



ACHBAR

JUNE 2023



Alzafar Shriners: Where Fun Meets Purpose

No Stated Meeting this Month as the Alzafar Performing Units Head to Ft. Worth for the Texas Shrine Association (TSA) Meetings.

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Notice of Stated Meeting of Alzafar Shriners

The following Stated Meeting of Alzafar Shriners will be on **July 13, 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.

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Mike Barnes
Recorder: Michael Barnes

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

Alzafar,

As we move towards the midpoint of the year, I find myself looking in the rearview at all the fun we've had thus far. Alzafar has made our presence known from parties to parades, and I'm very proud of all your efforts. Most recently, the collaborative and collective effort of the Host Team and Appointed Divan made for one fantastic time at the Flambeau



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

parade. For many years Alzafar has been in the Vanguard of the Flambeau, which I believe works in our favor. We still get the television publicity of the parade and get it done in enough time to beat most of the parade traffic at night's end. I hope that Alzafar will continue our current partnership with the Flambeau Commission for years to come.

As we move into the Summer, we have a few fun events for you to keep on your calendar. First up is the Bandera Memorial Day parade. The parade will occur in Bandera, Texas, on Saturday, May 27. That same day is our annual Camp Alzafar kickoff party. There will be food and fun for all to enjoy later that evening up at camp under the pavilion. On Sunday, the 28th, the Camp Alzafar Men's Association will host a church service with a sermon conducted by myself, followed by the Men's Association meeting. If you've never had the opportunity to spend some time at Camp Alzafar, you're missing out on one of our most prized possessions.

Finally, remember Texas Shrine Association (TSA) in Ft. Worth from June 8 to the 10th. Registration for the event will continue through June; however, if you didn't pre-register before May 8, registration and payment will be left up to you. For those of you wondering what TSA is. It's a three-day event held at various locations throughout the state each year, allowing the Texas unit associations and their officers to hold official business meetings. It also sets the backdrop for various unit competitions to see who gets to carry the title of the state's best-performing unit in their respective participating category. I love TSA as it provides some fun and lighthearted banter from the 13 different Shrine Centers competing to be crowned the best in Texas.

**Fraternally yours,
Rick Reyes, Alzafar Potentate 2023**

Hello ALZAFAR, who's ready for some barbecue once again we are having the international barbecue cookers association cookout here at ALZAFAR so be on the lookout for more information to come out in the next couple of weeks. Let me take a moment to say thank you to all of the nobles and ladies who come out and help with all of our functions here and outside of ALZAFAR.



Noble Marco Zuniga
Chief Rabban of Alzafar Shriners

Because of your unwavering support and dedication ALZAFAR will always come out on top and be the best. Please continue to support each and everyone one of your units they are the backbone of ALZAFAR. Continue to have fun with a purpose and keep ALZAFAR moving forward.

My Brothers,

As we approach the annual hospital gala on October 7th, we want to remind you that seats are available on Eventbrite. You can purchase individual seats or a table for ten, donate with a significant gift, or monetarily, and get a couple of tables. We have chosen to use Eventbrite as our Ticket Vendor freeing up our dear employees for Alzafar's daily tasks.



Noble Michael Long
Assistant Rabban of Alzafar Shriners

You would be surprised at the broad spectrum of daily activities Alzafar undertakes. To purchase tickets, login to www.Eventbrite.com and use the keywords "Shriners Hospitals 100th." Please do not try to buy tables with our office, as they have specific directions to direct you to the Eventbrite website. Most large Shrine Centers have turned to outsourced ticket sellers for a better auditing system and for the guaranteed delivery of valuable tickets for popular activities.

Don't Forget; We are also looking for quality auction items for the Hospital Gala. Your contribution will be recognized, and your tax-deductible donation will



Or Scan for Tickets

carry the highest retail value. You can drop Ship Items to the Shrine Center for delivery Monday through Friday from 10 am until 4 pm. You may drop these items off in our office or let us know to pick them up at your unit/club monthly meetings.

Lastly, I encourage everyone to promote the Shrine at your Masonic lodges. We have received great news from Imperial that we are gaining membership across the board, and we can do the same at Alzafar. Let's work together as a fantastic team to achieve this goal.

Hello Nobles

Greetings to all the Nobles of Alzafar Shrine! Looking into the future, an upcoming event I have been working on and planning is this year's highly anticipated **Ceremonial is scheduled for August 19, 2023.**

We have had a planning meeting to make this a wonderful experience for the new Nobles and their families. Keep tuned in for more details to follow. Next on my agenda, and never too early to start planning for, is our **Annual Golf Tournament** scheduled for November 1st



Noble Steve White
High Priest & Prophet of Alzafar Shriners



at Canyon Springs Golf Course. Last year was a rousing success, netting over \$60,000 for the Alzafar Hospital Transportation Fund. This year our goal is to net \$100,000, which, with hard work, active member participation and good planning, is totally attainable! Thank you so much to our first big donors, Dan, and Misty Dailey, for their generous gift of \$10,000 to kick

start this big event.

Just recently, and very unexpectedly, my good friend Jim Todd laid down his working tools. This brought me to thoughts about my own life and what is most important to me. We all love the Shrine and try to participate in and support as many activities and events as we can, but we only have so much time and energy on any given day, so making time for the meaningful relationships in your life should take priority. Life is too short to not enjoy those precious times with family and dear friends, to travel, and participate in hobbies that make you

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From Page 3 happy. Most important, always remember to tell your wife and children how much they touch your life and how much you love them. Here's to a happy and much fulfilled life full of Shrine purpose, fun and laughter. Thank you. Steve White HP&P

June is upon us, and it is when we start to see and feel the warmer weather. June is the month when the kids are out of school, and we begin our family vacations. It is hard to believe we are almost halfway through the year. Stay calm and safe this month as you enjoy the pool, the beach, or any cities you may travel to. Also, as a reminder, the Temple will be dark in June, but there are still many things to do this month!

In June, we honor the flag of our Great Nation on Flag Day, June 14. On this date in 1777, the United States approved the design for our nation's first national flag. On the third Sunday of this month, June 18, we celebrate and honor our fathers. Then comes June 21, the date of the Summer Solstice and officially the first day of Summer. Be sure to stay cool during this month. It is bound to be a warm summer.

On June 4, our Alzafar Motor Club will hold a Car, Truck, and Bike Show from 9:00am through 3:00pm. It is sure to be a good time! Come on out and support this show.

This month we also look forward to the Texas Shrine Association Ceremonial being held in Ft Worth, Texas, on June 7 - 10. It is always a good time and fun to watch all the Temple Units competing to bring home the hardware. This is the time to show everyone why "ALZAFAR ROCKS." Good luck to all the competing units.

The Shrine Center may be dark this month, but YOUR Divan will hold the Finance and Divan meetings on June 5. The Finance meeting starts at 5:00pm, followed by the Divan meeting after the conclusion of the Finance meeting. We invite you to come out and see what is going on with YOUR Temple Finances and find out what is going on within YOUR Temple.

David A. Olivares
Oriental Guide



Noble David Olivares
Oriental Guide of Alzafar Shriners

Hello Alzafar.

I hope June finds you all doing well. The time sure is flying by!! This month marks the halfway point of 2023, and to say that's crazy would be an understatement.

At the beginning of the month, we will find Alzafar taking a field trip to Fort Worth to participate in the Texas Shrine Association ceremony hosted by Moslah. What an opportunity for Alzafar to spend time with our Texas Shrine counterparts. I hope you all have a great time hanging with your unit counterparts and bring back as many trophies as you can!! Good luck to all the units that make the trip to compete.

Stay tuned for upcoming events hosted by your Divan. These gentlemen have some significant events coming up in the second part of the year and could use your help. If you can lend a hand or want to get involved, I am sure they wouldn't turn you down.

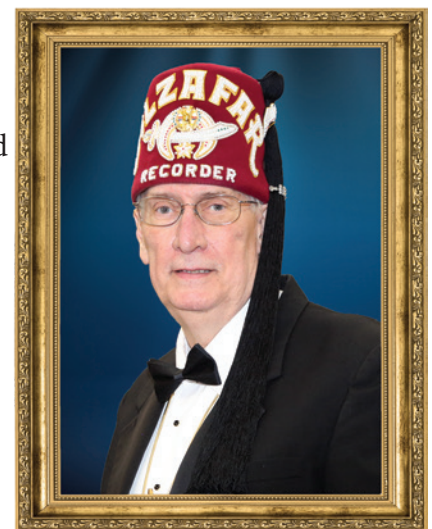
As always, thank you for the opportunity to serve. I look forward to seeing you at one of the many events. If you have a suggestion or question, don't hesitate to contact me. See you all soon.

Robert M. Norman II, P.P.
Treasurer Alzafar Shrine 2023

This month's employee recognition is our newest bookkeeper, **Lisa Emerick**. Lisa started with Alzafar in December 2020 as the Project & Member Coordinator, now called "Fraternal Relations." She held that job for over two years. She was responsible for all the registrations from the other Texas Shrine Centers for the 2021 TSA ceremonial Session under Past Potentate Travis Elmendorf. She was also responsible for registering many other Alzafar Shrine events and Camp Alzafar leases and ordering the Alzafar fezzes and supplies. In February started as our bookkeeper. That was, and still is, a challenge



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



Noble Michael Barnes
Recorder of Alzafar Shriners

while we moved to a new online version of Quickbooks. She has learned the new system very quickly and is making a difference in properly recording our income and expenses. Lisa has a degree in Cultural Anthropology and over ten years' experience in Education as an ESL Paraprofessional and a certified Interpreter and Translator. We thank Lisa for her dedication and energy in helping Alzafar and those that come to her for assistance.

Last month I talked about the importance of Webfez for all our Shriners to keep their information, i.e., addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses, updated. This month I want to remind everyone how good our Alzafar.org website has become. Luis Cardenas has done an excellent job updating the site with the most current events under the "Calendar" and parade information and posting the weekly "Potentate's Blog." Our own Achbar editor, Rick Reyes II, sends the digital version to him, and it's posted days before you get it in the mail. The most needed forms are available under the "Forms and Reports" link. Also, all the old issues are available on the site. There is a focus this year on the "constant improvement" of our communications from the Alzafar office.

Just a reminder that the 2023 TSA Ceremonial is in Fort Worth in June. Alzafar will be dark for the June meeting.

There have been a lot of lighting and plumbing repairs lately, but if you can change out emergency lights and save us money, let me know.

Let me know what you can do to help with our Constant Improvement.



Hello to all.

We had to delay our March Tournament to 4 April because of weather. Our 1st place winning team, Hyatt, Hamilton, Gutierrez and Smith, had a total score of 71.75. Nino had 8 birdies, Studdard had the lowest gross score of 88 and Gutierrez lowest net of 68. Our long ball hitters were Smith for A flight, Puckett from the B flight and Hyatt won closest to pin. Sixteen Alzafar golfers signed up to compete at Fredericksburg's Lady Bird Johnson golf course on 20-21 April against 63 shrine golfers from across the state for the annual Texas Shrine Golf Association tourna-

ment. We end up taking 2nd place thanks to solid play by brothers Gomeyac, Hernandez, Hyatt, and Robison. Our 1st place team for our April tournament at Olmos Basin with a total score of 77 consisted of Robison, Hyatt, Hamilton and Grona. Brother Gomeyac had a score of 81 for low gross score with 6 birdies. Sewell had low net score of 72. Hyatt again has closest to hole and A long was won by Gomeyac and B long by Callison.

Until next time,

Gary Callison, Scribe



Alzafar Provost Guard Unit
By Tom Hirte Secretary/Treasurer

The Provost Guard Unit had its monthly meeting on May 3rd, 2023 with a good showing of members and ladies. We had a delicious meal of pulled pork prepared by our unit chef, David Hadley.

Our next unit competition will be at TSA in Fort Worth on June 9th. We hope to have some hardware to display at the next Alzafar stated meeting. In September we will be hosting the Fall Invitational shoot here in San Antonio.

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.



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A Conversation About a True Brother.

By Former Potentate Rick Reyes

James Walker Todd, Ph.D. Ed.

Dr. James W. Todd, 33°, an Illustrious Sir, as the 1990 Potentate of Alzafar Shriners, passed through the gates to dwell forever with God in heaven. Jim passed away on April 13, 2023. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Morris W. Todd and A. Ruth Todd, a brother Morris F. Todd, and sister Carrie L. Peer. Jim was devoted to his maternal grandmother Maud Beatrice Holden, who, Jim always said, taught him almost everything in life he ever learned. Jim leaves to our earthly care his wife, our First Lady Faye L. Todd; children Elizabeth (Née Todd) and Timothy Culpepper and Jonathan Todd (Edward Welsh); grandchildren Benjamin, Madeleine, and Jack Culpepper and Valerie and Kadin Todd Welsh; and his brother Duane A. Todd (Brandi).

Jim was born in San Antonio on August 16, 1948, and graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1966. Jim married his high school sweetheart, Faye, on August 16, 1968, at Trinity Baptist Church in San Antonio. That same year, he was called to active duty to serve in the 433rd Military Airlift Wing when North Korea illegally took the USS Pueblo in international waters. During his service, Jim saw the world and made friendships that would last a lifetime. At twenty, he was one of the youngest loadmasters in the air force.

Jim owned and served as president of a custom picture and art frame company, Frame Tex, Inc. Jim then became co-owner and operator of a group travel agency, Incredible Journeys. Even after a successful run as a business owner, being in business never satisfied Jim. His main drive was to be in service to his neighbor. After becoming one of the youngest Potentates ever to serve Alzafar Shriners, Jim earned a Master of Arts in Educational Administration from TSU (formerly Southwest Texas). He completed his professional goal with a Doctor of Education from Texas A&M University in College Station. First, Jim felt the draw to teach at MacArthur High School. Then, as he improved himself in education, he found administration was his calling. He retired from the school district in 2012. It was then that Wayland Baptist University recruited him as an adjunct professor for the university. As was his nature, Jim continued upward to Director of Operations for the San Antonio area campuses.

I was honored to have called Jim my friend for over 40 years, an honor thanks exclusively to Alzafar Shriners. He was with us and served as our installing officer for this year's Alzafar Shriners slate of elected and appointed officers, which seemed so recent. We discussed our current presence,



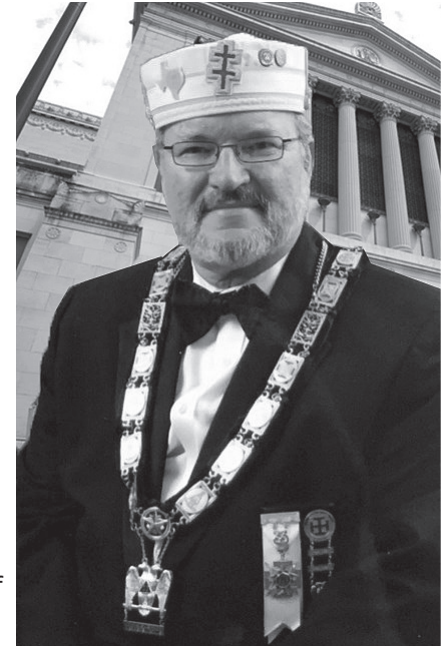
then and now, when we were free of much of the persistent bodily pain we collected over the years. We laughed at ourselves back in the early eighties as we, tongue in cheek, berated our then-betters as old guys who had never heard of Rock and Roll.

As if yesterday, Jim and I discussed much of what our Alzafar was missing in the early eighties. We were in our early thirties and full of ourselves in our youthful exuberance. The Divan was not interested in our opinions in those days, but we tried. Jim and I proposed erecting five billboards on our 87-acre frontage, which at the time stretched from Sonterra to almost Blanco Road. I had sourced the billboards to be built in Mexico and exported with H-2 workers to be erected on our property for \$13,000.00 each. In the early eighties, each billboard would generate \$3,000 monthly in revenue. The Divan said it would detract from our

new temple. We then started to work on Alzafar membership. Jim called and said we needed to make more members from Laredo. I took on his challenge and toplined twenty-three new Shriners. I won the membership trophy, and the temple voted me a life membership (Bonus). We did our first circus in Laredo with those new members. Jim then ran for the Oriental Guide and won. He earned it.

In Masonry, Jim was a member of Community Lodge #1201, Cibolo Lodge #151, and Davy Crockett Lodge #1225. Jim was enthusiastic about his Masonic and Shrine charitable work. He held many revered leadership positions of trust with Shriners Hospitals for Children, including the Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas. For many years, Jim served as Chairman of the Board of Directors for the South Texas Learning Center, a unique place for a comprehensive Intervention for Students with Dyslexia in Central and South Texas. In 2000, he served as the District Deputy Grand Master for the Grand Lodge of Texas.

Jim and Faye found their spiritual home at the First Baptist Church of San Antonio (FBCSA) for 35 years. There, Jim was an ordained deacon who served with a big heart. He was called upon to serve on countless committees and coordinate aspects of past capital campaigns. He was an ardent supporter of children and youth activities as his children came of age at FBCSA. He was an active teacher and director of his Sunday school class, always taking time to support those who needed a lift.



The Sky's the Limit

Alzafar Shotgun Unit hits the Mark

By Allen Ditmore with
Color by the Achbar

The **Alzafar Shotgun Unit**

is a dedicated and hardworking group of Shriners that plays a significant role in the success of Alzafar each year. Established in 2008 by Nobles Les Ratcliff, Harry Frey, and others, who, with encouragement from then Illustrious Sir Paul McCombs in 2008, quickly became a vital part of the Alzafar Shrine family. The four original members who formed the Unit were Alzafar Noble and Abou Saad, former Potentate Terry Zittle, Noble Dave Jackson, Noble David Hadley, and Noble Allan Ditmore. The Alzafar Shotgun Unit founders received extensive training from Nobles Harry Frey and Les Ratcliff before introducing themselves and representing Alzafar at their first competitive shoot, the Texas Shrine Shotgun Shooters Association (TSSSA) Mid-Winter Shoot, held in Waco, Texas, in 2008. Despite being the new guys on the block, they brought home two trophies at the end of the day.

Since then, the Alzafar Shotgun Unit has won numerous awards, including the prestigious traveling "President's Trophy" from TSA. All four plank owners are still active with the Alzafar Shotgun Unit today. The Alzafar Shotgun Unit participates in all shooting disciplines, including Trap, Skeet, Sporting Clays, and 5 Stand.

This Alzafar Unit competes annually against other Texas Shrine Shotgun Units at the Mid-Winter Meets hosted by TSSSA and the annual TSA gathering. You will find them at other Charity and Fun Shoots throughout South Texas.



The Alzafar Shotgun Unit continues with the fun in function with their monthly "Family Fun Shoots." These get-togethers are often held at one of the several shooting ranges within the San Antonio area. In these events, the Unit has an open invitation to all Masons, Nobles, and their families to join them. After each shoot, they often enjoy lunch, libation, and wholesome fellowship.

The Alzafar Shotgun Unit welcomes new members who love to shoot, and those who don't are also welcome to join. They hold monthly meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month in the Roustabout Room at the Alzafar Shrine Center, beginning with a meal at 6:15 p.m. and the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The Ladies are always welcome to attend their monthly meetings and shoots.

Allen "Bird" Ditmore, a Shotgun Unit founding member, provided the details for this historical account of our Alzafar Community for "Who





We Are.” The Alzafar Shotgun Unit’s hard work and dedication have made them an active and respected member of the Texas Shrine Shotgun Sports Association (TSSSA) and a major competitor at the annual Texas Shrine Association (TSA) and Imperial Competition Shoots.

The Alzafar Shotgun Unit is a group of dedicated Noble shooters who contribute significantly to Alzafar’s charitable endeavors. The Unit is involved in fundraising activities in support of various Shriners Hospitals for Children philanthropic drives. For instance, they hold



charity shoots and donate a significant portion of the proceeds to these causes. The Unit’s contribution to Alzafar’s charitable efforts is commendable.

They continue positively impacting the San Antonio, Central, and South Texas community. The Unit’s success and recognition

have been achieved through years of hard work, commitment, and teamwork. The members of the Alzafar Shotgun Unit have created a supportive and inclusive environment where everyone is welcome to participate. They have built a strong camaraderie, evident in the



Alzafar Shooting Stars of the Shotgun Unit

monthly “Family Fun Shoots” and other events.

The Alzafar Shotgun Unit’s success is not limited to their shooting competitions achievements. Still, it also reflects their commitment to community service and charitable work. They are a testament to the values of the Shrine, and their home Alzafar Shriners, which emphasize fulfilled social interaction, brotherhood, charity, and the pursuit of personal growth. In-person social fellowship benefits early person involved. Social harmony, which also had guarantees of good stewardship, helps the participants as any negative pressures are reduced and many times due to conformity to the ideals of Freemasonry.

In conclusion, the Alzafar Shotgun Unit is a vital part of the Alzafar Shrine family, and their contributions are invaluable to the community. Their dedication to shooting and its discipline assist the Noble beyond his charitable work. The benefits reach beyond that enjoyed by the outer world. Our Shrine disciples have rightfully earned a place of respect and admiration, head and shoulders above their peers. Suppose you are a Noble or a Freemason, or one who loves to shoot or is interested in joining a group that supports charity and community service. In that case, the Alzafar Shotgun Unit is an excellent choice.





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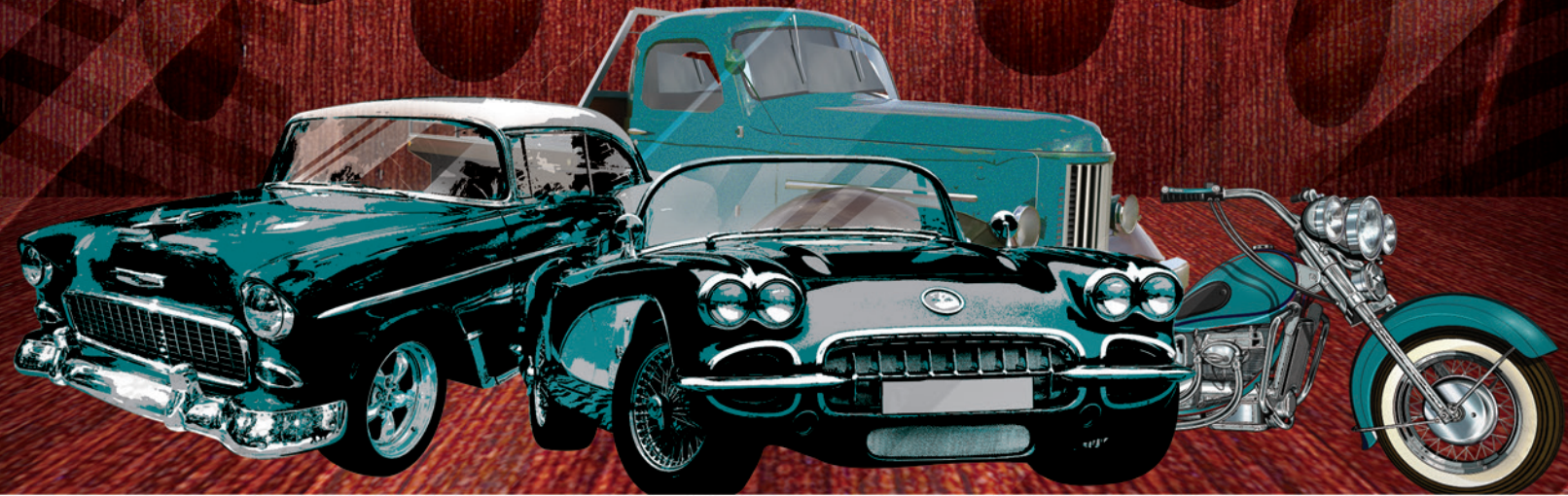
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Alzafar Motor Club
By: Steven Fisk

May started off with the Run for the Roses and ended with The Indy 500. Horsepower leads the way into summer. The Motor Club celebrated our biggest supporters by treating our Ladies to a night out at Los Barrios Restaurant. It made for a great evening that all enjoyed.

We will have just finished our first car show of the year on June 4. Undoubtedly it will have been another success. With all that it's time to mark your calendar for September 30 which is our Fall Car Show. That gives you plenty of time to have your ride ready or just plan to come out and hang out with the other Nobles. Bring your Lady and family and enjoy the fellowship that Alzafar is known for. Parade season is in full swing. Cornyval and Bandera have passed in the back window and Seguin's Fourth of July is rapidly approaching the hood ornament. We could always use you to participate and escort a Divan member in the parade.

Summer heat puts the air conditioners in cars into their full use. It is a good idea to drop by your local auto parts store and have them check your system to see if you need a little boost of refrigerant. Checking it is free and they will even add what is needed for you (that you pay for). And that's your service tip of the day!

Until next month, stay safe, stay cool and motor on.

Editors Note:

I asked Artificial Intelligence to depict me in an Alzafar Motor Club Parade.

It returned this image:



Alzafar Honor Guard
Mike Jaeger

Can you believe it June is upon us one half of the year has gone by or as an optimist would say we still have a great six more months with this outstanding Divan and Alzafar units.

While the Shrine is dark in June, the Honor Guard is holding a Flag Retirement ceremony on Flag Day, June 14 at 6:00PM just north of the garage and west of the pavilion on the concrete slab. All are invited to this ceremony which we hope to have as an annual event for the Honor Guard so our nobles can properly retire their worn and tattered Flag.

While we are not a competing unit, we are still looking for Outstanding Nobles to join our ranks, we just brought in three new Nobles to the Honor Guard

- Noble Socrates Garza
- Noble Fabien Galindo
- Noble Mats Jaerpenfirords (prefers to be called "M" like in James Bond movies)

M has lots of good stories to tell us about the differences between our Blue Lodges and how they do things in Scandinavia, he is from Sweden, we are all looking forward to learning how other Masonic bodies work. All three of these new Nobles are the hard work of our very own Vice President Noble Leo Bravo! "Bravo Zulu" and keep up the fire Leo.

Looking at the recent parades in Poteet and Helotes, it seems that the Red Roasters and the Honor Guard are merging into one unit since so many belong to both units. The Honor Guard trailer has few riders when the Red Roadsters are up and running, and we are packed when they are not. A great show of cooperate and get ahead. As both units want and need to grow. Fear not there are enough of us that do not drive little red roadsters to ensure that Alzafar is properly represented by the Honor Guard and the Colors of our Nation, State and Temple.

We meet in room 12 on the first Monday of the month, meeting starts at 7:00PM fellowship is from 6:00 to 7:00 PM, come out meet us, and join outstanding unit.



RUFFIANS UNIT

By: S. Fisk

As this is being composed for the June edition of the Achbar, the Ruffians are discovering that if you want rain – plan a ride. It seems that lately that when we polish up the Iron Horses, the weather changes our plans with precipitation. That's a good thing, as the area needs rain, but we would surely rather be on our bikes than lawnmowers!

We find comfort, fun, and fellowship at our Wednesday Night Breaks. Brothers and family get-togethers at different eateries are a great way to keep the spirits up.

Our ride at the end of April was canceled with the prediction of heavy rain. So instead, we enjoyed a cookout at the Fisk's abode. The food and company were top-notch, and guess what? It didn't rain.

Bandera Parade is on our windshields and that should be great fun. May should see us wearing the rubber off the tires a little more. Since it is on Camp Alzafar's Opening Weekend, we'll be there afterward enjoying the camaraderie and all that goes on with the kick-off to summer.

Heading into summer, we will be looking to ride more frequently to stay cool, look cool, and be cool. We welcome anyone to come join us at any time. Bring your Lady as well as kids. We enjoy being a family and having fun together. Third Sunday of the month at Camp Alzafar at 11:00 am, we can be found getting ready to head out to points yet to be discovered. 2 wheels, 3 wheels, 4 wheels, or more are all welcome with us to explore.



How about those pipes?!!

The Alzafar Highlander BagPipe band continues to grow and rebuild its ranks. Once a large group of Shriners, the group has lost members over time and now works to rebuild its band of pipers. It's an exciting time for us as we get ready to bring those pipes back to life. So; what's the story with these instruments anyway; you may ask. Well..

Bagpipes are from a class of instrument known as aerophones. These instruments use enclosed reeds which get fed to them constantly by a reservoir of air, which is the bag. This air supply bag is fitted under the arm of the piper, typically the left, and then fed a steady supply of Scottish breath through a wee blow pipe. The piper will keep the air moving by compressing the bag consistently like a bellows. Our highlander will then use his crafty hands to manipulate the chanter portion of the instrument to create a melody as the air passes through the device from the bag and through a reed within the chanter. The great highland bagpipe has three drones sprouting from the top of the bag which usually rest upon the piper's left shoulder. This is where you get the constant droning sound, the constant hum. Once a piper places the instrument upon his lips the air won't stop and neither will the constant hum of those sweet pipes.

To become a piper one must practice regularly, first beginning with an instrument that looks a little like the recorder you may have played in elementary school. It is however not a recorder but a chanter, a reeded instrument our would-be piper must master before he is given the privilege to start bellowing on a set of bagpipes. Even after he begins the pipes he will start with the drone holes on his bag blocked off as he learns the art of blowing through the blow pipe and compressing the bag and keeping an even flow of air going as he fingers out a tune on the chanter. It's a bit like patting your head, rubbing your tummy, chewing gum and reciting Shakespeare all at once.

Possibly first mentioned in the book of Daniel in the Bible (Daniel 3:7; NIV) the origins of the bagpipes is not known with complete certainty but through the centuries Scotland has without doubt made it their own. The Pico Mhor (Scottish Gaelic for Bagpipes), considered



an instrument of war, once announced the battle cry of Scotland in war. Still viewed today as an implement of war some churches will not allow it played within their walls. Now Bagpipes are most commonly played at weddings, parades, ceremonies and funerals. It is said that the bagpipe is the only instrument heard in heaven. It is often played at funerals as to lead a soul to the gates of eternity. I like to use mine to wake the neighbors.

BAG PIPE FUN FACTS: 1. Traditional Bagpipes are made of animal skin 2. A bag pipe can be heard 10 miles away 3. Pipes were outlawed twice in Scotland 4. You can't adjust the volume on pipes 5. Scotland the Brave is sometimes considered the Scotland national song and next to Amazing Grace one of the best known bagpipe songs 6. Bagpipe history is bloody with some songs being of patriotic victory and others of vengeful mayhem.

Come join the Highlanders every Wednesday at 1830 in room 9 to learn more, join the clan, learn to play, listen in and share some tales of Scotland!



ALZAFAR SENIORS

By: Daniel Coburn, Secretary

The monthly meeting of the Alzafar Senior's was held at noon in the Roustabouts room on May 4th

with 16 members and guests attending. A lunch of crois-

sant sandwiches and salad was provided by Ralph McLeod with cake for dessert by Nelson Dunn.

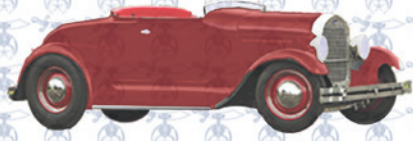
Our speaker for the month was Jorge Santana whose background is in Cyber Security. Jorge gave a very interesting talk about online security, privacy, and the efforts to keep information secret and at the same time the efforts to break the encryption. He spoke about the many instances and devices that have been used over time to keep information safe, including where it has been used in Masonry.

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 June 1st. Please RSVP to join us so that we have enough food. Until then we wish everyone safe travels. For more information, or to RSVP, contact Senior's Secretary Daniel Coburn at 830-832-5513 or at dyco-burn@gmail.com.



Guillermo "Memo" Salinas Is Shriner of the Month

RED ROADSTERS



Red Roadsters
by Leo Bravo
Secretary

What a great start to the mid-year. We'd like to send a great big "Thank You," to our Brothers of the Ben Hur Shrine Mini-B's Roadster Unit for selling their cars to our unit to utilized within the Shrine. We were saddened to see these brothers let these cars go but they assured us that they were happy to see them go to Alzafar Shriners to carry the parade torch. These roadsters are hard to find and even harder to get someone to sell one for a reasonable price.

With the assistance of Fabien Galindo, John Galvan, and Dion Reece, we picked up 5 roadsters for our unit and immediately began working on them to bring them to full parade ready status. Another Big Thanks to our Illustrious Sir, Rick Reyes, for allowing us to utilize the garage bays while we prepare these cars for our new members.

Let me tell you, it's been a blast working on these cars. The unit seems to be full of life and enjoyment. We'd like to welcome our newest member Sean Poe, as he is preparing for his first parade as a Roadster.

June will be our first attempt at fundraising, with the assistance of the Motor Club, allowing us to participate in a display of cars at their annual car show for the kids to enjoy.

We'll see ya at the next parade!



Editor's Note:

The Red Roadsters inspire many, but most importantly, the children who watch them in parades or displays. As in the picture above, the young lad is watching as the grown men in the photo work on these beautiful scaled-down replicas of a 1930s Model A Roadster. I have no doubt that as he watches, his mind inevitably goes to being in the driver's seat, performing his dad's routine in every practice or parade. Some would say, what good is that? I would say it teaches a young lad to mimic his father to find the social cohesiveness he will want as an adult and we will need as a society.

As my grandkids would say, Red Roadsters, you're the bomb!



Alzafar Shrine Desert Knights
By: Jerry Granato

Hello to all the good people of Alzafar. The Desert Knights wish everyone well and hope this summer brings good times for all to enjoy. With the school year coming to a close, it means vacation days ahead. So thankful everything is getting back to normal and we're able to gather with family and friends again. We had fun participating in the Cornyval parade in Helotes. After the Memorial Day Parade in downtown Bandera, we traveled to Camp Alzafar for camp opening. Our group plans to attend the AMC Car Show in the SASA parking lot June 4th. It's truly a pleasure seeing everyone participating and enjoying all the fun activities this year.

The Desert Knights would like to invite you to our next unit meeting in July (no meeting in June). We meet on the third Wednesday of each month in the Director's Room at 7:00pm. If you arrive around 6:30pm, you can join us for some fellowship and a great meal prepared by our Damsels. The ladies are always welcome at our meetings.

Happy Birthday wishes to Gini Hockman, Nyree Cavazos, Carmen Loera and our Treasurer, George Garza.



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

TSA at Fort Worth has finally arrived. I understand Alzafar will be well represented by Nobles competing with their units and attending events with their ladies. So don't forget to come out and show your support for the Shotgun Unit (aka Smokin' Clays) during our most extensive shoot of the year.

We'll compete on Thursday, June 8th, shooting sporting clays starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Alpine Shooting Range. Please put the following address in your GPS and come out and cheer us on 5482 Shelby Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76140.

Alzafar is expected to field the most shooters from all Temples competing, as we'll be entering three teams. We need a little support from some smiling faces to help us bring home the trophies. Hope to see you all there.

Our stated meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Shotgun Room (formerly the Roustabout Room). Ladies are always welcome. We'll be dark in June, but you can join us on July 10th for our next meeting. Be sure to come early as our Honorary Third Vice and Chief Chef, David Hadley, always serves up a delicious meal around 6:30. And as PP Terry Zittle would remind us, "Keep your powder dry, and as long as there is lead in the air, there is always hope!"

Attention Masons! Did you know that by joining the Shriners, you can continue to uphold the values of brotherly love, relief, and truth while also having fun and fellowship with like-minded individuals? As the founders of Shriners Hospitals for Children, we have established a world-renowned healthcare system that provides top-quality care to children in need. With nearly two hundred Shrine Centers in several countries and thousands of clubs around the world, you can become part of a community that supports this unique philanthropy. Join us and make a meaningful impact in the lives of children while enjoying a fulfilling and rewarding experience with your fellow Shrine-Masons.

Shriners at the Border: Brothers Helping Children

May 14, 2023 Shriners Children's Texas

<https://www.shrinerschildrens.org/en/news-and-media/news/2023/03/shriners-at-the-border>



Medical staff prepare to transport Fernando to Shriners Children's Texas

As the ambulance doors closed, nearly a dozen Nobles of Shriners International – from both Mexico and the United States – gathered closely around and silently formed a line, each man laying a hand on the side of the ambulance and resting a hand on the shoulder of the man in front of him. They bowed their heads and silently prayed for the safe transport and speedy recovery of the child inside, who would soon be on his way to Shriners Children's Texas in Galveston.

On Valentine's Day, 20-month-old Fernando was playing at his family's home in Coahuila, Mexico, while his mother was boiling a pot of water nearby to make tamales. What followed was an accident all too common in households with small children; the pot of boiling water tipped and spilled on him. His parents rushed him to the local hospital, where they learned that Fernando had sustained serious burns over 35% of his body. After getting him stabilized, the team at the local hospital suggested he go to Shriners Children's Texas in Galveston, the only verified pediatric burn center in the state of Texas.

Having never heard of Shriners Children's, and knowing it was across the border in Texas, Fernando's parents were worried about how they would get him there for the high-level treatment he needed. They didn't worry for long.

"The local hospital coordinated with Shriners Children's and arranged our travel to the border with the help of the local Shriners in Mexico and a group of Shriners in Texas," Fernando's mother, Valeria, said. "We had never heard of Shriners Children's before this, but Shriners in Mexico and Texas made it easy for us and made all the arrangements.



Alzafar Shriners pray over Fernando's ambulance common in Shriners everywhere," he said.

The Laredo Shrine Club, a club of Alzafar Shriners based in San Antonio, stands at the ready to coordinate with their brothers across the border in Mexico to transport patients.

"We work as a team across international borders to ensure safe travel for these kids," said Rick Reyes, Potentate of Alzafar Shriners. He praised the quick communication between Alzafar Shriners, the Laredo Shrine Club and their brothers in Mexico. For Reyes, the accomplishment spoke not only of their effective collaboration, but also to their shared compassion, friendship and collective willingness of spirit to help those in need. "All these attributes are

When Fernando and his family arrived by ambulance at the Juarez-Lincoln Port of Entry Bridge in Laredo, the Shriners were there to witness his arrival and pray over him. "We are incredibly grateful to have played even a small part in helping that family," Reyes said.

Once the family arrived in Galveston, Fernando received the highly-specialized care he needed for his burns, as well as compression garments to prevent further scarring. Fortunately, he did not need surgery or skin grafts, and after about 10 days, Fernando and his mother were able to return home to Mexico with a great outcome, and to continue to heal.

"Having the opportunity to assist in any way possible, it goes a long way. That's what we do as Shriners," Reyes said. "We're wearing the Fez. That's the common denominator. Whether you're in America, in Mexico, or another country, you see that man wearing the Fez and you know they'll do everything they can to help you."



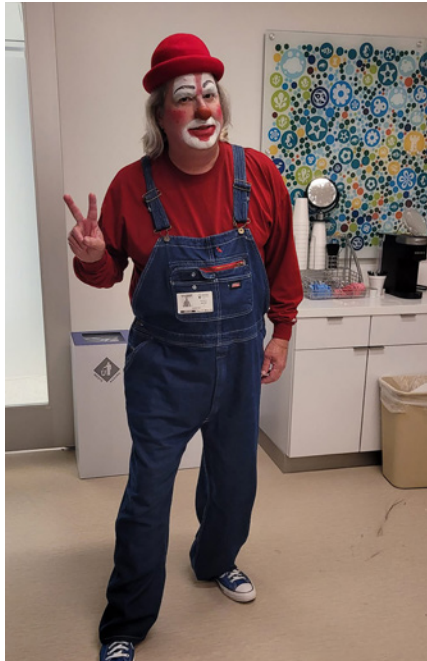
Medical staff transfer Fernando to the ambulance that will take him to Shriners Children's Texas



This month's noble spotlight is on one of our extraordinary members. Russ Brown is one of our most active and caring Shriners at Alzafar. Russ is a Shriner's Shriner and a valuable asset to Alzafar. As the current Membership Chairman for our Shrine, Russ has done a fantastic job over the last few years getting Alzafar on track regarding membership. As one of the founding members

of our Brews Brothers, Russ has implemented a free spirit environment which has led to the group's rapid growth.

As a new novice clown in our NEMNUF unit, Russ visited our Galveston hospitals recently to spread happiness and love with the children in our facility. Most importantly, as an excellent friend, Russ has challenged me and continues to encourage me to be a better version of myself in all that I do.



Where are you from? I am originally from Sylmar, CA.

When did you join your blue lodge? Oxo Boxo Lodge #116 in Montville, Connecticut. I joined on March 20th, 1998.

What roles have you played in your blue lodge? I was the Worshipful Master of Charles W. Anderson #1413 in 2020.

What's your profession? I am a retired Chief Sonar Technician United States Navy. I am currently an instrumentation technician.

What's your favorite thing to do with the Shrine? My favorite thing to do at the Shrine is to go out to camp and have fellowship with my brothers, friends, and family. Describe the Shrine in three words. Family, Philanthropy,

and Fun.

If you could be any animal, what would it be and why? Dolphins, because I love the sea. If you could give any new noble advice, what would it be? Visit every unit that you have an interest in but only join two. Give yourself time to acclimate to those two and then venture out.

What are your goals as a Shriner? As the current Membership Chairman and a Noble of Alzafar, I am and will always remain committed to our organization's growth and forward progression.

What is your favorite Shrine memory? I Watched my son Willie "Beast" Brown be initiated into the Shrine.

Found on Social Media

A Shriner's Sentiment for his son

By Ruben Bazan, III



To my dearest son on his first birthday,

Even as a writer, I find it difficult to find words that fully encapsulate the wonderful feeling of being your father. A wave of emotions bombards my thought process, but I fear not, for this is precisely what love does to a person.

You will always hear me say that life is a journey. Twelve months ago, you came onboard and joined our family, rocking the boat in ways we never would have imagined. We set sail and navigated those waters once again, without knowing precisely where those seas would take us. Were we afraid? Absolutely. However, and as with your brother, your presence here was the culmination of years of hard work, a tremendous amount of faith, and a firm belief that God will be guiding us every step of the way.

Because of you, our hearts grew even further. Because of you, our family is now even more complete. Because of you, our ship has a new direction. This is precisely why I call you El Capitan.

Before your mom and I were married, she once

told me that her wish was for our children to look more like me instead of her and it is the most beautiful thing anybody has ever told me. She knew I wanted children badly, and that wish was granted when your brother was born. I'll admit, he does look like me.

However, things changed when you arrived. You overwhelmingly look like your mom, a beautiful, wide-eyed woman who embodies refinement and elegance, and I love seeing the resemblance between the two of you. You were born on Mexican Mother's Day, and you were a perfect gift for her. It landed on a Tuesday that year. There's a fortune-telling nursery rhyme from the 1800s that supposedly describes a child's character based on the day of the week they were born. "Tuesday's child is full of grace" it says, and I have no doubt in my mind that it will ring true forever. You have something I always wanted – a brother. He has displayed an enormous amount of love towards you, almost as if he knew how much you were wanted on our ship. He, too, was born on a Tuesday.

You never met my father. At least not here. He passed away a few years before you were born. Had you met him, you would've known that his grandchildren were his pride and joy. For a while, I was sad that you were never going to meet him. However, I found solace knowing that, since you were sent from heaven, you probably spent some time with him up there before making your way down here. I'm sure he taught you how to play golf and the guitar.

Your laughter is one of the greatest sounds I have ever heard, and you shake with excitement when I toss you up in the air. Thank you for making us smile and for reminding us that life is beautiful.

They say change is the only thing in life that is constant. I agree. You changed our lives, and I cannot wait to feel this love grow for you daily. If you ever ask me "Dad, when did you love me the most?" the answer will always be "today."

Happy birthday to you, my handsome, strong, awesome, playful, loving, wide-eyed, beautiful, beautiful, beautiful boy, and may God be your compass wherever it is that you go.

Lead on, my captain!



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

The Ladies Oriental Shrine started a new year in April. We had a very successful first meeting of the year. During our first meeting Princess Liz Ortiz presented to the court her list of fundraisers for this year. Please make note of these events and join us in raising the money to help with our year-end donations to help the children.

- Sale of Fiesta Medals – there are still medals available.
- June 10, 2023 – Summer Social Hosted by Lady Lotus Dancers
- July 8, 2023 – Tea Party in the Terrace Room
- August 20, 2023 – Bunco or Bingo in the Parlors
- September 2023 – Painting with a Twist
- October 14, 2023 – Old Bag Luncheon in Parlors
- November 18 – Fashion Show in Parlors
- January 20, 2024 – Casino Night in the Terrace Room
- February 17, 2024 – Fashion Show in the Parlors
- March 2023 Golf Tournament

The month of May is a busy month for LOS, we had our annual conference, Grand Council in San Diego, California. Many from the court attended this year. We all had a great time and look forward to Mid States Unit Meet in October.

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.

ALZAFAR BAND

Harold Clayton Lloyd, Sr. (April 20, 1893 - March 8, 1971) was an American film actor and producer, most famous for his silent comedies.

Harold Lloyd ranks alongside Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton as one of the most popular and influential film comedians of the silent film era. Lloyd made nearly 200 comedy films, both silent and “talkies”, between 1914 and 1947. He is best known for his “Glasses” character, a resourceful, success-seeking go-getter who was perfectly in tune with the 1920’s era America. His films frequently contained “thrill sequences” of extended chase scenes and dare-devil physical feats, for which he is best remembered today. Lloyd hanging from the hands of a clock high above the street in *Safety Last* (1923) is one of the most enduring images in all cinema.



The iconic clock scene in Safety Last (Creative Commons)

Early Life and Early Roles

Lloyd was born in Burchard, Nebraska to James Darsie Lloyd (1865 - 1947) and Elizabeth Fraser (1869 - 1941); Harold's paternal great-grandparents were both from Wales. Young Harold was named for his paternal grandfather. Harold had an older brother, Gaylord (1888 - 1943), five years his senior. Like his younger brother, Gaylord acted in motion pictures, but his career was nowhere as renowned as Harold's. Harold's father was always dreaming up get-rich-quick schemes that ended in disasters. They eventually ended up in Omaha where Lloyd had his first acting experience in a local stock company. In 1912, his father, J. Darsie "Foxy" Lloyd was awarded the massive sum of \$6,000 in a personal injury judgement after being run over by a beer truck. Reportedly on the toss of a coin ("Heads is New York or Nashville or wherever I decided, tails is San Diego"), he and Lloyd moved west. Lloyd attended East High School and San Diego High School and received his first stage training at the School of Dramatic Art (San Diego).

Lloyd had acted in various vaudeville acts in theaters since boyhood, and started acting in one reel film comedies shortly after moving to California. He soon began working with Thomas Edison's motion picture company, and eventually formed a partnership with fellow struggling actor and director Hal Roach, who had formed his own studio in 1913. The hard-working Lloyd became the most successful of Roach's actors between 1915 and 1919. Although Lloyd's films were not as commercially successful as Charlie Chaplin's on average, he was far more prolific (releasing twelve feature films in the 1920's while Chaplin released just four), and made more money overall (\$15.7 million to Chaplin's \$10.5 million).

Lloyd did many of those dangerous stunts himself, but his career was not all laughs, however. In August 1919, while posing for some promotional still photographs in the Loa Angles Witzel Photography Studio, he was seriously injured while holding a prop bomb thought merely to be a smoke pot. It exploded and mangled his hand, causing him to lose a thumb and forefinger. The blast was severe enough that the cameraman and prop director were also seriously injured. Lloyd was in the act of lighting a cigarette from the fuse of the bomb when it exploded, also badly burning his face and injuring his eye. Despite the proximity of the blast to his face, he retained his sight.

In 1925, at the height of his movie career, Lloyd was initiated in Alexander Hamilton Lodge No. 535 of Hollywood. After his Third Degree, with his usual thoroughness and energy, he proceeded through both York and Scottish

Rites, then joined Al Malaikah Shrine in Los Angeles. He took his Royal Arch Degree with his father. In 1926, he became a 32^a Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Los Angeles, California. As his movie work began to decline, he replaced it with ever-increasing activity in Masonry, especially the Shrine, becoming Potentate of the Los Angeles Temple in 1939. By the time he had stopped making movies altogether in 1949, he had become Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America, the first actor ever to be so recognized. He was installed into this prestigious position at Soldier Field in Chicago in the presence of a crown of 90,000 including then then President of the United States and fellow Shriner, Ill. Harry S. Truman, 33°. In recognition of his services to the nation and Freemasonry, Bro. Lloyd was invested with the rank and Decoration of Knight Commander Court of Honour (KCCH) in 1955 and coroneted an Inspector General Honorary. 33°, in 1965.

Lloyd died at age 77 from prostate cancer on March 8, 1971, in Beverly Hills, California. He was interred in a crypt in the Great Mausoleum at Forest Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Glendale, California.

Harold Lloyd, Sr 1946



Taken from an online Image <https://www.shrinersinternational.org/en/news-and-events/news/2022/05/harold-lloyd>



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

We have some more fun fundraisers events coming up, please join us.

June 25, 2023, 2:00pm-4:00 pm Homecoming Tea in the Alzafar Shrine parlors. Event Chair – Pr Royal Brandy Reyes Cell- 210 542-2041.

July 16, 2023, Summer Theme Dinner SAVE THE DATE (More Info to come) Chair – Pr Tirzah Geri-anne Hockman Cell- 210 373-3898. A Ways and Means fundraiser.

August 27, 2023, Bag Luncheon SAVE THE DATE (More Info to come) Chair – Pr Tirzah Geri-anne Hockman Cell- 210 373-3898 A Ways and Means fundraiser.

August 29, 2023, 6:30pm-9:00pm Bunco in the Alzafar Shrine parlors. \$10 per person and an appetizer Event Chair – Pr Badoura Gini Hockman Cell- 210-274-8257. A Charitable Giving fundraiser.

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

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

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

You could win **\$500**
by just showing up to
Our Next Meeting



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**Every Alzafar Shriner is included
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at the stated meeting when his
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*** That means Folding Money, US Cash, Benjamins**

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- #12 Alzafar \$25000*
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- 210-413-1809

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- Jimmie Victor Thurmond, J.
- James "Jim" Stillman Long
- Illustrious Sir, James W. "Jim" Todd
- Illustrious Sir, J. Phillip "Phil" Knight-Sheen

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 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
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

CANYON LAKE	3rd 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 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 Holloway*
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

JUNE

June 5th	Divan/Finance meeting	5:00 PM-8:30 PM
June 8th	No Stated. Alzafar is Dark	
June 7th-10th	TSA - Texas Shrine Association	Ft. Worth, TX
June 30th- July 7th	Imperial Session	Charlotte, North Carolina

JULY

July 4th	Seguin, Parade (optional)	8:00 AM-10:00 AM
July 10th	Divan/Finance meeting	5:00 PM-8:30 PM
July 13th	Shrine Stated meeting	7:00 PM

AUGUST

August 7th	Divan/Finance meeting	5:00 PM-8:30 PM
August 10th	Shrine Stated meeting	7:00 PM
August 19th	Shrine Ceremonial	Times & Place TBD