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## Ben Ali Shrine — Elective Divan

Jairo Gomez—Potentate  
Bill Wells—Chief Rabban  
David Lagala—Assistant Rabban  
Don Killmer—High Priest and Prophet  
Evan Beecher— Oriental Guide  
Art Hawkins—Treasurer  
Lew Wentworth —Recorder

## Appointive Divan

1st Ceremonial Master –Michael Woo  
2nd Ceremonial Master – Rene Morales  
Director General – Roger Moore  
Chaplain -- Eric Johnson  
Master of Ceremonies – Jeff Davidson  
Master of Ceremonies — Gabriel Carafano  
Quartermaster—Art Hawkins

## Executive Aides

Sid Leutholtz  
Hal Barker  
Mike Rizo  
Gary Kiddie

## Potentate's Aides

Scotty & Elizabeth Christian—Chief Aide  
Mike and Nicole Perry  
Mathew & Victoria Harris  
John McNitt  
Noel Lukas  
Larry Godbout  
Rol and Kat Santos  
Doc Arnold

## 1st. Lady's Aides

Billie Roggenbusch—Executive Aide  
Debbie Clark— Mentorship Coordinator  
Paula Kubo—Donna Nelson  
Sara Yeffa  
Margaret Leutholtz—Master of Ceremonies  
Ashley Cummings—Social Media Coordinator

## *Message from the Potentate Elect*

Illustrious Sirs, Nobles and Ladies,

I wish to thank you for your trust and confidence in me, by affording me the pleasure to serve as your 98th Potentate in 2021. I will do my very best to represent Ben Ali Shriners and our Hospital in a manner that will make you proud. I have planned a great year with a lot of events to bring back fraternal fellowship and grow our philanthropy. However, these plans have been placed on hold do to the COVID pandemic. I know we are in unprecedented times with social and physical restrictions, however; I want to encourage you to stay positive and think of ways of staying active and to operate within the restrictions.

Lady Debi and I would like to thank Illustrious Sir Jairo Gomez and Lady Stacey for their leadership during a most difficult year. Their commitment to Ben Ali has been truly inspirational. Sooner or later this COVID pandemic will pass, and when it does, Ben Ali Shriners will come roaring back to life and stronger than ever. My wish for you is that we can get back to celebrating the bonds and friendships we enjoy once this is all over, in another words, "Let's party!"

We have made great strides at Ben Ali in the past year despite the pandemic. We have improved the interior of our building by updating the restrooms, the bar area and the activities room has been repainted and looks fresh again! We have continued with maintenance of the property, trimmed trees, and improved out build security. We will be ready for our Nobles to return for Fun and Fellowship again when this current pandemic lockdown eventually lifts.

This year's motto is "Shriners Helping Kids, Having Fun in 2021!" My pin shows our commitment to our blue lodges the Shrine, our shrine kids and to our hospital system. I believe we can make a difference... one child at a time while having fun.

I would like to thank Illustrious Jairo Gomez for planning and conducting the Temple elections on December 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. The elections were held virtually for the very first time. This was a temporary procedure due to the pandemic. I would also like to thank the Nobility for your patience, understanding and cooperation as we went through this new process. Hopefully this will be the last time we have to go through this! I want to thank our Temple Recorder, Lew Wentworth, and Kathy Walsh for their hard work in preparing us for elections. I also want to thank the Nobles who volunteered to "man" polling locations and to those Nobles who delivered the paper ballots back to the temple. We could not have done it without your help.

Installation Ceremony well be on January 12<sup>th</sup>, which is also virtual due to the pandemic. It was strange being in the activities center being installed as Potentate in front of a virtual audience. It just was not the same as being in a building filled with Nobles, ladies, children and friends observing the installation. But we made the best of it. Again, I want to thank Illustrious Sir Jairo Gomez for installing me as your Potentate for 2021. I also want to thank Noble Lew Wentworth and Kathy Walsh for assisting with the Installation Ceremony. Congratulations to the elected and appointed Ben Ali Shriners leadership team for 2021! I know this was not the Installation you were hoping for, but better times are ahead. I want to thank each of you for your support and looking forward to working together in 2021. (Continued)

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Your Divan is here to help you. We look forward to a time when we can meet and speak with you again. We are also looking forward to meeting with our clubs and units again when this pandemic lockdown is lifted so we can renew old friendships and make new ones. I also want to thank the all the Nobles and ladies who said “yes” to accepting the various appointed positions for 2021. You are the backbone to Ben Ali Shriners. Lady Debi and I appreciate all the hard work you do to make our Shrine Temple successful!

In closing, I ask each of my fellow Nobles, Ladies, and many friends of Ben Ali Shriners to turn your thoughts an attention to the most important things in life, your family and your friends. Reach out and lend a hand to a brother in need and pray for those who are ill and suffering afflictions and pray that our country will heal and reunite. We can only hope and pray that the COVID pandemic will soon end and we can have what will probably be a “new normal.” Keep the faith, remain positive and remain the guiding light for your fellow Nobles and their loved ones!

From Lady Debi and myself, we wish each of you a very happy New Year. Thank you again for allowing me to serve you and the “World’s Greatest Philanthropy!” Yours in the Faith, William “Bill” Wells

### *Message from the First Lady Elect*

With the holidays behind us, I would like to take this time to say thank you for the holiday greetings, well wishes and support from everyone.

Like many of you, the end of 2020 came to us with mixed blessings as we anticipated the New Year and reflected on how our traditions and events were changed and cancelled over the past twelve months. As a Shrine family we have experienced this pandemic together, our worlds turned upside down and inside out. We have endured the loneliness of being apart, the worry and concern for each other every time the pandemic resurges and the heartbreaking loss of those we love. The pandemic has been responsible for changes to our shrine lives that I would never have imaged. While it was difficult, together as a shrine family, we pulled together as we learned to shift from the traditional to thinking completely outside the box while we started zooming and participating in Facebook live events while complying with the restrictions implemented. In spite of the adversity, the Ben Ali Nobility and Ladies have shown amazing strength, resilience and grace. I am so grateful for the opportunity to work with such a remarkable group of people as your First Lady during 2021.

As I mentioned, technology has become a significant form of communication and as such, I hope you will log in, joining me on Friday, January 29, 2021, at 7:00 pm as I hold a zoom reveal of the First Lady’s project for 2021. Information to access the zoom meeting will be sent out to the Nobility, Ladies, and friends of Ben Ali Shrine by the office. I am very excited to share with you how we are going to have Fun in 21 while helping deserving children grow and heal so they can do the same.

Hummingbird hugs & happiness! Debi Wells



# 2021 Uniform Shirts

Available via the link below  
Pick up will be in the Shrine office  
unless you choose ship to you.

Ladies, there are shirts in the office to  
try if you aren't sure of your size!

<https://www.companycasuals.com/Benaliz2020/b.jsp?id=121&ln=-121>





**Sunshine Needed**

Bob and Mary Monroe

Eldon Vipond

Mike Woodruff

Mike Rizo

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# ON THE RECORD

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On behalf of myself and your office staff I wish to thank departing Potentate Jairo Gomez for all of his activities this past year.

I sincerely wish all of my brothers and their ladies, both new and old, a Happy and Healthy Holiday session snuggled into whatever situation this year finds you. It has been an interesting and trying past year with more to come in the first half of 2021. Your Divan and new Potentate will do their very best to make the first half of the year eventful with the second half of the year back to normalcy.

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**      Lew



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## FROM THE FRONT

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OFFICE that is ..... Kathy

Hello All,

Still missing you all, STILL working on the directory! All is well with the family. Want to take a moment to thank the most amazing office volunteers ever Richard "Zero" Entrican and recently added the lovely Julie Center. These folks sweep in with fresh energy and keep us all on our toes. I am so thankful for the both of them for all they do for the office. I hope you all had a happy and HEALTHY holiday season. All my



### VIRTUAL CHAT WITH THE POTE

Until we are allowed to meet face to face again at the Ben Ali Shrine Activities Center, we will be conducting monthly virtual chat with the Pote meetings via ZOOM

**2nd Tuesday of the month**

**Starting at 7:00 pm**

Join in via your electronic device between 6:45 and 7:00pm

The Ben Ali Office will send out a meeting

ID and Password in advance of the meeting

Go to the app store, Load the ZOOM App onto your device: on the second Tuesday of the Month. Log into the ZOOM meeting! Make sure your video and audio are on

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# TRANSPORTATION

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**If you have just a little time,  
We have a job for you!**

The Transportation unit can use more drivers and observers.

We have a great team, yet it could be better with your help.

Please contact Phil Wood or any of the members in the Transportation Unit for more assistance. Phil Wood's telephone number: 916-342-5837

## Annual Supporters of the Ben Ali Shrine Bulletin

**Annual Supporters of the Bulletin renewal begins this month for next years Bulletin so get your \$10.00 in real soon.**

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