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Past Potentates, Divan and Nobles All:

I met with the University of Arizona (UofA) a couple of times this past month, giving tours of the building and grounds and it looks like they might be keeping our building. Everything is looking like its following on schedule. There is a possibility they may even buy some of Sabbar's contents. A couple of Nobles and I are starting to do an inventory so we can catalog what we will have for sale. The days are flying by and we need to get moving fast on everything needed for our move.

We need to consider if we are going to rent for a year and see where our membership numbers level off, or, do we find a building big enough for us with adequate parking and cheap enough for our dues to sustain us. My personal thoughts are that we rent for a year and proceed from there.

Our lawyer has been in contact with Imperial and myself concerning our legal matter. He has filed a motion to dismiss everything. He also explained that it could take up to 90 days to get a reply from the courts. As information becomes available, I will keep the Nobility informed.

Friday nights have been successful and we will continue to have them as long as that continues. A big thanks to all who volunteer to cook and serve and to the Nobility who come for the food in support of Sabbar.

On a sad note, Sabbar is saying good-bye to Noble Keith Lozeau and his Lady, Donnelle. Keith has been very active with the communications with the UofA and every aspect of Sabbar. Donnelle was our bookkeeper and all around finance guru. We will miss both of you and wish you the best on your new adventure. I can't thank both of you for everything and it's a long list. Noble Rob Renfro and his Lady Juline are also going on an adventure. They are off to Saudi Arabia for work. Hope to see them back soon.

Looking forward to a couple of upcoming events which are being planned at Sabbar. Let's all pull together and make our transformation as smooth as possible. Hope to see you all soon.

Yours in Faith,

Illustrious Sir Toby Thomas, Potentate

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Illustrious Sir Joe can be reached at 520-940-3939 or via email at: vigilante3115@gmail.com.

High Priest & Prophet

Dear Nobles:

As we approach the beginning of Spring, we are looking forward to spending more time outdoors. The Shrine has a couple of events planned and with proper safety measures in place, we hope you will plan to attend. With the vaccinations rolling and becoming more accessible for different age groups, we expect to be moving forward to a more normal everyday lifestyle.

It has been a very unorthodox situation for every organization and we are no different. But, one thing is for certain, we are looking forward to seeing you and having the brotherly love that unites us.

Best regards,

Noble Gus Portillo, High Priest & Prophet

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Oriental Guide

Hello Nobles:

Here we are a little further on our 2021 "adventure". As you all know, the University of Arizona (UofA) has made their offer on the building and we accepted it. This will be a very bittersweet time for all in the next few months. There are a lot of memories and history in the building, but remember, Sabbar is not a building. It is us! Our mission will remain the same, even in new surroundings. It's all about fun, fellowship and most importantly, the children we help in so many ways. We will continue to do what we do regardless of where we find ourselves. Let's enjoy the time we have left here and continue to enjoy each other.

Friday nights at the lounge have been relatively successful. It's great to see friends gathering again, even in smaller numbers, to enjoy a good meal and some time with each other. So, if you find yourself looking for some fellowship and a good meal at a reasonable price on a Friday night, come on down! Hours are 5pm—9pm and the kitchen is serving until about 7pm. We look forward to seeing you and don't forget to bring your Lady and/or your kids!

Yours in Faith,

Noble Jim Pokorny, Oriental Guide

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NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY IN THE UNITED STATES
March 29

Vietnam War Veterans Day was first observed as a one-time occasion on March 29, 2012, when President Barack Obama issued a proclamation calling on "all Americans to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities."

The day was then introduced as an annual event in 2017 when President Donald Trump sign the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017. However, it is not an official holiday in any part of the United States.

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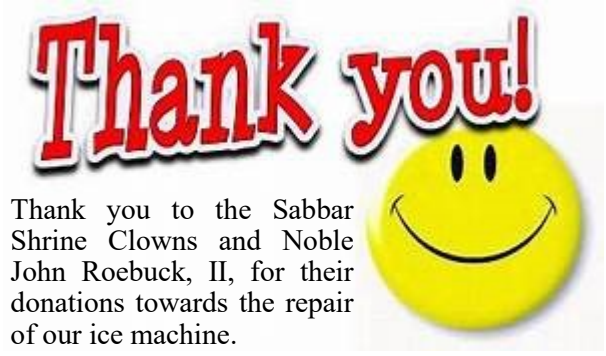

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STATED MEETING

MARCH 8, 2021 – 7:00pm

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Your Attendance is Urgently Requested

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Yours in the Faith,
Illustrious Sir Toby Thomas, Potentate

National Good Samaritan Day

Celebrated on March 13th every year, National Good Samaritan Day is a day in which people are encouraged to do something unselfish for someone else. This can mean giving someone hungry some food or giving your favorite charity your time or money. It can even be observed by doing something as simple as just performing a simple act of kindness for a stranger. No matter how you celebrate it, one thing is for sure: The simple act of giving is going to do as much for you as for the person you're doing it for.

- **In 2020, the total amount of money given to charities in the U.S. was over $450 billion**
- **Even though this holiday is in March, December is when there is the most charitable giving**
- **Charitable giving should be done with conditions to give the charity the flexibility it needs to operate**
- **In Finland, gambling is controlled by the government, and profits are given to charity**
- **Giving to charity can improve mental and physical health according to several studies**
- **Giving can also increase a person's feeling of self-worth**
- **Giving can also be contagious**
- **According to a 2014 study, over 60% of people who give to charity are women.**

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Expired December 7, 2020

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Born August 11, 1945
Creation December 31, 1989
Expired January 22, 2021

Our Nobles have reached the end of their earthly toils.
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From the Recorder's Pen

Greetings Nobles:

Sabbar is off and running for 2021. This road is not without its bumps. Our current Chief Rabban, Noble Rob Renfro, is being transferred overseas leaving a void in the Divan. Illustrious Sir Toby Thomas, Potentate, called a Special Meeting, which was held on Monday, February 22nd, to elect a new Chief Rabban. Our current Assistant Rabban, Noble Roger "Dok" Biede II, was elected to be our new Chief Rabban. With Dok being elected, we need someone to fill the Assistant Rabban's position. Holding a position in the Divan is easy—two qualifications: (1) the spirit and (2) the drive to help Sabbar move forward in this time of need.

The University of Arizona (UofA) and Sabbar are working together for UofA to purchase our buildings and property. UofA personnel recently took a tour of the facility. Perhaps this is an indication that they will want to utilize the building or parts thereof for their athletic department.

On behalf of Sabbar I want to thank Noble Keith Lozeau and his Lady Donnell for all their hard work over the past couple of years. While Keith and Donnell both work for the Caterpillar Company, Donnell recently received a promotion to a position in Houston which means that Keith, Donnell and their son will be moving. Keith was in line to be the Chief Rabban this year and Donnell has worked extremely hard as Sabbar's Bookkeeper for the past year. A hardy "Job Well Done" goes out to both of them. You will be missed!

I am working diligently for you at the Recorder's position. It is my pleasure to serve our Nobles and the children we care for. I am here for you. Please feel free to contact me at Sabbar.

Stay well and stay safe.

Noble Jim Hand, Recorder

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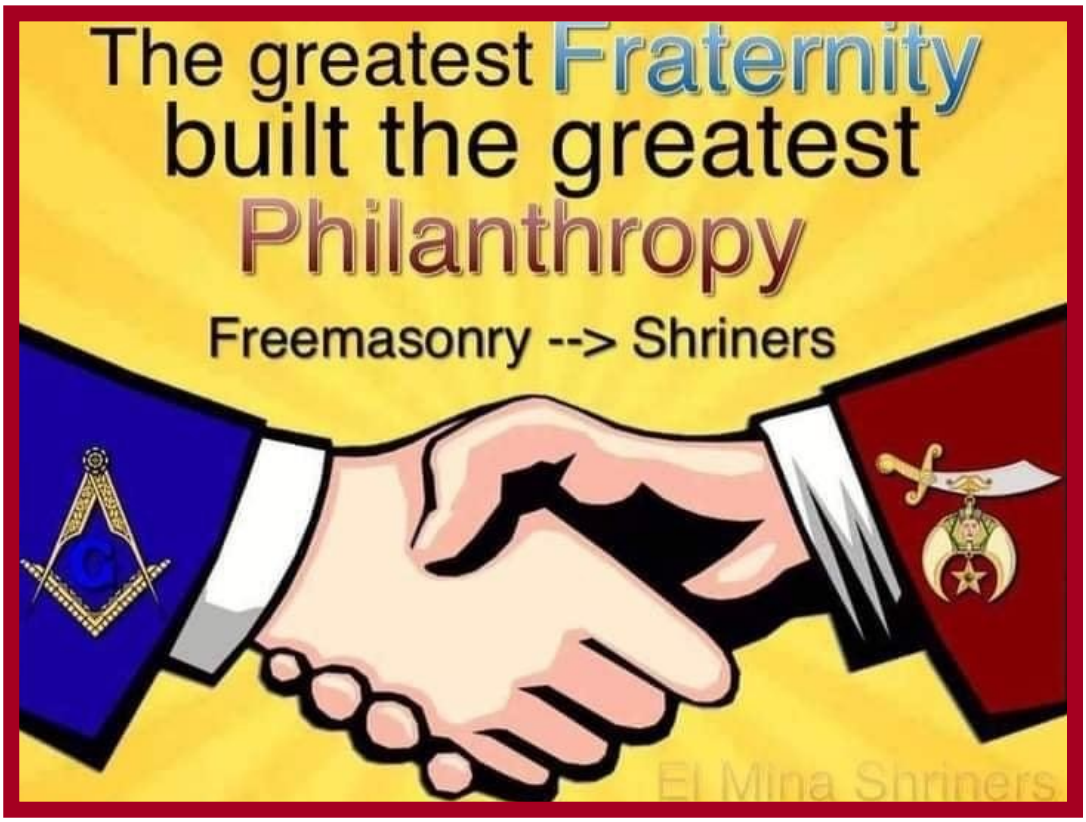
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