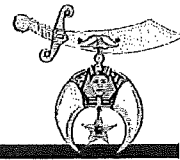


Alzafar Shriners



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Reference: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Issues and Action

Dear Alzafar Nobles and Ladies:

To say that we are indeed involved in some difficult and trying times would be an understatement. It is in these times that Shriners can shine through the doom and gloom around us and be seen as a beacon of light during this crisis. Starting today, we are immediately enacting a new program called "Alzafar in Action". We believe this to be a short-term program that could quickly help out our Shriner population, as well as San Antonio in general. This program has 3 components to it in the near term:

1. Many of our members fit into the category of elderly or have underlying health issue that could be most affected by Covid-19. If you feel unsafe going out to pick up groceries or medications or are just feeling isolated and want someone to visit with, call the Shrine Center at (210) 496-1625, or Tommy Leverett at (210) 617-8977, or myself at (210) 391-0204 to schedule a pick-up or appointment. We have a team of volunteers willing to assist now.
2. Our Stated Meeting on April 9 and our Children's Easter Party on April 5 are now cancelled. Some families may find it difficult to obtain Easter baskets for their children. To help alleviate this issue, we will have a drive-up Easter basket service. On Friday, April 3 from 6-8 PM and Saturday, April 4 from 12-2 PM you can either drive up out front at the Shrine or come to the front desk and the first 50 people will be given free Easter baskets.
3. There is a critically short blood supply in San Antonio with the unavailability of most blood drives. Due to our space, Alzafar is allowing 2 medical organizations to hold a blood drive with people entering through the Terrace room for screening with beds kept at a reasonable distance. In order to avoid over-crowding, appointments can be made at SouthTexasBlood.org/GiveSA or by calling (210) 731-5590. All donors will receive an HEB gift card and another gift card of their choice.

Per CDC and city guidelines, groups are encouraged to not meet if the meeting will be over 10 people, but if you do happen to be meeting at the Shrine Center, know that our maintenance staff are using very strong, anti-microbial agents to clean all surfaces, tables, chairs, etc. We also have additional soap dispensers and hand sanitizer stations in place. The above items are just some of the ways that Alzafar has sprung into action to help our members and our community in general. We will get through these difficult times and come through this time more connected and stronger. In the short term, please join me in assisting our members and community through these "Alzafar in Action" steps.

Sincerely,

Marty Bartlett
Alzafar 2020 Potentate