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Notice of Stated Meeting of Alzafar Shriners

The following Stated Meeting of Alzafar Shriners will be on **May 11, 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:

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- The spirit of fun & good fellowship in your heart.

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

Alzafar,

As we close out the month of February and head into March, I can't help but sit back and think about all the fun we had in such a short time. February found us down South in Laredo, out east in Galveston, and right here at home representing our Fraternity and raising money for our philanthropy. I want to thank all our nobles and their ladies in



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

Laredo. As always, you showed up and showed out for the parade and your hospital Gala and made a lot of money in the process. Amanda and I are so proud of your efforts and most thankful for your friendships. We're looking forward to next year for what I'm sure will be another fantastic Laredo Parade weekend.

I want to touch a bit on membership this month.

Membership, as we view it across Shrinedom, lends itself to the growth of an organization.



Theoretically, if you're making more members, you're growing as an organization. Or at least that's what you would think. Our membership tracking system through Imperial is, put simply, flawed. Imperial allows a temple to report nonpayment of dues (NPD) every other year. The report of NPDs was sent this January; therefore, Alzafar started 2023 with a negative 92 nobles. You may ask yourself, how do we lose 92 nobles in one month? The answer is simple, we didn't. However, the Imperial report of membership added the losses over the last two years and reported the loss forward to this year. So, suppose we continue the growth averages of previous years. In that case, we likely will have a membership loss of around 3.5-4%, which aligns with expectations.

Now the good news. We have a fantastic membership chairman and co-chairman in Russ Brown and Michael Ethridge. In addition to those two, we have a dynamic Divan leader in Steve White, who chairs membership

for this year. They are already knocking it out of the park. For those unable to attend the stated meeting in February, here's what you missed. We had 17 created, restored, or affiliated members in one meeting. Those nobles came from social media contacts, direct phone calls, text message exchanges, emails, and some good old fashion grassroots efforts such as our most recent Membership mixer.

So, as I stated previously, membership isn't only about growth. Membership should also be about the retention efforts of our committee and each and every one of you. By the way, Our membership mixer held at Cigars International was proof that Alzafar knows how to have fun and act as a good reminder to all of our nobles, of what fun should

look like. Fun, can and will lead to so much success within and outside the walls of our fraternity. We had 45 total nobles and ladies in attendance,

with 15 new creations to either Masonry or the Shrine. We invited guys to visit that used to be Shriners and some Shriners that we hadn't seen in a while. Those efforts, along with the amazing steps of Past Potentate Eric DeWalt and now Worshipful Master of Albert Pike Lodge with David Rodriguez with Alamo Lodge, created an amazing evening of family, Fraternity, and fun. In the process, we gathered a few petitions, and some Shriners once lost to us have returned to Alzafar.

As always, thank you for all that you do. Amanda and I love the team environment that's been created at Alzafar. We are excited to see all the great things in store for our great Fraternity this year.

Fraternally Yours,
Rick Reyes
Potentate 2023



Good day Nobles & Ladies!!!

Had a chance to make it out the Shriner's College Classic and was definitely an experience. If you ever have a chance to make it to any of our hospital events like the Shriners Open, East/West Shrine Bowl or the College Classic, I would highly recommend you do so. It's such a good time and wonderful to see the overwhelming support to the organization. Plus, another great opportunity to meet and gather with nobles from other temples to support our cause.



Noble Marco Zuniga
Chief Rabban of Alzafar Shriners

Kudos to Russ Brown on his membership cigar event. We had a great turnout for new and/or potential nobles at Cigar International. These new ideas and with your help, we will continue to grow our paternity. Keep up the great work guys!

Big event coming up is our Spring Concert on April 15th. Hope to see you all there!

Alzafar,

Wow, we have almost completed our first quarter of the year. It was great seeing everyone and eve-rything that made the trek down to Laredo. It was awesome seeing Laredo lodge show up in force to walk it behind Alzafar. This parade is one of my favorites, next to the Flambeau. Thank you, dear brothers, from the Laredo Shrine Club and Laredo Lodge #547 for your heartfelt hospitality. When I consider everything, like our reception at your home, the Mardi Gras party, and the work you guys do for our hospitals, I am honored to be there.



Noble Michael Long
Assistant Rabban of Alzafar Shriners

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Our fifth annual fishing trip to Port Aransas was announced at our stated meeting. This trip's proceeds will benefit Alzafar's, Hospital Fund. When writing this article, 64 of 66 fishing slots available were sold in less than a week. Thank you all for supporting this project.

The first meeting for Our Hospital Gala will be on March 28th at 6pm in the Clown Room. Please attend if you are interested in assisting in one of the committees. If you don't want to be on an active committee but would like to help, come to join us. No matter the capacity, we need your help. You've already received an email with the Gala's information. Table sales, seats, and sponsorship forms have been sent by WebFez. If you cannot make the meeting or you have questions, please call, email, or text me.

Lastly, please go to your blue lodge and ask every brother Mason if they want to become a Shriner. All are invited to our Shrine membership events. Your dynamic personality may initiate a conversation with either a Mason or non-Mason who might want to become a Shriner. Your Divan and Membership Committee can NOT do this alone. Every day and everywhere, we are all in a drive to support membership.

Michael Long
Assistant Rabban



The net proceeds from the Annual Gala benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children a 501(c)(3) charity. Payments are charitable contributions to the extent provided by law

WOW, what a great month we had in March with parades. Laredo, as always, was excellent, and thanks to all that came to south Texas to represent Alzafar. The crowds were vast and excited to see Alzafar showing off the spirit of the Shrine. Some then traveled 5 hours to Galveston, home of your Shriners Hospital for Children, Texas. Mardi Gras was in full swing with a parade that had representation from 10 Shrine Temples in Texas. Again, you could hear the cheers from the spectators, 8 to 10 people deep. "Thank you, Shriners, for all you do" we are already planning and looking forward to next year.

Never too early to start working on the Golf Tournament, one of our largest hospital transportation fundraisers. Last year we netted just over \$60,000.00, and this year's goal is to earn \$80,000.00. We can not do it without you. Please think about putting a team or two together or sponsorship. Never too early to sign up. Call the Alzafar Shrine office and let them put you on the list. Last year it was a sell-out, so get in early to reserve your spot. Mark your calendar for November 1, 2023

Membership is huge; please support Mike Brown in all his significant events. Looking at some events in the near future, we are guaranteed to have fun and experience authentic fellowship. Bring any prospective Mason or Shriner to see how great Alzafar is. Everyone can help in membership by returning to your blue lodges and speaking about the Shrine fraternity and our hospitals. If you're not comfortable speaking in front of a group of people? No problem; contact Mike Brown or me, and we can help. Keep up all the fantastic work you do!

Steve White
High Priest and Prophet



Noble Steve White
High Priest & Prophet of Alzafar Shriners

April is the month that brings us April Fools Day on the 1st, Palm Sunday on the 2nd, Good Friday on the 7th and Easter Sunday on the 10th. What a great month and time to catch up on some rain. April also reminds me of the poem by Karen Chappell, which begins with those very familiar words, "April showers bring May Flowers." I pray we get some great showers and have many beautiful May flowers.

If you receive this early, please do not forget our Children's Easter Party on April 2 from 2 pm – 4 pm. I want to thank all of the contributors that made the party possible. A long list of units and individuals contributed and volunteered to make this event a huge success. Thank you, thank you, thank you all.

Remember our Spring Festival 2023 on Saturday, April 15, from 1 pm to 11 pm. Come on out and Support YOUR Temple and our own Chief Rabban Marco Zuniga and his lady Lori. This all-day Music Festival will feature several Tejano and Country music bands.

What a great Temple membership we have here at Alzafar. Many are there even when you do not ask. The Nobles of Alzafar never cease to amaze me with the time and money they bring to the table when asked. I am humbled by the support that many of you have given me as I start this journey through the line. A journey that culminates when you honor me by allowing me to serve and lead Alzafar into the future.

David A. Olivares
Oriental Guide



Noble David Olivares
Oriental Guide of Alzafar Shriners

Hello Alzafar!

I hope everyone is doing outstanding and have enjoyed 2023 so far. It's hard to believe we are entering April already. Your Shrine has already had a busy year, with plenty to come. Hopefully, you have kept up with all the communication and have had time to attend some of the functions. If not, stay tuned and try to make it out to some of the upcoming ones.



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

At the stated meeting in February, I mentioned that as the Treasurer of Alzafar, the position holds much responsibility. One of those responsibilities is being on all shrine accounts. That includes all the units and clubs that fall under Alzafar's umbrella. This isn't done to see what you have and report to the Potentate. Instead, to protect your units and clubs. There shouldn't be any club or unit with only one signer to the account. From February to March's stated meeting, I had only one club contact me and add me to their account. I would ask that all units and clubs add Alzafar's Treasurer to their account. Alzafar does business with the Broadway Bank at Stone Oak and 1604. If you go to that location and deal with Roxy, she can set you up and email the documents to sign instead of having to get all the members on the account to come in and take care of this. Let's try to improve the number of units and clubs adding me to their account over the next month.

I want to take a few moments and share with you all the children your Shrine has been involved with in a particular month. I know some come to the meeting and hear that we have money in the transportation fund, which goes up and down depending on what is happening. Let that soak in for a second. In February alone, Alzafar was responsible for 54 children getting to the Galveston or Sacramento hospital from their location. Over the month, Maria personally dealt with 8 patients from Mexico that were burned in an accident. Through her hard work and dedication, she secured funds from other shrine centers to assist Alzafar in transporting these children to the care they desperately needed. From February to March, Alzafar spent \$25,343.53 transporting children.

Additionally, Alzafar secured an additional \$77,100 from other shrine centers and the hospital to assist in transporting the children. This is why raising money for the transportation fund is so important. In a few accidents

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alone, the funds deplete quickly. A special thank you goes out to all the units and clubs that donated money to the Transportation Fund in March. At our last stated meeting, \$10,598 was donated to the transportation fund. Hope you all know you are making a difference every single day. As always, thank you all so much for entrusting me with the responsibility to lead you all and watch over your money. Until we meet again, I hope you all stay safe and have a great year.

Robert M. Norman II, PP.
Alzafar Treasurer 2023



Noble Michael Barnes
Recorder of Alzafar Shriners

Last month, I had an opportunity to attend the Recorders and Treasurers Association joint seminar here in San Antonio. 95 Recorders and over 50 Treasurers from Shrines around the country came for a three-day training and meeting. This year 45 new Recorders with 19 attended. The classes were put on by members of the Shriners International, and in attendance were many Imperial Officers. A special thanks to Bert Gonzales, Cheryl Jones, and Martha Bartlett for helping them get supplies and giving their ladies a barge tour of the River Walk.

We have made some improvements to the building with our maintenance company. Patching holes in the walls and painting in the ballroom and hallways were done to ensure the facility is kept presentable for our renters. Also, there were broken water lines in the Pavilion that were repaired, which also caused damage to the ceiling. One of the most essential repairs was done to our exterior lighting. Some parking lot lights and security lights were not working. Some were replaced with newer, more efficient LED fixtures that should save costs. The safety of our Shriners and ladies is always a concern.

Our multi-month process of “right-sizing” our assets is ongoing. March focused on the main building, and we will work on the other facilities for several months.

When I started, I aimed to reduce our electric bills by 10 percent. That would amount to as much as \$10,000 in

savings for the year. A computer controls the air conditioning and heat in the main building. You cannot adjust the temperature in the rooms manually. I found many units and club rooms being air conditioned 7 days a week and as much at 12 hours daily when they only meet once a month. Some had their settings at 68 degrees. Just taking the settings up a few degrees would save a lot. We would never want the rooms to be uncomfortable. If there is a problem in your meeting room or it needs to be re-programmed, call Joy or me, and we can reschedule the system.



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Tater the Clown: San Antonio Alzafar Shrine Temple's new leader became his own hero — his dad

By Vincent T. Davis
Express News Staff writer
Feb. 20, 2023

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"I came to the realization that I finally became my hero," Reyes, 44, said at the Shrine, located at 901 N. Loop 1604 West. "It's always been my dad."

As the new leader, he's recruiting a diverse group of men from the community to join the fraternity that governs Central and South Texas. Reyes said the average age of a Shriner is 75. The average age of incoming Shriners is 46. He said the fraternity has 1,331 members.

"It's not just me," he said. "All the board members are a huge, integral part of the successes we're seeing with the increase in membership and decrease in age. With any organization, we can't do it without the support of our team, and I have the very best team out there. Our ladies are our biggest supporters and absolutely the reasons why we have our successes." Reyes said his biggest supporter is his wife of 23 years, Amanda.



Reyes' gavel handed down to him will open and close Alzafar's meetings as did his grandfather in 1981 and father in 2010

The Potentate received high marks from David A. Olivares, 59, the Oriental guide of the Shrine. He said his friend is an intense person, planner and one of the funnest guys to be around at the same time.

James Gullette grandfather of current San Antonio Alzafar Shrine Temple Potentate, Rick Reyes III,

was Potentate in 1981.

"He's like a little brother," Olivares said. "He can make sure that a goal is seen through. We're able to bounce things off each other, agree to disagree, move on and stay friends. Not a lot of people can move on, and we've done it."

Reyes joined the fraternity after serving in the Navy from 1999 to 2007. His father recommended that he join the clown unit that appears at parades, party events and charities. The NEMNUF (FUNMEN Spelled backwards) members were the only performing unit that had direct access to lift spirits of children healing in hospitals.



Reyes wears the symbol of the organization the fez of its Potentate



In 2008, Reyes took on the persona of "Tater the Clown," painting makeup on his face and putting on colorful clothes to cheer up youngsters. Past Potentate G. I. Flores gave him the nickname after hearing Reyes say "Hey, Tater" to his daughter on a phone call.

One weekday, Reyes visited children in the orthopedic and burn units at the Shriner's Galveston burns hospital. As he walked down a hallway, someone shouted, "payaso!" It was a little girl, transferred from a Galveston burn unit, who had called him clown in Spanish. Sadly, over 90 percent of her body was burned.

A nurse and the girl's mother watched as he performed magic tricks that kept the



James Gullette grandfather of current San Antonio Shrine Potentate, Rick Reyes III, was Potentate in 1981.



Namesake and 2010 Potentate of Alzafar Shriners Rick Reyes, II

youngster laughing. When he looked up, he saw the mother crying.

"What did I do wrong?" Reyes asked the nurse.

"You didn't do anything wrong," the nurse said. "Keep doing it."

Afterward, the nurse

shared that the mother said it was the first time she had heard that type of laughter since her daughter's accident. At that moment, Reyes knew he had found his Shrine calling. "Any opportunity to go to a hospital, in makeup or not, I'm going to do it," he said.

Now, as Potentate, his focus is leading the Shrine into the future. Reyes works in the financial services industry. He also volunteers with several nonprofits, including the Kendall County Crime Stoppers and Rotary Club in Boerne. Volunteerism, he said, has required him to be selfless on behalf of those in need. - San Antonio Express-News

(AI Ad Praeterea) The bond between Shriners is based on their shared commitment to philanthropy and community service. Shriners International is a fraternal organization that was founded in 1870 and is dedicated to improving the lives of children with medical needs. The organization operates hospitals and clinics across North America that provide specialized care to children with a range of orthopedic conditions, burn injuries, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate.

Shriners come from diverse backgrounds, but they are united by their



Shrine potentate Rick Reyes III displays an officer's jewel presented to him by his father. Billy Calzada / Staff photographer

dedication to helping children and their families. The bond between Shriners is built on a common set of values, including brotherhood, charity, and truth. Mem-

bers of the organization participate in a range of fundraising and outreach efforts to support the hospital's goals and the children they serve. Shriners also have a unique culture that includes distinctive clothing and symbols, such as the iconic fez.

The bond between Shriners is strengthened by the social and fraternal activities that the organization offers, including parades, parties, and other events. These activities provide opportunities for Shriners to connect with one another and to build relationships that can last a lifetime.

In summary, the bond between Shriners is a result of their shared commitment to philanthropy, community service, and the well-being of children. Through their work, Shriners build lasting relationships that are based on shared values and a deep sense of brotherhood.

"There's nothing better than seeing a child's life become so much better," Reyes said. "I'm glad to live a selfless, God-driven servant life."



San Antonio Alzafar Potentate in 1981.





ALZAFAR MOTOR CLUB

BY: S. FISK

Like everyone else that likes to stay involved, the Motor Club's cylinders have all been firing at full revs. Several drivers and their navigator Ladies pointed hood emblems south and drove to Laredo. Good weather, great friends and an awesome time makes that trek so worthwhile.

Following that up we enjoyed a February dinner meeting with our Ladies and Sweethearts of the Club. Incredible dining was enjoyed at Pompeii's Italian Grill. President (P.P.) Tom Young and his lovely Lady Rita handed out gifts to all the ladies present. All ladies were thankful for their thoughtfulness.

The Motor Club will have just completed the First Annual G.I. Flores, P.P. Road Rally. Leaving the Shrine the group visited Camp Verde and the Center Point Cemetery where we were given the history of this special place by a local Mason with the knowledge to impart such. Lunch and then over to Comfort and ending up in Fredericksburg. Lady Margie Flores accompanied us as our Guest of Honor. We all miss G.I. and hope to remember him in a special way each year with a memorial ride.

April brings spring flowers and Easter! So members of the Motor Club will be helping out hopping around at the Shrine for the Children's Easter Party. Being able to participate in making kids smile and be happy is the best part of being a Shriner and member of the Motor Club.

If you have an interest in anything that moves come by Room #9 on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. There you will find us ratchet jawing amongst ourselves about things of great importance to us at that moment.



Alzafar Shrine Desert Knights Jerry Granato, President

Greetings to all from the Desert Knights. Spring is certainly in the air and Easter is right around the corner. We hope everyone is doing well. Our last unit meeting was held at The Barn Door where we shared fellowship and a wonderful meal together.

We also had a nice turnout for the Laredo parade and this year the weather was great.



The Laredo Shrine Club and Masonic Lodge Officers were glad to see the participation from Alzafar and as always, go all out to show much support and make us feel welcome. The Laredo President's



Day Parade is a favorite to kick off our annual parade schedule. I want to thank all the Desert Knight members for participating and supporting the success of our group.

We would like to invite you to our unit meetings held 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 a delicious meal the ladies provide. Happy Birthday wishes go out to Barbara Wells and Steve Fisk.



Alzafar Seniors

ALZAFAR SHRINE SENIORS

By: Daniel Coburn, Secretary, 3/02/23

The monthly meeting of the Alzafar Senior's was held in the Roustabouts room on March 2nd with 21 members and guests attending. A selection of sandwiches was provided by Ralph McLeod with cheesecake for dessert by Bonnie Hopkins.

Our speakers for the month was J.C. Clapsaddle who trains service dogs. He brought a Black Labrador mix with him. He explained the many levels of training for dogs. The simplest is a pet. The next level are emotional support animals, then working dogs with more specialized training depending upon their intended jobs. Some are used for rescue, some for bomb or explosive or drug search, for cadaver search, or even for health monitoring such as for people with diabetes or at risk of seizure or strokes. The highest level of training is reserved for specially selected dogs to guide the blind and visually impaired. They must be able to guide their owner around obstacles including holes or low hanging obstacles.

Dogs are bred from proven parents of good health and demeanor and start their training within days of birth to desensitize them to everyday noises such as traffic, car horns, and unexpected sounds such as fireworks. Some training is quicker than others with guide dogs for the blind taking the longest, up to three years. The final training involves the dogs owner or handler so that they learn how to work together. The dogs work for seven to eight years before retiring. Retired working dogs are in great demand with a waiting list of people who want to adopt them so sign up now.

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 6th. 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 dycoburn@gmail.com



Honor Guard

Honor Guard
By Mike Jaeger

Greetings Nobles, the Alzafar Honor Guard has been busy and are have lots of fun and fellowship, to include our very special ladies.

For the Laredo parade we got us a new trailer , out in some work before hand and debuted it at the Laredo Parade. It sure looks good to all the TLC that John Mauro, Tim Horgan, Leo Bravo, Dion Reece, Ringo Kaster, David Inouye, and Johnny Galvan put into it from running new lights and wiring harness, to painting and putting in a new floor. It sure rides well and looks good now, a special thanks to Bert Gonzalez for fabricating the new flag stand on the trailer. But this is not all we are going to do...keep an eye out for the Honor Guard trailer at future parades to see the various and continual improvements. Leo had so much fun at the Laredo fundraiser he was named Shriners of the Week by Illustrious Potentate Rick Reyes.

Since this is March already, we had a great fellowship and BBQ at Tim Horgan's house where about 30 of us showed up and had great food and



Illustrious Potentate Rick Reyes, III is honored by the Alzafar Honor Guard with Silver Scimitar

libations all the while engaging in fun and fellowship. I need to thanks the ladies for all the great eats, Tim good job on the Brisket! Next, we jumped into the Black and White Nobility Ball and presented the colors in our Black Uniforms and white gloves to be in sync with the theme of the evening and assisted with the escorting of the dignitaries and then went and changed into

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formal attire and took up our places at two tables where we even brought in some non-Masons to show them what they can look forward to in our great Philanthropy and Fraternity.

April brings us to the outstanding Easter party enjoyed by all and attended by many. Kids and Adults had an outstanding time. We had our VP Leo Bravo start up a volunteer group to the HPP assist Marco in his 15 April concert festival. As I write this article, the Honor Guard is getting geared up for the Fiesta Parade and an after party.

Come on out and join us for our meetings on the first Monday of the month at 7PM, doors are usually open around 5:30 pm, at our last meeting we were visited by our great Potentate Rick Reyes III, OG David Olivaris, and Treasurer Robert Norman, at this time we presented Potentate Reyes with his very own Scimitar that David Inouye made.



Ruffians Unit

Here we are heading into April, a quarter of the year already rolling by. The Ruffians have been enjoying everything that we can. We participated in our first parade with the other Clubs and Units of Alzarar in Laredo. We had a Brother from the Laredo Lodge ride along with us and we also met some Nobles from Mexico that have motorcycles who are looking to get together in the future and ride, too. Then there was the Laredo Shrine Club Gala Saturday night. You couldn't ask for a better time than that weekend's experience.

Turning the throttle into March keeping the RPMs up the Ruffians will have several Nobles voted into the Unit as new members. Our monthly ride and meeting saw us cruising through the Hill Country again and soaking in the magic of Blue Bonnets springing forth around every corner and over each hill. Growth in the Unit and growth in the countryside. The world is looking so bright, we gotta wear sunglasses!

And now April where we will be helping out at the Children's Easter Party. This year has so many firsts for us to

partake in that it is as exciting as a new piece of chrome for our bikes. We'll be rolling in Poteet for the Strawberry Festival Parade and finding another new course for our monthly meeting and ride as well.

One of our ladies, Crystal Barron represented us and participated in the Brews Brothers Annual Polar Plunge fundraiser at Camp Alzarar. Way to go Crystal! Next year she will have talked some other ladies into joining her. As dutiful spouses, the guys stood by with warm towels when she finished.

On Wednesday nights we have a "thing" we call mid-week break. Those that can, get together to break bread and fellowship with each other. We pick a different location and local area so we can taste all that the area has to offer. A couple of hours hanging out laughing and talking is sure good for the soul I tell ya.

By the way, if you want to have some fun and hang out with some fun loving, family oriented folks and ride a motorcycle or even just drive a car, come check us out. We start from Camp Alzarar the third Sunday of the month at 11:00 am to points unknown for the day. Ladies are always included and welcomed!



Hello to all. We held our monthly tournament at Willow Springs golf course on February 23. Brothers Smith, Sewell, Jones and Hamilton were our monthly winners with an average 73.25.

- A-Flt winner was Sewell with a 67 net
- B-Flt winner was Hyatt with a 72 net
- C-Flt winner was Dailey with a 70 net

Brother Sewell also had best gross score of 85. Congratulations to all. Hope all that attend will have a blast at the shrimp boil on March 11 sponsored by Stuart Huffman. Our next fun play is at Mission Del Lago and as always everyone is welcome. Contact: Gary at txpal@yahoo.com. PS: reminder to our shrine golfers to sign up for Fredericksburg TSGA.

PS2: to staff - can you make the pants red, shirt gold and cap green to reflect our uniform on the caricature. Thanks



Alzafar Provost Guard Unit
By Tom Hirte Secretary/Treasurer

The Provost Guard Unit had its monthly meeting on March 1, 2023 with a good showing of members, ladies and guests. We had a wonderful meal of BBQed brisket prepared by our unit chef, David Hadley.

Our unit's next scheduled competition will be our Mid-Winter shoot on March 24th and 25th in Dallas. We hope to have some hardware to display at our Alzafar Shrine stated meeting in April.

We will have a table of Nobels and Ladies at the Nobility Ball. 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.



Highlanders
Pipes & Drums

Besides being a pipe and drum band, did you know the Highlanders accept social members? For only \$10 a year, you too can be a Highlander!

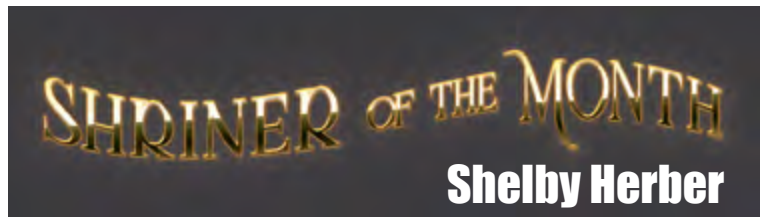
Come join us in room 9 every Wednesday at 6:30PM for an evening of fellowship. We have several events each year including a whiskey tasting, Robert Burns Dinner, Feast of Saint Andrew, Christmas party and more! Come out and enjoy Scottish culture. Kilts not required (but you'll probably want to).



Noble Sir, Paul Hulgán writes to remind us why so many stay the course. He says, "(I) Have been a Shriner for 40 years. (I'm) proud to be a member of an organization that helps children.

Noble Fred Hoelke writes to remind every Noble who shops and purchases via Amazon.com to include Shriners Hospitals for Children as a receipt the new program funds. While the Amazon Smile Program ended this last February, Amazon will continue to support local charities in other manners. He writes, "Why do we not urge the Nobles who use Amazon to dedicate the Amazon gifts to charity and to the hospital fund of Shriners Childrens. It could be an incredible source of income to the Shriner's Hospital Fund.

Respectfully yours, Frederick F. Hoelke, Attorney at Law





Saturday, March 25, starting at 7:00 PM, Alzafar Shriners will be holding an amazing Kick-Off Fiesta Party. The food will be festive and fabulous, open bar all night, and a shots bar. The dress will be Fiesta casual. A good time will be had by all as we bring in Fiesta

Please call our Shrine office at (210) 496-1625 to reserve your sponsorship and be a part of this fun Shriner event. Also call the office for your Individual Tickets at only \$50 a person, with 10 people at a table. (Reserve a Table of 10 for \$500)

King of the Party Sponsorship \$25,000

- Company listed as the primary sponsor (and with naming rights) for all literature • recognition at the event • advertised on digital sign for 2 consecutive weeks (14-days) of your choice after the event. Must be used prior to July 4th. • 2 Tables for the party in a prime location & 10 special gifts at your table.

Prince of the Party Sponsorship \$10,000

- Company listed as the major sponsor • recognition at the event • advertised on digital sign for 7 consecutive days of your choice after the event. Must be used prior to July 4th. • 1 Table for the party in a prime location & 5 special gifts at your table.

Fiesta Sponsorship \$5,000

- Company listed as a major sponsor for all literature & recognition at the event & advertised on the digital sign for 3 day weekend after the event • Table for the party in a prime location • 2 special gifts at your table

Friend of Alzafar Sponsorship \$1,000

- Company listed as a sponsor for all literature • recognition at the event • Table for the party in a prime location

The net proceeds from the Fiesta Event benefit Alzafar Imperial 2030 funding. Payments are not charitable contributions

You could win **\$300** by just showing up to Our Next Meeting



~~\$200.00~~

If you Know Noble **Karl Whiteman** Tell him, that his Name was Called!

You Could Win

\$300.00
*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**



Queen Wanda Rincover

Congratulations to our line officers for this year. I begin this year with a warm and honored heart at the privilege of being Queen of Nekodah Temple No. 44 this year. I look forward to an exciting and successful year as we all work together in support of the Children of the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Welcome to our New Princesses! Margaret Gates, Melody Motloch, Ewa Ross, and Nina Numan.

Friendly Reminder, if you haven't paid your 2023-2024 (\$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. 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 December, June and July.

We are Nekodah Strong

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	7:00 P.M.	Room 8
HIGHLANDERS BAND	Each Wednesday	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	7:00 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	7:00 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 7
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
RUFFIANS	3 rd Sunday		Camp Alzafar
RV CLUB	4 th Weekend		As Designated
SENIORS	1 st Thursday	12:00 N	Roustabout
SHOTGUN	2 nd Monday	7:00 P.M.	Directors Rm

SHRINE CLUB MEETINGS

BOERNE SC	3 rd Wednesday	6:30 P.M.	As Designated
CANYON LAKE	3 rd Thursday	6:30 P.M.	TBD
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	2 nd Wednesday	11:30A.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
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*	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

April 2023

2nd	Alzafar Children's Easter	2:00 to 4:00 pm
10th	Divan/Finance Meeting	5:00 pm
13th	Shrine Stated Meeting	7:00 pm
15th	Primavera Tejano Showcase	All Day
15th	Strawberry Festival Parade Poteet	8:00 am
29th	Fiesta Flambeau	5:00 pm

May 2023

6th	Cornyval Parade - Helotes	8:00 am
8th	Divan/Finance Meeting	5:00 pm
11th	Shrine Stated Meeting	7:00 pm
27th	Memorial Day Parade - Bandera	9:00 am

June 2023

5th	Divan/Finance Meeting	5:00 pm
8th	Shrine Stated Meeting Alzafar is Dark	7:00 pm
17th	Berges Fest Boerne	8:00 am