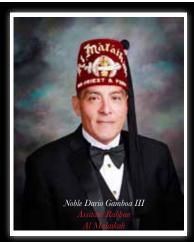
to the children we serve. It signifies our unity."

Turning his attention to the absent Shriner, he continued, "Each time one of us is missing, especially when none reach out, it's as though this fez loses a thread. Over time, with more and more threads missing, it becomes frayed and loses its essence."

The metaphor was clear to all in the room, and it resonated profoundly with the absent Shriner. The room was filled with nods of agreement and silent understanding. That evening, the Al Malaikah Shrine was collectively reminded of the importance of their brotherhood, not only in the good works they did for the community but also in the genuine care and concern they should show for one another.

The Shrine was, and always had been, more than just a place for philanthropy. It was a sanctuary of unity, a haven for brotherhood, and a symbol of their shared commitment to making the world a better place. As the absent Shriner's experience showed, the threads of unity were a fragile but essential part of the Shriner's fez, and it was upon each Shriner to ensure they remained unbroken.

In our busy lives, it is easy to lose sight of the bonds that connect us with our fellow brothers and sisters, but it is through these connections that we find strength, meaning, and purpose. The Shriner's fez serves as a reminder to us all that unity and brotherhood are at the heart of any community, transcending time and distance.





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## Unlocking Opportunities: Collaborate with The Al Malaikahan

by Danny Foxx Editor / Public Relations Al Malaikah Shrine

n the heart of the Shrine community, where camaraderie and goodwill thrive, stands the Al Malaikah magazine – a powerful platform that's ready to showcase your achievements, celebrate outstanding members, and spread the word about the remarkable work done by our Units, Clubs, and Members. As we embark on a journey to maximize the potential of this invaluable asset, we extend a heartfelt invitation to all our Shrine members to collaborate with us and harness the full spectrum of benefits that Al Malaikah has to offer.

#### \*\*A Beacon of Brotherhood: The Al Malaikahan Magazine\*\*

Al Malaikahan magazine holds a special place within the Shrine community. It serves as a conduit of connection, sharing the stories that bind us together as brothers and highlighting the impactful endeavors that set us apart. This platform stands as a testament to the unity, compassion, and dedication that define our fraternity.

#### \*\*Inviting Collaboration\*\*

The Al Malaikah Public Relations Department recognizes that our magazine's potential is vast, yet often untapped. With its rich history and dedicated readership, the magazine is poised to become a powerful tool for communication and camaraderie. That's why we extend a warm invitation to all our Units, Clubs, and Members to collaborate and engage with us.

#### \*\*Showcase Your Triumphs\*\*

Whether it's a successful event, a community initiative, or a remarkable achievement by a fellow member, we want to know about it! Al Malaikahan magazine is a spotlight waiting to shine on the accomplishments of our Shrine community. Share your stories with us, and together, let's celebrate the extraordinary contributions that make our fraternity strong.

#### \*\*Honoring Outstanding Members\*\*

Behind every great organization are exceptional individuals who drive its success. If you know of a member whose dedication, leadership, and selflessness have left an indelible mark on the Shrine, we want to give them the recognition they deserve. By featuring their stories, we not only honor their commitment but also inspire others to follow in their footsteps.

#### \*\*Sharing the Message of Impact\*\*

The impact of the Shrine community stretches far and wide, touching lives and making a difference. Al Malaikahan magazine provides a platform to amplify that impact, ensuring that the stories of positive change and compassion reach every member's heart. Share your initiatives, your successes, and your vision for a better world with us.

#### \*\*Get Involved Today\*\*

The Al Malaikah magazine isn't just a publication; it's a canvas waiting to be painted with the vibrant hues of our collective accomplishments. Your participation can transform this platform into a vibrant tapestry that reflects the essence of our fraternity. When you collaborate with us, you're not just sharing stories – you're weaving the fabric of Brotherhood.

#### \*\*How to Contribute\*\*

Getting involved is as easy as reaching out. Share your event updates, outstanding member profiles, impactful projects, and any stories that reflect the true spirit of the Shrine community. The Al Malaikah Public Relations Department is here to support you every step of the way.

In the spirit of unity and progress, let's join forces to unlock the potential of Al Malaikahan magazine and make our Shrine community shine brighter than ever before. Together, we can create a vibrant tapestry of shared experiences and lasting impact.

For inquiries, contributions, and collaboration opportunities, please contact the Al Malaikah Public Relations Department at Noble Danny Foxx 917-539-2174 publicrelations@gmail.com.

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