An artist rendering of the new Shriners Hospital for Children Center to be located in Pasadena.

This 3 story, 74,000 square foot, state of the art medical facility, broke ground in May 2015 and is expected to be operational in 2017.

With an estimated cost of $77,000,000 this facility will replace the Los Angeles Shrine Hospital, which opened in 1952, remodeled in 1986 and unfortunately does not meet the new State of California earthquake standards.

The cost to retrofit a 60 plus year old facility was prohibitive. Partnering with the Huntington Memorial Hospital, this new facility will bring the latest advances in medical care and treatment to the children of Southern California, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico and Baja, California.

Remembering our past and with a commitment to the future, the Shrine continues to provide medical care to children who are in need.
Potentate’s Message

Nobles and Ladies,
Happy April Fool’s day! The time is really flying by, I can’t believe we are already one quarter of our way through this year. Most of our visits to other Potentates Balls are over. We had a good showing at the St. Patrick’s Day Parade and a great Corned Beef and Cabbage lunch prepared by John Ford and his crew of dedicated Nobles. Congratulations to Lady Sharon Pennington on being crowned the High Priestess of Sharu Court of LOSNA and thanks to Illustrious Sir Don Wierman for representing me at the ceremony. In a few short days Lady Jane Gerber will be crowned Queen of Mecca Temple, Daughters of the Nile, my congratulations to her also. Our Ladies do great things for our patients at our Shrine Hospitals and in supporting Al Bahr.

There are some fun things coming up for our Nobles and Ladies. The Al Bahr Shrine will be honored at the Scottish Rite Dinner on April 6th, please make your reservations with the Scottish Rite office and wear your fez for the dinner. On the 29th we will have our second stated meeting and John and his crew have promised us another great meal. The following day we will be heading south to the Tijuana Children’s Parade followed by the placing of the Recognition Plaque on the Silent Messenger at the Shrine Clinic in Tijuana. Following the event we will have a small party.

On May 5th through the 8th Western Shrine Association will be held at the Westgate Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. This is a fun event, the Shrine has a special rate for the event and lots of hospitality for all. Please go online to www.westernshrine.org for more information and registration.

On May 21st we will have our first ceremonial of the year. This one will be held at the Scottish Rite Center. Remember membership is the life blood of the Shrine. Now is the time to tell your Lodge brothers the great things that the Shrine does for the infirm children of the world, regardless of the families ability to pay. This is also the time to start your friends, neighbors and co-workers on the path to the Shrine. Be proud to be part of the “Worlds Greatest Philanthropy”.

Fraternally,
Lou Hahn

Larry & Jayne Parker’s 2017 Trip

February 5th - February 17th 2017

Come join Chief Rabban Larry Parker and Lady Jane for thirteen fantastic days on one of the newest most technologically advanced cruise ships in the world. The ship is Celebrity Cruises’ M/S Solstice and she is truly a sight to behold. At 122,000 gross tons and a capacity of approximately 2850 passengers, she has every amenity one could ask for on a cruise ship. The dining experience onboard is rated one of the best in the cruise industry. Celebrity has been named one of the top three cruise lines in the world. If there is anything to top this ship, it is the fabulous itinerary on our voyage “Down Under” to Australia and New Zealand Space is extremely limited. Be sure to reserve your cabin as early as possible to get the best cabin selection. A $450.00 per person deposit is necessary. Ask about the exclusive early booking incentive. Full payment is not due until November 20, 2016. Deposits are 100% refundable up until final payment.

For more information on this fabulous sailing, please call Lou Hahn, at Carefree vacations, 619-429-4102 or email at shipwrecked-2@sbcglobal.net. CTS#2019795-10
Chaplain’s Message

I would like to share something with you from an anonymous writer titled “This is Brotherly Love”. I love you, not for what you are, but for what I am when I am with you. I love you, not for what you have done with yourself, but what you are doing with me. I love you, for the part of me that you bring out. I love you for reaching your hand into my heaped up heart, and overlooking all the week and frivolous things that you can’t help seeing there, in bringing out into the sunlight, all the beautiful radiant things that no one else has looked quite far enough to find. I love you for ignoring the possibilities of the fool in me and holding steadfast to the possibilities of the good in me. I love you for closing your eyes to the discord in me and helping me bring out the music in me by worshipful listening. I love you for helping me make of the lumber of my life not in a tavern, but a temple, and of the works of my everyday life, not a reproach but a song. I love you because you have done more for me then any Creed could have done to make me happy. You have done this without a touch, without a word, without a sign. You have done this by just being yourself. After all, I guess this is what a friend it really means.
Sincerely and Fraternally,
Abraham Ravitch

Antique Cars Shrine Club

Business Meeting Tuesday April 12th 7 PM at Shrine Center shed
June 14 Dinner event, details to follow

Donations and Remembrances from our Members and Friends

Shrine Hospital Transportation Fund Donations

Joyce Brownlee

In Honor of Jim & Shirley Crawford:
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Al Bahr Honored Ladies

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Howard Duane Budge
A valued and caring employee of Al Bahr Shrine for nearly 25 years
May 2, 1952 - February 27, 2016

Daughters of the Nile Mecca Temple No. 34

The activities for the month of April will be:

- Apr. 5  Patrol will have their meeting at 10:00 at the Unity Lodge.
- Apr. 6  Dancers & Pageantry will meet at 10:00 at the Unity Lodge.
- Apr. 9  Installation will be at 2:00 at the Scottish Rite Center with Dinner to follow. The price will be $25.00 per person with a Choice of Chicken Piccata or Fish-Tilapia. Mail your check to P.Q. Donna Dedrick at 3129 Calle Abajo, Space 112, San Diego, CA 92139-3545, (619)248-1536, no later than March 31st.
- Apr. 11 San Diego Sewing will meet at 10:00 at the Unity Lodge.
- Apr. 13 North County Sewing will meet at 10:00 at the Oceanside Lodge.
- Apr. 18 Our Luncheon will be at 11:00 and the Session will begin at 12:15. At that time we will be Honoring Past Queens and Life, 25 & 50 year Members

Ruby Nyberg
(858) 292-1885

High Priest & Prophet Report - Gene Yee

Here it is, already April. The first quarter of this Shrine year has passed, and a multitude of activities with it. So many reunions with Nobles and brothers have occurred, it is not possible to recount them all! The fraternal greetings and brotherly love I have received from you all individually and collectively warms the cockles of my heart that our fraternity and members have endured so many trials and tribulations, and yet continue to exude these principal tenets of our beliefs. On March 21, I had the privilege of attending the first degree conferral to one of our newest brothers, Mario Posada, who is interested in becoming a Shriner at the earliest practical moment. Also within the same two week period, I had a phone contact from a very dear friend and brother, Noble Johnny McCloskey, who at the tender age of 97, and an Al Bahr Shriner for many of those years, inquired about how we Shriners were doing. In between these two brothers, you showered me with the fellowship of hundreds of Shriners and Masons, and their ladies and families. As if these exhibitions of brotherly love weren’t enough, which they surely were, the Scottish Rite is honoring Al Bahr at its April stated meeting, and as your High Priest and Prophet, I get the privilege of representing each of you at the head table of our concordant body on my birthday. I can think of no better birthday present than being with my brothers, Nobles, and their ladies and families to celebrate. Thank you all!

Gene Yee

Directors Staff

We’re off to St. Patrick’s Day Parade and another gourmet lunch prepared by John Ford and his group of Chefs. If you missed you missed a gala event.

I’m still looking at other Units and Clubs for any construction projects that you might need accomplished for your next function. We’ve had our first project request from the Potentate so don’t let your group be out done by him contact me and get your groups project on the list and we’ll be happy to assist.

Our Thursday Burger cook out is in full swing. It’s good to see Bob Stuckey and Steve Bumgarner at it again. It looks like the attendance to the Thursday affair has increased pretty soon we’ll have a cast of thousands which is a good thing. So, come by and enjoy a burger and some comradery.

Bruce Smith, President
(619)840-1943

Recorders Office

As many of you have heard by now, one of our long time custodians, Duane, has passed. Duane was always very happy, smiled, and was so helpful you wondered how he did it. There was never a task he was asked to do that he did not smile and tell you he would take care of it. Duane especially loved to work outside the building on the grounds. Trim bushes, weed, sweep, and paint, anything outside. People have asked about services for Duane and his family is spread around and there is really none here. We believe they plan to have a private family affair in the future. If we find anything out we will let everyone know. The office staff misses Duane every day as I’m sure a lot of you will as you visit the Shrine Center for meetings and events. As you know, I have started working on the outside of the building. Giving it a makeover of sorts. I would like to put a permanent plaque dedicating the new area to Duane and if you would like to donate to this, please call the office or send donations.

If you have any questions or need any assistance with events, please don’t hesitate to call the office. We are here to do a lot of things and support our Shriners is number 1 on that list. You can email us at office@albahrshrine.org, call us at 858-292-0092, and even send us a fax at 858-292-5618. If you would like to send a private note to the recorder you can do that at recorder@albahrshrine.org. We are also on Facebook as Al Bahr Shriners and new on Twitter as @AlBahrRecorder. I hope to send news etc out via Twitter which will also update the same information to our Facebook page. This is all supplemental to our usual lines of communications.

Serving at the pleasure of the Nobility,
John P Harris Jr, Recorder
Legion of Honor

As the new Commander I’m finding out all sorts of things about the Al Bahr Legion of Honor. We have forty-two members twenty-three are Life Members who still support the Legion of Honor by sending in dues, even though it’s not required. Thank you to all of the life members for your generosity.

The Legion of Honor Chili Cook Off is scheduled for October 15, 2016. It will be held at the Al Bahr Shrine. You are officially on notice get your chili recipes out and start cooking.

I’ll keep everyone informed by e-mail concerning future events, transportation, and any other type of information that comes across my desk.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Cmdr. Tony Albright
Cell: (619) 994-5309
e-mail: tony19@cox.net

Greeters

The Greeter Officers hope that you ‘al are having a safe and healthy first part of 2016. Our next Greeter Meeting is April 13th so PLEASE attend your Greeter meetings and our meetings are open to anyone interested in checking out our Unit and or joining our unit. If OUR Unit is to be a viable one, we need YOUR participation!!! Please attend your Greeter Shed meetings throughout the year. Remember, our meeting are on the second Wednesday of each month unless you get an email from me stating otherwise. (Usually due to a conflicting SR event) Again this year we will be asking you to contact me to RSVP your attendance at our meetings, so the quartermaster can schedule enough food for everyone. You may RSVP me back at this email address….. randallml@aol.com or by calling me at my cell 619-888-mike (6453). It doesn’t appear that our regular scheduled Greeter Shed meeting made it into the new Shrine Calendar, so please mark YOUR calendars as a reminder of our meeting dates. Second Wednesday of each month.

The Officers would like to ask you that if you have any suggestion on how to increase participation, please let us know.

Mike Randall, Sec/Treasurer
**Past Masters**

Our Noble Secretary Phil Johnson, found a source for Past Master bolo ties. There are a few left and cost $25 each, for members of the Al Bahr Shrine Past Masters Club. If you haven’t yet become a member, please contact me or our Secretary. Only $25 to join, then $10/year for annual dues.

The Club will be holding a social-dinner on Friday April 22nd at the Shrine Center. This will be lieu of our regular monthly meeting. The social is at 5:45, dinner at 6:30 and advance reservations are required.

The dinner will be the Potentate - Divan visitation to our Club and we hope that you and your lady will be able to attend and show our support for the 2016 Temple leaders. Brother Albert Pike once wrote: “The man is virtuous, who is not without desires, appetites, instincts, and passions; but who is master of, and controls them. For virtue to exist, there must be a struggle and a warfare. The tame, spiritless, passionless, negative being is not virtuous.... Virtue is strong, vigorous, active, impassioned, more sublime in proportion to the energy of the passions it overcomes.” (From Pike’s Book of the Lodge.)

As a reminder, the Al Bahr Samaritan Drivers Club is always looking for van drivers to help drive kids and their guardians up to the LA Shriner Hospital for Children. Even one day a month helps out. Contact Noble Brothers Robert Mars or Gene Gillard to volunteer or for more information.

Mike Seiler, President

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**For Sale**

14 Karat gold Scottish Rite Ring, with Diamond Valued at $725, being offered for $500. Contact Shrine Office to view (858) 292-0092

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**Tin Lizzies Parade Unit**

In April we have the Lakeside Parade on the 16th. It’s always a good parade and I’m hoping to have my frame repaired by then and be back in action with the boys! We also have a stated meeting on the 29th of April. I am also calling a Tin Lizzies stated meeting Saturday the 23rd of April, Noon, at the Shrine Center. We have a lot to go over and make official as far as our finances and events for 2016. We have had some issues having a quorum at times and this is also going to be addressed at the meeting. Trust me when I tell you the issues we see our unit having, we are not the only unit having these issues. We just have to meet, discuss, and plan a path forward. The Tin Lizzies can get stronger than we are now by having a clear path forward. If you have any questions, give me a call! You have my number.

Note my email address changed. Buddybox sold (can you believe someone wanted to buy it?) so I had to come up with an equally silly name. hamsalad.net. Remember, it’s all for the kids.

John Harris, john@hamsalad.net 858.245.9696

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**Motorcycle Riding Club**

The first quarter of the year is gone already. We’ve had some awesome rides and are planning more. Wasn’t the Corn Beef and Cabbage lunch super great? The ride after the luncheon to Balboa Park to celebrate St Patrick’s Day with all the Irish in San Diego was spectacular. I even have pictures of the guys and gal that rode to the Park. There were just enough people there to make it fun but not so many that it seemed crowded... even the Beer Garden.

We have some things coming up in April that we should all be aware. First, the Club was invited to attend the Cooks Corner fund raiser for the Shrine hospital Capital Campaign April 17th (It’s a great ride). Let me know if you can make it. There are a few that are already committed to ride up to the event.

Also, please keep in mind that we are planning the El Mirage “Run to the Lakes” in May on the 14th. If you remember, this is part of our member, Scott Curtiss, Bucket List and he had set that day that because it did not conflict with any of his Doctors or chemo appointments. Please hold that date for the ride. While Sandra and I are traveling in Tennessee on the “Tail of the Dragon,” please direct any calls to Neal Olinger, our V.P. Tel # (619)469-0313

George Geanoulis, President

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**RV Club**

Howdy Campers. Our April Campout will be as guests of El Bekal Nomads RV Club. We will be going to the Tucalota Springs Resort in Riverside County. As of this writing, we have not been to Borrego Springs to see the spring flowers, however I was in Bakersfield 10-12 March and the Grapevine along I-5 is in full bloom. I invite all who have Motorhomes or Trailers to join the RV Club. We have outings every month. Usually, our outings are Thursday-Sunday. However, for those still working, many arrive on Friday. For more info, call an RV Club Member or me.

Fraternally,

Jerry Wohlfarth, President

Cell: 760-685-3370 - jerrywolf@cox.net

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Al Bahr Honored Ladies

Saturday, April 9th, we will meet at the Al Bahr Shrine Center for our monthly meeting at 9:30AM. Following our meeting we play Mexican Train Dominoes. Thursday, April 28th, at 10:00AM we will hold our monthly game day. Bring your lunch or buy a Burger from the Directors’ Staff.

Carol Van Slyke
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In Las Vegas May 4 - 7, 2016
at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino
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To see all of the activities, registration information and room reservations, check out the webpage at www.WesternShrine.org.

Plan a trip with the Temple officers to Las Vegas and enjoy the fellowship of other Shriners & Ladies.

Save the Date
Saturday, June 4th
for a truly fabulous lunch honoring the
First Lady of Al Bahr
Barbara Hahn
You will not want to miss this great event!

Shrine Ceremonial Saturday,
May 21st
at Scottish Rite Center