Happy Holidays from Sabbar!
This will be my final message for 2016 as your Potentate. Pamela and I wish to thank everyone for your support and participation in Sabbar. It truly is with a sadness of heart that I leave this position. I feel that a lot has been accomplished this past year.

Your Divan has done a tremendous job in helping to secure the future of Sabbar. Together, we have been staunch stewards of Sabbar’s finances. This is the first year that I can remember where an incoming Potentate is not ‘in the red’ due to paying for the outgoing Potentates unpaid bills. All contracts have been renegotiated and in all cases have benefited our bottom line. We are making money in all areas where revenue is generated; the Lounge, Kitchen, Bingo and Rentals – which includes the buildings. This has been the direct result of those people who have been placed in those positions of authority. We have had several successful fund raisers this year, more than we have had in several years. This is due to the diligent work by volunteers who take pride in their work and in the Shrine.

The ladies organizations, Ladies of the Oriental Shrine and Daughters of the Nile, have played an integral part in all we do and have accomplished. Silver Wings would not have been the success it was without the wives of fellow Nobles taking on extremely important roles.

I also tried new ways to attract new members into our organization and I believe they were successful. The Spring Ceremonial in May brought in 13 new nobles. That was due totally to the Nobility reaching out to the Master Mason communities and getting people to join. For the Fall Ceremonial we did the “3 UR Free”. This also generated a lot of interest and participation. 9 new nobles joined our ranks in November. We also offered at a greatly reduced rate, all first response personnel to join our fraternity. I had the Divan go visit the 13+ Blue Lodges in our area of responsibility to educated Master Mason’s on who we are and what we do. This year we started the Shriner/Masonic night. It was successful and we had two Masters Masons fill out petitions for membership. Masonic lodges got two new candidates as well.

It was also time that we started to recognize OUR nobility. I initiated the Longevity Award Program, recognizing the years of service that our Nobles have achieved. We even had the Imperial Potentate present 50 year pins to over 10 nobles during the Silver Wings Banquet this year. Throughout the year, outstanding Nobles were recognized with Shriner of the Month Awards culminating in naming the Shriner of the Year. Thanks to Bill Burkel, Beth Stephenson, and Joe Talvy, we also re-started the dormant SAMSAR program and are up to date on everyone’s points.

I opened up communications throughout the Shrine. A major problem I saw when I got on the line was that our Nobility was kept in the dark of the goings on at the Shrine. I wanted to alleviate this problem by sending out Pote’s Notes several times a month. I receive great response to these messages. Unit Heads met every month to ensure that all unit members received up to date information on the goings on at the Shrine. Duty Roster’s, Pote’s Calendar, Temple Topics and current events were placed on our web
Sabbar Shrine has truly been an “Army of Many”. Without the support and dedication of the membership (Army) we would not be as strong as we are today. Hopefully, the incoming Potentate, Van Elrod, and his Divan will continue on with these programs and will initiate new ones that will further enhance Sabbar.

I hope that everyone gives Van the same support and encouragement that you gave me and my Divan. I know that Van has a lot planned for next year to make Sabbar a place where a Noble would bring his family. He is further extending the visitation to Masonic lodges by having the entire Divan visit them as one whole unit.

In closing, I would again like to thank everyone, families included, for making my term as Potentate as prosperous as it was. It has been my pleasure to represent Sabbar.

Yours in Faith,

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**NOTICE OF STATED MEETING**

Sabbar Shriners International will have its next Stated Meeting on December 12, 2016 @ 7:00pm at Sabbar Shrine Center 450 S Tucson Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85716.

Current Shrine Dues Card is required for admission

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**NOTICE!**

There will be **NO BINGO** on:

- Sunday, Dec. 25, 2016 (Christmas Day)
- Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017 (New Year’s Day)

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**Coming Events**

**Meetings:**

Dec 12—Stated Meeting—Elections

**Parades:**

**Official Visits:**

**Upcoming Events:**

Dec 3—Grand Lodge Christmas Open House

Dec 8—Scottish Rite Holiday Celebration—6:30pm, $25.00

Dec 18—Knights Templar Christmas Observance @ Scottish Rite—1pm

Dec 25—NO BINGO

Jan 1—NO BINGO

Jan 9—Stated Meeting
I want to thank the Nobles that attended our last Stated Meeting and helped to carry on the tradition of Chief Rabban Night. I believe that all that participated had a fun time.

The December meeting, as you all know, is for our Annual Elections. It is my hope that we will have interest in being on the Divan at Sabbar. So far there is only one contested office.

A great big thank you goes out to all the Nobles that have participated in the parades this year. It is a great thing to see so many Shriners participating in the various parades that we attend. Our presence in these communities is truly appreciated by those hosting the parade and the PR value for Sabbar is invaluable. Our exposure is a very positive thing for us in recruiting new Nobles. The other positive part of parade participation is the ability of we Shriners to promote the Shrine Hospital System. Many people know that the Shrine does good work but many still don’t know what that work entails. It’s up to us to get that information out there. The more we can present our cause, the Shriner Hospitals, the better.

I hope that all of you had a very nice Thanksgiving with friends and family and I am sure that we will all have a very Merry Christmas. See you at Sabbar!

Yours in Faith,

Van Elrod, Chief Rabban

*Editor’s Note: Van’s picture is from Chief Rabban Night, 2016. Pie was obviously the dessert.*
You are invited to attend a Christmas Open House at the Grand Lodge of Arizona
2723 W. Northern Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

the Grand Lodge Officers extends this invitation to all Fraternal Bodies Saturday, December 3, 2016 6:00 P.M. until 10:00 P.M. Please come in for a toast of good cheer, to the holiday season and the coming new year.

We will be building a food box for the St. Mary's Food Bank if you wish to help please bring your donation with you.

Robert Bradfield
Most Worshipful Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Arizona

RSVP: bbanddb@citlink.net

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**Aaron Lodge #49 F&AM**

**5th ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

At the Sabbar Shrine
450 S. Tucson Blvd., Tucson, AZ

January 14, 2017  Noon-4p.m.

Entries will be judged in two categories. Chili without beans and chili with beans. Trophies to be awarded for 1st and 2nd place!!

Raffles, Bake Sale, & Silent Auction

Come join us for a fun time. Liquids will be available for purchase from the Shrine to quench some of that fiery chill!

To enter your chili, please contact Allen Lohn at (520) 616-7449 between 5 PM and 8 PM or send E-mail to aaron49fundraiser@gmail.com. You will need to have your chili cooked ahead of time as there will be no kitchen access. However, we will have electricity for crockpots. Indoors—no propane/charcoal please. Raffles and silent auctions will end at 3 PM. Cook Off proceeds will be divided among the Lodges that have entries and by number of entries.

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**Aaron Lodge #49 F&AM**

**3rd ANNUAL FIREARM RAFFLE**

**DRAWING TO BE HELD 12/14/2016 OR WHEN 100 TICKETS SOLD**

1 IN 100 ODDS!!!

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

RUGER 10/22 TAKE-DOWN AUTOMATIC RIFLE W/CASE INCLUDING A 333 BRICK OF 22LR

Tickets are $10 each or 3 for $25. Contact Don Moyer (520-820-0676) (d.moyer@comcast.net) for tickets. Make checks payable to Aaron Lodge #49. Rifle will be transferred by:

The Arizona House of Guns

Federal and State laws governing rifle transfers will be followed. You must be 18 years old to take possession of long arms in Arizona.

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**Arizona Commandery No. 1 Knights Templar**

**Christmas Observance**

**Sunday, December 18, 2016**

**At 1:00 pm**

(refreshment following)

**Public Welcome**

Tucson Scottish Rite Cathedral
160 South Scott Ave, Tucson, AZ 85702
Greetings Nobles,
Here we are starting our last month of Shrinedom under the tutelage of Illustrious Sir Rich. It has been a good time and even though we have had some rough times it all worked out well for Sabbar.
In case you haven’t noticed, Sabbar is a pretty busy place! Last month we were busy with

- Monday Night Football
- Bingo, every Wednesday and Sunday
- Fish Fry, every Friday
- Fall Ceremonial that brought in 9 new Nobles (some of whom were even Fezzed by their Ladies!)

- Our Stated Meeting which was our Annual Chief Rabban Night, honoring Noble Van Elrod (who managed to enjoy himself, even through all that we as Nobles presented him with.)
- Our annual Silver Wings Banquet which was well attended with good food and friendship (and there were many nice items that were raffled off)
- A couple of Tele-Meds to help those children with their medical issues.
- Our Official Visit to Cochise Shrine Club which was held at the famous Gadsden Hotel where a great time was had by all attending.
- The annual night time parade with many units participating. We had the Motorcycles, Van Divan, Blue Angels and of course the Flivvers (which by the way also participated in the parade in Tombstone … my apologies to the Flivvers for not giving them recognition for previous parade participation).

That's about it for the Month of November … although we also had many rentals during the month which certainly helped our financial situation.

**Nobels, we still need help with Bingo!** Some of us are getting burned out so how about donating some time to help any Wednesday evening or Sunday afternoon.

Don't forget … December’s Stated Meeting is where YOU get to vote for next year’s leaders.

Yours in Faith, Joe Talvy, Assistant Rabban

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**Old Pueblo High Twelve #773**
Meets 2nd & 4th Fridays 8:00 AM at Hungry Fox—4637 E. Broadway Blvd.

**Sahuaro High Twelve #523**
Meets Every Thursday 8:00 AM at Village Inn—6251 N. Oracle Rd.
From a New Noble

Ill Sir Richmond Davis,

On behalf of myself and the other seven new Nobles, I would like to thank you and those Nobles who took part in the November Ceremonial. It was a new and informative experience for us ‘Rookies.’ I, for one, had never heard of the Shriners until I came to the colonies. All of the members were friendly and helpful, especially Noble Sam Stephenson, who guided us through the ins and outs of what Sabbar is all about.

What I heard from the members was, “if I didn’t know something, then ask! Ask, ask and ask again!” What questions that I had were answered promptly and informatively. I am sure that I will have a lot more questions, once I get into the swing of things.

There ceremonial was VERY international. There were brothers from Kuwait, Scotland and Green Valley (which is a whole ‘mother world—Ed)!

On a personal level, I would like to thank my two sponsors, Noble Bob Williams and Nobel Randy Jager.

Thank you, Ill. Sir and please pass on our thanks and gratitude to the ‘A’ Team.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Rod Cragen
Goings On at Sabbar

Silver Wings 2016

I want to take time to say thank you to all the people that did all the hard work to put together such a great event. The ladies groups did a great job on the decorations. Kathy Welch took care of the raffle, the gift of the television by the Director Staff, the many items donated by the nobility for the raffle. Marcy Grover and Lyndell Lohman did an excellent job on arranging the seating and did much of the ground work to make it a success. Thank you!!!!

The speakers did a very good job telling of their experience at the Shriners Hospital. All were very appreciative for the services provided by our hospital system. We can all be proud to be Shriners. As we hear the various stories, it is hard to realize that our doctors can stretch a human bone 7 inches, as they did for Karolina Nogues. She is such an inspiration to all the other children in the system. The family is enjoying their position as Patient Advocate, and will be hear by several Shrine Centers this year.

We have not completed the bookwork to see what our final count was for the money raised. I will let the Nobility know the number at the next stated meeting. Thanks again for all your help and thanks for all the people that came to the banquet and supported the transportation fund.

Van Elrod, Transportation Chairman
This story can fit 100-150 words. The subject matter that appears in newsletters is virtually endless. You can include stories that focus on current technologies or innovations in your field. You may also want to note business or economic trends, or make predictions for your customers or clients. If the newsletter is distributed internally, you might comment upon new procedures.
Burkel’s Bits

Well, one Official Visit and one parade left in 2016. That is Cochise Shrine Club in Douglas. It will be over before you read this article...The ceremonial is history with nine new nobles...Trunk and Treat was a big success. I missed Huachuca Shrine OV and the Tombstone Parade but I hear they were both well attended...

Chief Rabban night was a huge success. According to Joe Taly, there were over 70 Nobles in attendance. The Van Divan, Drum and Bugle Corps, Blue Angles, and the Clowns all put on skits. Chief Rabban Van had as much fun as the Nobility. Thanks Van for being a good sport.

At Silver Wings, I heard some Nobles complain about $35 for a chicken dinner. Well, about half of that is the cost of the meal and the rest goes to our transportation fund. This is a fund raiser – so we can send our kids to the hospitals. This is the only fundraiser we have. The rest of the money comes from donations, estates, etc. Silver Wings was very successful.

TO ALL UNITS and CLUBS: Please get Names, Phone #’s and the Lady's Name to the office. There are still a number of Nobles that have not sent in their 2017 dues. If you mailed in your dues, Imperial will mail you a 2017 sticker. You can stop in to the office and the Recorder, Sam will give you a sticker. Here's hoping all Sabbar Ladies and Nobles and your families have a Merry, Happy Holiday Season. -Bill-

25 YEARS AGO Elliot Pritchard was elected Potentate. 297 Nobles voted, 55 Nobles dropped for non-payment—Membership on November 12, 1991 was 2,527.

Directors Staff

At our November meeting, we had elections with the following results:

- President: Bill Burkel
- Vice-President: Jack Tilley
- Secretary/Treasurer: Dave Ryan

The Director Staff will be going in a new direction. If there are things you would like to see for the new nobles as they come into the Shrine. Let us know. We have some ideas but new ideas are welcome.

Observations

A TENDERED FRIENDSHIP

As your friend I offer you loyalty.
A heart that will feel your passions, understand your pain and most of all,
Hold an attentive ear to what you believe is important.
No thought of love will be wasted or misspent.
Even those impossible things you think of before each sunset
Will be considered with a sincere grasp for their purpose.
I will not require obligations or promises from you, no remuneration
To solidify my allegiance to your cause. I will be your friend.
I am unable to relieve your troubles…and perhaps that is the best manner
And favor of a friend…for humans improve as they rally forth and
Use their own strength to conquer the burdens that occur as a part
Of a normal life.
It is a vexatious thing to look after my own existence,
So I promise not to interfere by trying to direct the issues in yours.
And as no one can make you immune to your errors, with patience and
Time I pray you will realize that to know right and follow its example
Will bring contentment.

Rest assured, I am your friend, and if destiny allows,
I will help you find the love and truth you seek as the theme of your life.
The proof of all this is in the living. Live on my friend. Live in a full
And happy life. Whatever you and I may do, it will be in the best
Interest of each other.

As we go forward we will share, we will listen
And good shall arrive
As sure and natural as the seasons of the year.

Roger Thomas, PP

~RENTALS AT THE SHRINE~

COME CHECK US OUT!!

• FRESHLY PAINTED
• NEW CARPET THRU OUT
• BEAUTIFUL CEILING FANS
• RE-DESIGNED SUITES
• TWINKLE LIGHTS IN SILK TREES
• GLASS FRENCH DOORS OPEN INTO LOUNGE
• NEWLY LIGHTED PARKING LOT
• CENTRAL LOCATION CLOSE TO DOWNTOWN
• SHRINE DISCOUNTS AND REFERRAL DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE
• BRIDGE GROUPS-LUNCHEONS
• BRIDAL AND BABYSHOWERS
• WEDDING CHAPEL AND RECEPTIONS
• QUINCEÑERAS
~EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS~
~LORETTA CARLSON-520-444-2137

Chief Rabban Night
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All Stated Meetings begin @ 7:00 pm unless otherwise indicated. Dinner, if served, will generally begin 1 hour earlier. Please check with the organization or on their website for other events and times.

If your Masonic organization is having an event, submit the information to the Topics. There is no charge for Masonic postings (but a donation would be welcomed—Ed.). Send information to edior@sabbarshriners.org. Note: space is limited, so inclusions will be on a first come first served basis.

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As we near the end of the year, I want to thank all of our Nobles for their kindness and support this year. I hadn’t anticipated taking up the Editor position again but I’m glad that I did and that the Topics is on its way back to being the type of publication that Sabbar desires it to be.

I also want to thank those who submit articles and photos for the Topics, notably our Divan, Unit Heads, Smitty and Betty Alpin. There’s enough going on at Sabbar now that it takes many people to keep the information flowing. No one person can do it alone and I really appreciate your contributions.

Also, a special thanks to Noble Roger Bede III, who maintains our Website and Facebook Page. He creates the Sabbar that others see us as … and he does a fine job of it. Thank you, Roger, for making us look so good!

We’ve had a few hiccups this year, especially in November, with distribution. Van and Sam are going to work on this, so that we can save Sabbar some costs and get you the best quality Topics in the fastest way possible.

I hope that everyone has a Peaceful and Joyous Holiday Season.

Yours In Faith,

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