

Achbar

November 2023



*Alzafar is Thankful
for Our Good Nobles*

WELCOME
TO OUR
PATCH



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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
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2023 FINANCE COMMITTEE

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1 year.....Garrett Ethridge

Notice of Stated Meeting of Alzafar Shriners

The following Stated Meeting of Alzafar Shriners will be on **December 14, 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,

October is upon us, and the weather is finally beginning to gain way to my favorite time of year. The 100-degree summer months of the Texas Hill Country can be exhausting. Even more so when those months come like an Ali jab, one after the other. I love October in Texas as it relieves the heat from the pressure cooker we've all lived in. Fall in the Texas



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

Hill Country is like no other. With cooling temperatures and a picturesque playground for us to enjoy throughout the coming months, Amanda and I are encouraged by all the fun Alzafar has ahead of us as we close the year. We have four parades, a Children's Halloween and Christmas party, a golf tournament, and a Christmas car show. We are nowhere near done for the year. Please join us as we gear up to finish this year off strong.

Franklin D. Roosevelt said, "Taxes, after all, are dues that we pay for the privileges of membership in an organized society." Alzafar is our organized society; as a reminder, dues are upon us. I thought I'd share a brief synopsis of the breakdown for those who have wondered why we have dues and what they go to. Our dues cover a few different budget line items. First and foremost, a portion of the dues goes towards covering the operating costs of Alzafar. Second, our dues cover a small percentage of the annual hospital levy. Lastly, our dues go towards the member per capita tax we pay to Shriners International annually. We produce other dues, from unit/ club dues to Life Memberships, along with small fees for initiated members, associated members, and restored members. So, please help us ensure the success of Alzafar and call the office, visit the office, or go to Shriners International and honor our fraternity by paying your dues as soon as possible.

Lastly, Amanda and I would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge all the hard work of our Assistant Rabban, Noble Mike Long, his Lady Lizzie, and the entire Gala team he compiled to support this year's Annual Hospital Gala. The evening was certainly one we will not soon forget. From big band tunes to Patient Ambassadors, if you weren't in awe of or inspired by the evening, you likely weren't paying attention. Congratulations on a fantastic event.

We are looking forward to many more successes in the future. Until next time, Nobles and Ladies, we remain,
Fraternally yours,
Rick Reyes
Alzafar Potentate

Hello nobles & ladies,

Congratulations to Michael Long & his Lady Lizzy for putting on a wonderful Gala. The evening was filled with good food, music, and most of all extremely successful in raising funds for the transportation fund.

Even though we are getting close to the end of another year there is still so much to come. We still have our Children's Halloween party October 28th from 2-5 that our OG David Olivares and his Lady Luly are excited to put on. Our



Noble Marco Zuniga
Chief Rabban of Alzafar Shriners

HP&P Steve White and his Lady Hilde, have our Annual Golf Tournament on November 1st along with our Shrine memorial to be held November 19th. Mark your calendars and come out to support where you can. Next, we have our AMC unit putting on a Car Show with the Annual Toy Drive. Please help support this event and bring an unwrapped gift to help support our cause.

Finally, as we end November, I hope you have a wonderful holiday celebrating with your loved ones, Happy Thanksgiving!

In closing I leave you with this.....

“Reach out and help others. If you have the power to make someone happy, do it. Be a vessel, be the change, be the difference, or be the inspiration. Shine your light as an example. The world needs more of that.”

As always Lady Lori & I thank you for your continued support and hope to make you proud.

Fraternally yours,
Marco Zuniga

§ 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

Dear Alzafar,

I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to all the incredible volunteers, generous donors, and enthusiastic participants who made Alzafar's 100th Shrine hospital celebration a resounding success. It is because of your unwavering support that we were able to raise an astounding amount of over forty-five thousand dollars, which will be utilized to fund our transportation account with the approval of Shriners International.



Noble Michael Long
Assistant Rabban of Alzafar Shriners

But this is just the beginning. I am thrilled to announce that I have taken it upon myself to organize another remarkable event before the year comes to a close. On November 24th, Black Friday, we will be hosting a captivating car show. However, this time, our



focus will be on a toy drive for the children of our Temple, grandkids, and even the children of the general public. These toys will bring joy to their hearts during David Olivares kids Christmas Party in December. If, for any reason, you are unable to attend the event on that day, our office will gladly accept toy donations before and after the car show. David has kindly informed us that he will continue to accept toys until the toy wrapping event. Any toys that are not utilized during the party will be graciously donated to a Shrine Hospital that is in dire need.

Once again, I extend my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering support and dedication. Together, we are making a significant difference in the lives of those who need it the most while having fun!

Fraternally Yours,
Michael Long
Assistant Rabban of Alzafar

If you did not make the Roaring 20s Gala, you missed out. It was over-the-top fantastic from the start. The food, drinks, and band were some of our best in years. Our patient ambassador, Kyndal Wiseman, was inspirational and energetic. Also, big thanks to Mary Glendenning, who spoke about our Texas hospital. If you see Mike Long, tell him how much we appreciate all his hard work.



Noble Steve White
High Priest and Prophet of Alzafar Shriners

The next big event is our Golf tournament, and by the time you read this, it will be over, and all the dust will have been settled. Thank you to all our Sponsors, especially Dan and Misty Daley, for the Top tournament sponsorship and hole-in-one sponsor on two holes.

Please mark your calendars for our Memorial Service at Alzafar Shrine on November 19th at 2:00 p.m. This is a particular time to remember our brother Nobles, who passed away this year. All Shriners and non-Shriners are invited to celebrate the lives of a Brother and Noble in celebration of a well-lived life.

I hope everyone enjoys the holidays these next two months. It's a great time to celebrate with family and friends. Until I see you again, I want to thank everyone for what you do. And remember, we wake up every day knowing we made a difference in a child's life.

Fraternally yours
Steve White
High Priest and Prophet



On November 19TH @ 2:00 PM

Join Alzafar for a

Memorial Service

A Noble Celebration of a Life Well-Lived

APPOINTEES OF THE POTENTATE

ATTENTION

All Potentate appointments for 2023 will terminate at the end of the Shrine year. New appointments will be made by the Potentate Elect just prior to the beginning of the 2024 Shrine year upon the effective date noted below.

Attest: Mike Barnes
Recorder of Alzafar Shriners

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

Effective: Thursday, January 11, 2024
Beginning at 7:00 pm

At The Alzafar Shrine Temple
San Antonio Shrine Auditorium
901 N. Loop 1604 West

OFFICIAL CALL OF THE POTENTATE

Annual Election of Officers

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Election of Officers will be held at the Stated Session of Alzafar Shriners, at the time and place show below.

Mike Barnes
Attest: Michael Barnes
Recorder of Alzafar Shriners

Rick Reyes
Approved: Richard A. "Rick" Reyes, III
Potentate of Alzafar Shriners

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Beginning at 7:00 pm

Alzafar Shrine Temple

901 N. Loop 1604 W.

San Antonio, Texas

MEETING WILL BE TILED

MUST HAVE A CURRENT DUES CARD

WebFez online Image will suffice

Alzafar,

November is the month that we are reminded to thank our family and friends, especially our Creator. It is also the month that starts us into the Holiday season. We can look forward to Veterans Day on November 11, when we honor and thank our Nation's veterans. Then, on November 23, we all will spend time with our families and friends to celebrate Thanksgiving Day. Many will overeat and sleep while trying to watch some football. Then, some will wake up early to try and beat the early shoppers for the deals we see on Black Friday. One other mention is do not forget to "Fall Back" on November 5, which is the end of Daylight Savings Time for this year.

Shrine events for November include our Annual Shrine Golf Tournament on November 1. Please come out and play, or come and volunteer. This event raises money for our Hospital Transportation Fund and is always a great job from our High Priest and Prophet, Steve White. The next event is the Alzafar Car Show on November 24, our toy drive for the Alzafar Shrine. This event is always a great event that our Assistant Raban, Michael Long, puts together. Please come out and support this car show, and do not forget to bring an unwrapped toy.

I would also like to let everyone know that our Annual Children's Christmas party will be held on 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.

This month's Divan and Finance meetings will be held on October 6, starting at 5:00pm for the Finance Meeting followed by the Divan meeting. Then, we will have our Stated meeting on November 9. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely and fraternally,
David A. Olivares
Oriental Guide
David.Olivares@alzafar.org



Noble David Olivares
Oriental Guide of Alzafar Shriners



At the stated meeting in February, I mentioned that as the Treasurer of Alzafar, the position holds a lot of responsibility, and one of those responsibilities is being on all shrine accounts. That includes all the units and clubs that fall under Alzafar. This isn't done to see what you have and report back to the Potentate; instead, to protect your units and clubs. There shouldn't be any club or unit with only one signer to the account. I would ask that all units and clubs continue to add Alzafar's Treasurer to their account. This isn't an Alzafar Shrine Bylaw or request but a Shriners International Bylaw. We are simply trying to get in compliance with Shriners International. Let's try to improve the number of units and clubs adding me to their account over the next few months. If you have any questions or if I can answer any rumors you may have, please don't hesitate to reach out.

This month, we, as a nation, will celebrate Veterans Day. On this day, we honor our military veterans. It is said that "a veteran is someone who wrote a blank check made payable to the United States of America for an amount up to and including their life." That couldn't be any clearer. Judd Gregg once said, "The veterans of our military services have put their lives on the line to protect the freedoms that we enjoy. They have dedicated their lives to their country and deserve to be recognized for their commitment." To those who have served in our armed forces: I say "Thank You" for your service to our country.

As we enter the last couple of months of the year, it goes without saying that our membership has a big decision to make in December. I mean that the election of officers will be held at that stated meeting. That is when we will pick our new Oriental Guide and our leadership team. Choosing an Oriental Guide is also potentially picking our future Potentate. If you have had a desire or a calling to



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



place your name in the running, don't hesitate to contact one of the other Divan members and ask them questions about this position. That could be for this year or years to come. If you know of a Noble that would be a great fit, reach out to that individual and ask them if they have ever thought about being on your Divan.

Thank you for your continued support and trust in allowing me to serve you all on your Divan. Until we meet again, I hope you all stay safe and have a great year.

I hope you have an outstanding Thanksgiving!

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

Achbar Article – November 2023 – Recorder

Just two more months to finish 2023. The year has seemed to just rush by. The Shrine has made many improvements to its operation and is on a long journey to plan the sale, purchase, and construction of a better and more practical building, buildings, and property. After 40 years, the building is showing its age, and the cost of upkeep is pulling funds out of our savings to maintain it. The members on the committees are already hard at work meeting and discussing what will be best for the future with a lot of input from the Nobility.

As for myself, I have felt like a freshman attending my first year of school. The year has been extremely busy for me and while there have been dozens of little improvements, and some big ones, there is still a lot to accomplish. I have learned a lot but have more to learn and get better at. I can see why many Recorders have been in the position for many years. You just cannot get everything done and your goals accomplished in one year.

In October, all the Units and Clubs should have voted on their new leadership for 2024. Please submit your Officers Roster into the office by the end of the month. We look forward to working with these Officers and all the Nobility to make "Continuous Improvement" in this coming year.

Looking Forward to 24!



My Dear Nobles, Friends and My Alzafar Family,

As Thanksgiving Day approaches, I reflect on the warmth and richness this special occasion brings to our lives. It's a time to gather, express gratitude, and appreciate the blessings surrounding us. This year, more than ever, I am reminded of the profound significance of this day.

In a world filled with strife, challenges, and uncertainties, Thanksgiving is a reminder that even in the darkest times, there is always something to be thankful for. It's a day to count our blessings, big and small, and to acknowledge the strength and resilience within each of us and, significantly, in us as Shriners.

Let us not forget that gratitude is about being thankful for the good things in life and the lessons learned through adversity. There are families everywhere saying thanks for you, my brother. In a language you may not speak or a thought you cannot hear, with a tear in the eye, in many differing ways, thanking Shriners for what you have done and will continue to do. It's about cherishing the moments of joy and finding solace in embracing that thought. It's about acknowledging the kindness and compassion that we show others and others have shown us and about each of us paying it forward.

As we sit down to share a meal or a prayer this Thanksgiving, let us share our love, stories, and dreams. Let us lend a helping hand to those in need, extending the spirit of Thanksgiving beyond our own tables. Remember that our bonds are more potent than any distance that may separate us and that our collective strength can overcome any social indifference.

May this Thanksgiving be a time of unity, reflection, and renewal. May it inspire us to be more compassionate, understanding, and appreciative of the world around us. And may it remind us that together, we can overcome anything and emerge stronger on the other side.

From my heart to yours, I wish you all a warm and meaningful Thanksgiving Day. May your hearts be full of gratitude, and may your homes be filled with love and laughter.

With every bit of my love and thankfulness, I remain, yours in the faith,

Rick Reyes, II - 2010 Potentate of Alzafar Shriners
Achbar Editor



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
HONORS**

**HAPPY
VETERANS DAY TO:**

**EVERYONE
WHO HAS
SERVED**





Title: Alzafar Shriners of San Antonio, Texas:2023 Dromedary Award Winners for Social Media Excellence

In a moment of sheer elation, Illustrious Sir Rick Reyes, First Lady Amanda, and I, found ourselves at a loss for words. “We Won! We Won! WE WON!” we exclaimed in disbelief. The cause for our jubilation? The prestigious 2023 Dromedary Award in the Facebook category, recognizing the excellence in temple communications in the realm of social and digital media.

But let’s rewind a bit and delve into the story behind this achievement. Just over a year ago, during the initial meetings and discussions for IS Rick Reyes’ planned tenure, one crucial item was on the agenda: the enhancement of Alzafar’s social media presence and communication strategies. The primary goal was clear - to empower the temple with the ability to efficiently disseminate schedules, events, and vital information to our nobility. Simultaneously, we aimed to create a dynamic channel to promote our various Units and Clubs.

Following some spirited brainstorming sessions, a visionary plan began to take shape. To revamp our social media strategy, embracing a new digital approach that included regular postings and content uploads, complemented by a standout feature on our website named “The Potentate Blog.” With unanimous enthusiasm, the decision was made: We were going to make our social media presence rival the best among all Shrines worldwide.

Fast forward to today, and the results speak volumes. Alzafar Shriners’ Facebook page boasts an impressive average of 13,486 interactions per month. Our posts consistently receive an astounding 1.8K likes and comments, and they’ve garnered a dedicated following of 4.5K followers. This flourishing online community is now not only keep-

ing the nobility informed about upcoming events but also promoting our units and clubs.

This our third Dromedary Award Title Belt now adorns our Alzafar Shrine, a testament to dedication and innovation in the realm of social media and digital communication. It’s clear we are poised to continue the winning streak and we are hoping to inspire others within the Shriner community to embrace the power of social media for a noble cause.

By Luis Cardenas Sr.

Potentate Aid, Alzafar Information Technology Lead, Social Media Lead and Webmaster.



Title: The Alzafar Faris sitting tall in the saddle

The Alzafar Faris Unit is a hive of activity, with a flurry of exciting events and developments on the horizon. From the recent Faris Unit elections to a delicious Fish Fry cooking for the Provost Guard unit Event, the ongoing renovation of the Camp Alzafar bar, and the tiling on horseback of a Master Mason degree at the Maj. John B. Jones Annual Meeting, there’s no shortage of news to keep the nobility engaged and entertained.

The Alzafar Faris Unit, known for their dedication to charitable work, recently held their elections. The new leadership is poised to continue the unit’s legacy of excellence and philanthropy, promising even more dazzling performances and charitable endeavors in the coming year:

Alzafar Faris Elected Leadership

Luis Cardenas Sr. – President

Tony Lenard – Vice President

Allen Grotzinger - 2nd Vice President

Darrell Dixon – Secretary

David Hernandez – Treasurer

For lovers of great food and camaraderie, the Fish Fry cooking for the Provost Guard Unit at Camp Alzafar was a true highlight. Hosted with their characteristic flair,

this event was a delightful gathering of Texas Shriners and their families. Attendees were treated to a feast of deliciously fried fish, complemented by all the fixings. It was an occasion to savor not just the flavors but also the fellowship that makes All Shriners a close-knit and vibrant community.

Renovation work is in full swing at the Camp Alzafar bar, promising a refreshed and rejuvenated gathering space for temple members. The bar has long been a hub for socializing and relaxation, and its renovation is eagerly anticipated by all. With modern amenities and a touch of Camp Alzafar's unique character, the new bar will undoubtedly become a favorite spot for both casual gatherings and special events.

The Alzafar Faris Unit has once again stepped into the limelight. This time, they were invited to participate and ride on horseback during a Master Degree ceremony at the John B. Jones Annual Meeting on Fredericksburg Texas on Saturday October 29th. This honor not only showcases the Faris Unit's equestrian prowess but also highlights their dedication to representing Alzafar Shriners in the grandest fashion possible.

The Alzafar Faris Unit is a shining example of a thriving and dynamic Shriner Unit. The recent Faris Unit elections, the mouthwatering Fish Fry cooked for the Provost Guard Event, and the ongoing renovation of the Camp Alzafar bar are just a few examples of the dedication and camaraderie that define our Alzafar Shrine.

As we continue to excel in our charitable endeavors and provide a welcoming space for nobility to come together, The Alzafar Faris are undoubtedly poised for a bright and exciting future. Stay tuned for more updates on their inspiring journey of philanthropy and community engagement.

By: Luis Cardenas
Elected Alzafar Faris President.



In days of old, in times thus lost; tales of Scotland entice us still with legend and lore buried in an heir of truth. From the bagpipe to the kilt, from Nessie to Whisky, Scotland relinquishes from its past a montage of unique and alluring artifacts. As so it is with the varied meaning and romanticized notion of the Quaich, pronounced kway-ch (the ch sounds like that in Loch).

Ah, ya dinna kin what a quaich is? Well plop your bahookie down in a cozy chair, pour yourself a wee dram and let's have a swatch at it. The name Quaich, derives from the Scottish Gaelic word "cuach", which simply means "cup." The quaich is a two-handled drinking vessel with a round shallow bowl. Its first known use was in the Highlands of Scotland in the 17th century and may have had its origins from the likeness of scallop shells or Druid bleeding bowls. Several wooden versions have been found from the 19th century but a quaich may be found made of any number of



materials or blend of materials from wood to glass to silver. Aye, but hold on there lad. This is no wee driech bowl to pour your ginger in for a quick swally. No. It is in fact a quite bonnie thing with many a meaningful purpose.

The quaich is very much a ceremonial or celebratory piece. It has been employed by clan chiefs, lovers, friends, and even perhaps adversaries in a moment of truth and truce. Legend has it that when two men of questionable motives would meet they would share a drink in a quaich. It would act both as a vessel symbolizing peace and as a precautionary tool. Upon meeting, the host would offer the other the bowl by holding it by its two handles while passing it to the visitor who would, then in turn, used both hands to receive it. Thus, a man's hands could be seen free of any dangerous tools of war and the two could meet in peace. At times, the bottom of the quaich may have even been made of glass as to keep a wary eye on one another.

A quaich can be used in a wedding, both lovers sipping from the cup as they take their

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vows. It is a means to welcome friends into your home, a vessel of celebration at a baby's baptism, a chalice to toast in honor and any other celebratory or blessed occasion. It can be given as a gift engraved or adorned in any manner of material. It remains an object of love, friendship and unity. Grab a quail, grab a friend, have a dram and 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. 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.

Russell Ross, Highlander's scribe



Red Roadsters
by: Leo Bravo

This was a spectacular month for membership. As we enter November, we have gained 6 more members of the starting last few months with Richard Dawdy, Chase Parsons, and Lawrence Taylor. Following up with Victor Gonzales, Edwin Torres, and Jason Barker. Amazing work done by our current members showcasing passion for the unit. This brings us to a whopping 18 active members...that's a lot of Red cars to



Noble Chase Parsons of Alamo Lodge Joins us.



Noble Rick Dawdy in a very clean Red Roadster is a new member from Army Lodge.

parade in.

Being a Roadster is more than positions and titles, it's about fellowship for us. Hanging out after unit and stated meetings, weekend getaways at camp, singing out of tune karaoke, or simply working on cars together. We closed out last month with a great idea using our Roadsters for the Truck or Treat put on by our current OG, David Olivares, whom we deeply respect and love.

Bring it on November, as we close in on the holiday season and start loading up for the holiday parades.



Member of the Redroadsters Lawrence Taylor and his spouse Angelica could be found having fun at the Great Gatsby Gala

Leveraging Monthly Articles for Unit Promotion and Overall Recruitment

by Rick Reyes, II Editor

In any nonprofit organization, diverse groups of individuals come together with varying interests, skills, and passions. All Shrine Temples encourage their members to form clubs or units within the organization to foster unity and growth. These clubs are essential for providing a sense of community and a platform for members to engage with their specific interests. However, nonprofits' common challenge is maintaining cohesion and recruiting new members across all units. One powerful tool to address this challenge is a monthly Achbar article.



Why we insist you write a monthly article;

I. Building a Stronger Alzarfar:

A. Fostering Inclusivity: Monthly articles showcase each unit's diverse interests and activities, making every member feel valued and included. Highlighting different clubs can inspire the silent majority of Alzarfar Shriners to explore new areas of interest within Alzarfar and in the Blue Lodge, which receives our monthly magazine.

B. Enhancing Communication: Monthly articles are a consistent communication channel within your club, unit, or Alzarfar. Sharing updates, achievements, and upcoming events creates a sense of belonging and community.

II. Attracting New Members:

A. Showcasing

Activities:

Monthly articles provide a window into each unit's dynamic and engaging activities.

Prospective members are more likely to join when they see active and passionate clubs within the organization.



B. Highlighting

Success Stories:

Sharing stories of members who have benefited from the units can inspire potential recruits.

Personal narratives can connect with individuals who share similar interests.

III. Strengthening Organizational Cohesion:

A. Aligning with Organizational Goals:

Monthly articles can emphasize how each unit's activities contribute to the overarching mission of the nonprofit. Demonstrating unity in purpose fosters a sense of common purpose and reinforces the organization's identity.

B. Cross-Promotion:

Units can use their monthly articles to promote events or initiatives from other clubs or units.

This cross-promotion encourages collaboration and enhances the overall impact of the nonprofit.

IV. Cultivating Leadership and Ownership:

A. Responsibility and Accountability:

Assigning monthly articles to unit leaders encourages them to take ownership of their clubs' growth and promotion.

Responsibility fosters leadership skills and a sense of accountability.

B. Skill Development:

Writing monthly articles hones communication and storytelling skills among unit leaders.

These skills can be transferable to other areas of their involvement in the nonprofit. They may also transmute into your daily workplace or other nonprofits.



In summary, the importance of each unit writing a monthly article within a nonprofit organization cannot be overstated. These articles serve as powerful tools for building a stronger community, attracting new members, strengthening organizational cohesion, and cultivating leadership and ownership. By consistently promoting the activities and achievements of each unit, the organization can present a unified front that is both inviting to potential recruits and inspiring to its existing members. Ultimately, monthly articles are not just a means of communication but empowerment, uniting diverse interests toward a common goal of growth and positive impact. **Join the purpose and enjoy the camaraderie.**





ALZAFAR DIRECTORS STAFF

The Directors Staff is still chugging along, our article has been absent to long. First things first is we are happy to report we were able to perform a second section for the Shrine ceremonial! We had a few parameters to abide by and it seems all that participated had a great time. I was able to come up with some great team building activities , this is the new direction were going in . we look forward to the new style of competing.

Circus has come and gone and we were front and center selling the mini fezzes once again, our supply is dwindling and may have one more year of sales unless we find someone than can reproduce the tiny Fez. Thank you to the small but mighty crew who braved the heat to put a smile on a kids face!

The parade season is winding down but lets not sit back just yet, we have a few Christmas parades that will take place at night and the fire truck looks great all lit up. Next years parades are already getting on the books as well so don't worry there is plenty of time for you to hop on the truck and support the shrine.

The childrens Halloween is upon us and the OG had asked us to drag out our fishing pond once again. The new style Trunk or Treat seems to be a hit with the kids and families, I know I like it.

Unit elections and unit Christmas parties are upon us. Directors Staff Christmas party will take place at the shrine center on December the 9th . It will be a catered meal and hope to see all the smiling faces this year. More info next month as I get it.

That's about all I have to report for now , hopefully you will be seeing our article on a regular basis from here on out. If you care to join us 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**

As the end of the year gets closer I'm proud to report the Alzafar Shotgun Unit had an outstanding 2023. We were very competitive in our state-wide tournaments at TSA in Fort Worth and the TSSSA Mid Winter event here in San Antonio, bringing home numerous team trophies and an individual overall win. And we fielded the most shooters from any Temple across the state at both events. Our practices and fun shoots always brought out a good crowd with friends and family shooting alongside our members and Ladies. We were even able to grow our unit this year as we received several applications for membership from Nobles attending the fun shoots. Please welcome the two newest members of the Shotgun Unit, Noble Jason Barker and Noble David Hernandez, who were voted in at our September stated meeting.

And the outlook for 2024 is also looking bright for the "Smokin' Clays". We held the election of officers at our October stated meeting with Past Potentate of Abou Saad (and Past President of the Shotgun Unit) Illustrious Sir Terry Zittle presiding. Congratulations to the following Nobles who were elected and will serve as officers in 2024 after being installed at our Christmas party in December: Noble Chip Myre, President, Noble Tom Hirte, 1st V.P., Noble Sammy Hunicutt, 2nd V.P., Past President Jerry Smitha, Treasurer, Past President Bill Willis, Secretary, and Noble David Hadley, Honorary 3rd V.P. and Chief Chef. The Executive Committee also voted to grant Emeritus status to Past President Dave Jackson. A big thank you to Dave and his Lady Judy for the countless hours and tireless work they devoted to the Shotgun Unit over the years. Well deserved, Dave!

We're also looking forward to another fun filled Christmas Party on Saturday, December 2nd at the Power Plant in Seguin. We'll gather for a social hour at 7:00 p.m. with dinner (Surf & Turf) served at 8:00. Guests are asked to bring an unwrapped toy for our toy drive and a small gift for the raffle held throughout the evening. If you'd like to attend the Shotgun Unit Christmas party, please contact

me at willis.army@gmail.com.

To find out more information about the Shotgun Unit, you're invited to attend our stated meetings held on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Shotgun Meeting Room. Ladies are always welcome. 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. Until then, "Keep your powder dry, and remember, as long as there is lead in the air, there is always hope!"

Alzafar Seniors



ALZAFAR SHRINE SENIORS

By: Daniel Coburn

The Alzafar Senior's monthly meeting was held at noon in the Roustabouts room on October 5th with seventeen members and guests attending. Steve Fisk provided a delicious Campfire beef stew with all the fixings and Mary Sue Cox provided fall themed cookies for dessert.

This month's speaker was Lady Kameo Littlepage. Kameo gave a very interesting and timely review of the annual Social Security Medicare Health Insurance options that are available during this open enrollment period and some of the advantages of each. Kameo also talked about the Tri-Care and Tri-Care for Life programs and how they work with the Medicare part A and B and Medicare Advantage programs. Kameo Littlepage is willing to provide one on one consulting to any Medicare recipient to try and save money and to tailor their coverage to their needs.

The Senior's Unit meets at noon on the first Thursday of every month in the Shrine Roustabouts Room. All Senior Shriners and their Ladies are welcome to join us for lunch, dessert, and stimulating conversation. Shriners younger than sixty can become honorary members and those one hundred or older eat for free. Our next meeting will be on November 2nd. Please RSVP to join us so that we have enough food. Until then we wish everyone safe travels.

For more information, or to RSVP, contact Senior's Secretary Daniel Coburn at 830-832-5513 or at dycoburn@gmail.com.





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Event information:
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12:00 PM Noon - Parlors
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Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America Lady Lisa Pharis, High Priestess

Happy November, I am sure that October was fun for all. We would like to welcome our newest member, Venus Carter, welcome Venus. We also will be welcoming the following ladies in November, Teresa Sullivan, Misty Daily and Lizeth Carreon. 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 also had the pleasure of our Grand High Priestess, Karen Przytula, attend her official court visit with us. The banquet was great. As you can see it was a very busy month. We are still holding fundraisers.

Please make note of these events and join us in raising the money to help with

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our year-end donations to help the children. Please see any LOS member for tickets or on our Facebook page.

· November 18 – Fashion Show in Parlors (The fashion show will be sponsored by Cavenders. It will be a Western Fashion Show)

· 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
· March 2023 Golf Tournament

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.



ALZAFAR MOTOR CLUB
AMC Secretary, Steven Fisk

We did it again! Another successful Car Show was on September 30 and Wow, what a turn out. Nearly 150 vehicles were on display. They were all outstanding. Those that came and participated said they look forward to coming to the Alzafar Shrine to show their rides. That was really nice to hear.

A special Thanks to the Desert Knights for helping with parking, Mini-Wheels for cooking all day, and Red Roadsters for displaying their vehicles. Many thanks to Nobles and Ladies who assisted with registration, 50/50 raffle ticket sales and everything else.

Also Thank You goes out to our Car Show Sponsors; John Strandlie Financial Advisor Edward Jones, Alamo City Golf Cars, Mata's Concepts, Bower's Brake and Alignment,

Taco House 6307 San Pedro, Three Sisters Printing, Jerry Cowan, Tom and Rita Young, Bert Gonzalez, Steve White Family, Oscar and Margaret Flores and John and Margaret Dunn.

The Motor Club always has room in the garage and on the road for those interested in cruising along with us. Come join us on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm in Room 9 at the Shrine. Until the next time, keep your tires aired up, the gas tank full and the bugs off the windshield.

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

~~\$400.00~~

Do you Know Noble **SAM PEREZ** Tell Him, We're Sad He Wasn't There

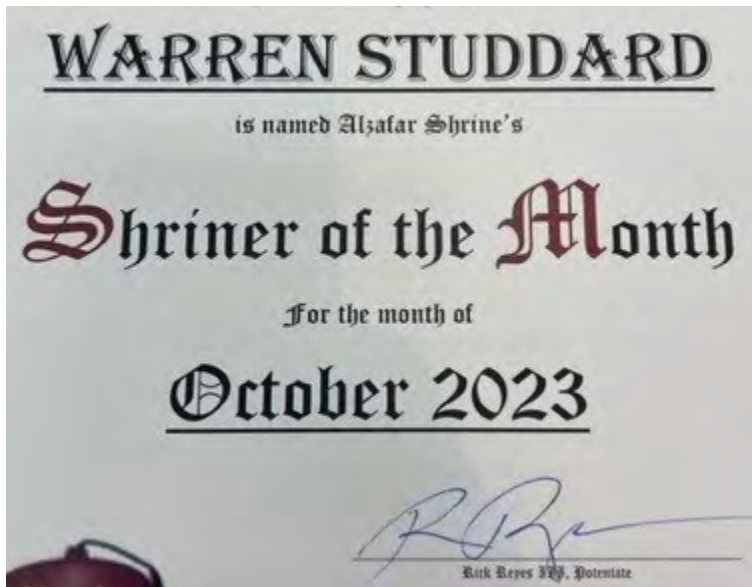
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YOU CAN WIN

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!

No Purchase Necessary. Shriner must be present to win.





This dedicated Shriner, Noble Warren Studdard, consistently goes above and beyond in his unwavering support of our fraternity and philanthropic endeavors. Over the past month, he has poured his heart and soul into organizing the upcoming Charity Golf Tournament, ensuring Alzafar's continued success. Warren's commitment is clearly evident through his near-perfect attendance at our stated meetings, unit gatherings, and golf tournaments.

His dedication extends beyond mere participation. Warren rarely misses any gathering, except this time, he wasn't present to receive the well-deserved honor of being named Shriner of the Month. Perhaps, it's better to surprise him with an Achbar article highlighting our profound appreciation for his contributions. This recognition is something tangible for him to cherish, reaffirming just how much he means to Alzafar.

Warren's impact extends far beyond our fraternity's walls. We can't quantify how many friends and neighbors have been inspired to become Masons or join the Shrine due to his influence. What we do know unequivocally is that Warren is a shining example, standing head and shoulders above his peers, drawing others toward his admirable qualities.



Noble Warren Studdard is Alzafar's Shriner of the Month

Much like the sport he adores, golf, and the principles it teaches, Warren exemplifies the unwritten rules of conduct and etiquette. Just as golfers refrain from walking on putting lines and exchange handshakes at the end of each round, Warren's behavior mirrors these values. In a world where manners and respect seem to be diminishing, Alzafar

can take pride in the lessons taught by both the Shrine and the sport of golf inculcated by Noble Warren Studdard.

For those who may question the repetitiveness of playing the same golf course, Warren knows the answer all too well. Every round of golf offers a unique experience. The conditions, the company you keep, and one's own performance make each game distinct. This is precisely why Warren's love for golf and Alzafar endures.

Warren Studdard's invaluable contributions extend to Alzafar's annual golf tournament, where his organizational skills, efficient processes, and financial support have revitalized the event. Under his guidance, the tournament has evolved into a resounding success. Warren's unrelenting dedication and commitment to our fraternity and its endeavors are nothing short of remarkable.

As we bestow upon him the title of Shriner of the Month, we know Warren may be taken by surprise. However, we have no doubt that he will accept this honor with humility, grace, and an understanding of the deep respect and brotherly love we hold for him. Noble Warren Studdard, you are our Alzafar Shriner of the Month, and your contributions are deeply appreciated and celebrated.



RUFFIANS UNIT

We added to our group with three new members. Welcome to Mitch Newstadt, Russell Flowers and Mario Zavala.

We took a short jaunt in the Hill Country to Alamo Springs Cafe. They make great hamburgers there. You get to pick out everything, the type of bun, meat, cheese and what other fixings you desire. When the meal arrives you will not go away hungry. While dining outside we got to enjoy live music from a gentleman playing his guitar and singing. He was pretty good I might say.

In November the Unit is planning an overnight ride to join up with the Sharon Ruffians for a weekend outing. This should be a good time with good folks.

Now that the weather is more favorable to spin the tires we are looking to get out and enjoy life

without suffering through the triple digits.

If you have a desire to get out we encourage you to check us out. All are always welcome and you can bring any ride you own, 2 Wheels, 3 wheels and even 4 wheels are invited. And family, especially family. We gather the 3rd Sunday of the month at Camp Alzafar at 11am.

Steven Fisk
Vice President



Alzafar Shrine Desert Knights
By: Jerry Granato

Greetings from the Desert Knights! We had a very special October meeting. George Garza, along with our group, presented Margie Flores with a portrait of her husband G.I. Flores, former Illustrious Potentate of Alzafar (2011) and former president of our group. Additional portraits



were given to their daughters, Regina and Rachel. In remembrance of our much loved and dear friend, a print of the same portrait will be displayed in the Director's Room, where we meet.



We welcome a new member, Lincoln S. Cates to our group. He is eager and ready to join our activities to include riding in the parades.

The Desert Knights look forward to the cooler weather and the upcoming events that Fall and the Holiday Season brings. We will have participated in the Trunk or Treat event and elected new officers for the pursuing year to continue our success in maintaining a solid family oriented group. We also hope everyone has a safe and blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Any other Nobles interested in joining our unit are encouraged to visit The Desert Knights meetings held on the third Wednesday of each month in the Director's Room at 7:00pm. The ladies are always welcome at our meetings. If you arrive at 6:30pm, you can join us for some fellowship and a delicious meal provided by our Damsels. Happy Birthday wishes to Ken Wilson!



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

We wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

The 2023 Texas Days in Tyler was a success! Queen Wanda was accompanied by 26 Nekodah Members and the unit performances were entertaining.

November 9, 2023, 7:00pm Session in the Alzafar Shrine parlors.

November 14, 2023, 11:30am – 1:00pm Thanksgiving Luncheon in the Alzafar Shrine Dining Room Tickets are \$15 and available from the Unit Presidents and Pr Tirzah Geri-anne. Event Chair – Pr Tirzah Geri-anne Hockman Cell- 210 373-3898 (A Ways and Means 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 June, July, and December.

We are Nekodah Strong



Alzafar Provost Guard Unit
By Tom Hirte Secretary/Treasurer

Nobles and Ladies,

The Provost Guard Unit held its monthly meeting on October 4th, 2023 with a good showing of members, ladies and guests. We had a delicious meal of a chili dogs prepared by our unit chef, David Hadley. The unit reveled in the success of hosting the Texas State Provost Guard Association Fall Invitational shoot here in San Antonio on September 23rd and 24th. Many thanks go to our ladies and the many unit members who made the event a great success. The awards banquet was held at Camp Alzafar and we had a wonderful fish dinner prepared by the Alzafar Faris unit. Our unit took second place in the B division. Third place in the C division and Boyd Scott placed 3rd in the two-handed shooting.

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.



Honor Guard **Achbar Article**

November is upon us already, where has the year gone? October was a busy month for the Honor Guard and Alzafar. Kudos to Mike Long and his team for an outstanding 100th year Gala for the Shriners Children Hospital. November usually brings cooler temperatures and more parades, Holidays, and various events. There are a lot of night parades, so we must work on getting our parade vehicles. November also brings many serious and meaningful events.

November 10th is the United States Marine Corps Birthday, Happy 226 years of serving our Great Country. This is followed by Veterans Day:

Originally known as Armistice Day, this holiday was first celebrated in 1919 to mark the one-year anniversary of the end of World War I on November 11, 1918. Armistice Day was dedicated to world peace and honoring veterans of World War I.

In 1954, after World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day was renamed to Veterans Day to honor American veterans of all wars. It is celebrated to thank living veterans for their service and to commemorate those who died in military service to their country.

Veterans Day is distinct from Memorial Day, which is observed in May and honors service members who died in service to their country. Veterans Day honors all military veterans, both living and deceased.

This is followed by November 19th the Alzafar Shrine Memorial service. All three are solemn events. Honoring our fallen but not forgotten friends and comrades.

Then there is Thanksgiving and all that food, family meals, fellowship, and football.

The Honor Guard continues to

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Continues from Page 19 grow in members, we have three new petitions to vote on and bring them in and up to snuff. We meet the first Monday of the month, meeting starts at 7 PM with fellowship starting about 6PM. Come join a meeting and get to know us as we are getting more and more younger Shriners. With our new line of officers, they have great plans for us this coming year, see who got elected:

- President-Leo Bravo
- Vice- President- Socrates Garza
- Treasurer/sectary- Walter (Ringo) Kaster
- Drill commander- Mike Jaeger



Someone came to your unit and said they wanted to be Alzafar's Potentate in 2028. They want to be elected OG, but he truly wants the top spot. When the members of a Shrine Temple elect a Noble to the office of Oriental Guide, they are virtually starting that Noble through the Divan line on the assumption that he will prove qualified for any merit achievement to the high office of Potentate. As you vote to fill the office of Alzafar's Potentate, you are handing him control of about one million dollars. Past leaders have done everything possible to make our membership believe Alzafar is a genuinely autocratic society. Imperial bylaws disagree with that notion and dictate that every Noble on the Divan, including the Potentate, work as a board of trusted advisors. Advisors to whom you might ask. They are advisors to us, the Nobility of Alzafar Shriners. Much of what they tell us is in the annual budget, which we tend to approve with a voice vote.

Are you familiar with the psychological principle called the Dunning-Krueger effect? In its simplest terms, it means that a foolish person doesn't know he is stupid. Conversely, intelligent people with an easy way to accomplish tasks believe that anyone can do what they perform so effortlessly. It is between these two that we must find our future leaders. Hence, it is pretty evident that the nominations for Oriental Guide should be based upon a thorough and accurate evaluation of character, ability, and interest. A Noble can be a good fellow, a diligent worker, and a loyal Shriner...and yet lack the essential qualifications that make a Potentate. Unless a Noble is fully qualified for the job, he is unfair to himself and Alzafar in seeking office or permitting his fellow nobles to support and promote his candidacy.

The typical starting point of Shrine leadership is the office of Oriental Guide. The following checklist may prove helpful in evaluating potential candidates for the office of Oriental Guide. However, no thinking man would be so naïve or presumptuous as to all the virtues, talents, and qualifications outlined in this checklist for the voting members' advanced evaluation of potential candidates.

Leadership:

- Executive ability.
- Business sense.
- Community standing and influence.
- Financially secure.
- Free to donate ample time.
- Capable of building good public relations.
- Good habits and moral character.
- Interest in Shrinedom.
- Ability to give and get cooperation.
- Diplomacy.
- He has full support from his wife and family.

So, let's be fair, honest, and deliberately wise in the all-important matter of electing to office only men who are eminently qualified for the job. We all know that with the honor comes responsibility. And while there is high honor associated with a Divan office, the ensuing responsibilities entail a lot of time-consuming, energy-consuming WORK! As a community service and non-profit, there are always eyes upon us as an organization; it is a fallacy to believe that Alzafar is free of bad actors. Sadly, our experience has proved this to be true. A sitting Potentate was accused, arrested, tried, and convicted by a jury of his peers of abuse so horrific as to create staggering emotions within the body of Alzafar. As an organization that stands for truth, justice, and honor, there continue to be some fully participating members of Alzafar who seek a continued relationship with such a vile individual. Yes, vile. Not because I say so but because our precepts demand it. As Masons all, we are charged with strict rules of self-discipline. Examine thoroughly the conduct of each candidate who stands for your trust.

As a would-be young politician, I had the honor of meeting and speaking to a sitting House of Representatives Speaker. He taught me a valuable lesson: that government is made by those who show up! We must be jealous of our vote and give it only to the one who would wield it wisely. The voting membership must wisely and thoughtfully exercise vigilance to perpetuate as high a caliber of leadership as is available on election night! Your vote is as important as mine. Yes, sometimes the only thing available is to warehouse the vote. Good nature speaks louder than one who seeks gain through ingratiation!

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
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



FORMER POTENTATES OF ALZAFAR SHRINERS

1916 Frank R. Newton Sr*	1970 Jack W. Cones, Jr.*
1917 Ted Millburn*	1971 Bruce Waitz*
1918 J. A. Patterson*	1972 Floyd F. Graham*
1919 Henry Rabe*	1973 Drue H. Floyd*
1920 Robert Burne*	1974 Jack O. Dietz*
1921 Sylvan Lang*	1975 H.C. Kopplow*
1922 Robert S. Michael*	1976 W.H. "Bill" Elmore*
1923 Nathan K. Tracy*	1977 Thurman Barrett, Jr.*
1924 H. W. Weber*	1978 Floyd O. Schneider*
1925 Herman Horner*	1979 Reese L. Harrison, Jr.
1926 Charles D. Hall*	1980 Burdit W. McCoy*
1927 S. X. Callahan*	1981 James V. Gullette*
1928 John Lomax*	1982 Joseph M. Clark*
1929 Henry A. Hirschberg*	1983 George D. Vann, Jr.*
1930 A.J. McKenzie*	1984 Joe Roy Hollaway*
1931 Louis P. Hartung*	1985 E.C. "Bud" Jordan*
1932 Anton N. Moursund*	1986 Sidney D. Autry*
1933 G.G. Grebenheimer*	1987 Terry McGuire*
1934 Porter Loring*	1988 James Dockery, Jr.*
1935 P.D. Mathis*	1989 George J. Labinski*
1936 Geo. F. Dullnig*	1990 James W. Todd*
1937 Willard E. Simpson*	1991 Ray Fuller*
1938 C. Baumberger, Jr.*	1992 Robert "Bob" Jett
1939 William Eifler*	1993 Emmett C. George*
1940 William H. Wallace*	1994 E.C. "Ed" Vest*
1941 Daniel O'Connell*	1995 Tom Boothe*
1942 O.J. Solcher*	1996 Jerry Krupp*
1943 Rennie Wright*	1997 Harry D. Rose*
1944 Albert A. Green*	1998 Robert D. "Bob" Green
1945 W.D. Turbeville*	1999 Robert "Bobby" Hunt
1946 Ted E. Poppe*	2000 Bob Stephens*
1947 Alfred W. Harlos*	2001 Loren Hayes*
1948 Sam A. Chapman*	2002 J. Philip Knight-Sheen*
1949 Richard Adams*	2003 Wayne R. Duncan
1950 Roy Akers*	2004 Steve R. Molnar*
1951 Glen K. Schuepbach*	2005 Stuart H. Simms*
1952 W.C. "Pat" Welch*	2006 Frank B. Hunter*
1953 Elliot J. Bilhartz*	2007 Joseph Calvey
1954 Ray H. Trimmier*	2008 Paul F. McCombs
1955 T.M. McCormick*	2009 James "Jim" Strayer*
1956 H.S. Norman*	2010 Richard "Rick" Reyes II
1957 W.B. Jack Ball*	2011 Gregorio "G.I." Flores*
1958 Floyd J. Griffin*	2012 Robert "Bob" Jones
1959 Henry W. Eitt*	2013 Tom Young
1960 Harvey McDonald*	2014 Expelled
1961 L.L. Woodman*	2015 Jay Dee Thomas
1962 George W. Henry*	2016 John Dunn
1963 Barney Norris*	2017 Gary Radvansky
1964 Jack B. Lee*	2018 Jason Triggs
1965 Robert B. O'Connor*	2019 Eric DeWalt
1966 E. Jeff Ashcraft, Jr.*	2020 Marty Bartlett
1967 D. Neal Talley*	2021 L. Travis Elmendorf
1968 Wm. H. Ferguson*	2022 Robert M. Norman, II
1969 Keith Gerstner*	

ALZAFAR SHRINERS WHO ARE FORMER POTENTATES OF OTHER SHRINE CENTERS

1964 Roy Reynolds*	(El Bekal Shriners)
1970-71 Eldon O. Wesner*	(Anezeh Shriners)
1979 Ray Robinson	(Suez Shriners)
1981 Donald Garrido*	(Abou Saad Shriners)
1983 David Martin	(Suez Shriners)
1998 Terry Zittle	(Abou Saad Shriners)
2012 Rick Oberg	(El Zagal Shriners)

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As we continue to move through the year we will look to have days added or subtracted. Please send in your unit event ASAP:

2023 Master Calendar

Nov 1st	Alzafar Shrine Charity Golf Tournament	Canyon Spngs GC 12:30 T-off
Nov 6th	Divan & Finance meeting	5:00 PM-7:30 PM Conf. Rm
Nov 8th-12th	Mission in Motion Trip	Mexico City Hospital
Nov 9th	Shrine Stated meeting	7:00 PM-9:30 PM SASA
Nov 10th	Achbar articles due to Editor	alzafarshrineachbar@gmail.com
Nov 11th	Veteran's Day Parade (Ladies & Family)	10:00 AM-12:00 PM SAT
Nov 17th	Shrine Employee Thanksgiving Luncheon	11:00 AM-1:00 PM Parlors
Nov 18th	Alamo Heights Night Parade	3:30 PM-5:30 PM Alamo Hts
Nov 19th	Shrine Memorial Service	2:00 PM-4:00 PM Terrace Rm
Nov 24th	Toy Drive Car Show	6:00 AM-4:00 PM
Nov 25th	Christmas in Comfort Parade	5:00 PM-7:00 PM
Nov 29th	Officers Call	7:00 PM-8:00 PM SASA
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	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 Conf. Rm
Dec 14th	Shrine Stated meeting - Election of Officers	7:00 PM-9:30 PM SASA
Dec 15th	Shrine Employee Christmas Party	11:00 AM-1:00 PM Parlors
Jan 8th	Divan & Finance meeting	5:00 PM-7:30 PM Conf. Rm
Jan 10th	Achbar articles due to Editor	alzafarshrineachbar@gmail.com
Jan 11th	Shrine Stated meeting (Installation)	7:00 PM-9:30 PM Ballroom