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MAY UPDATES AND CELEBRATIONS
A MESSAGE FROM ILLUSTRIOUS SIR KALANI JENSEN



Dear Nobles and Ladies,

On behalf of my lady and myself, I extend a heartfelt thank you to each Noble and their families for contributing to an incredible year thus far. The past few months have been marked by significant achievements and joyous celebrations, all reflective of the spirit and dedication within our community.

Firstly, a round of applause for the Al Malaikah Stagecraft unit, which not only represented our temple with honor and fun but also triumphed in San Antonio, TX, bringing home the prestigious "Best New Stunt Award." Your efforts and enthusiasm beautifully showcased our temple's vibrant spirit great job, Nobles!

I also want to recognize the tremendous support we have received this year from all the nobles we have met and worked with so far through the year. The pirate cosplayers, the clowns, and the many volunteers who add so much to the experience of our children at the Medical Center in Pasadena. The reworked Security Unit that has been there for several events this year already. The clubs and units that have shown us so much hospitality in our visits, both officially and informally.

I am thrilled at the fun and support we had for the Open House / Auto Show last April. Tommy Ray Smith, our Oriental Guide, did a wonderful job getting people signed up and interested in it, and Steve Harris, our Assistant Rabban, ran a wonderful and effective Open House that attracted attention from our Masonic brothers and Nobles from across our borders both in Canada and Mexico. We just wished the weather would have cooperated with us better.

My Lady and I were also honored to represent the Nobles of Al Malaikah at the courts of Daughters of the Nile, Mokattam Temple, Ladies Oriental Shrine, both Rama and El Tanya courts. They were all wonderful installations, and we wish the very best to the Queens and High Priestesses of all three courts. We truly appreciate all that these women do to support us and our kids at Shriners Children's.

Lastly, the Oil Patch Clan 69 Hillbillies held their meeting with characteristic zest. What a spectacular Hillbilly Day we experienced! It was a day filled with laughter, family, and community spirit. If you missed this hoedown, make sure you're front and center next year when we bring the fun all the way to Las Anjulas. It's going to be a grand gathering, with folks from all around joining in the festivities. Also, take a moment to enjoy the photos from the event—they're sure to bring a smile to your face!

Looking ahead, we have many great events on the horizon that you won't want to miss. Your continued support and participation are what make all our endeavors successful.

Fraternally and with great anticipation,

Ill. Sir Kalani Jensen
Potentate
Al Malaikah Shriners



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First Lady's Commentary

Welcome to my May/June Al Malaikahan article. We've just returned from the Potentate's trip to Sacramento from May 3rd – May 5th. The Shriners Children's Hospital Northern California gave us an incredible VIP tour, a once-in-a-lifetime event. Don't miss the next trip! Be sure to look out for a flyer soon for our trip to the Miramar Air Show in San Diego, September 27th-29th. You are not going to want to miss this one.



By the time this article is published, we will have already had our Al Malaikah's First Lady's Luncheon with wonderful performances by the Westchester Lariats. Be sure to regularly sign onto www.AMShriners.com to see what events are coming up.

The last Al Malaikahan article introduced you to the Mini Therapy Horses, who have been visiting Shriners Children's Southern California since 2018. Now, I'd like to introduce The Crimson Pyrates and Privateers Inc., another 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to not only supporting Shriners Children's—one of the largest pediatric sub-specialty healthcare systems in the world—but also celebrating that four of their crew members are embarking on their Masonic journey.

The Crimson Pyrates and Privateers Inc. is a group of benevolent pirates who have come together in a united effort to address the ever-growing needs in our communities. You've seen them at our Open House in April, at the Eggstravaganza hosted at our medical center, and at our annual Toy Drive. Their quest is to realign the lines of plunder from those who have plenty to those that have suffered without enough. We accomplish this feat one charitable endeavor at a time.

Their Mantra: "We Rise By Lifting Others."

For the last six years, this crew has consistently dedicated itself to charitable endeavors, ranging from the Shriners Children Medical Center to St. Jude, The Ronald McDonald House for Children's Cancer, and the monthly feeding of the homeless in Downtown L.A.'s Skid Row, as well as many others. While servicing these worthy causes, our eyes have been opened to the growing need for us all to get involved and do our part to make this world a better place.



As one person you can only do so much, but with the aid of many, we can move mountains. It has become apparent that the more help we can get, the more people we will be able to impact in a positive manner.

From Commodore Edgar Crimson: "I am honored to announce that not just myself but three of our crew members have embarked on the journey to become Shriners. I personally just completed my second degree. As the head of this organization, I am aware of the importance of leading by example, and that is what I will continue to do."

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Dear Nobles and Ladies,

First and foremost, thank you for all the support you extended to the shrine this past weekend. What a fantastic Open House we had! It was exhilarating to see our Patient Ambassadors energetically participating and enjoying themselves in our Expo Hall. Their joy and excitement added a special touch to the festivities.

A heartfelt thanks goes out to all the volunteers and the various organizations that came forward to support this event. A big shout-out to Noble Steve Harris for chairing the event and Noble Tommy Ray Smith for coordinating the Car Show. Your efforts were instrumental in making this event a success.

We are also incredibly grateful to all the appendant bodies that supported us and were present. Additionally, a special thanks to the Nobles who traveled from Tijuana and Canada—your participation truly made this event a grand success.

I also want to extend our deep gratitude to the Assemblymember

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