

The Alzafar Achbar

December 2023



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 Chief Rabban.....Marco Zuniga
 Asst. Rabban.....Mike Long
 High Priest & Prophet.....Steve White
 Oriental Guide.....David Olivares
 Treasurer.....Robert M. Norman, II
 Recorder.....Michael Barnes

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 P.P. Robert M. Norman, II.....Elected Representative

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Potentate.....Richard A. "Rick" Reyes, III
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 2 years.....Fabien Galindo
 1 year.....Garrett Ethridge

Notice of Stated Meeting of Alzafar Shriners

The following Stated Meeting of Alzafar Shriners will be on **January 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:

- 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,

Giving thanks is defined as an expression of gratitude. William Arthur Ward states, "Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings."

Giving thanks comes in many forms outside the standard greeting you would give someone. Giving thanks can come from a simple act of appreciation, like a warm hug or smile. It can be a boisterous cry of respect from a group after a job well done. Or it can be the simple act of sending a kind word unexpectedly. As Amanda and I ponder this season of joy and the conclusion of this year, we look back at many opportunities over the year that have turned into blessings and are thankful for those routine jobs that have created so much joy in our lives.

Amanda and I are thankful for having been allowed to serve Alzafar this year. We are grateful to those who have sent us so many kind words of encouragement. We are thankful for the greeting you give when we approach and the embrace you provide when we depart. We are grateful for constructive criticism because we are made better with it; without it, we are stagnant. We are thankful for the small gestures like the head nod of approval at a stated meeting or the high five after a job perceived as well done.

We are thankful for the weekday, weekend, and weeklong calls from our friends offering encouragement and the text messages and email exchanges sent month to month, some sporadically while others are pretty consistent. We are thankful for Shriners Hospitals for Children and all the support we provide to our communities. Most importantly, we are grateful for our family. Five years is a long time to commit to anything. Amanda and I are thankful that our family committed to this journey collectively, and collectively, we will complete this journey with so much gratitude for all of you and your efforts.

So, where do we go from here? The technical meaning of effort is a force exerted by a machine or in a process. I assure you that Alzafar is a well-oiled machine with a strategy that will not fail. The collective moving board at Alzafar is more vital than ever and in place for a

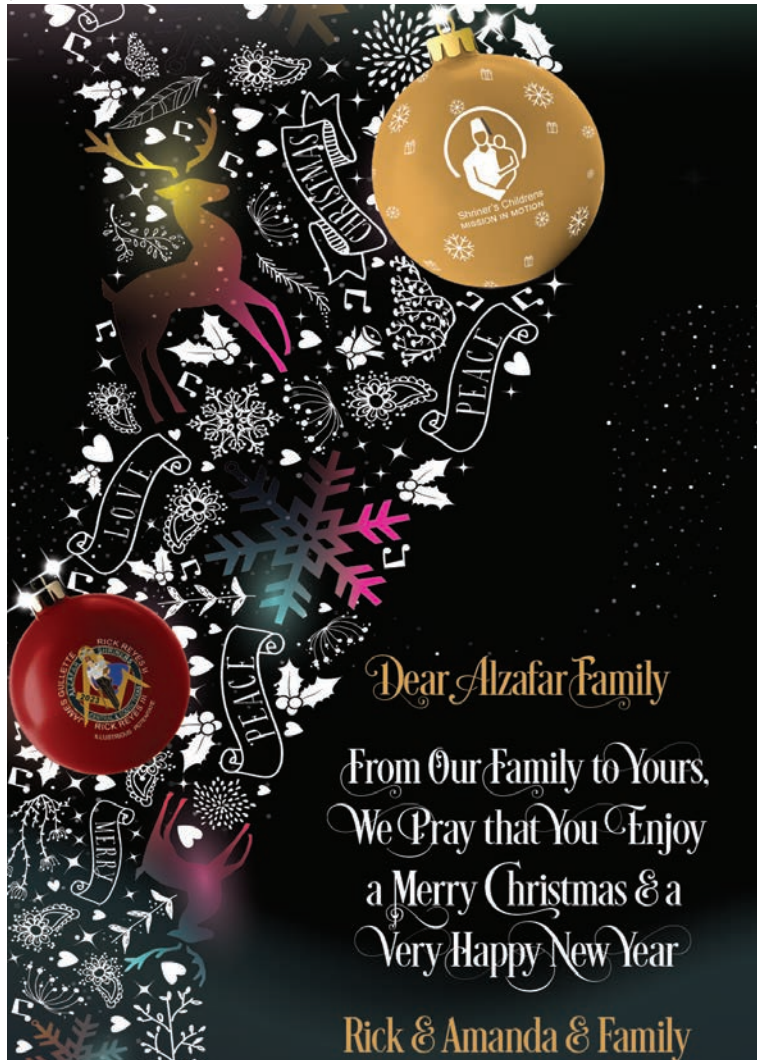


Illustrious Sir Richard A. "Rick" Reyes, III
 Potentate of Alzafar Shriners

reason. If we rely solely on one person, we open ourselves to failure. Yet, when we rely on each other, we will always find success. As with any board, each of us has strengths and weaknesses. As with any board, you rely collectively on those strengths to limit weaknesses to achieve long-term, positive results.

So, with that, I can promise that Alzafar will be in great shape and in amazing hands in the coming years. Your Divan, individually and collectively, is an assembly of some of the best our order offers. We will most certainly succeed, not because of any one person or action that they individually have taken or will take in the future, but because we have the strength of a team to rely on. This is our path forward and how it will continue at Alzafar. Always know there is an eighth man on the Divan, and the eighth man is YOU!

In closing, as we head into the final stretch of 2023, take a moment to consider the things you are thankful for, be mindful of those opportunities you'd like to work on and continue to believe in the spirit of giving. Anne Frank once said, "No one has ever become poor by giving." So, with that... give thanks, be kind, and know that Amanda and I are very thankful for all you did for us this year and over the past 5 years. We could not have done it without you. Will all our love and affection.



Good day Nobles & Ladies!!!

Here we are, the last month of the year, boy how this year has just flown by. As we begin to celebrate with Christmas parties, remember there are still a few events before this year ends. We have the Childrens Christmas Party and the few parades scheduled. Hope to see you there, let's end the year in full force.



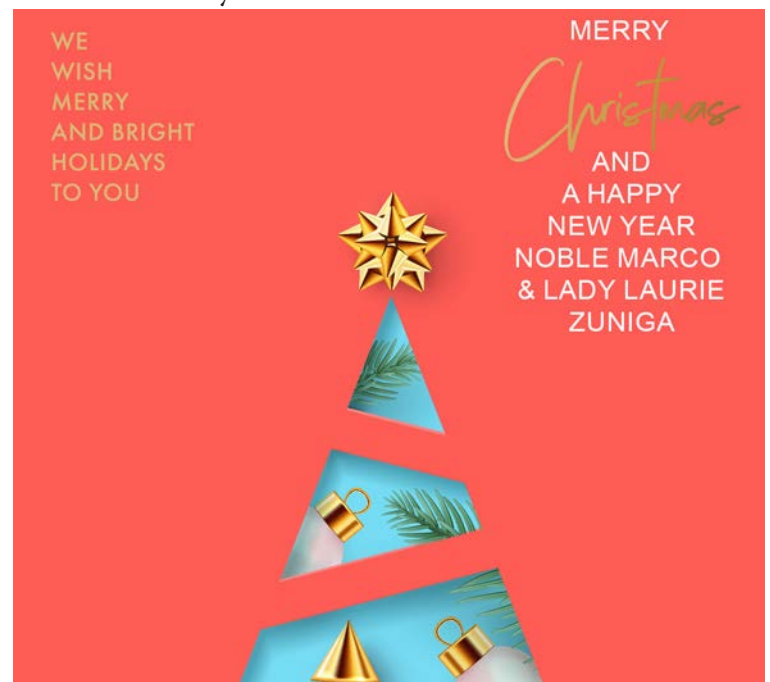
Noble Marco Zuniga
Chief Rabban of Alzafar Shriners

Lady Lori and I appreciate the opportunity to serve you and Alzafar but mostly are gracious for the continued support you have provided us. The friendships we have made over the years we hold close to our hearts.

As we enter into the Holiday Season, we would like to wish you a Blessed and Joyous time with your family and loved ones. Prayers for those who are missing your loved ones this season, may their memories fill your heart and know they are always with you. Take the time to be kind and remember to be thankful for what we have in life. Some people may not be as fortunate. In the words of Harriet Tubman....

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Here's looking forward to next year!



As we approach the holiday season and gather with our loved ones, let us take a moment to reflect on the achievements we have experienced throughout this productive year at Alzafar Shrine. We have set ambitious goals and accomplished each and every one of them. We have implemented new bylaws, made important decisions regarding the potential sale of our campus, and made significant financial improvements by securing better insurance rates and changing our financial brokerage house. All of these efforts have been made with the future of our children, grandchildren, masons, and the future of Alzafar in mind. I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to Illustrious Rick Reyes III for his exceptional leadership and guidance throughout the year.



Noble Michael Long
Assistant Rabban of Alzafar Shriners

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a Happy Hanukkah, a Very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!
Fraternally Yours,
Michael Long



Now that the dust has settled, the Alzafar Charity Golf Tournament has been completed. I want to thank all the sponsors for their generosity supporting the Transportation Fund. Can not say enough about Dan and Misty Dailey for the support of the tournament and being our Titanium Sponsor. Not only did they sponsor it but the two of them worked very hard helping to bring it together.



Noble Steve White
High Priest & Prophet of Alzafar Shriners

Platinum Sponsors are Terry and Monette Littlepage for the second year in a row, Canyon Lake Shrine Club, Ancira Enterprises for the second year of their great support, David Mulholland Family Foundation for the second year of support. Looks like we netted around \$61,000.00 for our Transportation Fund. The day was filled with raffles, door prizes, live and silent auction items. The volunteer group was over the top and I want to thank them all for the dedication they put forward. I would like to thank our Super Star Cheryl Jones she is a one-person self-driven machine. She worked countless hours arranging and organizing the event. Mandy Anderson did a fantastic job on all sponsor gifts, Warren Studdard sold more raffle tickets than last year along with great ideas to make this event one to remember. Gary Callison had the task of putting the teams together and I believe he pulled his hair out with a record 152 golfers.



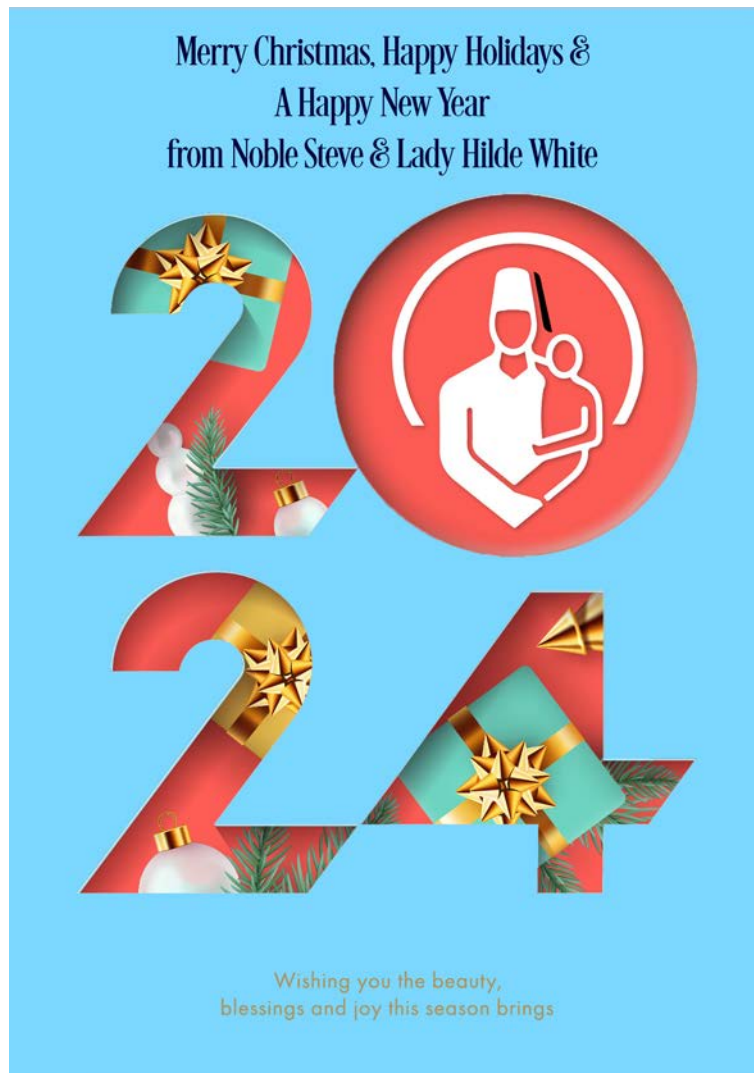
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December is always an exciting, stated meeting. Good luck to all in seeking the offices for 2024. Your Divan is amazing and each one of us puts our efforts into the Fraternity and our Philanthropy. Many new changes are in our future, and you can be at ease knowing that your Divan will work very hard for the betterment of our Shrine and the Nobility.

I personally want to thank Illustrious Sir Rick Reyes for his professional leadership throughout his time on the Divan. He always sets a great example and thoughtfulness not to just the Shrine but to anyone he encountered. He is a great visionary, and I will still look forward to working with him closely in the future.

With the holidays upon us please be safe and especially spend time with your families. May God bless everyone and Merry Christmas to all.

Steve White
HP&P



Wow, is it December already? What a great 11 months we have had here at Alzafar. We have had some very successful events that we can all be proud of. From the Ball to the Hospital Gala, the Golf Tournament, the Circus and let's not forget about the Children's Easter and Halloween parties. Fun was had and money has been raised for our Temple and for the Hospital Transportation fund. A huge thank you to all the Nobles and Ladies of Alzafar. Without YOU the success of these events is not possible.



Noble David Olivares
Oriental Guide of Alzafar Shriners

We have one more party to think about before we put a close to the year. On December 10 from 2-5 pm we will have our Annual Children's Christmas Party. We will have Food and Fun for all and Gifts for each child from 0-12 years old. Please call the Shrine office at 210-496-1625 to RSVP. When you call, please let us know the age and gender of each child and how many in your party so we can make sure we have plenty of food for everyone and toys for the children. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there to hand out gifts to the kids and provide you with a great opportunity for a photo!

Please remember that our elections for the 2024 Divan/Board of Directors will occur on Thursday, December 14. This is an important meeting for all to attend. See you there!

This month's Divan and Finance meetings will be held on December 11 starting at 5:00pm for the Finance Meeting followed by the Divan meeting. Then we will have our Stated meeting and Annual election of officers on December 14.

In closing, I would like to give everyone my heartfelt THANK YOU for the support I received this year serving as your Oriental Guide. It is with your support I feel I had a successful year. Lady Luly and I really appreciate all that each of you has done for us and OUR Shrine. Alzafar Shrine has had a great year. Let us all remember that when we are making our New Years resolution. Keep Alzafar in your thoughts and prayers that we continue to have great years.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!
Sincerely and fraternally,
David A. Olivares
Oriental Guide



Hello Alzafar!!!

As we enter the month of December, it's hard to believe 2023 is coming to an end already. This year has really flown by. We, as an organization, have accomplished a lot this year. Between the Divan and all the Units and Clubs, we have all put in much work to improve Alzafar.



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

I started this year trying to get units and clubs in compliance with Shriners International Bylaws number 327.4 Treasurer's responsibilities section A Duties, #2 "Act as custodian of all funds." There was a lot of pushback and resistance to change on this. We aren't asking each unit and club to change banks, get new checks, and try to micro-manage you all. Adding the Treasurer is just an extra layer of protection for you and the funds you

have worked so hard to make. I will tell you over the last month, six more units have added the Treasurer to their accounts. Suppose you haven't been able to add Alzafar's Treasurer to your account. In that case, we still have time to get in compliance before the year ends. Suppose I am fortunate to continue my service as Treasurer next year. In that case, I am hopeful we can get the rest of the units and clubs in compliance with Shriners International Bylaws.

Illustrious Sir Rick Reyes III, congratulations on a job well done as our 2023 Potentate. I consider you one of my closest and best friends, a true leader, and I believe you have always put Alzafar's best interest at heart with every decision that has been made. I have been able to serve on the Divan with you for five years. You followed me for four years, and then I got to follow you this year. We have spent much time with each other over the last five years, including our families, and I couldn't ask for a better person to share this journey with. Congratulations, my brother, LUM!!!

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.



As I write my last article for 2023, I am reflecting on the past year. Seeing the hard work of so many Shriners over the year and the improvements being made should make one proud to be with Alzafar Shrine. Also realizing that these hard workers, including those Divan members in the line, are doing it for the Children and the Fraternity.

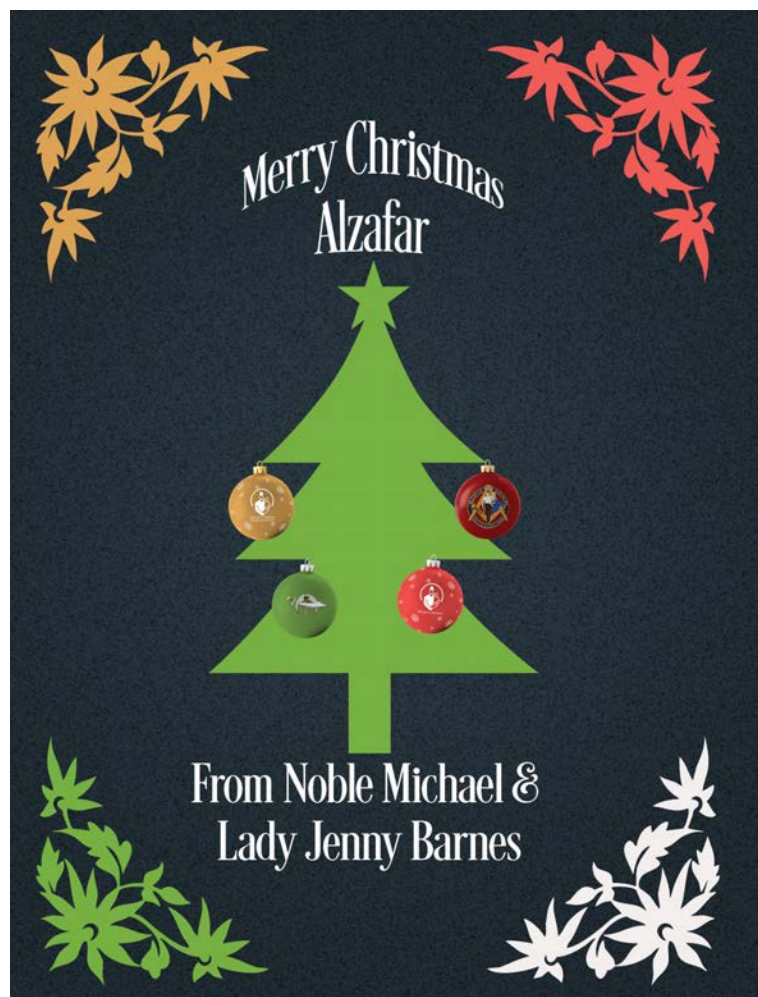


Noble Michael Barnes
Recorder of Alzafar Shriners

One phrase that I use is “Continuous Improvement”. There is no way that one can get everything accomplished in just one year, and when you think you’re done, you will start to fall behind. This coming year is one to build on the successes of the prior year. That is what I feel all your Divan members and our volunteers are getting ready for in ’24.

One reality is that our Fraternity is shrinking every year, and we must look for new Masons and those that want to be Masons to join. This year we had a good growth in new members but the number that the Black Camel has taken, and those that just can not participate due to their health or age exceeds the ones coming in. With that reality is the need that has been addressed to “Right Size” the building and with it the cost of operating it.

We also have evolved in the Units that are an important part of our Shrine. While some have disbanded, new ones have been created. From the horse riders, Faris, to the cigar club, Nobles of the Velvet Leaf, to the brewers, and the newest Club, the Border Club and more, it’s nice to see Nobles create their own club with others of like interests. It is very easy to start your own Unit. Just start your meetings and let the Potentate know. “Lets do more in ‘24”



Alzafar Ladies

On A Mission

MEMORATION

As I reflect back on the last five years It's been a whirlwind of excitement and joy, and I couldn't be more grateful for the experiences and memories we've created together.

But amidst all the fun and festivities, it's important to remember the true purpose behind our endeavors. We've come together to support a cause that is near and dear to our hearts - Shriners. Through our efforts, we've raised funds, spread awareness, and made a difference in the lives of those in need.

I want to express my deepest appreciation to each and every one of you who have been a part of this journey. Your dedication, love, and support have been instrumental in our success. Whether it was organizing events, lending a helping hand, or simply being there to cheer us on, your presence has made a significant impact.

As we approach the end of the year, let's take a moment to reflect on all that we've accomplished together. Let's celebrate the friendships we've forged, the laughter we've shared, and the lives we've touched. And let's carry this spirit of gratitude and camaraderie into the coming year.

Rick and I Thank you for being a part our lives and for making these past five years truly unforgettable. Here's to many more years of laughter, love, and making a difference together. Cheers to the end of the year and the beginning of new adventures! Lori, Hilde, Lizzy, & Luly you are amazing and I can't wait to see what you have planned! Jenny, Tiffany, Dyana, Sherry, Juana, Marci, and Brenda you have been the best support team a girl could ask for! To all my "Mission In Motion" Ladies: Martha, Dyana, Stacey, Belinda, Sherry, Wanda, Handy Mandy, Carol, & Delilah Thank you for saying yes and spearheading the mission with me! To the 40 ladies that went to Mexico: Thank you! (Where should we go next?)
Alzafar Ladies:

I KNOW THE BEST IS YET TO COME!

With heartfelt gratitude,
Amanda



Doing good for Alzafar

Our ladies, their friends, and family members traveled down to Shriners Hospitals for Children - Mexico City this week. They carried with them a custom quilt, the product of their fundraising efforts, and a check for more than \$62,000 for pediatric wheelchairs as they ventured south to produce the fruits of their labor. I am incredibly proud of every person who played a part in the success of this project.

Fraternally yours,
Rick Reyes
2023 Potentate of Alzafar Shriners





SAN ANTONIO
SHRINE
AUDITORIUM

RISE AND SHRINE CHILDREN

**IT'S THE ALZAFAR CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM.

WE WILL HAVE FUN, GAMES, FOOD AND DRINKS, AND TOYS FOR THE CHILDREN.

WE WILL ALSO HAVE VISITORS FROM THE NORTH POLE

SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS. PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THIS GREAT EVENT.

PLEASE CALL 496-1625 SO WE CAN PLAN TO HAVE A GIFT FOR YOUR CHILD 12 AND YOUNGER AND TO
HAVE THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF FOOD AND DRINK.



Alzafar Provost Guard Unit
By Tom Hirte Secretary/Treasurer

Nobles and Ladies,

Since many of our Provost Guard Unit officers and members were supporting our Alzafar brothers at the Golf Unit's annual golf tournament on November 1st, we did not have a monthly meeting in November. We met on December 1st for our holiday party. Members of the Divan installed our 2024 officers. Congratulations to our new Marshal Michael Raymond. We had a wonderful catered meal in our unit room with a DJ to help us dance the night away.

Anyone interested in learning about our unit, bullseye pistol shooting and meeting like-minded Shiner'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.



Honor Guard President 2023
Mike Allen

As the outgoing President of the Alzafar Honor Guard, I would like to thank VP Leo Bravo, Secretary Walter Kaster, and Drill Commander Mike Jaeger for their leadership, guidance, and support that they have given me over the past 12 months.

I would like to thank each member of the Honor Guard, along with their ladies for continuing to support the unit and for helping us to have a great year. In closing, I want to thank the Illustrious Sir Rick Reyes and the Divan for their unwavering support.



Honor Guard

December Achbar article

Mike Jaeger-Drill commander

The Honor Guard wishes all Nobles and their Ladies happy Holiday Greetings to include Merry Christmas. We also wish to thank our illustrious Potentate Rick "Tater" Reyes for his superb mentorship of the Alzafar Shrine for the entire time he had Amanda have been on the Divian- Fair Seas and Following Winds into the next year and beyond. Bravo Zulu! Thank you for your support and guidance.

This is the time of year when all the various units hold their Christmas parties and install the new officers-the Honor Guard sends their best wishes and hopes to continue a strong sense of fellowship and camaraderie. Many of the Alzafar Family are former Military members or have family that has been in the military, most our opening and or closing prayers invoke a blessing on the first responders and Service Men and Women serving across the world and on the forefront of democracy and the United States' way of life.

While we are thinking of sugar plums and happy cheerful times here is something to keep in mind at this time of year for our Service Men and Women, their outlook is a little different:

The soldiers stood watchful, with visions of dread
Instead of sugar plums dancing in their heads
They saw scenes of combat and military dread
Explosions and gunfire and friends who had bled

These visions endured as the long night they tread
No stockings were hung, no presents wrapped nice
Just boots laced up tight for the ultimate price
To stand through the holidays frozen and alone
So freedom could reign in the soldiers' far homes

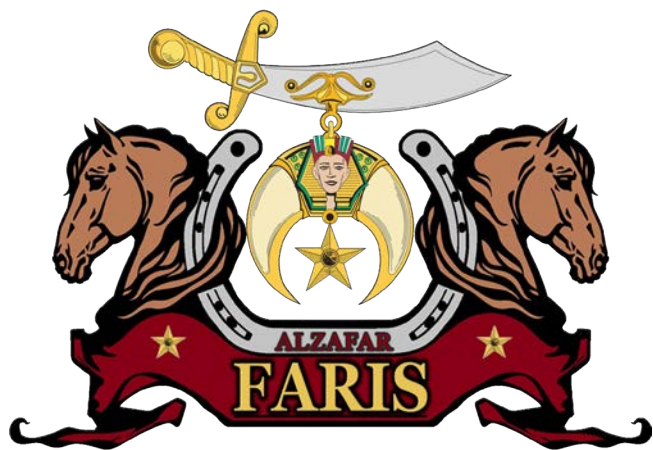
The children would wake to glad Christmas bells
Unaware of the watch that the brave soldier held
To keep them from harm and allow them to play
Caring nothing of holidays while standing guard day after day

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So say a prayer for the troops keeping watch Who substitute visions of horror for joyful thoughts They endure the long night so we can sleep tight Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!

The Honor Guard is looking forward to the various parades we have in December to include all the outstanding parities that take place, have fun, be safe and continue to project the Alzafar spirit though out the year. We must do this to keep up with one of our tenants- Helping Children while having fun! Merry Christmas and lastly remember the reason for the season.



What is the meaning of Faris?

By Luis Cardenas Sr.

Alzafar Faris President Elect

“Faris” is a word of Arabic origin with a rich and symbolic meaning. In Arabic, “Faris” means horse rider, horseman, knight, or cavalier. This word is associated with chivalry, courage, and the equestrian tradition deeply ingrained in Arabic and Islamic culture for centuries. The significance of the word Faris is rooted in the historical importance of horses in the Arab world. Horses held a central role in Arabian culture, not only for transportation and trade but also in the context of warfare, symbolizing strength and valor. Knights, often referred to as “faris” in Arabic, were skilled horsemen who were revered for their bravery and honor on the battlefield. The word “Faris” carries with it a sense of nobility and honor, representing the qualities of a valiant and gallant individual. It is a word that reflects the enduring admiration for the horse and the virtues associated with it. The Alzafar Faris Unit was named honoring the deep cultural and historical significance and the enduring admiration for the horse and the virtues associated with it.

**The Alzafar Faris Unit
Installation of Officers and Christmas Party
scheduled for December 2nd
Camp Alzafar Club House 6:00 PM!**

2024 Officers:

Luis Cardenas Sr - President
Tony Lenard - Vice President
Allen Grotzinger - 2nd Vice
David Hernandez - Treasurer
Darrell Dixon - Secretary

Don't forget to bring your holiday spirit and a White Elephant gift with a maximum value of \$25. It's going to be a festive evening of fun, food, and fellowship. See you there!



HILLBILLY CHRISTMAS MEETING/PARTY

Sunday, Dec 10, 5:00

Dinner PLUS

If your calendar has room for only one Christmas Party, come to the Hillbilly Meeting/Party on Sunday, December 10 at 5:00. (Immediately following the kids Christmas Party). All Invited --- All Welcome.

All us cuzinz aren't into all that hotel venue fu-fu to have a good time and celebrate the awesomeness of the holiday season, so the party will be in our meeting room (north side of the Shrine building). Roadkill chair, Hadley is cooking up some great stuff and we ask that you supply a side to complement/stimulate the appetite.

Entertainment for the night is always a mystery with the Club but we do know that there will be a rousing gift exchange that you will really want to get into -- Well to do that, you need to bring a \$15-20 gift that will wow anyone and everyone that is there. (like all the relatives/cuzins, maybe even your first boyfriend/girlfriend – oh right that might also be a family person). Guess someone said to bring a white elephant gift -- {what's with a white elephant? At the circus, they're grey so don't understand, but just follow along here....} Oh yeah – someone also said bring 2 lottery tickets (\$1 scratch off – or more if you want to go for the gusto) to add to the excitement of the gift – so we'll see who wins and who shares !!!! Oh yeah, it's all in the family

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IN MEMORIAM OF 2023

Walt S. Atencio
Leroy Becker
Burton Buck
Joseph Anthony Carolla, Sr.
John Andrew Cunningham
James E. Davies
Sam G. De Palermo
Charles V. Elia
David Fernandez, Jr.
Illustrious Sir Gregorio "G.I." Flores
James E. Franklin
Rafael Gobeia
Oscar Carl Gonzalez
J. K. Hall, Jr.
Louis Earnest Hart
Milton R. Hatcher
Christopher Hill
Jerry D. Hodgson
W E. Holmes, Jr.
James A. Hubbart

Alfredo P. Jimenez
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Alvin Edgar Knoll
Luther Maulden
W. R. McLaughlin
Patrick L. Miller
George Mills
Kellis D. Moore
Johnnie K. Neal
Luke Parchman
Roger N. Pena
Frank Octave Persyn
John D. Rowland, Sr.
Albert L. Smith, III
John W. Tapia, Jr.
Jimmie V. Thurmond, Jr.
Illustrious Sir James "Jim" Todd, PhD
James A. Wheeler
William R. Zilliott

Our hearts are heavy with the profound loss in this year for the cherished members who have left an indelible mark upon our Shrine family. Now gone, they left their dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment to our shared mission, which will forever be etched in the tapestry of Alzar. In their time with us, these remarkable individuals exemplified the true spirit of selflessness and community service. Through countless hours of tireless effort and boundless enthusiasm, they contributed immeasurably to the betterment of those we serve, one young life at a time. May their spirit guide us as we strive to fulfill the mission they held so dear.

Hear our prayer as you are so dearly departed. We express our deepest gratitude for the time, talent, and love you bestowed upon our Shrine. Your legacy shall be that we will forever hold you in our hearts. As we remember, reflect, and find solace in our shared memories, let us renew our commitment to the values that once bound us together. In this collective remembrance, we find strength and unity, ensuring that our departed members' memory will endure as a beacon of light for years.

Rest in peace, dear friends. We take up your spirit in the work we continue to do. Know that your family continues to be ours, and although you will be dearly missed, you will never be forgotten.



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See y'all there !!! No RSVP, no big deal, just come !!! BUT... did you get all the directions from above? It's not that hard

ALSO the cuzinz will be gathering in February for Sadie Hawkins ----- and girls – you better get ready to do the ask'n – Stay tuned to your favorite radio station for more details and dates !!!! oh wait, it's now on the web/internet/ Achbar/facebook/nexdoor ... well you can find it and you won't want to miss it.



ALZAFAR DIRECTORS STAFF

Welcome to December, yes, the year has gone by and we are staring down the barrel of 2024, so let's get rolling. We held our elections in October, and we have a new slate of officers. Let's congratulate the following gentlemen.

Director – Christopher Celis
Assistant Director- Andy Libby
Treasurer – Bert Gonzalez
Secretary – Juan Flores

A huge thank you goes out to Steve McMahan for handling the treasurer's office for the years he did. Also thank you to the outgoing Director Kevin Ott.

I hate to mention past items but sometimes the events happen between articles so let me say thank you to those who showed up to the Trunk or Treat and the Golf Tournament. Directors staff always have good representation at events. So now let's move forward now, our Christmas dinner is scheduled for December the 9th. Social hour will be from 6 to 7 with dinner at 7. Where you ask, it will be in the directors' staff room, and it will be catered. We look forward to seeing what the outgoing director has planned for us that evening!

Parades, parades, parades is the name for December, San Antonio, Alamo Heights, Comfort, Boerne and finally to wrap up the year Satler. Three of these are night parades and other than Veterans Day they will all be Christmas themed. The Fire truck will be there of course for these parades so feel free to show up and hop on the truck to show your shrine pride.

As we all know by now SDA will be held in San

Antonio hosted by Ben Hur and the dates will be April 4th through 7th. We haven't received any paperwork at this point, but the website states it will be coming soon. These dates coincide with the Eclipse next year. So it should be an interesting weekend! Last time it was held in San Antonio we swept the competition. I was put in charge of stunts under the direction of Charlie D, we won 1st place break-out, President's choice and best stunt. We held the traveling trophy for one year and Alzafar's name has a place on that trophy. Oh, and did I mention the check we got as well! I don't think any another Shrine has ever done that in SDA history! Charlie was smiling ear to ear that evening. Last but not least, I just want to thank you for electing me to office of director, I am honored to carry on the traditions of generations past. I look forward to 2024 and to seeing what is on the horizon for us as a unit.

If you want to join us and see what were about, we meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Directors staff building at 6:30 for dinner with meeting to follow at 7pm.



ALZAFAR SHOTGUN UNIT AKA SMOKIN' CLAYS By Secretary Bill Willis

Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year to all from the members of the Alzafar Shotgun Unit "Smokin' Clays". As you read this, we will have held our annual Holiday Party and installation of officers for 2024. More on that next month. We'd like to thank the Shotgun Unit Nobles that volunteered to hold leadership positions for the coming year. May the Grand Architect of the Universe watch over them and provide guidance as they work to grow our fraternity, philanthropy, and further our masonic principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth.

A special thanks to our newest Past President, Noble Brian Niday and his Lady Kim. As a retired Army officer, Brian's leadership and planning skills were evident from the time he joined the line of officers. From planning fund raisers for the unit and the Temple, to providing meals for practices and fun shoots, to hosting a dove hunt for our members, he and Lady Kim put in countless hours for the good of the unit. They certainly raised the bar and fun factor,

and we are grateful.

We can all look forward to another fun and exciting year breaking clays and breaking bread together as the “Smokin’ Clays” are in good hands with our new President, Noble Chip Myre and his Lady Karen. They invite all Nobles and their Ladies to join us at our stated meetings held on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Shotgun Unit Meeting Room. 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. And, if you’d like to try your skills at shooting clay pigeons, ask anyone in the unit when our next practice/fun shoot will be held (usually the last Saturday morning of the month at various ranges around San Antonio). We’d be glad to show you how it’s done. Until then, “Keep your powder dry, and remember, as long as there is lead in the air, there is always hope!”

ALZAFAR BAND

THE BAND
By: **Richard Wallace**

John Philip Sousa (1854-1932), the man called “March King,” was proud to be a native-born American. And make no mistake that he was also proud to be a Mason.

Sousa’s Masonic affiliations aren’t common knowledge, but he entered Masonry at age 26 and was a Master Mason for 51 years. A summary of his Masonic career is seen at the end of this article. Three of his best known marches have Masonic origins: “The Crusader” (1888), “The Thunderer” (1889), and “Nobles of the Mystic Shrine” (1923).

He came about petitioning the Craft naturally since his father was a Mason. Also, when Sousa became leader of the United States Marine Band in 1880, he learned the impor-



tance of military bandmasters being Masons and took the first steps shortly thereafter.

It is interesting that quite a few members of Sousa’s professional civilian band, formed after he left the Marine Corps, were Masons. The percentage increased when Sousa became a Shriner in 1922, and toward the end of his career, nearly half the bandsmen themselves were Shriners. Shrine organizations around the country sponsored many Sousa Band Concerts in the late 1920s.

His patriotism was even more evident during World War I. At age 62, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy (at the symbolic salary of \$1/ month) to train Navy bandsmen at Great Lakes Naval Training Station north of Chicago. While there, he took a huge “jackie” band (a band made up of recruits) on a tour to raise money for war causes. When regrouping the Sousa Band after the war, he usually wore his lieutenant commander’s uniform at concerts.

The most famous of all his marches is, of course, “The Stars and Stripes Forever.” It is our official national march and is considered by many to be the finest march ever written. The title says exactly what Sousa meant it to say. One can only imagine the lecture received by his publisher, who suggested that “Forever” be removed from the title! “The Stars and Stripes Forever” is now part of our national heritage, and Sousa did his utmost to make it that way. Stories of his personal acts of patriotism could easily fill a book. When we speak of him as one of our Masonic Brothers, we can all stand a little taller.

John Philip Sousa’s Masonic History:

- 15 July 1881, Initiated, Hiram Lodge No. 10, Washington, DC (never transferred);
- 2 September 1881, Passed, Hiram Lodge;
- 10 November 1881, Raised, Hiram Lodge;
- 16 September 1886, Received Capitular Degrees and exalted in Eureka Chapter No. 4 (later Eureka Naval Chapter);
- 3 December 1886, Received Order of Red Cross, Malta, and Temple
- 10 December 1886, Knighted in Columbia Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar, Washington, DC;
- 21 April 1922, Initiated in A.A.O.N.M.S., Almas Temple, Washington, D.C., named honorary leader of Almas Temple Band;
- 10 March 1932, a Masonic memorial service was held at the grave site in Congressional Cemetery, Washington, DC, after Sousa’s death. This band has performed several ceremonies at Sousa’s grave.

Source: Bro. Paul E. Bierley

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



Season's Greetings from the Desert Knights! It's December and what a joyful time of year to spend with family and friends! This month, our unit will have our Christmas dinner at Little Italy. We will also install our newly elected unit officers for 2024. Congratulations to Pete Granato Jr. (President), Jerry Hockman (Vice President), Bert Gonzales (Secretary) and George Garza Jr. (Treasurer). Steve Fisk will be our Parade Colonel. We look forward to another great year.

While the city is lighting up with Christmas Cheer, it's time for us to decorate our quads for the holiday parades. What a great way to close out the year.

Any Nobles interested in joining our group are encouraged to visit a Desert Knights unit meeting. We meet in the Director's Room on the third Wednesday of each month 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.

A special thanks to the Desert Knights and Dam-

sels that participated in this year's Trunk or Treat! Happy Birthday wishes to Pete Granato Jr., Brad Beseth, Art Loera, and Margie Flores!

Desert Knights and their lovely Lady's join in on the fun at Alzafar's Trunk or Treat Children's Halloween Party (See Below)



§ 325.11 Election Regulations.

(a) **Electioneering.** A candidate for an elected office in a Shrine temple may print, publish, and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a résumé consisting of his educational background, his vocational history, and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, email, or other devices, by a unit, club, Noble, or group of Nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing, or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited.

(b) **Expenditures Prohibited.** The expenditure of money for gifts, favors, or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for elected office is prohibited.

(c) **Violation.** For any violation of (a) or (b), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of the officers void and order a new election.

(d) **Notice.** At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election, the temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section.

Attest as Conforming: *Mike Barnes*
Noble Michael Barnes
Recorder of Alzafar Shriners



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



Celebrating Your Selfless Spirit This Holiday Season

As the holiday season approaches, we want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude and admiration for all the incredible work you accepted and accomplished for 2023. Your selfless dedication to our organization and the communities we serve is nothing short of inspiring. In a world that often rushes by, your commitment is a shining example of the true spirit of giving. Throughout the year, you have gone above and beyond to make a real difference in the lives of those who seek release from physical misfortune and to keep the lights glowing brightly at Alzafar. Time after time, I have been humbled by your unwavering support, compassion, and tireless efforts. Your contributions, whether through volunteer hours, long nights, creative ideas, or steadfast support, your waves have a ripple effect that touches countless lives. You've been the beacon of hope for so many children and their families facing critical adversity, and you've shown them they are never alone while there are Shriners.

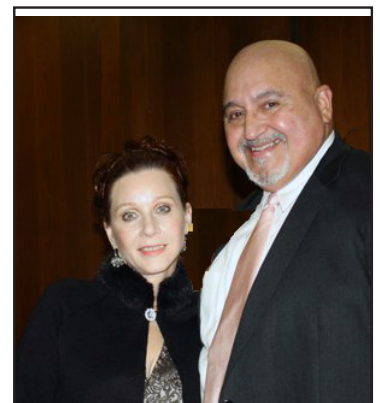
As we gather with our loved ones this holiday season, let us remember your profound impact on your brothers in the craft. Your selflessness and dedication have brought light into the darkest moments and bright smiles when others call for only woe. Your efforts have given many a reason to smile, believe, and dream again. We are profoundly thankful for the gift of your time, passion, and empathy. Your acts of kindness have made a difference and strengthened the bonds of our community, the Alzafar family. In moments like these, we recognize the true meaning of the holiday season.

May your holidays be filled with joy, warmth, and the knowledge that you are cherished and appreciated. We wish you and your loved ones a holiday season filled with love, laughter, and the knowledge that your contributions continue to make our world a better place for many reasons.

With deepest gratitude and warmest wishes, we remain,

Yours in the faith,

Rick & Janet Reyes & Family



Past Potentate 2010 Rick Reyes with Lady Janet Gullette Reyes



**Glimmers from an Eastern Star
Texas Chapter#35 Order of the Eastern Star**

Warmest Greetings Fraternal friends,
Did you know? Texas Chapter#35 has been at the Alzafar Shrine for several years now. We have been meeting on the 1st Monday of each month in the Lodge room. We share a meal at 6:00 p.m. before our stated meeting at 7:00 and we want to let everyone know we welcome your interest and attendance.

Texas Chapter offers a warm Thank you to the past Potentate Rick Reyes for his support of our 2023 Fiesta charity fundraiser: Viva La Estrella! The proceeds from which we shared a \$2000 contribution to the Shrine Children's Transportation Fund. The use of the Terrace room was a boon to our success and we are looking forward to future events which can help us continue to contribute to Shrine charities. We will be reaching out to the Masons and DeMolays who are using this lodge in mutual support of charities. Texas Chapter has already placed ads in the Circus program and several Toys for Tots which we will continue bringing at our meeting on December 4, 2023.

The 2024 new year events already include a Fish Fry on March 3 for \$10 per person and the Fiesta event Viva La Estrella we want to make annual. Don't forget to watch for us here. We will be sending more Glimmers your way!

Fraternal Love,
Nancy Scott,
Worthy Matron, Texas Chapter #35 O.E.S.

Al Putnam is Shriner of the Month



Al Putnam
Camp Caretaker

The individual honored as the Shriner of the Month holds a special place in our hearts, affectionately known as "Put Put the Clown." For an impressive span of 28 years, he has dedicated his life to our noble organization, demonstrating an unwavering commitment and tireless service that truly embodies the essence of a

Shriner.

His enduring role as "Put Put the Clown" goes beyond mere entertainment; it has been a source of smiles, laughter, and joy for countless children and families.

Throughout the years, his dedication to the Clown unit has remained steadfast, and he continues to bring brightness into the lives of all those he encounters.

Beyond the laughter-inducing clown makeup and oversized shoes, his contributions extend into the realm of selflessness and passion for our mission. One notable aspect of his commitment is his invaluable assistance as our Camp Caretaker at Camp Alzafar. His selfless acts consistently go above and beyond, supporting the camp's operations and ensuring that it remains a warm and secure haven for our campers.

What truly sets him apart is his unrelenting spirit. Despite the passage of time, his age does not hinder his active participation in every camp event and activity. He is a shining example of dedication, teamwork, and enthusiasm for all of us, embodying the core values and spirit that define us as Shriners.

Recognizing his remarkable 28 years of service and ongoing dedication to our organization, we proudly acknowledge Al Putnam, "Put Put the Clown," as our Shriner of the Month. His legacy is one of joy, service, and unwavering commitment, setting an inspiring standard for all Shriners.

You could win \$600 by just showing up to Our Next Meeting

~~\$500.00~~

Do you Know Noble Francis A. Clark Tell Him, We're Sad He Wasn't There

YOU CAN WIN

\$600.00 COLD CASH

Every Alzafar Shriner is eligible to win free of charge. Every dues paid member's name is in the raffle and eligible to win. However, you must be present, if your name is called, to win!



**Russell Ross
Highlander's scribe**

He is purity, he is power, he is strength, he is boldness, he is innocence, he is mysterious and elusive and he embodies the spirit and heart of the Scottish. He is the National animal of Scotland. He is, in Scottish Gaelic, aon-adharcach. He is, the mighty and grand unicorn.

From wee fairies, monsters of a Loch, seals that crawl upon the land to walk in human form, wolf men of Shetland and numerous other fantastic things, mother Scotland finds herself host to a great many unique and unusual beasties. There are, however, none that stand more majestic and a kin to the culture of the Scot than the unicorn. The great steed is a symbol of the free and wild heart of the Scottish. He stands as a testament to the spirit of a people who could not be bridled, beaten, captured or tamed.

Possibly making its first debut in history as far back as 400 BC, the unicorn galloped its way into Celtic mythology and was thus later adopted by Scotland around the 15th century as the country's official national animal. It was considered a symbol of chivalry, masculinity, power and purity. The dominance that this creature represented made it a natural choice for the proud Scots. Interestingly enough this uni-horned beast was the natural enemy of the lion, and as the lion represented England, the unicorn was an even more fitting and appropriate choice for Scotland's National beastie. Look closely upon the Scottish coat of arms and one will note a crown around the neck of the unicorn with a chain wrapped around its body. This was because only a Scottish king was powerful and pure enough to capture and harness the magical monoceros.

In the early 1600's King James VI united the two kingdoms as James VI of Scotland and James I of England thus marrying the lion and unicorn upon the royal crest. The marriage was historically a rocky one and even to this day you can see remnants of the feuding countries reflect-



ed in the royal seal. In Scotland you will find the unicorn standing to the left of the royal seal but in England the lion stands upon the left.

So now, you may be askin, "Is the unicorn real then?" Aye lad, that he is. You'll find the unicorn all over Scotland, from the tops of buildings, the royal crest, several statues, and if you're lucky perhaps you might even see one trottin about in the highlands. Thanks for takin the time to read my wee banter. Be braw Brathairs.

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. Come for a haircut and beard trim at Scissors and Scotch at the Quarry on the evening of 1 Dec 2023. There will be scotch, bagpipes, hair flying everywhere and a good bit of fun. We have Robert Burn's 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.



RUFFIANS UNIT
Steven Fisk, Vice-President

October officially changed the weather. From pretty warm to it's time to dust off the leathers if you want to ride. And ride we did! Several of us from Alzarfar headed in a northerly direction and met several Sharon Ruffians for a weekend get together. The morning we took off started a little cool, but it warmed up in short order. It was great to hang out and bond together with our brothers and their

Continued From Page 19 Ladies. We dined at a place called Yankee Hill and had some really good food and refreshments. Then we capped off the night sitting around a pool enjoying cigars and relaxing beverages while sharing road tales and other stories. The following day we casually arose and ventured over to Dixie Cafe for some fine food while continuing the gab fest started the day before. Then we said so long and headed back in our respective directions to that place we all call home. We are looking to continue this get together every quarter since it was so much fun.

The Ruffians voted to continue all the current officers in their respective positions since it was agreed that there is no need to mess up a good thing. Clay Barron is President, Steven Fisk is Vice-President, Tony Calderon is Treasurer and Shelby Herbert is the Secretary.

With the holidays at the door step we will still find a way to get out at least once a month for a ride weather permitting. We still try and get together for our weekly Wednesday night Breaks. We might consider using those nights to try salad bars until the holidays pass due to the extra calories that we will all undoubtedly acquire. We welcome anyone interested in checking us out and seeing how much we enjoy each other and our families all together to join us. All vehicles and motorcycles are welcome. We like motorcycles obviously, but several members have trucks or cars for now and still have a good time.

A big Congratulations to one of our members, Al Putnam as Shriner of the Month (November)! Way to go Al, we think you are awesome every month.



ALZAFAR MOTOR CLUB
By: Steven Fisk

Greetings One and All,

December – another year has raced by. The Motor Club is in overdrive with all the parades that started with the San Antonio Veteran's Day parade and will finish in Sattler with their Christmas parade. 5 straight weekends of representing Alzafar in various communities around. That's

pretty busy, but pretty good, too! I personally enjoy seeing how much the community loves seeing us everywhere we go. You can't beat looking at a child on the sidewalks and edge of the roadways, smiling and waving when we go by. I know one of them will grow up one day and join Alzafar so they can have as much fun as we do.

We held our elections in October after the last article had already been submitted. Here were the results of that; President elect is Steven Fisk, Vice-President elect is Oscar Flores returning for another spin in this position, Treasurer elect is James Hoyo for one more year minding the bank, and newly elected Secretary is Andy Libby. Our installation will be at our annual Christmas party.

Speaking of the annual Christmas Party. It will be on Tuesday December 19 at Chama Gaucha's Brazilian Steakhouse. 18318 Sonterra Place. Social hour begins at 6:00 pm and supper will be at 7:00 pm. Consider yourself officially invited as you read this. Call either James Hoyo at 210-872-0619 or Steven Fisk at 830-328-6758. We will give you the cost and add you to the reserve seating list.

Looking ahead to the new year and the calendar I want you to mark down two important dates. March 16 and September 28. Those dates are our next car shows. It's never too early to plan to attend and enjoy.

All of us at the Motor Club wish all of you a Merry Christmas and hope you enjoy the holidays to the utmost!





Nekodah Temple No. 44
Daughters of the Nile
Queen Wanda Rincover

My Christmas Wish For You

My Christmas wish for you, my friend
Is not a simple one
For I wish you hope and joy and peace
Days filled with warmth and sun

I wish you love and friendship too
Throughout the coming year
Lots of laughter and happiness
To fill your world with cheer

May you count your blessings, one by one
And when totaled by the lot
May you find all you've been given
To be more than what you sought

May your journeys be short, your burdens light
May your spirit never grow old
May all your clouds have silver linings
And your rainbows pots of gold

I wish this all and so much more
May all your dreams come true
May you have a Merry Christmas friend
And happy New Year, too ..

(Author - anonymous)

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.

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



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

Merry Christmas, we would like to welcome our newest members from the November 18th Ceremonial, Misty Daily and Lizeth Carreon, welcome. It is so wonderful seeing our organization growing. The Ladies also attend Mid State Unit meet in Kansas City where fun was had by all. We are winding down our last fundraisers. So far, we have had many great fundraisers for this great organization, and we would just like to say thank you to all who helped with the fundraisers and to those who attended and participated. Thank You.

List of events

- Dec 9th, LOS Christmas Party.
- 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 – yet to be determined.

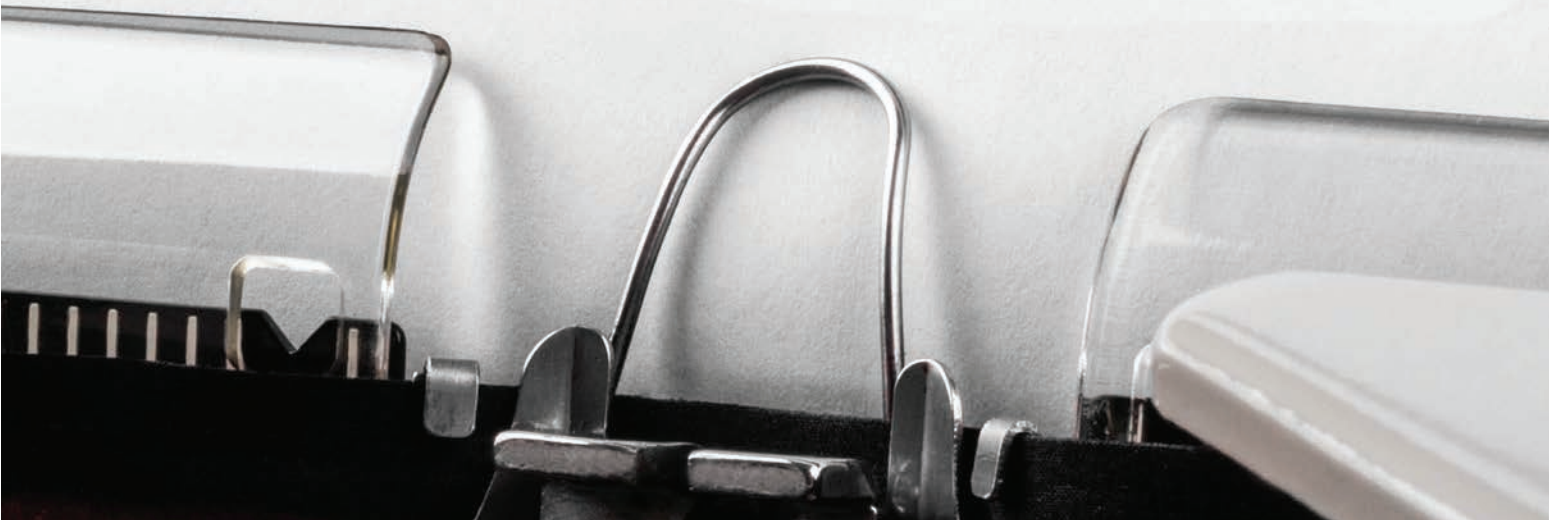
Please help this wonder organization raise money for their philanthropy.

If you have any updates to your contact information, please send the updates to our email address at Altrui.court@gmail.com.

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 and someone will contact you.

It's time to say, "Goodbye Achbar."



I joined the Alzafar Divan as our Oriental Guide in 2006. I had told our Chief Rabban Joe Calvey how horrified I was with our Achbar. For decades, the Achbar had been created on a very cheap newsprint with little color. Alzafar had contracted with a local magazine producer named Neighborhood News, which had a strong presence in the area neighborhoods wishing to keep their Homeowners Associations informed of happenings. The original agreement had the company agree to sell ads to offset the cost of producing our 16-page Achbar. We were making over 2400 issues and mailing the editions on our postal permit first class mail. Our monthly Achbar expense was approaching \$6,000, which included postage.

I had more than a novice understanding of advertising and the product it proposes to deliver. I was convinced that Alzafar could do better. I asked our Potentate to allow me to create a cover or two. He agreed, believing we couldn't do any worse. Noble Joe Calvey, our 2006 Chief Rabban, told me I could take over its creation should he prevail and become Alzafar's Potentate the following year.

I had been using Adobe products for years since I took over the Achbar creation. I couldn't do too much since I had only used it as needed and had often let the software lapse for lack of use. I began creating the Achbar full-time in 2007. There were some crucial failings right from the start. The units would send in articles irregularly, and we used first-class postage to send out the Achbar via Neighborhood News. For some unknown reason, it would take weeks to receive the current issue of the Achbar. More often than not, the Achbar was created for a subsequent month while awaiting the current topic. That made it challenging to post meeting dates and events as they would pass, and

the Achbar making its announcement would still be in the printers' hands.

My pal Noble Don Starnes had become Recorder the year before I joined the Divan. I quickly found out that our mailing list was faulty. For many years, incoming Potentates hesitated to expel members for failing to pay their dues, which would negatively affect Imperial standing as our membership declined. Our first effort was to certify our mailing list using the CASS software. I then called a commercial printer for a price on printing the Achbar. I was told they wouldn't quote as our current provider was their precious customer. I would need to know more to deliver a product that a commercial printer could create. I took over a year to learn how to typeset a magazine. And the Achbar began its correct evolution.

It seems like I have just now been able to create the images that tell our story, and I must retire. If you spend time on a computer, you can imagine my struggle with two shaky hands. So, it is with much sadness that I say goodbye for now. If a unit would like to have their cut of the logo I created for the Achbar, you need to ask. I will hold on to the images I have created for the Achbar and the several Circus programs I produced. Not all images can transfer to another, as I may have purchased another graphic artist's base image in my additive result. So, you must ask. To the incoming editor, much success, and may our membership continue to be supportive and engaged.

Yours in the Faith,

Richard A. "Rick" Reyes, II
2010 Potentate of Alzafar Shriners
Achbar - Editor

**WHERE & WHEN OUR SHRINE UNITS,
CLUBS, & MASONIC LODGES MEET**

**PAST POTENTATES OF
ALZAFAR SHRINERS**

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 7
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
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

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

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS MEETINGS

ANCHOR MASONIC LODGE	1 st & 3 rd Thursday	7:00P.M. Alzafar rear
CIBOLO MASONIC LODGE	4 th Monday	7:00 P.M. Alzafar rear
VICTORY MASONIC LODGE	2 nd & 4 th 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
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR	1 st Monday	6:00 P.M. Alzafar rear



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*	2015 Jay Dee Thomas
1961 L.L. Woodman*	2016 John Dunn
1962 George W. Henry*	2017 Gary Radvansky
1963 Barney Norris*	2018 Jason Triggs
1964 Jack B. Lee*	2019 Eric DeWalt
1965 Robert B. O'Connor*	2020 Marty Bartlett
1966 E. Jeff Ashcraft, Jr.*	2021 L. Travis Elmendorf
1967 D. Neal Talley*	2022 Robert M. Norman, II
1968 Wm. H. Ferguson*	2023 Richard "Rick" Reyes III
1969 Keith Gerstner*	

**ALZAFAR SHRINERS WHO ARE PAST
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:

2023/24 Master Calendar

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	All day	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	Conference room
Dec 14th	Shrine Stated- Election of Officers	7:00 PM-9:30 PM	Ballroom
Dec 15th	Shrine Employee Christmas Party	11:00 AM-1:00 PM	Parlors
Jan 8th	Divan & Finance meeting	5:00 PM-7:30 PM	Conference room
Jan 10th	Achbar articles due to Editor	All day	alzafarshrineachbar@gmail.com
Jan 11th	Shrine Stated meeting	7:00 PM-9:30 PM	Ballroom
Feb 5th	Divan & Finance meeting	5:00 PM-7:30 PM	Conference room
Feb 8th	Shrine Stated meeting	7:00 PM-9:30 PM	Ballroom
Feb 10th	Achbar articles due to Editor	All day	alzafarshrineachbar@gmail.com
Feb 17th	Washington's B'day Parade	9:00am – 12:00	Laredo, Texas