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Notice of Stated Meeting & Installation of Officers

The following Stated Meeting of Alzafar Shriners will be on **May 12, 2022** 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 2022 DUES CARD 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.

Thomas D. Leverett
 Recorder: Thomas D. Leverett

Robert M. Norman II

Potentate: Illustrious Sir, Robert M. Norman, II



Illustrious Sir Robert M. Norman, II
 Potentate of Alzafar Shriners

Greetings Alzafar!! Hard to believe we are in April already. Time sure does fly when having fun. We have been pretty busy as a shrine so far this year and I don't see us slowing down. Hopefully with Covid-19 getting further in our rearview mirror people can start getting out more. The next time you are at the shrine, stop by the office and ask the ladies what is new to the facility. Ask for a tour to see the changes or just walk around and take a look. We have been very busy in the last two months, giving a much need facelift to your shrine. We as a Divan thank you all in trusting us to make great decisions for our organization and to move our fraternity into the future. The updates we have made is just the tip of the spear of what's to come. This will allow us to increase the rental rates, ultimately helping us generate more income for the future.

I hope you all feel the communication you've received so far this year has improved. I believe the ability we have in sending out information via the Webfez program has assisted in getting information out in a timely manner to the masses. With that being said, if your unit or club has a fundraiser or you have information you would like to send out to the entire organization, send your information to the office and attach the flyer and the ladies can send it to the entire nobility and not just the members that are able to attend a meeting or two. If you are not receiving emails from the office, then your email address is either incorrectly entered in Webfez or it's not in there at all. If that is the case, please log into Webfez and update your information to ensure you will start getting the emails.

I once heard "don't admire the mantle when poking the fire". When I hear that, I think about how leaders and individuals react to certain situations. From time and time again, you'll either say or hear: "it's not how we used to do it" or "it's never been done that way". We have to get out of



that mindset and adjust from the norm. What we are “used to” or how things “have always been done” might not work like that anymore. The world is changing and we have to be flexible in those changes. I had this conversation with some members the other day. We need to be a part of the solution and not the problem. We can’t poke the fire or even put another log on it when something comes up that’s not the “norm”. If we get all excited and slip into the complaining or negativity, it doesn’t help fix the issue but likely gives a bigger platform.

Lady Tiffany and I are still humbled and honored to serve you all this year. We know you have entrusted us in a huge responsibility and we don’t take it lightly. As always, if there is something we can do better or you have a suggestion, don’t hesitate to stop and tell us. We look forward to visiting with you all in the near future.



Lady Tiffany Norman
First Lady of Alzafar Shriners
First Lady’s Feature

“Miracles happen to those who believe in them.”

- Bernhard Berenson

No truer words have ever been said. The mission that Shriners and their ladies support exhibit that very belief. Children in Shriners Hospitals have profound opportunities because of the dedication you contribute to the Shrine. The children of the hospital system are so blessed with the hospital staff, innovative treatments, and the men and women who believe.

It’s hard to imagine that we are already in April. So much has happened: Laredo parade, Sadie Hawkins Dance,

Victory Lodges’ 100th celebration, Daughters of the Nile installation, LOS installation, Alzafar Motor Clubs’ car show, the Mini Wheels’ first ever: Crawfish Boil, the Nobility Ball, and I’m certain much more.

Forget the brakes – Alzafar is pedal to the metal. Did I forget to mention Driven by Movement was kickstarted? How could I be so silly... In case you missed it, this is Alzafar’s First Lady’s Project for 2022. Mandy Anderson and myself are seeking to raise money for the Motion Analysis Center at Shriners Children’s, Texas. Please look for the advertisement in this newsletter for more information. I am over the moon excited for this project! Thank you to all who have supported the First Lady’s Project so far!

On another note, I wanted to get your ladies involved. Please ensure that you’re sharing these articles with your lovely lady. First things first, I wanted to gather an interest list on who would be interested in getting together for BINGO, meeting for brunch/lunch/dinner, or something else. Please have your lady contact me directly so I can annotate their information for upcoming events! My direct number is: 443.440.0356. Please, please, please spread the word! Until next time!

EDITORIAL HE’S MY BROTHER

BY: Rick Reyes, Sr.

I would not be of service to these missives if I did not mention the perfect thought expressed in the AMC article in last month’s edition. There was a remarkable story about our dear friend and Noble George Wilson, if you didn’t notice. It was a short biography of George, and his path to becoming an Alzafar Shriner and how his beautiful classic Ford Model T came to be called Kitt. I can attest to the story as I was there when it happened, and George has joked about it ever since.

My purpose in mentioning the biography is to highlight the great idea by Noble Fisk in reintroducing us to George Wilson. Noble Fisk took the time to tell us about his friend and your brother. Did you ever consider that we call each other brother and a noble? He is right in doing so, as how can you call one a brother you know nothing about. And what a wonderful thing to compose for a friend. At the end of his piece, he challenged every unit to submit a short biography of one of its members to favor all of us that we might know our Noble brother better.

Well done, Noble Steve Fisk



ALZAFAR'S FIRST LADY RETAIL PROJECT SUPPORTING
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*Pick one or both sets and 100% of the net proceeds will benefit Shriners Hospitals
for Children a 501 (c) 3 charity and your secure payment is a tax deductible contribution to
the extent provided by law.*



Noble Richard A. "Rick" Reyeys, III
Chief Rabban of Alzafar Shriners

Who's ready for some BBQ? I know I am! This year, Alzafar will change how we've taken on fraternal fundraising. It won't be easy, but it will be fun. At the March stated meeting, the nobility voted to change how we raise funds. This year we will be doing a BBQ and Band event. We are currently in negotiations with a very well-known Texas country artist and an established BBQ event team to put on the best Sportsman's Extravaganza in the South. There are plenty of sponsorship opportunities and spots available for cooks and vendors. Suppose you or someone you know wants to compete for the coveted prize of Master BBQ Chef, or you just want to set up a tent and sell your goods. In that case, you will very soon have the opportunity to sign up in person or online.

There will be a program for the event along with Buck-O-Line sponsorship opportunities, program sponsorship opportunities, event title sponsorship opportunities, and so much more. Be on the lookout for your nobility tickets. They will be available as they have been in the past. The only difference is that you may want to keep them as I'm sure you won't want to miss this opportunity. For those interested in being on the planning team, there is a planning meeting on Thursday, March 24th at 7pm at Rudy's Country Store and BBQ in Leon Springs. Come on out and enjoy some BBQ while we plan for what we hope will be a fantastic party at Alzafar.

FUN DRAISING



Noble Marco Zuniga
Assistant Rabban of Alzafar Shriners

Good day Nobles & Ladies!!!

Are we having fun yet?? What a great turn out we had in Laredo for the parade and as well as the Fiesta Gala that was hosted by our Laredo Shrine club. Thanks to all who helped make this event a success!

We have a few parades coming up, hope to see you all out there!. Fiesta Flambeau Arpil 9th, Strawberry Festival April 23rd and Helotes Cornyval April 30th.

Don't forget to get your rsvp in for the Children's Easter on April 10th can't wait to see you and the family out for a good time.

We still have a few volunteer spots open for the annual Foreigner concert set for April 19th so if you are interested please reach out to me by cell (210)889-2306 or email madzuni70@gmail.com.

Do you ever ask yourself what can I do to help and get more involved? Here is your opportunity to do so. We have so much coming up that you and your family can contribute to. Ladies, we love your support and creativity, don't be afraid to let it shine!

Our Gala is our biggest fundraiser for our hospitals and what a way to give back. We definitely can use any help available. Please reach out to Lady Lori or myself so we can put your expertise to work alzafarhospital-gala2022@gmail.com . Keep an eye out, we will have a planning meeting coming up soon. Can't wait to share what we have so far.



Thank you again for your continued support.

Marco
Assistant Rabban



Noble Steve White

Oriental Guide of Alzafar Shriners

What a busy month filled with challenges, fellowship, fun, and support for our hospitals and children. Mid-Winter TSA is now behind me. We all had a wonderful time in Galveston, and yes, I was fined \$200.00 for being out of uniform. My shoes did not match Illustrious Sir Robert Norman's yellow tennis shoes. However, had a great meeting with Oriental Guides from all over the state of Texas. This will give me an opportunity to develop friendship and knowledge over the years ahead of me.

Off to Laredo for the big parade and what a parade it was. Thank you to the Chief Host and his team, and special thanks to Doug Anderson for supplying all the chicken for the big feed. Parade day was awesome; the people in Laredo love the Shrine and our mission, and they showed up in droves to thank us on the parade route. Later that evening, the Laredo Shrine club put on a huge party in grand style. Great food and adult beverages, and music were enjoyed by all who attended. I was honored to be able to speak that night about the Texas hospital. The highlight was meeting a past orthopedic patient and her parents and listening to the incredible journey she has been on. I presented her with a Texas Chairman's coin and invited her and the family to visit your Galveston hospital.

The trip to Galveston for Mardi Gras was a grand parade. We started with a hospitality room at Moody Gardens for all who showed up. The next day was parade day, and seven Temples from across the state showed up with their floats and people.. Alzafar was in the parade with Betsy and can not forget our two clowns, Wrong Way, and Mustache Mike. They wore themselves out with all the clowning around only a clown can do. I wish I had a dollar for every time someone from the crowd shouted thank you,

SHRINERS. It really reassured me why we do what we do for our children.

Last weekend I was at Minute Maid Park in Houston for the Shriners Baseball Classic; over 58,000 fans came out to support their favorite team. This was a win for Shriners for showcasing all we do for the children and their families. A special shout out to the Mulholland Family Foundation for the generous donation to our Shriners Children-Texas. They presented the check in front of home plate after the first inning with a standing ovation from the crowd. Our very own first Lady Tiffany Norman and Mandy Anderson helped all day Saturday selling her beautiful earrings. The net proceeds from the sale will go to the Motion Analysis lab at the Texas Hospital. Way to go, Tiffany and Mandy. Big upcoming events.

March 19th at 9:00am, we will be stuffing eggs for the Easter party; we need help, and it should only last two hours. After that, enjoy the car show and the Daughters of the Nile Installation later that day.

April 10th, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm, will be our annual Easter Party. We will have an egg hunt, games, food, bounce castle, and fun. The mini wheels have volunteered to cook along with the Golf unit serving the food. We need help setting up for the Easter party around 11:00 am, and all are invited to help. This event is open to the public. What a fantastic opportunity to inform masons and non-masons about our mission.

Until next month and another new adventure, be safe, and God bless.

Steve white
Oriental Guide



Our Canyon Lake Shrine Club provides for a very pleasant surprise to our Temple, and our Oriental Guide who was visiting the club, with a check for \$1,000. The very generous check will be applied equally to our children's parties and our Hospital Gala as Alzafar's Oriental Guide Steve White challenges all the other Shrine Club on behalf of Canyon Lake.



Noble David Olivares
Treasurer of Alzafar Shriners

We are now entering the fourth month of the year. Can you believe that we are one third through 2022. I pray everyone is healthy and doing well. This month brings us Good Friday, Passover, and Easter Sunday. Easter Sunday will be celebrated this year on April 17th. Also, do not forget our Children's Easter Party hosted by our OG, Steve White, which will be held on April 10th from 2-4pm.

Have you noticed all the improvements to YOUR Shrine Temple? If so, please let us know what you think. Remember these are improvements to our building that will help us continue to grow our rentals. We have a beautiful facility, and we need to keep investing in it.

Our April Finance Meeting is scheduled for April 11th starting at 5:00pm with the Divan meeting to follow. As a reminder, these meetings are open to the nobility, and we invite you to come in to see and hear about YOUR Temple and YOUR Temple Finances.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
David Olivares
alzafartreasurer@gmail.com



Recorders Corner:
Tee-Bone Tommy Leverett
Recorder to the Stars

This is time of year that my Grandson "Peanut", age 6, starts getting excited. The weather is starting to get warm; spring is just around the corner and the Annual Children's Easter Party is almost here. Our OG, Steve White, has been busy planning this event and asking Units and Clubs to help financially. I am hoping Peanut can beat his record of 2 eggs and 3 rocks this year.

Do you enjoy the beautiful hill country? Do you love the Guadalupe River? Do you enjoy hanging out with your fellow Shriners? Consider renting Alzafar #1 Cabin located at Camp Alzafar. We only charge \$50 per night (2 night minimum). You can make arrangements to pay for Alzafar One online, but please make sure to indicate what the payment is for when you go online. Also call Lisa x 204 or the Recorder x 205 at the office at 210-496-1625 to get on the Calendar.

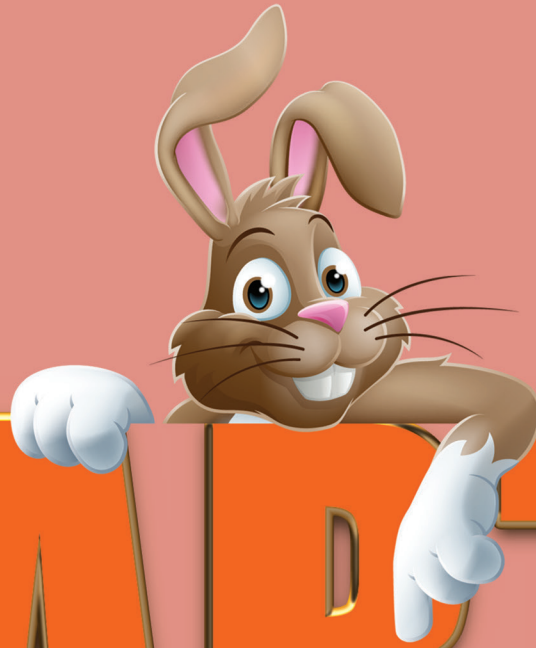
Don't forget we set up mail boxes for all the Units and Clubs in our workroom. Please stop by to see if you have any information in your mailbox. Hopefully, everyone that has property at Camp Alzafar has paid their \$650 rental fee which was due March 1, 2022. If you are late, please note, there is a late fee of \$100 per month. The 2022 Camp assessment is \$100 which is due by June 1, 2022.

Who said there is no such thing as a free meal? Our Potentate has said if you will make your reservations by Friday of the week before the Stated Meeting your meal is FREE. If you don't make reservations the Friday before the meals are only \$5. Come out to a Stated Meeting and get

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**IT'S A
FREE
EASTER**

AT THE
SAN ANTONIO 
**SHRINE
AUDITORIUM
PAVILION**



PARTY FOR **CHILDREN**

**ON APRIL 10TH
2 PM TO 4 PM**

RSVP: (210) 496-1625

FUN, FOOD, GAMES & CRAFTS



Hey Pop,
can we hide
yet?



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excited about everything the Shrine is doing.

If I can help, I'm a phone call away. Office number is 210-496-1625 and my cell phone is 210-617-8977. You can always send me a text or email me at alzafarreorder@gmail.com.

Come out and participate in the next parade and see why I always say "Alzafar Rocks"

Asalam-Alakuum "Pease be upon you".



Noble Dennis Stevens
Alzafar Chief of Staff

Do you like money? Do you like having fun? Do you like having a chance to win money while having FUN??? Man, do I have a deal for you!

How do I get money while having fun, you may ask? Well, simple... come to a State Meeting (every 2nd Thursday). At each Stated Meeting, a name will be pulled from a box. If it's your name, you win \$100. If the name drawn is not present, we put it back in the box, and the \$100 is carried over to the next month. Since the first 3 names drawn weren't present, that means that the drawing is worth \$400 at the April Stated Meeting.

Where does the fun part come in??? For that, I must ask you a question... when is the last time that YOU have been to a Stated Meeting? If it's been a while, you're missing the brotherhood, the laughs, the meals, the libations... You're missing the FUN!!! Not to mention, you're missing hearing about all the new, exciting, and family oriented events that are being held this year! So far, we've had a BBQ Cook-off, a weekend in Laredo, a crawfish boil, the Nobility Ball, and a beer brewing competition. Upcoming, we've got wrestling, chili cook-off's, Gala, Camp, concerts, and so much more!

We can't wait to see you again! And maybe the next time we do, you'll have a little more money in your pocket!

You

~~Jan~~ ~~Feb~~ ~~Mar~~
~~\$100~~ ~~\$200~~ ~~\$300~~
NoWinner NoWinner NoWinner

Could

Win

\$400

Just be at the
stated meeting
in April and pick
up your winnings
when they call
your name

**Every Alzafar Shriner is included free of charge
However, you must be present
at the Stated Meeting to win**



Sir William

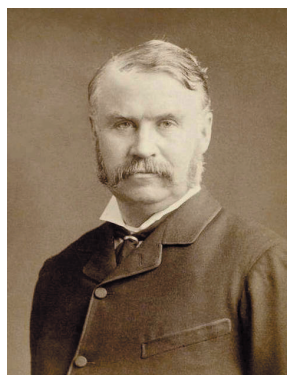
Schwenck Gilbert (18 November 1836 – 29 May 1911) was an English dramatist, librettist, poet, and illustrator best known for

his collaboration with composer Arthur Sullivan, which produced fourteen comic operas. The most famous of these include H.M.S. Pinafore, The Pirates of Penzance and one of the most frequently performed works in the history of musical theatre, The Mikado. These Savoy operas are still commonly performed in the English-speaking world and beyond.

Gilbert's creative output included over 75 plays, librettos, numerous short stories, poems, and lyrics, comic and serious. After brief careers as a government clerk and a lawyer, Gilbert began to focus, in the 1860s, on writing light verse, including his Bab Ballads, short stories, theatre reviews, and illustrations, often for Fun magazine. He also began to write burlesques and his first comic plays, developing a unique absurdist, inverted style that would later be known as his "topsy-turvy" style. He also developed a

realistic method of stage direction and a reputation as a strict theatre director. In the 1870s, Gilbert wrote 40 plays and librettos, including his German Reed Entertainments, several blank-verse “fairy comedies,” some serious plays, and his first five collaborations with Sullivan: *Thespis*, *Trial by Jury*, *The Sorcerer*, *H.M.S. Pinafore* and *The Pirates of Penzance*. In the 1880s, Gilbert focused on the Savoy operas, including *Patience*, *Iolanthe*, *The Mikado*, *The Yeomen of the Guard* and *The Gondoliers*.

Gilbert’s plays inspired other dramatists, including Oscar Wilde and George Bernard Shaw. His comic operas with Sullivan inspired the later development of American musical theatre, significantly influencing Broadway librettists and lyricists. According to *The Cambridge History of English and American Literature*, Gilbert’s “lyrical facility and his mastery of meter raised the poetical quality of comic opera to a position that it had never reached before and has not reached since.”



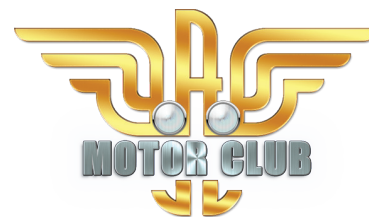
Gilbert’s legacy, aside from building the Garrick Theatre and writing the Savoy Operas and other works still being performed or in print nearly 150 years after their creation, is felt perhaps most strongly today through his influence on the American and British musical theatre. The innovations in content and form of the works that he and Sullivan developed,

and in Gilbert’s theories of acting and stage direction, directly influenced the development of the modern musical throughout the 20th century. Gilbert’s lyrics employ punning and complex internal and two and three-syllable rhyme schemes and served as a model for such 20th century Broadway librettists and lyricists as P. G. Wodehouse, Cole Porter, Ira Gershwin, Lorenz Hart, and Oscar Hammerstein II.

Ian Bradley, in connection with the 100th anniversary of Gilbert’s death in 2011, wrote: There has been much discussion about Gilbert’s proper place in British literary and dramatic history. Was he essentially a writer of burlesque, a satirist, or, as some have argued, the forerunner of the theatre of the absurd. Perhaps he stands most clearly in that distinctively English satirical tradition that stretches back to Jonathan Swift. Its leading exponents lampoon and send up the major institutions and public figures of the day, wielding the weapon of a grave and temperate irony with devastating effect, while themselves remaining firmly within the establishment and displaying a deep underlying affection for the objects of their often merciless attacks. It is a combination that remains a continuing enigma.

Gilbert was initiated into Lodge St. Machar No. 54 in

Scotland while on maneuvers with the Militia. In 1876 after returning to London, he joined Bayard Lodge No. 1615



Things are warming up, including the temperature finally! Like driving down the road out in the hinterlands of our Great State – blink in a small town and you miss it. The previous months have gone past just as fast.

The Motor Club has kept their foot on the pedal as usual from the start of the year. The fantastic George Washington Birthday Celebration parade in Laredo kicked things off for us and many others. After a two year absence, it sure was great to be back there. A huge “Burnout” to acknowledge our brothers and the Nobles of the Laredo Shrine Club!!! They know how to put it on down there.

We celebrated our Ladies at a Sweetheart’s Dinner in February. Those that attended enjoyed a great meal at Paesano’s Lincoln Heights. Ladies, it is your love and support behind the scene that makes us as successful as we are and we appreciate you every day.

The Nobility Ball is in our windshield and by the time you read this, it will be in the rear view mirror. Undoubtedly it will be an event to be remembered.

April is gearing up to go high RPMs. The Fiesta Flambeau Parade, Oriental Guide’s Easter Party for the kids and the Poteet Parade are quickly approaching like a turn at Daytona Super Speedway.

We are always looking for anyone with a set of wheels of any kind that wants to roll along with us. The 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm you can find us in Room #9.



Greetings from the NEMNUF unit! 2022 is looking to be a busy year. Most recently, the TSCA Mid-winter was held in Garland on March 3-4. There is lots to celebrate for our clowns who participated and represented the Shrine! Billy “Buckethead” Peche came in 1st in Happy Hobo Paul “Wrongway” Dawson came in 1st in Senior Bobby “Ice Bucket” Miller came in 2nd in Character Congratula-

tions clowns and thank you for all of your hard work!

February was the George Washington Day Parade in Laredo, TX. This is the kick-off to our parade season. It was certainly a spectacular event! There were so many spectators and participants! Wrongway, Tuno, No-Know and Rusty (myself) had a great time entertaining the crowd! We seemed to be a popular attraction!

Rodeo BBQ Kick-off was another event where the clowns got to really interact with the crowds! Wrongway, No-Know, C-Ram and Rusty put in some long hours working the crowds and having a great time meeting people!

Feel free to stop by the NEMNUF unit every second Monday of the month for our meeting. If you have a hankering to be a clown, we would love to have you!

Rusty rusell.runty@gmail.com



Provost Guard is preparing for the Mid-Winter TSPGA pistol match in Wichita Falls, TX to be hosted by Mascot Shrine on March 26-27, 2022. At this point, we have 10 shooters planning to participate. The PG is also looking forward to participating at the Imperial Session in July in Minneapolis, MN.

Provost Guard unit welcomes its newest member Noble Jeffrey Windham and his Lady Cheryl. All Nobles are invited to come by and check out all the fun. We meet the first Wednesday of the month, social hour at 6:00pm, meal at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:00 pm. and all Ladies are welcome. Andrew Libby, Secretary/Treasurer



GOLF INTERLUDES

Just Scribblin

There's nothing worse than losing someone you care about. In fact, it's an understatement to say that dealing with loss is painful. So any presumed effort to replace BogeyBuck's GOLF SHOTS in this month's Issue of the ACHBAR needs much necessary step-



ping-up latitude. Walker "Buck" Bourne's folksy way of reporting the Golf Unit's planned activity, the well written golf lessons intended to improve the suspicious abilities of hacking Nobles, and a column ending Uncle Bud joke, go with him to that undiscovered country, from whose bourn no traveler returns.



Desert Knights

The Desert Knights were out in force at the Laredo parade by fielding five Quads doing maneuvers all along the parade route, now they did look a little cold as they were whizzing along it was all for a good cause and the Knights knew what the mission was so had lots of fun.

With the election of Chris Ceils as our new Drill Captain, he has added a new and innovating drive into the unit and has already started working on routines for the parades and TSA 9-11 Jun in Wichita Falls, we plan on being there and bringing home a trophy!

With that goal in mind, we found we needed at least one mor covered trailer to safely haul our Quads to competition and to that end the Desert Knights have permission to do a fund raiser which is a drawing on 13 may at the Stated meeting, for a customized Wooden fez case - very much like the one our very own Potentate Illustrious Sir Robert Norman has, you will get oy own pick of symbols. Each ticket is \$10, and a limited number of tickets (140) were made, see any of the

Desert Knight Members for a ticket. To date David Hadley has NOT bought a ticket. Come visit us on the third Wednesday of the month in the Director's Staff etc. room.



Honor Guard

As many are saying what's new in 22, and in keeping with the Divan's mantra to think outside of the box and try new things, the Alzafar Honor Guard teamed up with the Hospital Corps and did something different for the great Laredo Washington Day Parade. Since the overall mission of the Shrine and Alzafar is to support the Shriner's Children's Hospitals and our most recognizable article of clothing is the "upside down flowerpot" AKA Red FEZ

also with the knowledge that the first vehicle in an Alzafar parade is there to present the colors of the United States, Texas, and Alzafar Temple. Why not use them to lead Alzafar's portion of the parade.

The Honor Guard coordinated with the Hospital Corps to have the Hospital Corps Van that is wrapped with all the logos and information for the Texas Children's hospitals and pull the FEZ trailer with the Colors properly displayed on the Fez trailer and the Honor Guard Members on the trailer along with one of the Hospital Corps showing a full complement of Shriners in uniform and showing lots of participation and comradery thereby displaying a positive show of support for the Children's Hospital and the Shrine mission in general. This went well and was received in an outstanding manner by all in attendance, both spectators and participants.

For the next new thing your honor Guard did was to present Colors and perform a Scimitar Arch for the Installation of the new Queen of the Daughters of the Nile on 19 March. This is one of the perks the ladies get if their spouse is also a member of the Honor Guard, in this case Regina is both the spouse and daughter of Honor Guard members. Keeping with change- we did not wear a Tuxedo as we have in the past, we designed a completely new uniform and wore that as our debut.

At the Nobility Ball on 26 March the Honor Guard had two tables, presented the Colors at the beginning and did it in our new Black long sleeve Havaneras. Our new for 22 formal Uniform.



The Highlanders have been having a fantastic past couple of months! Robert Burn's night was a big hit. Pipe practice on Wednesdays has also been going well. Whisky Tasting was a great time for all who were able to attend!

The Highlander Bagpipe band is quickly approaching 50 years old! Would you like to be a member in time to help us celebrate?

We would like to thank all who purchased raffle tickets for the 31 year old bottle of Scotch. Your purchase helped raise money towards transporting children to the Shriners Hospital for Children. On behalf of those children, THANK YOU!! -Bobby Packer Alzafar Highlanders Chief



AKA SMOKIN' CLAYS

By Dave Jackson

Spring is in the air, and so is the lead! Your Shotgun Unit has been active with weekend practice shoots and our recent trip to Midwinter for the Texas Shrine Shotgun Sports Association Sporting Clays tournament. The tournament was held in College Station in spite of the not-so spring-like weather! Next Achbar I will report on the final standings and the haul of medals!

Sporting Clays is one of several shot gun sports and represents more of a field or hunting scenario than either Trap or Skeet. Unlike Trap and Skeet, a Sporting Clay venue will have up to twelve different shooting stations, each with a different hunting scenario. Each venue will present the shooter with a new sight picture and a multitude of variables. Each course usually consists of 100 rounds and requires either walking between stations or the assistance of a cart to carry all of the extra ammunition and beverages!

We'll be practicing hard over the next couple of months as our biggest tournament of the year is just around the corner. The TSA shoot will be held in June in Wichita Falls. The discipline changes for TSA and we will be shooting Trap and Skeet. We will also be holding our drawing for a Beretta A300 Ultima Shotgun and a Ruger 10/22 Carbine 22 LR. See any Shotgun unit member for your lucky ticket!

And, if you're interested in shooting with us, either just for fun, or even competing with us, give us a holler. We'd love to see you out on the range. As a reminder, our stated meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Director's Staff room. And come early as our Honorary Third Vice and Chief Chef, Noble David Hadley, always serves a fine dinner starting at 6:30.

Until next month keep your powder dry and remember as long as there is lead in the air, there is hope!





Alzafar Seniors

ALZAFAR SHRINE SENIORS

By: Daniel Coburn, Secretary, 3/03/22

The monthly meeting of the Alzafar Senior's was held in the Roustabouts room on March 3rd with 20 members and guests attending. New members Jim and Robbie Carroll were welcomed. After a lunch and dessert our Shrine Oriental Guide and Chairman of the Board for Shriners Hospital, Steve White, gave a very interesting update on the Shrine activities, fundraising efforts and donations, and the status of the Galveston Hospital. Following his talk, the Seniors approved a donation of \$100 toward the Shrine activities.

The Shrine Seniors Club meets at noon on the first Thursday of every month in the Shrine Roustabouts Room. All senior Shrine Members and their Ladies are welcome to join us for lunch, dessert, and stimulating conversation. Shriners younger than 60 can become honorary members and those 100 or older eat for free. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 7th in the Roustabouts room. Until then we wish everyone safe travels.



Nekodah Temple No. 44
Daughters of the Nile
Queen Regina Beseth

We the 2022-2023 Nekodah No. 44 Officers and Ladies of the Household look forward to the new Nile year and working with the Alzafar Divan and Nobles for the children.

Save the Dates:

April 26th 11:30 – 1:30 -- Nekodah's Birthday Luncheon in the Alzafar Shrine Center Dining Room (tickets \$15.00)
Event Chair Rita Young 210 422-6167

May 14th 1:00pm -- Ceremonial in the Alzafar Shrine Center Parlors

July 17th 2:00pm -- Homecoming Tea in the Roustabout room.

Here is the link to the register for the Daughters of the Nile - 106th Annual Supreme Session – Dallas, Texas on June 12-16, 2022. <https://web.cvent.com/event/2e342265-eee0-48fb-9a0c-f588148a1bb4/summary>

Friendly Reminder, if you haven't paid your 2022-2023 (\$52) dues you may send them to Pr Recorder Rita Young, 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.

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. Peggy Songer, PQ. Barbara Wells, Pr. Cindy Garza.

We are Nekodah Strong





III. Sir Norman with MWGM



Washington B'day Parade in Laredo 2022



Where & When Our Shrine Units, Clubs, & Masonic Lodges Meet

ALZAFAR UNIT MEETING SCHEDULE

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

SHRINE CLUB MEETINGS

BOERNE SC	3 rd Wednesday	6:30 P.M.	As Designated
CANYON LAKE	2 nd Monday	6:30 P.M.	Lakeside GC
FT. CLARK SPRINGS	4 th Saturday	6:30 P.M.	Ramada Inn
GUADALUPE VALLEY	3 rd Monday	6:00 P.M.	As Designated
HILL COUNTRY	1 st Monday	11:00 A.M.	Inn o/t Hills
LAREDO SC	1 st Wednesday	7:00 P.M.	As Designated

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS MEETINGS

ANCHOR MASONIC LODGE	2 nd +4 th Thurs.	7:00P.M.	Alzafar rear
CIBOLO MASONIC LODGE	4 th Monday	7:00 P.M.	Alzafar rear
KELLY MASONIC LODGE	1 st Tuesday	7:30 P.M.	Alzafar rear
VICTORY MASONIC LDG.	2 nd Tuesday	7:00 P.M.	Alzafar rear
DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE	2 nd Thursday	7:30 P.M.	Parlors
LADIES OF THE SHRINE	1 st Thursday	7:00 P.M.	Parlors



Former Potentates of Alzafar Shriners

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

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:

2022 Master Calendar

April:

April 23rd Poteet Strawberry Festival Parade. Line up at 8 AM and starts at 10 AM.

April 30th Helotes Cornyval Parade. Line up 8 AM and starts at 10 AM.

May:

May 8th is Mother's Day.

May 9th Finance and Divan Meeting starts at 5 PM.

May 12th Shrine Stated Meeting starts at 7 PM.

May 28th Memorial Day Parade in Bandera. Line up at 9 AM starts at 11 AM.

May 28th Camp Alzafar Memorial Day weekend Celebration.

May 30th Memorial Day.

June:

June 6th Finance and Divan Meeting starts at 5 PM.

June 9th Alzafar will be dark.

June 9th-11th Texas Shrine Association in Wichita Falls, Texas.

June 18th Berges Fest Parade in Boerne. Line up at 8 AM starts at 10 AM.

June 19th Father's Day.

