



# Achbar

October 2023



Don't Miss the  
Children's Halloween Party  
Día de los Muertos

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1 year.....Garrett Ethridge

**Notice of Stated Meeting of Alzafar Shriners**

The following Stated Meeting of Alzafar Shriners will be on **November 9, 2023** at 7:00 pm in the San Antonio Shrine Auditorium, 901 N. Loop 1604 W. San Antonio, Texas 78232. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. on a first come first served basis. The purpose all stated meetings is to receive and ballot on petitions to receive committee reports, to discuss and take possible action on matters as might come before it.

**YOUR 2023 DUES CARD OR YOUR DIGITAL IMAGE VIA <https://www.shrinersinternational.org/> WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ADMITTANCE into any STATED MEETINGS.**  
BE SURE TO BRING THESE THREE THINGS:

- Your Fez on your head
- Your Dues Card in your pocket
- The spirit of fun & good fellowship in your heart.

*Mike Barnes*  
Recorder: Michael Barnes

*Rick Reyes*  
Potentate: Illustrious Sir, Richard A. "Rick" Reyes, III

**Alzafar,**

By now, we are nearing October, and Alzafar will be concluding quite a few successful fraternal and philanthropic undertakings. First and foremost, our largest fraternal fundraiser, the Shrine Circus, has come and gone, and we can now focus our final efforts of 2023 on hospital fundraisers. Second, Camp Alzafar's closing festivities have come and gone,



**Illustrious Sir Richard A. "Rick" Reyes, III  
Potentate of Alzafar Shriners**

and Amanda and I are truly thankful for everyone's efforts over the Labor Day weekend. I don't remember the last time we had so many people in attendance for a parade. Lastly, our most recent membership drive will be in the books. Although not yet upon us as I write this, I'm confident the Cajun mixer, hosted by your High Priest and Prophet Steve White and his Lady Hilde, will be a party for the ages.

This year, your Divan and front office personnel have tried to clean up the processes by which we run our organization. At times, we have needed to revisit bylaws and sometimes even update them to reflect the requirements of Shriners International while also staying within the guidelines set by our Temple bylaws. We have challenged the way we report our financials while streamlining the reports that assist your finance committee and Divan in making sound financial decisions. We have tasked each other with the "next man" mentality by way of "after-action reports" and emails containing "pieces of excellence" so that board members will have the tools necessary for years to come to be successful while they move through the chairs. Finally, we've accepted our failures individually and collectively and met upon the level to ensure those failures lead to future successes.

We've not done any of this to provoke resentment of the nobility, nor have we done it to invoke an ideology of ruling with an iron fist. We have done it because we are either required to or, in most cases, needed to. Steve Jobs once said, "The people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who do." So, with that and as a reminder, change is necessary, change is good, and change is what will ensure our future. We must challenge the belief that "we have always done it that way" and create an alternative narrative to promote a more efficient

Alzafar at home and in the community.

Amanda and I are so very thankful for everyone's efforts thus far. This year, although filled with challenges, has provided so much joy to our family. With only a few short months left in the year, we hope to continue charging forward towards a continued prosperous year. Should any of you need to reach out, I am, but only a phone call or a tap on the shoulder away. We are anxiously awaiting what the rest of 2023 has to offer. Here's to many more successes for team Alzafar.

How about that CIRCUS! Thank you to the nobles and ladies who worked effortlessly and volunteered their time to make it a fun-filled weekend. Everyone was so glad to see us back. Special thanks to our Past Potentate Eric Dewalt for being our MC and Past Potentate Bob Jones for singing our National Anthem each show, both did Alzafar proud. We had a special appearance from Young Men's Leadership Academy who played on Saturday evening. Can't thank enough all our awesome units like our Divan, Nemnufts, Brews Brothers, Honor Guard, Alzafar Band, Provost Guard, Golf Unit, AMC, Red Roadsters, Mini-wheels, Director's Staff, Dessert Knights, Motor Patrol, Hot Sands BBQ, Highlanders, RV Cub, Laredo Shrine Club and all the ladies from LOS & Nile plus many others who just showed up to volunteer. Without your help we could not be a success. Even though our accommodation were slightly different our host team made it work and did an amazing job. Thanks to the Hooks, Stanigers, Herbers and Zavala's for keeping us fed. To our keepers of the programs Bert Gonzales, Barbara Well and Diane Swoboda thanks for keeping us moving during our sales. Again, THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!

Although here we are in October, there's still so much ahead of us. First and foremost, we have our Hospital Gala coming up October 7th. Your Assistant Rabban is diligently working to make this a wonderful evening. Get your table purchased on Eventbrite.com. Definitely an event you don't want to miss. It will be followed by Masonic Picnic to be held at Camp Alzafar October 14th then our children's party on October 28th.

As always Lady Lori & I thank you for your continued support and hope to make you proud.



Noble Marco Zuniga  
Chief Rabban of Alzafar Shriners

Wow, the Circus has come to an end. What an incredible year it has been, coming together to raise funds for our fraternity. The combination of hard work and enjoyment truly warms my heart. This annual event never fails to amaze me! Hopefully, we can negotiate with the circus provider and make this happen again next year!



Noble Michael Long  
Assistant Rabban of Alzafar Shriners

### GALA

I kindly request all individuals and units to purchase their tables or seats as soon as possible. Time is running out for this Alzafar event to be another resounding success. Below, you will find the eventbrite QR code below use the website link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/shriners-hospitals-100th-anniversary-gala-tickets-615784577247>

If you are considering donating an auction item, I have included a Donation page as a QR Code is below in the Achbar. Simply scan it and fill it out and bring both with you. Additionally, please use the same QR code for Donations for any businesses interested in making a cash grant contribution.

Dress code, come as you are. You can also dress the theme, Gatsby 20's. Most everything will be black and gold for the era. There will be backdrops for photo ops, photo booths, period style buffet food served. Most importantly cocktails from the 20's!

We will be needing some help for setup October 6th starting at 10am in the ballroom. If you are available to volunteer please contact me. Also as the night comes to a close, I ask that we have some volunteers for breakdown. This HUGE undertaking cannot be successful without a group effort on all levels.

Donations Scan Here

Tickets Scan Here



Donation form Capture



Shriners Hospitals for Children 100th Anniversary Gala Tickets

What a great time at the Ceremonial. The whole day was filled with fun and laughter. We brought in 26 new Shriners. I personally want to thank the Ceremonial Team and Directors Staff for an outstanding job. Can not say enough about the Arch Degree with John Dunn and the team. We had almost 290 people for this event. We served 271 people great BBQ plates with all the fixings. Thank you to the Daughters of the Nile and Ladies of the Oriental Shrine for your support. The Shrine units showed up in big numbers to display their units, with the Honor Guard and the Alzafar Band having their A-Game on and performing flawlessly.



**Noble Steve White**  
High Priest® Prophet of Alzafar Shriners

A significant event is coming on November 1st as our Charity Golf Tournament. It's time to register your team and be a sponsor. All net proceeds benefit the Alzafar Shrine Patient Transportation Fund. Last year, we had 144 golfers fantastic food with silent and live auctions. We raffled off a golf cart "won by Terry Littlepage" and had a ball drop win of \$1,000.00. "David Hadley, can you believe it was the lucky winner."

Hope to see everyone at the next stated meeting. The year is closing in on a fast, and what an incredible year it has been. Your Divan is already planning for the next 3 years with many changes going to take place. I think you're going to like the changes. Until next month or until I see you around the Shrine.



October is upon us, and the smell of Fall is fresh you can feel in the air. We celebrate Columbus Day on October 9 and Halloween on October 31 this month. Please be reminded that on Halloween, there will be many little ghosts and goblins out looking for candy and treats. Please be aware of this while driving around that evening.



**Noble David Olivares**  
Oriental Guide of Alzafar Shriners

There is a big celebration on October 7 when our Assistant Raban, Michael Long, will host our annual Hospital Gala. This will surely be a great time as we dress for the occasion. The theme for this year's Gala is "The Great Gatsby," so get out your best Gatsby Garb and dance the night away. Remember that this event is a significant fundraiser for our Hospital Patient Transportation Fund, which provides transportation for our kids! If you have not purchased tickets, it is never too late to do so.

We will see you all at our Annual Children's Halloween Party on October 28 from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. We will serve Hamburgers with chips and drinks for all the Ghosts and Goblins. We will have carnival games for the kids, bouncy houses, face painting, and treats. This year, we will have a costume contest with different age groups, including the adults! To top off the evening, we will have a Trunk or Treat for the kids. Please do not forget to bring your car and decorations for the Trunk or Treat since we will even have a prize for the best decorated "Trunk". I cannot wait to see everyone there!!!



This month's Divan and Finance meetings will be held on October 9 starting at 5:00 p.m. for the Finance Meeting, followed by the Divan meeting. We invite you to see what YOUR Board of Directors is working for YOU, the Nobility of Alzafar Shrine. Finally, please make your plans to attend our Stated Meeting on October 12.



THE

# GREAT GATSBY GALA

Shriners Hospitals for Children 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Charity Event  
Fundraiser with  
Live & Silent Auctions

Enjoy Hors d'oeuvre & Cocktails  
with Fine-Dining & Dancing to Great Jazz Period Music

Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> 2023  
5:30 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.



Tickets via Eventbrite



THE NET PROCEEDS FROM THE GALA BENEFIT SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN A 501 C(3) CHARITY.  
PAYMENTS ARE CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY LAW.

# ALZAFAR SHRINERS

October 7th will be a Date to Remember  
for it is the 2023 Charity Gala

Wherein We Celebrate 100 years of  
Service to Children with Special Needs

And to Announce our New  
San Antonio - Shriners Children's Clinic

Get your tickets Online at Eventbrite or  
donate an item pledged to our success.

**GET TICKETS**



**HAVING FUN  
HELPING KIDS**

**WHO WE ARE**



**HOW YOU  
CAN HELP**

**DONATE**



**RE-GIFT THAT  
CHANGES LIVES**

The net proceeds from the 2023 Charity Gala Benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children a 501c(3) charity.  
Your Payments are tax deductible to the extent provided by law.

Hello Alzafar!!!  
I hope you are all doing well. We are fresh off the circus, and what a fun time we all had. It seemed like the crowd really enjoyed themselves, too. Now that summer is over and the fall is here, hopefully, the heat is behind us. This year has flown by, and I don't see it slowing down soon. Your divan has a bunch of events coming up. Stay tuned for more information to come. If you want to get involved with any of our events, get with the event coordinator, and I am sure they will find you something to do.



**Illustrious Sir Robert M. Norman, II**  
Treasurer of Alzafar Shriners

We are now in October, and I am asking those units and clubs that haven't yet gotten the Shrine Treasurer on their unit or club accounts to not hesitate to contact me to work together to get this done. This has been an ongoing effort to accomplish the Imperial Requirement this year, and we have but a few more months to achieve this.

I want to thank each of you for your continued support and for allowing me to continue to serve you on your divan as the Alzafar Treasurer. I look forward to seeing you all at the next event or function. If there is something we can do better, please let us know.

At the recent Called Meeting for the vote on a resolution to sell the Temple, for the first time, we used a scanner to register the Nobles' attendance prior to giving them a ballot. It went very well with just a few that didn't scan. Every attendee was current with the membership dues. It was good to also see the number of Nobles that had downloaded membership app for the MyFezCardViewer on their phone. It makes it so easy since many can get to their phone faster than their wallet to find their membership card.



**Noble Michael Barnes**  
Recorder of Alzafar Shriners

Membership renewal notices are coming out from Tampa in the next few weeks. The easiest way to pay your 2024 dues is to log on to WebFez yourself and click the

Pay Now button. This saves a lot of time for the office, not having to process a check or take the information over the phone. But any way you want to pay will be accepted.

Unit and Club Officers elections must be done by October 31st, as required by Shriners International. The Officers roster form has been updated on the Alzafar.org website where you can print out a copy and mail or drop it by the office. Also coming up in just two months will be the election of Officers for the Divan and a Finance Committee member. If you have an interest in any of the positions, please contact me and I'll send you the bylaws regarding elections and electioneering.

With the change in the Unit and Clubs leadership for 2024, there are some exciting improvements being made to WebFez that will allow the Presidents and Secretaries to create their own rosters. This should improve the ability to make updates to the roster throughout the year and send out communications from the units to just their members. We should be able to have a training session for the new leaders at the first Officers' Call meeting in January.

**You could win \$400**  
by just showing up to  
Our Next Meeting

~~\$300.00~~

If you Know Noble  
**Anthony Ivone**  
Tell him, that his Name  
was Called!

**You  
Could  
Win**

**\$400.00**  
\*Holy Moley!

**Every Alzafar Shriner is included  
free of charge. However, the  
winning Shriners must be present  
at the stated meeting when his  
name is called to win**

**\* That means Folding Money, US Cash, Benjamins**

# 5th Annual- La Catrina Celebration Party



**TERRACE  
ROOM**



**RSVP!**

• Cost of Tickets \$30 per person See Dyana Cardenas or Call 210.461.6536

## Love never dies!

Welcome, everyone!  
Join us for our 5th annual-  
La Catrina Celebration party,  
where we prove that “Love Never  
Dies.”

**Friday, October 27, 2023**  
**6:00-12:00 Midnight**  
**Doors open at 5:00 PM**  
**\$30 per person**



Hosted by Luis & Dyana Cardenas, in conjunction with  
our first lady, Amanda Reyes of Mission in Motion  
our 2023 -Hospital Project.

Come and immerse yourself in our rich and cul-  
turally traditional event. You can take a twirl on the dance  
floor, be enchanted by live performances from colorful  
Folklorico dancers or visit our “Mercado” and savor the  
temptation of our delicious pan de muertos sale. Best of  
all, you’ll have the opportunity to honor your departed  
loved ones by placing their framed photographs on our  
authentic altar as styled and used in Mexico for the Dia de  
los Muertos (Day of the Dead)!

Dress to impress in black tie attire with a Calavera  
flare! We encourage our guests to don extravagant head-  
pieces, embrace creative fashions, and adorn themselves  
with Dia de los Muertos-inspired makeup. If you’re unsure  
how to achieve the look, worry not! A makeup artist will  
help guests create their own Catrin/Catrina style.  
Tickets are on sale now!

**See: Dyana Cardenas for tickets**

You may message me directly (DM) for more information  
at 210-461-6536. We look forward to seeing you there!  
The primary focus of our celebration is to showcase “Mis-  
sion in Motion, 2023” is in collaboration with the noble  
cause of benefiting the Shriners Hospital for Children in  
Mexico City! The evening’s highlight will be the grand  
display of our handmade personalized quilt, presented as a  
gift to the Shriners Hospital in Mexico City. Proceeds from  
La Catrina -Love Never Dies 2023 and Mission in Motion  
go to Shriners Hospitals for Children -Mexico City.

Throughout the last five years, the dedicated efforts  
of Luis and Dyana Cardenas in planning  
and organizing this charitable event have been nothing  
short of extraordinary. Their unwavering  
commitment and tireless work have been the driving  
force behind the success of the La Catrina Celebration.  
Together, they have brought the community closer and  
made a significant impact on the lives of children treated  
at the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Their dedication is  
a shining example of the difference that can be made when  
individuals come together with a shared vision of giving  
back to those in need.

The level of success achieved by  
Mission in Motion is entirely thanks to  
the unwavering support  
of our generous sponsors, nobles, units,  
and participants in our events. We ex-  
tend our heartfelt  
gratitude to everyone and, most impor-  
tantly, “You.”







**Order Deadline: October 6<sup>th</sup>**

[www.hotsandsbbq.com](http://www.hotsandsbbq.com)

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**Includes 1 Whole Smoked Pork  
Butt, Beans, Coleslaw, BBQ  
Sauce, and Buns**



# 4TH ANNUAL HOT SANDS BBQ BUTT SALE HOTSANDBBQ.COM



**PICKUP:  
OCTOBER 21**



**11:00 AM UNTIL 1:00 PM  
SAN ANTONIO SHRINE AUDITORIUM  
901 N. LOOP 1604 WEST  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

The proceeds from the Pork Butt sale benefit Alzafar Shriners operational accounts. Payments are not charitable contributions.



**Alzafar Provost Guard Unit**  
**By Tom Hirte Secretary/Treasurer**

The Provost Guard Unit had its monthly meeting on September 6th, 2023 with a good showing of members, ladies and guests. We had a delicious meal of a smoked chicken prepared by our unit chef, David Hadley. We had two new nobles, Mike Gollahon and Aurthur Olivares, request to join our merry band. The unit volunteered at the circus last month. On September 22nd and 23rd we hosted the Texas State Provost Guard Association Fall Invitational shoot here in San Antonio at the Blackhawk Range. The awards banquet was held at Camp Alzafar so we could show off our wonderful facility. As of this writing we don't have results of the shoot, but we will provide them next month.

Anyone interested in learning about our unit, bullseye pistol shooting and meeting like-minded Shriner's from around the Greatest State in the Union, come see us. We meet the 1st Wednesday of the month in the Director's Staff/Provost Guard room out back. Our meetings begin with a social time at 6:00pm, dinner at 6:30 pm and our meeting starting at 7:00 pm. Your Lady is ALWAYS welcome to attend.



**ALZAFAR SHRINE SENIORS**  
**By: Daniel Coburn, Secretary**

The Alzafar Senior's monthly meeting was held at noon in the Roustabouts room on September 7th with fifteen members and guests attending. Nancy Herrera provided a Tex Mex meal of Tortillas with all the fixings and Roger Cockrell provide a dessert of Bule Bell ice-cream and cookies.

This month's speaker was Lady Karen Tilghman, PHP, of the Ladies of the Oriental Shrine. Lady Karen went over the history of the LOS and the many ways in which the LOS Ladies support the Shrine including making items for the Shrine Children's Hospital. The LOS meets on the first Thursday of every month, at 6 pm, in the Shrine Parlors Room. The Grand High Priestess will be attending their October meeting.

The Senior's Unit meets at noon on the first Thursday of every month in the Shrine Roustabouts Room. All Senior Shriners and their Ladies are welcome to join us for lunch, dessert, and stimulating conversation. Shriners younger than sixty can become honorary members and those one hundred or older eat for free. Our next meeting will be on September 7th. Please RSVP to join us so that we have enough food. Until then we wish everyone safe travels.

For more information, or to RSVP, contact Senior's Secretary Daniel Coburn at 830-832-5513 or at dyco-burn@gmail.com



**Alzafar Shrine Desert Knights**  
**By: Jerry Granato**

Greetings from the Desert Knights! Our unit participated in the Alzafar Shrine Ceremonial and are proud to welcome the new nobles to our Alzafar family. Alzafar has quite a variety of units to join. Each unit is unique in contributing to events the Shriners participate in to help make it all come together. Most members belong to more than one group to enjoy extra activities.

There were several units, including the Desert Knights, that participated in the Kendall County Fair Parade in Boerne. Some Shriners went to Camp Alzafar afterwards to enjoy a day filled with camp closing events. The circus was back in town and many units joined in to make it successful. It's always nice to see kids and their families enjoying that event.

The Alzafar Motor Club car show is always fun to attend. Some units assisted vendors with set up while others helped with spectator parking. It's always nice to meet

the participants and see their classic vehicles. The owners are proud and love to share their restoration stories. The Desert Knights meet on the third Wednesday of each month in the Director's Room at 7:00pm. The ladies are always welcome at our meetings. If you arrive at 6:30pm, you can join us for some fellowship and a delicious meal provided by our Damsels.

Happy Birthday wishes to Martin Fox, Mary Granato and Yolie Jaeger.

# RED ROADSTERS



Red Roadsters by;  
Secretary Leo Bravo

As we look forward to October in anticipation of the Gala Ball and kids Halloween, we need to stop and enjoy September's best moments for our Unit. We start off by having 5 new petitions coming out of the Ceremonial. WoW!! Great momentum for the Roadsters and we have great ideas to keep the interest alive.

Circus – Circus! This was my first year in the Circus and a few other members of the Unit had a memorable experience. From the crowds, kids, and mini parade, it was a great time to be a Shriner. Words cannot describe the moments of laughter, anxiety, and pure joy all through out the weekend.

A shot-out to our Honor Guard for Hosting the Roadsters in their room and providing us a place to take for some R&R between shows. We look forward to what's next.



Hello Boerne, Here we come! The Red Roadsters were a Unit to Impress!



What do Shriners do? We make memories which last a lifetime.



# 78<sup>TH</sup> Annual



# Alzafar Shrine Circus



AT THE  
**Freeman Coliseum**

# Congratulations Upon Your Elevation to that of a Master Mason



Freemasonry has a long and storied history, rooted in the pursuit of knowledge, personal growth, and charitable endeavors. Similarly, Shriners International is an organization founded on principles of brotherhood, philanthropy, and community service. This paper aims to compellingly demonstrate why Freemasons should consider joining Shriners International, emphasizing the shared values, opportunities for personal development, and the profound impact on society that membership in both organizations can bring.

Freemasonry and Shriners International share a rich heritage and common core values. Freemasons are known for their commitment to moral and ethical principles, while Shriners are renowned for their dedication to philanthropy and service. This paper explores the compelling reasons why Freemasons should consider becoming Shriners, highlighting the synergies between these two organizations.

Both Freemasonry and Shriners International are built upon a foundation of shared values, including brotherhood: Freemasonry emphasizes the bonds of brotherhood, fostering strong and lasting relationships among its members. Shriners International takes this brotherhood to another level, creating an even tighter-knit community through its unique rituals and traditions. In camaraderie, Shriners offer a unique sense of brotherhood, with an atmosphere of fun and celebration that complements the more serious aspects of Freemasonry.

Freemasons are committed to charitable activities, often supporting local communities through their lodges. Shriners International is renowned for its philanthropic efforts, most notably the Shriners Hospitals for Children, which provides life-changing medical care to children regardless of their ability to pay. Freemasons can directly contribute in an ownership position to the life-changing work of Shriners Hospitals for Children, providing expert

medical care to children in need and supporting groundbreaking medical research.

Both organizations offer opportunities for personal development and self-improvement, encouraging members to strive for excellence in all aspects of their lives. Freemasons joining Shriners International can benefit from opportunities for personal growth and development

Shriners International provides a platform for Freemasons to take on leadership roles within their local temples or in the larger organization, honing their leadership skills and abilities. Shriners International has a vast network of members worldwide, providing opportunities for Freemasons to connect with like-minded individuals, both locally and internationally. Joining Shriners International allows Freemasons to make a significant impact on society through their charitable endeavors with Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Freemasonry and Shriners International are complementary organizations that share core values, provide opportunities for personal growth, and enable members to make a profound impact on society. By joining Shriners International, Freemasons can deepen their commitment to brotherhood, philanthropy, and community service, enhancing their overall Masonic experience and leaving an enduring legacy of positive change in the world. We urge all Freemasons to consider the compelling case for joining Shriners International and continue their journey of personal and collective growth. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those who need it most.



# ALZAFAR SHRINERS



THE 2023

CHARITY



# GOLF TOURNAMENT



BENEFITING SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN-TEXAS

DATE: NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> 2023  
TIME: CHECK-IN AT 10:00 A.M.  
WHERE: CANYON SPRINGS GC  
24405 WILDERNESS OAK  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

DRIVING RANGE AND PUTTING  
PRACTICE AVAILABLE AT 10:00 A.M.  
FORMAT: FOUR-MAN SCRAMBLE  
SHOTGUN START AT 12:30 NOON  
TEAM \$500.00 (4-MAN SCRAMBLE)  
INDIVIDUAL \$150.00

PROCEEDS BENEFIT SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN A 501 C(3) CHARITY  
PAYMENTS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY LAW



# Highlanders Pipes & Drums

Russell Ross, Highlander's scribe

Oh, hello their lads and lassies. I see it's time again for our usual monthly banter. I thought we might have a gander at something you may not think of at first when you think of Scotland. Have you ever noted a picture of a green and purple weed plastered all over everything Scottish? Well that, mo charaids, is the Thistle. It is the National Flower of Scotland. Why, you might ask... Well; I Havnae a Scooby and most Scots won't be able to tell you for sure either but, of course, as it goes with everything Scottish, there is a legend there to explain it. I'll give it a go in explaining it here without sounding like a NED (Non-Educated Delinquent).



Editorial Creative Common

The thistle is a tall skinny plant with a purple crown and prickly green leaves surrounding its edges from the family Asteraceae. Incidentally we have several Texas variations growing out at our Alzafar camp. Obviously, a hearty plant, as it flourishes so well in both Texas and Scottish environments. That's a little reflective of the Scotsman too, isn't it.

So, legend notes that in 1263 on a dark and stormy night in Scotland under the reign of King Alexander III, Vikings attacked. The rough and ragged, seemingly unbeatable warriors with a thirst for, uh, well everything came ashore that fateful night under the lead of the Viking King, Haakon the IV, to rape, pillage and create all sorts of Viking like trouble. When the Vikings came ashore that moonless night and rushed in to take advantage of the sleeping Scots and perhaps take over the little island, they alerted the Scots to their presence with squeals and shrieks of pain as hundreds of thorny thistles dug themselves into the legs and feet of the ever much surprised invaders.

Thus, the Scottish were alerted to route the ruffians and so it was said that the thistle saved Scotland and the people of Scotland now understood the meaning of the beautifully wicked little plant. In 1687 King James the VII of Scotland created the Most Ancient and Noble Order of the Thistle whose motto was "Wha daurs meddle wi me" (Which roughly translates to "No one messes with me and gets away with it!").

The thistle has since found itself on just about everything Scottish and I challenge you to enjoy the many poems, songs and art dedicated to the stubborn little flower. Like the people of Scotland, the terrain and just about everything else from the little country, the Thistle has proven itself to be a tough, resilient, and persevering part of Scottish history, tradition and lore.



To learn more about Scotland, hear some bagpipe music, share in Fellowship and have some water of life, come join the Highlanders on a Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm in room 9. We also have several events coming up in the next several months as well. We have Robert Burns night coming up in January on the 27th and will share in Scottish scran (food), poetry, and of course, Scottish music. Don't be a crabbit, come be a part of the celebration.

We will also have a Whisky tasting coming up on April 13, 2024. Mark your calendar! We will be raffling off a signed bottle of whisky from the distillery belonging to Sam Heughan, who plays Jaime Fraser from the television show Outlander. Look for any man in a kilt here at the shrine starting in October and ask him for a \$20.00 raffle ticket or two or ten. We will put more information out later but would love all of you to join us and have a swally. Be BRAW, brothers.







**ALZAFAR MOTOR CLUB  
AMC Secretary, Steven Fisk**

October means it is finally cooling down and fall is here. Life is going to be picking up as we all approach the upcoming holiday events. September was great as we got to participate in the Parade in Boerne for the Kendall County Fair Association Labor Day celebration. Then immediately following that was the Circus. Ending the month was the Annual Motor Club Fall Car Show. All of this gave us a chance to warm our engines up and fine tune our machines for the numerous holiday parades that will be right around the corner.

Speaking of parades, we invite you to come and join us in them and bring your ride to show the communities that Shriners live to have fun and support the Children's Hospitals. It is always a pleasure to have people come up and start talking "Car Talk." It is equally enjoyable to share with them what we as Shriners do and our true purpose.

The Motor Club always has room in the garage and on the road for those interested in cruising along with us. Come join us on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm in Room 9 at the Shrine. Until the next time, keep your tires aired up, the gas tank full and the bugs off the windshield.

## Calling All Cars!

### Step into the Spooky Spectacle!

Our Esteemed Oriental Guide, the one and only Sir David "O," cordially invites you to be the shining star at our much-anticipated Annual Children's Halloween Party! This year, we're going all out with a spine-tingling "Trunk or Treat" extravaganza, and we need your presence to make it truly unforgettable.

Dress Up Your Classic Beauties: Sir David "O" challenges you to transform your magnificent classic automobiles into bewitching works of art! Deck them out in the most creative and spooky Halloween attire imaginable. Unleash your inner artist and compete for prizes and all the smiles on those little faces, which will have your engines revving with excitement.



Join the Trick-or-Treating Fun: But that's not all! We'll also be part of the kiddos' Trick-or-Treating adventure, spreading Halloween joy by handing out delicious candies to our cherished young ones. Your smiles and treats will light up their night, creating precious memories for everyone involved.

A Nostalgic Tradition Returns: For our long-standing members, you may remember that we embarked on this enchanting journey some years ago. Let's take the lead and make it a tradition we can hold dear to our hearts.



The Temple Awaits Your Presence: As always, the Temple is eager to see you shine in the spotlight and join us for this spooktacular event. We Are inviting the media to show our involvement in the community. Your classic cars, your costumes, and your kindness will all make this Halloween Party a cherished memory for years to come.

So, gear up and prepare to enchant, excite, and embrace the Halloween spirit like never before. Sir David "O" and the entire Temple are counting on you to make this year's event truly legendary. Save the date, bring your classic automobiles to life, and let's create Halloween memories that will echo through the ages!

That's why we are:

## Calling All Cars!



We have been getting in some riding and fun this last month and are looking forward to more (s)miles in the days ahead.

Members rode in the Kendall County Fair Association

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Labor Day Parade and were joined by Nobles from Sharon Shrine, too. Afterwards it was off to Camp Alzafar for the Closing Weekend events there.

Our Wednesday Night Breaks have found us continuing to explore new places to dine and fellowship at. The turnout for these evenings is great. Being able to hang out with others and getting to know them and their families more is pretty satisfying. The kids that come along have fun and are happy to share their life events with you. Hearing about school that has started again and their activities they are involved in, brings back memories of yore when we had little runs around.

Several of us will have made a run to Bryan, Texas to witness a fellow Ruffian's son complete his EA proficiency at Cedar Creek Lodge #300. Fellow Ruffians from Sharon Shrine attended as well. As you can tell, we are strong on family and fraternity!

If you have a desire to get out we encourage you to check us out. All are always welcome and you can bring any ride you own, 2 Wheels, 3 wheels and even 4 wheels are invited. And family, especially family. We gather the 3rd Sunday of the month at Camp Alzafar at 11am.



**ALZAFAR SHOTGUN UNIT  
AKA SMOKIN' CLAYS  
By Secretary Bill Willis**

Fall is finally here friends and Nobles. And you know what that means. No more 100 degree weather (we hope), football season is in full swing (how about them Cowboys), and bird hunting season in Texas has already started for dove, and will be starting soon for quail and duck. And what better way to sharpen up your bird hunting skills than to join the Alzafar Shotgun Unit at our next practice/fun shoot (currently scheduled for Saturday, 21 October @ 9:00 a.m.). Contact myself or any member of the Shotgun Unit for the location as we shoot at several venues around San Antonio. Friends and family are always welcome whether you've never handled a shotgun before, or you're a long-time hunter or clay shooter. We'll put you in a group

that can provide instruction and even let you borrow a gun if you don't have one.

We had a great turnout at our August fun shoot at the National Shooting Complex on the west side of San Antonio. The day started out (as it usually does) with breakfast tacos furnished by the unit, followed by shooting 10 different stations of sporting clays (100 birds total) to polish up our skills for bird season and for the TSSSA Mid-Winter shoot in Lubbock in March. We even had two guests join us for our practice and ended up submitting applications to join the unit. We'll be welcoming them in as new members at our stated meeting.

If you'd like to find out more about the Shotgun Unit, stop by our table at the Gun Show 11 & 12 November at the Temple or attend our stated meeting on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Shotgun Meeting Room. Ladies are always welcome. And be sure to come early as our Honorary Third Vice and Chief Chef, Noble David Hadley, always serves up a delicious meal around 6:30. Until then, "Keep your powder dry, and remember, as long as there is lead in the air, there is always hope!"

# ALZAFAR

# BAND

In 1784, Mozart was recommended for membership in the Beneficence lodge in Vienna by his friend and patron Otto von Gemmingen. According to this article, Mozart introduced his father, Leopold Mozart, and his friend Franz Joseph Haydn into Freemasonry.



Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart from Mozart family portrait by Croce

"When Mozart was admitted to the Viennese lodge "Zur Wohltatigkeit" ("Beneficence") on Tuesday, 14th

December, 1784, Freemasonry in Austria was forty-two years old. Banned by the [Roman Catholic] church in 1738, its continuation was due above all to the discretion of the sovereign; this had been Franz I (originally Franz Stephen) who, until his death in 1765, had been a Freemason, as was the Prussian King Friederich II, the mortal enemy of Franz's consort and successor, Maria Theresia. She prohibited Freemasonry repeatedly, yet the movement became stronger. After her death in 1780, her son Joseph

II acceded to the throne. At that time there were fourteen lodges in Vienna alone, among them several of an esoteric or Rosicrucian character. At court, however, the strongly rationalist opposition party, the secret order of the Illuminati, which wanted to infiltrate Freemasonry in order to further its anti-clerical and republican aims. In fact, under the influence of the Masonic Illuminati witch-hunts were abolished and educational reforms brought in. The secret center of the movement was the elite lodge “Zur wahren Eintracht” (“True Concord”) under its Grand Master, the minerologist Ignaz von Born. Mozart was a frequent guest there and became an Entered Apprentice and then Master. In 1785 the Illuminati persuaded the Emperor [to] radically restrict the number of lodges in order to put an end to other forms of Freemasonry. The outcome of this edict, “the Freemasonic Patent”, though, was state control and the immediate cessation of all activity. In 1800 Freemasonry was virtually outlawed by Franz II and the ban ended practically only with the declaration of the Republic in 1918.

By the time of his initiation into Freemasonry Mozart already had knowledge of its practices; his father had maintained a risky contact with Freemasonry, under the Catholic-fundamentalist Prince-Archbishop of Salzburg, and the sixteen year old Wolfgang wrote a cantata in response to a commission from a lodge in Munich. During his stay in Mannheim in 1777 Mozart was supported by Otto Freiherr von Gemmingen, who was later to become the first lodge master in Vienna. Following Joseph II’s decree Mozart was unwilling to come to terms with the decline of Freemasonry, so he intended to make a new start by founding a secret society called “Dir Grotte” (“The Grotto”).”

“To this day Freemasonry tends to have different, even opposing, priorities: in the predominantly Catholic countries of the Romance and Latin-American spheres it saw itself always as a republican and anti-clerical movement of reform, was outlawed and was anathema to the church. In Protestant countries it counted kings, bishops and presidents among its number. In the almost three hundred years of its history – it began on 24th June 1717, the day on which five Masonic lodges in London amalgamated to form one Grand Lodge – it has not changed direction, but for all of them the purpose is the same: the ennoblement of men, from the rough to the refined stone, to become part of the temple of universal love of mankind. The process is fulfilled in degrees of Entered Apprentice. Fellow Craft and Master Mason.

Grouped under their respective Grand Lodge, the sister lodges follow ancient symbolic rituals.....[which] were,

and still are, intensified by music (today often by recordings). Singing was central to Freemasonry from its earliest days, and is derived from the stonemasons’ guilds of the Middle Ages. An intellectual and cultural elite established buildings which survived all the dark doubts of superstition. The client, the church, was the principal cause of this darkness. And so the master-builders of the cathedrals met, together with their apprentices, in private places where they could pass on their superior wisdom. Of prime importance in Masonic symbolism is the number 3 and the musical flat sign (b): in Freemasonry three is the most important number, the consonant B is connected with the Temple of Solomon, which symbolizes the ideal building for mankind. The musical keys which have three flats, however, are E-flat major and C-minor, the [musical] keys associated with Freemasonry.

E-flat major is the fundamental [musical] key of Freemasonry; C minor is the symbol of death, while the pure key of C major (which has no key signature) represents the resurrection of the enlightened man to the rank of Master. Mozart expanded this key symbolism further. To represent the first level of Freemasonry, that of the Entered Apprentice, Mozart often uses the key of F major (which has one flat). The second level – that of Fellow Craft – is indicated by the use of B flat major, which has two flats. In addition Mozart introduced the key of A major (with its three sharps) into the Masonic canon: the Clarinet Concerto and the Clarinet Quintet (both in A major) were both performed in the lodge. [note: Mozart composed these works to be performed by the clarinet virtuoso clarinetist Anton Stadler] And finally the keys of G major and G minor also appear in Mozart’s Masonic works, probably because the consonant “g” has a symbolic meaning.



**Nobles**  
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**Jerry D Hodgson**  
**W. R. Mc Laughlin**  
**Rafael Gobeia**  
**Walt S Atencio**

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Alzafar Chaplain Hugo "Hoagy" Elmendorf, II looks over Potentate Rick Reyes, III as he presents Award to Noble Fisk

### Shriner of the Month

This month's Shriner of the month is one of those behind-the-scenes type of Nobles. He is always working and never seeking the spotlight. If you go to an event, you know who he is and what he brings in support of our organization because he's always there. This noble represents everything a Shriner should be and can be. Over the last month this noble played an integral part in the many successes that Alzafar saw both at the Temple and at many of our events. He provided valuable insight, mechanical expertise, and sweat equity in the support of Alzafar.

With respect to valuable insight, this noble has spent hours as part of the building financial feasibility committee working hand in hand with other nobles and contractors out in town to determine necessary repairs, costs of those repairs, along with overall impact to Alzafar's long term financial stability and success.

In reference to mechanical skills. When it was brought to his attention that our Temple Van was not functioning at 100%, this noble took time out of his day to personally drive to the Shrine to successfully troubleshoot and fix our Van thereby saving Alzafar hundreds of dollars in potential mechanic shop expenses. The repairs were done in a timely manner and with temperatures nearing 100 degrees.

Finally, this noble quite literally put in sweat equity at the Circus working tirelessly with other nobles to ensure its success. He ensured the Temple Red Wagon was driven in every show and assisted in the hospitality room and with program sales.

In consideration of his efforts and in keeping with the honor and tradition that this award carries with it; we take great pride in naming Steve Fisk as Alzafar's August Shriner of the Month.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Reyes - Alzafar Potentate 2023



Chip Myre AT 4chip3@att.net, writes that "High school football is better than the over-paid so-called professionals. Friday night lights. Just my 2 cents worth"

Editor:

*Kind of hard to disagree with Chip!*

### Rangel Garners Golden Trowel Award

On Saturday August 12, Past Master and Noble Gilbert Rangel received the Golden Trowel Award at Harlandale Lodge No. 1213 AF & AM, presented by Past Grand Master Gene Carnes and Right Worshipful Tom Veltry. A history of Masonic service was read, to family members, friends, Masons from the Alzafar Shrine, Texas 8, Nat Washer Lodge, Eastern Star and the Miniwheels Unit were present, the award pin was presented by the owner of Bell Hydrogas, Sharon Seal pinned the recipient.



Those who attended the ceremony, enjoyed an awesome Brisket and Sausage meal was prepared by Y-A and served by the Eastern Star No. 750 following the presentation and recognition.

The Golden Trowel Award is an exciting means for Lodges to recognize and honor distinguished members with an official award from the Grand Lodge of Texas.



Past Grand Master Gene Carnes (R) and Right Worshipful Tom Veltry (L) applaud Past Master and Golden Trowel recipient Rangel(C).

The Golden Trowel is the Lodge's formal recognition of a Brother for his devoted service to Masonic principles in general or to his Lodge. It is intended for the Brother who, year after year, quietly, but actively demonstrates his devotion to the teachings of Masonry without thought of recognition or special honors. Every Lodge has such members. They spread the living cement that builds our Fraternity into a true Brotherhood.

You will find them at labor in the kitchens, on the work committees, in public office, on community projects, in service clubs, heavily involved in their church activities, and



Ms. Sharon Seal pins a proud recipient P.M. Rangel.

in schools – anywhere that a true and steady hand of assistance is needed.

It is to those Master Craftsmen that the Golden Trowel Award is designated as the highest Award a Lodge can bestow upon an individual member.



**Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America  
Lady Lisa Pharis, High Priestess**

Even though it is October already, I can't believe the summer is already over, well calendar wise but here in Texas it lasts much longer. We have had a few very successful fundraisers already this year and we hope to see even more of you for our next fund raisers. Please make note of these events and join us in raising the money to help with our year-end donations to help the children. Please see any LOS member for tickets or on our Facebook page.

- October 14, 2023 – Old Bag Luncheon in Parlors, always great food and great fun, Come join us for fun, food, prizes and fashion name brand purses and bags
- October 25, 2023 - Grand High Priestess Dinner at 6:30 pm
- November 18 – Fashion Show in Parlors
- January 20, 2024 – Casino Night in the Terrace Room, our annual biggest fundraiser of the year where everyone even the men really enjoy themselves at this fundraiser.
- February 17, 2024 – Fashion Show in the Parlors
- March 2023 Golf Tournament

Please help this wonderful organization raise money for their philanthropy.

If you have any updates to your contact information,

please send the updates to our email address at [Altrui.court@gmail.com](mailto:Altrui.court@gmail.com).

We have a great court here in San Antonio and we raise money each year to donate to the Shriner's Hospitals and other Shrine groups. It is all about the kids. If you or anyone you know would like to join us, please email us [Altrui.Court@gmail.com](mailto:Altrui.Court@gmail.com) and someone will contact you.



**Daughters of the Nile  
Queen Wanda Rincover**

A big thank you to those that volunteered by selling programs and/or providing desserts at last month's circus. Also, fun was had by those that attended the Alzafar circus. Congratulations for a great job to Noble Marco Zuniga and his lady Princess Lori Zuniga.

October 12, 2023, 7:00pm Session in the Alzafar Shrine parlors.

October 17, 2023, 10:00am – 1:00pm Sewing room – Alzafar Shrine parlors. You do not have to know how to sew there are other activities you can assist with, contact the chairs for more information on how you can help. Chair – PQ Peggy Songer 210-771-0098 and Co-Chair PQ Margie Flores 210-213-1853

November 9, 2023, 7:00pm Session in the Alzafar Shrine parlors.

November 14, 2023, Thanksgiving Luncheon SAVE THE DATE (More Info to come) Event Chair – Pr Tirzah Geri-anne Hockman Cell- 210 373-3898. This a Ways and Means fundraiser.

Friendly Reminder, if you haven't paid your 2023-2024 (\$52) dues you may send them to Pr Recorder Diana Thomas, her contact information is in the Roster.

Help us keep the household roster up to date. If you have new contact information such as mailing or email address or phone you may send it to the Nekodah group account: [nekodahtempleno44@gmail.com](mailto:nekodahtempleno44@gmail.com).

If you or someone you know would like to become a member of the Daughters of the Nile, Nekodah Temple No. 44, please contact any of our members or the Membership Team: PQ Carol Carpenter, PQ. Margie Flores, PQ. Peggy Songer, PQ. Barbara Wells, Pr. Cindy Garza.

We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00pm in the Alzafar Shrine Center Parlors except June, July, and December.

**We are Nekodah Strong**

**OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>**  
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**ALZAFAR UNIT MEETING SCHEDULE**

BAND	Each Thursday	6:30 P.M.	Room 7
BREWS BROTHERS	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	7:30 P.M.	Room 5
BURNING SUN	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	7:00 P.M.	Room 5
CABIRI	Wed. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thru.	12:00 N	As Designated
CAMP ALZAFAR	Memorial Day	12:00 N	Camp Pavilion
	July 4 <sup>th</sup> & Labor Day		
CHAPARRAL	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	7:30 P.M.	Room 4
DE-MOLAY	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	6:00 P.M.	As Designated
DESERT KNIGHTS	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	7:00 PM	Directors Rm.
DIRECTORS STAFF	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	7:30 P.M.	Directors Rm.
DRUM CORPS	Each Thursday	7:30 P.M.	Room 7
FARIS	As Called		Camp Alzafar
GOLF UNIT	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	7:00 P.M.	Room 8
HIGHLANDERS BAND	Each Wednesday	6:30 P.M.	Room 9
HILLBILLY CLAN	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun Feb., Apr.	5:00 P.M.	Roustabout
	June, Aug., Oct., Dec.		
HONOR GUARD	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	7:00 P.M.	Room 12
HOSPITAL CORPS	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	7:00 P.M.	Room 6
HOT SANDS BBQ	Wed. before stated	7:00 P.M.	Pavilion
LEGION OF HONOR	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	7:00 P.M.	Room 4
MINI-WHEELS	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	7:00 P.M.	Room 10
MOTOR CLUB	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	7:00 P.M.	Room 9
MOTOR PATROL	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	7:00 P.M.	Room 5
NEMNUF	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	7:30 P.M.	Room 11
ORIENTAL BAND	Each Wednesday	7:00 P.M.	Room 7
PATROL	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	7:00 P.M.	Room 6
PROVOST GUARD	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	7:00 P.M.	Provost Gd.
RED ROADSTERS	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	7:00 P.M.	Room 10
RUFFIANS	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday		Camp Alzafar
RV CLUB	4 <sup>th</sup> Weekend		As Designated
SENIORS	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	12:00 N	Roustabout
SHOTGUN	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	7:00 P.M.	Directors Rm

**SHRINE CLUB MEETINGS**

CANYON LAKE	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	6:30 P.M.	TBD
GUADALUPE VALLEY	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	6:00 P.M.	As Designated
HILL COUNTRY	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	11:30A.M.	Inn of the Hills
LAREDO SC	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	7:00 P.M.	As Designated

**AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS MEETINGS**

ANCHOR MASONIC LODGE	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	7:00P.M.	Alzafar rear
CIBOLO MASONIC LODGE	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	7:00 P.M.	Alzafar rear
VICTORY MASONIC LODGE	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	7:00 P.M.	Alzafar rear
DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	7:30 P.M.	Parlors
LADIES OF THE SHRINE	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	7:00 P.M.	Parlors



**FORMER POTENTATES OF  
ALZAFAR SHRINERS**

1916 Frank R. Newton Sr*	1970 Jack W. Cones, Jr.*
1917 Ted Millburn*	1971 Bruce Waitz*
1918 J. A. Patterson*	1972 Floyd F. Graham*
1919 Henry Rabe*	1973 Drue H. Floyd*
1920 Robert Burne*	1974 Jack O. Dietz*
1921 Sylvan Lang*	1975 H.C. Kopplow*
1922 Robert S. Michael*	1976 W.H. "Bill" Elmore*
1923 Nathan K. Tracy*	1977 Thurman Barrett, Jr.*
1924 H. W. Weber*	1978 Floyd O. Schneider*
1925 Herman Horner*	1979 Reese L. Harrison, Jr.
1926 Charles D. Hall*	1980 Burdit W. McCoy*
1927 S. X. Callahan*	1981 James V. Gullette*
1928 John Lomax*	1982 Joseph M. Clark*
1929 Henry A. Hirschberg*	1983 George D. Vann, Jr.*
1930 A.J. McKenzie*	1984 Joe Roy Hollaway*
1931 Louis P. Hartung*	1985 E.C. "Bud" Jordan*
1932 Anton N. Moursund*	1986 Sidney D. Autry*
1933 G.G. Grebenheimer*	1987 Terry McGuire*
1934 Porter Loring*	1988 James Dockery, Jr.*
1935 P.D. Mathis*	1989 George J. Labinski*
1936 Geo. F. Dullnig*	1990 James W. Todd*
1937 Willard E. Simpson*	1991 Ray Fuller*
1938 C. Baumberger, Jr.*	1992 Robert "Bob" Jett
1939 William Eifler*	1993 Emmett C. George*
1940 William H. Wallace*	1994 E.C. "Ed" Vest*
1941 Daniel O'Connell*	1995 Tom Boothe*
1942 O.J. Solcher*	1996 Jerry Krupp*
1943 Rennie Wright*	1997 Harry D. Rose*
1944 Albert A. Green*	1998 Robert D. "Bob" Green
1945 W.D. Turbeville*	1999 Robert "Bobby" Hunt
1946 Ted E. Poppe*	2000 Bob Stephens*
1947 Alfred W. Harlos*	2001 Loren Hayes*
1948 Sam A. Chapman*	2002 J. Philip Knight-Sheen*
1949 Richard Adams*	2003 Wayne R. Duncan
1950 Roy Akers*	2004 Steve R. Molnar*
1951 Glen K. Schuepbach*	2005 Stuart H. Simms*
1952 W.C. "Pat" Welch*	2006 Frank B. Hunter*
1953 Elliot J. Bilhartz*	2007 Joseph Calvey
1954 Ray H. Trimmier*	2008 Paul F. McCombs
1955 T.M. McCormick*	2009 James "Jim" Strayer*
1956 H.S. Norman*	2010 Richard "Rick" Reyes II
1957 W.B. Jack Ball*	2011 Gregorio "G.I." Flores*
1958 Floyd J. Griffin*	2012 Robert "Bob" Jones
1959 Henry W. Eitt*	2013 Tom Young
1960 Harvey McDonald*	2014 Expelled
1961 L.L. Woodman*	2015 Jay Dee Thomas
1962 George W. Henry*	2016 John Dunn
1963 Barney Norris*	2017 Gary Radvansky
1964 Jack B. Lee*	2018 Jason Triggs
1965 Robert B. O'Connor*	2019 Eric DeWalt
1966 E. Jeff Ashcraft, Jr.*	2020 Marty Bartlett
1967 D. Neal Talley*	2021 L. Travis Elmendorf
1968 Wm. H. Ferguson*	2022 Robert M. Norman, II
1969 Keith Gerstner*	

**ALZAFAR SHRINERS WHO ARE FORMER  
POTENTATES OF OTHER SHRINE CENTERS**

1964 Roy Reynolds*	(El Bekal Shriners)
1970-71 Eldon O. Wesner*	(Anezeh Shriners)
1979 Ray Robinson	(Suez Shriners)
1981 Donald Garrido*	(Abou Saad Shriners)
1983 David Martin	(Suez Shriners)
1998 Terry Zittle	(Abou Saad Shriners)
2012 Rick Oberg	(El Zagal Shriners)

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***As we continue to move through the year we will look to have days added or subtracted. Please send in your unit event ASAP:***

## 2023 Master Calendar

Oct 7th	Shrine Gala - Roaring 20's	5 PM SASA Ballroom
Oct 9th	Divan & Finance meeting	5:00 PM-7:30 PM Conf. Rm
Oct 10th	Achbar articles due to Editor	alzafarshrineachbar@gmail.com
Oct 12th	Shrine Stated meeting	7:00 PM-9:30 PM SASA
Oct 14th	Masonic Picnic and Chili Cookoff	All day Camp Alzafar
Oct 28th	Shrine Childrens Halloween Party	2:00 PM-5:00 PM Pavilion
Oct 31st	Unit & Club Elections due	All day
Nov 1st	Alzafar Shrine Charity Golf Tournament	Canyon Spngs GC 12:30 T-off
Nov 6th	Divan & Finance meeting	5:00 PM-7:30 PM Conf. Rm
Nov 8th-12th	Mission in Motion Trip	Mexico City Hospital
Nov 9th	Shrine Stated meeting	7:00 PM-9:30 PM SASA
Nov 10th	Achbar articles due to Editor	alzafarshrineachbar@gmail.com
Nov 11th	Veteran's Day Parade (Ladies & Family)	10:00 AM-12:00 PM SAT
Nov 17th	Shrine Employee Thanksgiving Luncheon	11:00 AM-1:00 PM Parlors
Nov 18th	Alamo Heights Night Parade	3:30 PM-5:30 PM Alamo Hts
Nov 19th	Shrine Memorial Service	2:00 PM-4:00 PM Terrace Rm
Nov 24th	Toy Drive Car Show	6:00 AM-4:00 PM
Nov 25th	Christmas in Comfort Parade	5:00 PM-7:00 PM
Nov 29th	Officers Call	7:00 PM-8:00 PM SASA
Dec 2nd	Christmas Parade	4:30 PM-6:00 PM Boerne
Dec 9th	Christmas Parade (Ladies & Family)	9:30 AM-11:00 AM Sattler
Dec 10th	Achbar articles due to Editor	alzafarshrineachbar@gmail.com
Dec 10th	Shrine Children's Christmas Party	11:00 AM-2:00 PM Ballroom
Dec 11th	Divan & Finance meeting	5:00 PM-7:30 PM Conf. Rm
Dec 14th	Shrine Stated meeting - Election of Officers	7:00 PM-9:30 PM SASA
Dec 15th	Shrine Employee Christmas Party	11:00 AM-1:00 PM Parlors