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NOBLE ROBERT M. NORMAN, II
ELECTED POTENTATE OF ALZAFAR SHRINERS



Noble Steve White
Elected as Oriental Guide

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Notice of Stated Meeting & Installation of Officers

The following Stated Meeting of Alzafar Shriners will be **February 10, 2022** at 7:30 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 2022 DUES CARD 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.

Thomas D. Leverett
 Recorder: Thomas D. Leverett

Robert M. Norman II
 Potentate: Illustrious Sir, Robert M. Norman, II



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

Happy New Year Alzafar!!! As I write this article, I can't help but think about the past four years and the challenges, friendships, and experiences we have made serving you all. We cannot thank you enough for the continued support and trust you all have given us throughout our journey on your Divan. We tried every day to do our best in all we have done. We can only hope we have made you all proud. We are humbled and honored to have the continued opportunity to lead and serve Alzafar Shrine in the coming year. We understand you have entrusted us with a huge responsibility, and we don't take it lightly. My most faithful hope is that we have succeeded in the task thus far. We will continue to strive to be the best that we can be for the nobility and the children that we serve. Thank you all so very much!!!

We are looking forward to seeing what the future holds as you have now elected us as the Potentate and First Lady of Alzafar Shrine for 2022. We can promise you all that we will continue to go the extra mile while representing and serving you to the best of our ability.

As a refresher to some, and new information to others... I would like to share with you a short story. When I served my lodge as Junior Warden, I accompanied my then, Worshipful Master to the York Rite College, Masters Reception for new Worshipful Masters. The guest speaker, which was a brother, said to the Worshipful Masters, "I challenge you new Worshipful Masters to be a stepping stone and not a stumbling block." I took this to heart. The year I was given the honor to serve my lodge as the Worshipful Master, I promised the members that I would be a stepping stone for them. I made the same promise when elected to your Divan in 2018. I will continue to lay stepping stones while on this journey and leave something better for the future. I believe, so far, we have done just that. This year we will continue to lay stepping stones as we

navigate as Potentate and First Lady. We will ensure that the membership will not regret the opportunity they have given us to lead Alzafar. We have promised every year; that we will do our best not to let you down, knowing that we would not allow ourselves down.

Alzafar is going to be in full swing this year. Please join us at the February stated meeting to hear some of the year's fun and exciting things we have planned. A great way to look at it is in our motto; "It's all about you in 2022."

We look forward to having the opportunity to sit and visit with you all really soon. If there is something we can do for you or you have suggestions for us, please do not hesitate to stop and talk with us when you see us, give us a call, or even an email if that works best for you. Thank you again for allowing us to lead.



Lady Tiffany Norman
First Lady of Alzafar Shriners

First Lady Feature

Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step." As four years have gone by, in nearly the blink of an eye - we are faced with new challenges and opportunities this year. Our newly elected Divan is here to lead Alzafar to great successes. With those successes, defeat will come from time and time again, but I have no reservations that they will take the first step to get back up and keep trying. As Alzafar's First Lady, the help of the other amazing Divan ladies, and our families... we will represent it with great pride. There's BIG things to come this year.

Be sure to come to February's stated meeting for the latest and greatest! Be on the lookout for the Divan lady adventures each month... found here! Fellas, please share our information with your ladies. We would love to get them involved!!



Noble Richard A. "Rick" Reyeys, III
Chief Rabban of Alzafar Shriners

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year Alzafar!

It has been an amazing year for all of us. From starting the year not quite sure how it would go to ending the year with an amazing party, this will most certainly go down as a year to remember. As we move into 2022, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank our Illustrious Sir Travis Elmendorf and Lady Brenda for their tireless dedication to our fraternity and philanthropy. Amanda and I have learned so much from them and we want to wish them all the best as they leave the board. Amanda and I would also like to welcome Steve and Hilde to the board. I'm very excited to work with them over the coming months. As for Amanda and I, we are anxiously gearing up for a year to remember. We have so much planned in 2022 so make sure you keep your eyes and ears open, so you don't miss what happens next.

Speaking of what's happening next... the website calendar has been recently updated so if you have questions on what's to come, keep your eyes peeled to our site as we plan to keep y'all up to date in 2022. We've also decided to add a couple of new additions as well. First, its unfortunate that at some point we all go to that celestial lodge above however, its even more unfortunate when our nobles and their families don't know about it and therefore don't pay their respects. Because of this, we've decided to add a page to the site which will contain any information for funeral services for our nobles. If you happen to come across this information, please ensure you let me know so that I may update our website. The next addition is for our nobility to let us know what they have going on. If you have an event and want us to put it on the site, just send me what you want on the site and I'll make sure it gets updated.

Lastly, as I finish up the

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tailings of the Gala, I wanted to send a huge shout out to everyone that assisted in making this an event to remember. From setting up to gathering items, to implementing the event, we could not have asked for a better team. We raised much needed funds for our hospitals and each of you who were able to participate in any form should be very proud of your efforts. Again, Amanda and I are so very thankful for all of you.

Fraternally, Rick Reyes



Noble Mike Long
High Priest of Alzafar Shriners

Off to a new year, thank you to everyone who came out last month and voted. Allowing me to receive more light in masonry, and the next step on the Divan. Last year was a learning experience for me, stepping out of my comfort zone walking into your units. Thank you to all who allowed me to speak within, or before your meetings. Don't worry, I'll be back with more communication this year. I will also ask all who can within their cable tow help out with various events. The biggest task this year is membership! I've been told I head up this great job. There is a huge hill to climb, as I've put a number out there for an increase. 100 new creations is that number! I cannot do it on my own. It will take all of Alzafar to meet or exceed that very huge number. I do, I do believe it can be done!

Last year Art Lorera was the number one top line signer for new nobles, and he won a 75" screen LCD TV for his efforts. This year there will be another large screen TV given away for the number one top line signer or CASH equivalent. Everyone within this fraternity is a membership director. I'll ask you to join us for offsite events, but within lodge, or any appendant bodies make it known Alzafar is always looking for new members. Invite them to your unit meetings, or stated meeting, Parade, or any questions there event Alzafar is a part of. Invite them out to camp, let them see that gem we own. It doesn't take much much to spark a conversation to a new Mason.



Noble Steve White

Oriental Guide of Alzafar Shriners
After many of years thinking about Oriental Guide I finally did it. I want to thank all the Nobles the came out to vote. I promise to work very hard for the Nobility and our hospitals. I know that we can accomplish many goals in the years to come. Together we can have fun, together we can build our membership and Together we can make a difference in a child's life. I look forward to the challenge ahead of me and very humbled to be elected to represent all nobles of Alzafar Shrine. See everyone in January and let the work and fun begin.



Noble Dennis Stevens
Alzafar Chief of Staff

I would like to start by congratulating our newly elected Divan Members! We are looking forward to a prosperous year under your guidance. 2022 starts off with a BANG and we need YOUR involvement! Your Potentate and Divan already has many events on the books that focus on our fraternity, philanthropy, and membership, but we cannot accomplish this without you. Russell Brown is taking over as Membership Chairman and will need everyone's help to ensure that Alzafar continues to grow and prosper!

The first event is the San Antonio Rodeo BBQ Cookoff, being held Jan 28-29, 2022. This is one of the largest BBQ cookoff's in the state and Alzar received a lot of love from the event when we last participated in it. If you are looking to showcase your unit to the public or are just looking for an opportunity to wear your Fez and have a great time, get with me or any Divan member for more information. This is a chance for Alzar Shriners to make its presence known to over twenty thousand people that attend this event annually!

Next, the annual Polar Plunge at Camp Alzar is on Feb 5, 2022. This fundraising event has been growing every year to include non-Shriners participating to help

support us. We need a strong showing for this event and is a great way to support our transportation fund. Russell Brown has all the details!

And then there is the George Washington Parade in Laredo on Feb 18-19, 2022. This kicks off our parade season in grand style with a celebration both Friday and Saturday night. Check with our Recorder on Hotel and additional information.

Lastly, don't forget about your Masonic Lodges! They need our support as much as we need theirs! Get involved, remain active, and share your Brotherly love and affection towards all!



SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN ALZAFAR SHRINERS GALA





Noble David Olivares
Treasurer of Alzafar Shriners

I pray everyone had a great Christmas and a very Happy New Year! May everyone in our families be prosperous and healthy in 2022.

We have a new slate of officers getting ready to commit their time to make Alzafar stronger than ever. Congratulations to each one of these officers and may God be with us all in our everyday life. A special congratulations to Noble Steve White on being chosen as our Oriental Guide. As he begins his journey on the Divan, we all wish him well. I can only see more great things coming from our Divan with his addition to our team.

Congratulations to Illustrious Sir, Robert M. Norman II and his lady Tiffany as they begin their year as our guiding lights for 2022. I pray that God holds you close and gets us all through another successful year.

I would like to thank the Nobility for once again entrusting me with the honor of being the Treasurer and CFO our Alzafar Shrine. I am humbled by this and promise to perform my duty as your Treasurer.

I would also like to thank you for your support in getting our accounting processes in order. We are well on our way to getting everything resolved and putting processes in place to protect YOUR assets! Thank you, Noble Andy Libby, for all of the time you have given Alzafar to get this part of our Shrine in order. It is under your direction we have made huge strides in accounting processes. Nobles, please thank Andy the next time you see him he has been a huge asset to Alzafar. This Noble has dedicated so many long hours in our office and at home getting our records straightened out. Also, a special thank you goes out to Delilah for allowing us to have so much of Andy's time.

Once again, I will remind everyone as I have in almost every Achbar submission I have had over the years.

This is YOUR Temple and YOUR Board of Directors/ Divan. Do not forget our Finance and Divan Meetings are open to the nobility. This is a good place to see the direction, we as your Board of Directors, are taking YOUR Shrine. Also, you can see how YOUR treasury is doing.

Until next month, have a blessed January and we hope to see you out at our next Stated Meeting.

Sincerely and fraternally,

David Olivares

alzafartreasurer@gmail.com



Recorders Corner:
Tee-Bone Tommy Leverett
Recorder to the Stars

Goodbye 2021 and Hello 2022. Time flies when you are having Fun. If you are not having fun as a Noble of Alzafar you are not doing it right. In my humble opinion the Shriners represent the Greatest Fraternity of Men in the World. It is not just the men, it's the Ladies in their organization like Nile, L.O.S. and Eastern Star that also work tirelessly for the children in our Shrine Hospitals. If you are new to Alzafar, come drink a cup of coffee with me and let me help you find your place. We all have talents come share yours with us.

Congratulations to all the newly elected officers and the appointed officers that our newly elected Potentate will appoint. We are truly blessed to have two very qualified Nobles that ran for Oriental Guide this year. While Steve White won the final count our sincere hope is that Stu Huffman will run again in 2023. Both men will make our Board of Directors stronger, run more efficiently and bring a wealth of business knowledge to the table.

We should end 2021 with rental income of \$602,905 and start 2022 with \$563,575. As you can appreciate, we need every dollar to keep the place looking good for our Rental Clients and our Members.

Camp Rentals are again due by March 1, 2022 and

the Assessment is due by June the first. Please remember the 1st not sometime during the month, not the end of the month, the 1st of the month. You can pay them together or separately, now or on the due date. We simply wanted to give our Cabin and Trailer owners a little extra time since all membership are typically due by December 31th. Call Lisa to make payment arrangements at 210-496-1625.

Before I sign off (that sounds permanent) I want everyone to say "Thank you" to our Past Potentate Rick Reyes II. Rick continues to share his talents helping us with design layouts for our events and he spends a lot of time putting together our Imperial Award Winning Achbar. At some point we will be forced to go digital and get away from a Hard Copy Newsletter. But until that time I love reading and displaying the Achbar on my coffee table. Thank you for everything you do for us PP Rick.

Come out and join us for the next Shrine Event or parade and see why I say "Alzafar Rocks".



Aw Shucks Tommy



**Highlanders
Pipes & Drums**

The Alzafar Highlanders will also be hosting our annual Robert Burns Night Pot luck on Jan. 29, 2021. In honor of our Irish cousins, we will be hosting Whiskey Tasting night on March 12, 2021! This will be held along with the raffle of a 31yr old Scotch!

Want to join the longest running & #1 Shine Pipe Band in Texas? (We are ranked 2nd internationally.) Come visit us any Wednesday night @ 6:30 in Room 9. We are always looking for brothers who are interested in Pipes, Drums, Kilts, Whiskey or anything Scottish!

Bobby Packer
Highlander Chief
rpacker_1999@yahoo.com



Where the Sun does Shrine



Join us for the Winter Plunge!

Always a lot of fun. Please join us at Camp Alzafar, February 5th, regardless of the weather, to raise money for the transportation fund. Last year was a huge success and it gets bigger and better every year. More details to follow.

*Beer Tasting at the Rodeo
BBQ*

Who doesn't love a Rodeo! To make the event even more memorable stop by the Brews Brothers Beer Tasting bar at the BBQ January 28th and 29th. There will be up to 10 beers on tap for your tasting pleasure. From old standards to a few new concoctions, this should tickle your palate. We love to talk beer so if you have any question please ask away.

Thanks to our Master Brewer

I would personally like to thank our Master Brewer this year, Russ Brown, and all the Brews Brothers members who make this cadre a joy to be a part of. Whether a seasoned brewer or just "beer curious" I encourage you to join in the fun and learning about beer and the brewing process.



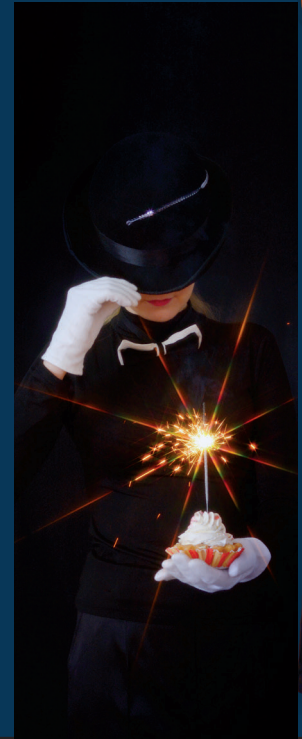
Happy Birthday Nobles OF JANUARY

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 Matthew T Hite
 Thomas E Morgan
 Jose Angel Flores Jr
 Richard A Reyes III
 Douglas L Field
 Wilbur W McGinnis
 Paul E Dawson
 John Edward Voss
 John Charles Lee
 Chris R Jennings
 Thomas P Green
 Richard N Thompson
 Reese L Harrison Jr
 Charles P Smith
 Enrique N Ceballos
 Joe Villarreal
 Robert C Harris
 William B Sessums
 Joshua L Alcocer
 Robert P Littlepage
 Bradley E Kohanke
 Jaime Garza
 William D Armstrong
 Cecil D Robison
 William D Twilley
 David W Reynolds
 David A Walker
 Walter R Benton
 Lloyd K Randel
 Orval Gene Ward
 John W Schuepbach

Jimmie B Black II
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 Ronald W Baker
 William D Bailey
 Brady J Johnson
 Michael A Fellows
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 Otis Eugene Radford
 Leo E Mc Ree Sr

Jack F Gerson
 Dennis E Thole
 Roy Danford Jr
 George F Robbins Jr
 Gary W Rogers
 Casey W Scruggs
 John L Dwyer
 Willard D Craft
 Glenn J Chase
 Joshua Finley
 Louis R Bauer
 Jon D Long
 Juan R Lira Jaime
 Charles E Weimer
 James A Wheeler
 Thomas M Ponce
 James A Halvorson
 James F Zeman
 James W Leinweber
 Robert E Bruce II
 Thomas S Tomlin
 Edward J Mueller
 James E Stimson
ROBERT J HUDSON
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 Harrison S Reed III
 Raul Davila Jr.
 Larry Wallis
 Stuart Huffman
 Darrell W Dixon
 Michael A Sluiter
 William D Morgan
 Scott A Mabrito

Jaycy B Castillo



**NEKODAH
 TEMPLE**

**NUMBER
 44**

Nekodah Temple No. 44
 Daughters of the Nile
 Queen Margie Flores

Another year has come to a close.
 We can forget our troubles and woes.
 For all, this year was tough.
 It brought many emotions, was tearful and rough.
 Now another year is approaching fast.
 Let's hope it's a New Year with love and health; let's hope
 it's a blast.
 May all of your dreams come true
 And you find peace and love in all that you do.

May this world know the gentle sound of a hush.
 May it calm all its anger and slow its pace from the rush.
 May we all hear the sound of joy
 And push away all that hurts, that destroys.
 The New Year we hope will be good to us all.
 Care and calm, a helping hand when we fall.
 Listen more, slow down, and say I love you.
 Stop for a moment; take a breath, take in the view.
 Appreciate your family; tell them you care.
 Do something exciting, a thrill or a dare.
 Enjoy all that the New Year may give.
 We have but one life, so let's learn to live.
 It's a New Year, a brand new start.
 Always remember, live and love from your heart.
 Wishing each and every one a year to behold,
 And may it be full of wonders for you to unfold.
 Love, hugs, and kisses too...
 A very happy New Year from us to you.

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. Peggy Songer, PQ. Charlie Bedgood, Pr. Rita Young and Pr. Regina Beseth

honorary members and those 100 or older eat for free. Our next meeting will be held at noon on January 6th, 2021.

For more information, or to RSVP, contact Secretary Daniel Coburn at 830-832-5513 or at dycoburn@gmail.com. We look forward to having you join us.

We are Nekodah Strong



ALZAFAR SHRINE SENIORS

By: Daniel Coburn, Secretary, 12/02/21, 11:45

The monthly meeting of the Alzafar Senior's with 16 people attending was held in the Roustabouts room on December 2nd at noon. The meeting was opened by President, Albert Pike. Due to time constraints, we moved directly to the Installation of Officers for 2022.

What a year this has been. We managed to get back into putting the rubber to the road and doing the things we love to do. A brief recap is in order; 2 Car Shows, 3 Children's Partys, 1 Circus, 3 Parades (possibly 2 more, but since this is written in advance these haven't occurred yet), 2 Sweetheart and Ladies Dinner Meetings, and a Christmas Party coming up. Not to mention the untold number of smiles and waves from people we got to meet and talk to who enjoyed our vehicles, our participation in "their" event and most importantly, thanking us for doing what we love to do - Being Shriners!



Left to Right, Installing Officer, Alzafar Potentate, Illustrious Sir Travis Elmendorf, 2022 Seniors President Ralph McLeod, Vice President Roger Cockrell, Treasurer Joe Estlack, and Secretary Daniel Coburn

Not too bad of a year I'd say. There were twists and turns throughout the months, especially for the parade calendar. Weather and the lingering Covid Cloud caused us to change course sometimes, but through it all we kept rolling along. Some old cars were retired and some new ones added. In the end AMC kept their engines running.

To keep this pace up took the efforts of the Club's great drivers and mechanics along with the Crew Chief, President Ken Whited. However, and more importantly, we must thank our sponsors. They really help make a difference. In no particular order a round of applause, a tip of the Fez, and a bow to the following;

Following the Installation, the attendees enjoyed a delicious holiday themed ham dinner with dessert provided by Rose May.

It was noted that on 11/21/21 our long-time member Past Potentate Donald Garrido passed away and that Lois Lorch had been hospitalized but is now at home and feeling better.

The Shrine Seniors Club meets at noon on the first Thursday of every month, usually in the Alzafar Shrine Parlors 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

- Jon Strandlie, Financial Advisor with Edward Jones
- Katie Greenman, EXP Realty
- Gateway Motors
- Charlie Bedgood
- The Zuniga Family
- Tom Young
- Steve White
- James Hoyo
- The Whited Family
- The Fisk Family

2022 is just a few laps away and the Motor Club

will be celebrating 60 years of miles of accomplishments. I was just about 4 years old then and starting to play with my Tonka Trucks and metal cars. Little did I know my destiny was to join the Motor Club so I could play with my “toys” in my older childhood.

The road ahead is inviting and beckoning us to see what is over the next hill and around the next curve. So to all you drivers and passengers, too, the Alzafar Motor Club wishes you a Merry Christmas and and Happy New Year!

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GREEN DESIGNEE

YOUR TURN AND CLASSIFIED



Greetings all!
 Today is the day after the Alzafar OG's toy drive car show, and what would have been my father's 80th birthday, and tomorrow is my oldest grandson's 16th birthday. I've spent the morning

reflecting on all this and the fact that we (Alzafar Motor Club) are 2 months into our 60th Anniversary year. Wow, you are pro'ly thinking and rightfully so. I do not look like a person that thinks that much. LOL! Sometimes it is truly a curse. So here I am wanting to share with you my reflections, and know that I spent some time in our room at the Shrine doing this.

In 1870 the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine began at the Knickerbocker Cottage in Manhattan. In June 1920 at the Imperial Council Session the Fraternity voted to establish the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children, the start of our philanthropy, and the first hospital being Shreveport in 1922. That is 50 years between the inception of the Fraternity to the inception of our philanthropy. Wow! In 1916 Alzafar Shrine was chartered, and in 1961 the Alzafar Antique Carriages was established; only 45 years difference. Since, the Antique Carriages have changed their name to the Alzafar Motor Club to be more inclusive of other members' vehicles such as two- and three-wheeled vehicles, but our passions remain the same. The passions of helping our children in our hospitals and the smell of gasoline, oil, and burning rubber. So while in our room reflecting on the 60 years of the club, I noticed several things from Bill Rhame's 1929 Ford Model A Special Coupe, Roy Hallstrom's 1930 Ford Model A Four Door Sedan, and Dale Rice's 1985 Tiffany to Jerry Cowan's T-Bird convertible, Oscar Flores' 1964 1/2 Ford Mustang, and George Wilson's 1921 Ford Model T Center Door. Some very special and very impressive cars to say the least, and just a few to list.

I, also, noticed nine former Presidents of the club who stepped up to the challenges of becoming Poten-

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tates of Alzafar Shrine. In no specific order Illustrious Potentates, Gary Radvansky, G.I. Flores, J.D. Thomas, Tom Young, John Dunn, Paul McCombs, Dr. James Todd, Rick Reyes II, and Frank Hunter, and we have two members of the Divan that are running the chairs to fruition within the next two to five years. That is very impressive to say the least as well! We are tracking a Potentate from our club every seven years and will lower that to every six years within the next five years. Those are some pretty impressive numbers, and I can't think of a club or unit within Alzafar that can come close other than MAYBE the NEMNUF. Since the name change to the Alzafar Motor Club we've had one President that is a motorcycle enthusiast though I know of at least one other. Illustrious Sir J.D. Thomas, is still a motorcycle enthusiast and from what I know of him, he was an avid enthusiast long before being one of our Presidents. I seem to remember him telling me that he's had 55 motorcycles over the years, and he and Lady Valerie used to don the racing leathers and run their Ducatis on the tracks. WOW!

With all this reflection, I'm excited for the upcoming year and our 60th Anniversary! Let's get prepared to be very active this year and try a few new things! Your suggestions fall on open ears, and there is no limit to your suggestions. -Ken

The Man with the Funny Face

By: Kier Seyer

Life is a series of struggles. In the Lord's infinite wisdom, He has made remembering a vision in retrospect more like a movie than the actual events which mold a life. My father had died when I needed him most. It wasn't a failure on his part, just the failing of a weak heart in a Herculean man, by all other measures. So, by accident or design, my mother made a point of exposing my fledgling character to men of value whom she felt would positively sculpt my life.

Those measures were not then understood, as I was too young to understand them. But one thing for sure was that I was then under the tutelage of a pack of women, the four she-wolfs which ruled the den I called home. At too young an age, I was the oldest living male in my small family. Nonetheless, the classical lessons of male responsibility were maybe too well installed by the four alpha females charged with my upbringing.

In those years of my youth, I can remember many things that influenced me well beyond what was then just another day in the spring of a forgotten year and within the endless days of adolescence. In an annualized ritual, we four children always looked forward to our trek to

downtown San Antonio and the Fiesta Flambeau Parade. A night parade filled with lights and mystery amplified by the massive crowds. I still have this mental movie of my then single mom, grandmother, and with us, four little ones in tow, to find our place on the curb of a street where marvels would pass. I always lagged behind, trying as hard as I could to keep up with an ever-quickening pace as we closed in on the favorite family spot. I was so very fearful of being lost in the waves of humanity flowing into downtown. There were some close calls to the child's nightmare of being lost, yet our special place, our oasis, always appeared as predicted. It was our niche, where magical figures would reward the most vocal of children, and we were the loudest, we thought. And just often enough, we cupped out of the air an occasional candied treat, thrown from the platform of a flowered float—a mystery from a white-gloved hand, extending from the smiling grease-painted face of a clown.

I still remember that we loved the clowns! I stood for every moment, wanting to be tall for my age and wanting all who would come behind to know their line-of-sight would be impaired and to expect no less. More importantly, I would make sure I would be on my feet first as my legs would not respond as quickly as the other kids. My legs had those additional pounds of steel strapped with leather to my thighs, knees, ankles, and then to those ugly shoes, which the doctors said would make my legs and feet grow right. This one day, I wouldn't make myself small, hoping not to be noticed, as was my fate. A fate as the boy the others never picked to play on their team, the one who sat in the back of the class, he never kept up with the rest. The one in bible studies referred to as being punished with the curse of deformity for unknown sins. For me, this would be a day I would be noticed for being there and not for being different. I hated being different, a feeling which hurt more than the pain in my back and legs when I tried to keep up or play with the rest of my world.

As festive floats would capture our eyes and minds, out of the crowd meandered the bright, colorful, friendly clowns; "is that you?" not with my ears but instead my heart, could hear him say. As if he had been searching the thousands, just for me! Forgetting the years I was passed by, I longed again; yes, maybe this year would be different. Then, suddenly, that one special day would be no ordinary day. That day it was me, he chose, of the thousands waiting for the Man with the Funny Face. I know now that he may have seen my shoes, or long pants, on too hot a day. I don't know, but my heart shouted out to him and into my heart, and he must have heard my quiet prayer, said every



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night in the whisper of a child's voice. For then, as if by magic, a handful of candy appeared in one hand from the endless reservoir of his baggy pants. He offered my mother a piece of paper with the broadest smile, which I would later learn was the real, lasting treat. And, while some see a clown as just another performer, this was a unique experience and the restart of a life. Just a piece of paper taken from the baggy pockets of a Clown under whose painted face resided a Shriner.

Over that summer, my mother and my grandmother would make our way to an extraordinary place then called the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children. A place that, as a child, I believed Clowns lived at Shriners Hospitals. I saw them every time I was there, from the first day of endless examinations to the mandatory X-rays, taken on the tables, where ugly and monster-like machines would hover near me to see within the legs. I had grown to need Shriners so much. Their gift was laughter, friendship, and a calming word throughout the seemingly endless hours, then days, and months.

I cannot know how but every clown knew that I would eventually be all right. I hung on to the words and faith of every clown who visited, like a lifeline to a place called hope. The clowns would always be there until that last day when the doctors removed the anchor, which tied me to despair. In Houston, we eventually learned that my legs and the physical challenge were that one part of my young body had just grown too fast. My family and all the kids from school would soon learn that my young pliable body would grow into itself. The Shrine doctors removed the braces, and within two years, my world changed. When we tearfully said goodbye to the doctors and clowns at Shriners Hospital, I no longer saw myself as less than anyone. Gone were the braces, the suffering from sore, red, and chaffed legs. Or with wearing the funny orthopedic shoes as an albatross hung upon the spirit of an unfortunate child. For a clown had blessed me?

Within a couple of fiesta seasons, the Shrine doctors released me from the metal and leather cocoon, and I discovered myself for the very first time. In time, I became new again; the first one picked, then taller, faster, and stronger than most. I have looked for that Man with the Funny Face for all the following seasons and years. And now, it has occurred to me that all those men are the same, real men of character and moral fiber, are head and shoulders above the rest.



For Sale: Camp Alzafar Cabins

Does not include Real Property only personal property
#8 Alzafar Cabin, big covered patio, fully furnished, new wood panel on the front side, newly painted, new air conditioner, new bathroom sink vanity, with storage shed, with wifi connection and golf cart included. \$22,000
Contact Karen Morley 210-419-4788

Noble Joseph Holley is selling his Cabin Khiva #55 in Camp Alzafar. Call The Shrine Office (210-496-1625) for Contact Information

#12 Alzafar (includes a golf cart)
If interested contact Bill Mellon at 210-492-6333

A Message of THANKS

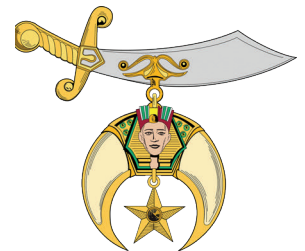
Have you thanked our Potentate for his contribution to our Alzafar Shrine, our Shrine Auditorium, Camp Alzafar, our hospitals? You may not have considered that every Potentate is under pressure from all sides and have all sorts of people pushing and pulling at them for a year and sometimes more. Many of our members fail to realize that many of those who serve are sacrificing their personal lives, intimate relationships, and even their children for all of Al-zafar.

I have an obligation to recognize our Illustrious Potentate Link Travis Elmendorf. Thank you, sir, for investing with and in us all. We know you did not have to, but you did, and we appreciate your honest, recognizable, and positive effort.

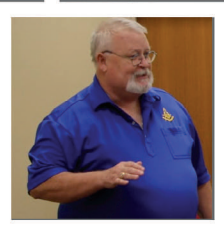
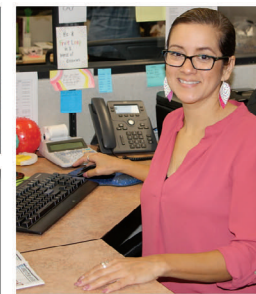
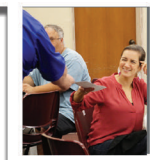
It also doesn't seem like it; however, it was almost 20 years ago that I met you at your Dad's place at camp. We were so much younger then, and I remember telling my Lady Janet that I was so very impressed with your demeanor. A few years later, we saw you and your brother Tony in action donning your Lucha Libre attire for the best chili cookoff in a very long time. I trust you know that we witnessed your yeoman's effort to face this terrible pandemic by bringing all those smiles to the varied faces in Alzafar Shrine. Less than a handful of Potentates have had to face such obstacles.

Illustrious Sir, Thank you for being you. May our Lord bless you and your dear family as you climb the ladder that will indeed lead to your horizons.

For the Nobles of Alzafar,
Rick Reyes
Past Potentate
Alzafar Shriners



Thank you luncheon for Our beloved employees





**DO I GET A DISCOUNT
CAUSE MY SON WAS
POTENTATE?**



ELECTION NIGHT 2021



**"A TUBA PLAYER A
DRUMMER AND A
FLUTIST WALK
INTO A BAR..."**



**THE OG THOUGHT
WE WERE GOING TO
STEAL HIS DITTY
BAG, BUT WE STOLE
HIS SOCKS INSTEAD**



**I DONT RECOGNISE
THAT SHRINER IN
THE NAVY BLUE**



LEGACY MAKES US ALL PROUD

Where & When Our Shrine Units, Clubs, & Masonic Lodges Meet

UNIT MEETING SCHEDULE

BAND	Each Thursday	6:30 P.M. Room 7
BREWS BROTHERS	4 th Wednesday	7:30 P.M. Room 5
BURNING SUN	2 nd Wednesday	7:00 P.M. Room 5
CABIRI	Wed. 2 nd Thru.	12:00 N As Designated
CAMP ALZAFAR	Memorial Day	12:00 N Camp Pavilion
	July 4 th & Labor Day	
CHAPARRAL	1 st Monday	7:30 P.M. Room 4
DE-MOLAY	2 nd Thursday	6:00 P.M. As Designated
DESERT KNIGHTS	3 rd Wednesday	7:00 PM Directors Rm.
DIRECTORS STAFF	2 nd Tuesday	7:30 P.M. Directors Rm.
DRUM CORPS	Each Thursday	7:30 P.M. Room 8
FARIS	As Called	Camp Alzafar
GOLF UNIT	2 nd Tuesday	7:30 P.M. Room 7
HIGHLANDERS BAND	Each Thursday	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	7:30 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	7:30 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 8
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
RUFFINAS	2 nd Sunday	Camp Alzafar
ROUSTABOUTS	1 st Wednesday	6:00 P.M. Roustabout
RV CLUB	4 th Weekend	As Designated
SENIORS	1 st Thursday	12:00 N Parlors
SHOTGUN	2 nd Monday	7:00 P.M. Directors Rm
SONS OF HIRAM	1 st Monday	7:00 P.M. Parlors
SASIRNOS CLOWNS	1 st Wednesday	7:00 P.M. As Designated

CLUB MEETINGS

BOERNE SC	3 rd Wednesday	6:30 P.M. As Designated
CANYON LAKE	2 nd Monday	6:30 P.M. Lakeside GC
FT. CLARK SPRINGS	4 th Saturday	6:30 P.M. Ramada Inn
GUADALUPE VALLEY	3 rd Monday	6:00 P.M. As Designated
HILL COUNTRY	1 st Monday	11:00 A.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
KELLY MASONIC LODGE	1 st Tuesday	7:30 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*	1969 Keith Gerstner*
1917 Ted Millburn*	1970 Jack W. Cones, Jr.*
1918 J. A. Patterson*	1971 Bruce Waitz*
1919 Henry Rabe*	1972 Floyd F. Graham*
1920 Robert Burne*	1973 Drue H. Floyd*
1921 Sylvan Lang*	1974 Jack O. Dietz*
1922 Robert S. Michael*	1975 H.C. Kopplow*
1923 Nathan K. Tracy*	1976 W.H. "Bill" Elmore*
1924 H. W. Weber*	1977 Thurman Barrett, Jr.*
1925 Herman Horner*	1978 Floyd O. Schneider*
1926 Charles D. Hall*	1979 Reese L. Harrison, Jr.
1927 S. X. Callahan*	1980 Burdit W. McCoy*
1928 John Lomax*	1981 James V. Gullette*
1929 Henry A. Hirschberg*	1982 Joseph M. Clark*
1930 A.J. McKenzie*	1983 George D. Vann, Jr.*
1931 Louis P. Hartung*	1984 Joe Roy Hollaway*
1932 Anton N. Moursund*	1985 E.C. "Bud" Jordan*
1933 G.G. Grebenheimer*	1986 Sidney D. Autry*
1934 Porter Loring*	1987 Terry McGuire*
1935 P.D. Mathis*	1988 James Dockery, Jr.*
1936 Geo. F. Dullnig*	1989 George J. Labinski*
1937 Willard E. Simpson*	1990 James W. Todd
1938 C. Baumberger, Jr.*	1991 Ray Fuller*
1939 William Eifler*	1992 Robert "Bob" Jett
1940 William H. Wallace*	1993 Emmett C. George*
1941 Daniel O'Connell*	1994 E.C. "Ed" Vest*
1942 O.J. Solcher*	1995 Tom Boothe*
1943 Rennie Wright*	1996 Jerry Krupp*
1944 Albert A. Green*	1997 Harry D. Rose*
1945 W.D. Turbeville*	1998 Robert D. "Bob" Green
1946 Ted E. Poppe*	1999 Robert "Bobby" Hunt
1947 Alfred W. Harlos*	2000 Bob Stephens*
1948 Sam A. Chapman*	2001 Loren Hayes*
1949 Richard Adams*	2002 J. Philip Knight-Sheen
1950 Roy Akers*	2003 Wayne R. Duncan
1951 Glen K. Schuepbach*	2004 Steve R. Molnar*
1952 W.C. "Pat" Welch*	2005 Stuart H. Simms*
1953 Elliot J. Bilhartz*	2006 Frank B. Hunter*
1954 Ray H. Trimmier*	2007 Joseph Calvey
1955 T.M. McCormick*	2008 Paul F. McCombs
1956 H.S. Norman*	2009 James "Jim" Strayer*
1957 W.B. Jack Ball*	2010 Richard "Rick" Reyes II
1958 Floyd J. Griffin*	2011 Gregorio "G.I." Flores
1959 Henry W. Eitt*	2012 Robert "Bob" Jones
1960 Harvey McDonald*	2013 Tom Young
1961 L.L. Woodman*	2014 Expelled
1962 George W. Henry*	2015 Jay Dee Thomas
1963 Barney Norris*	2016 John Dunn
1964 Jack B. Lee*	2017 Gary Radvansky
1965 Robert B. O'Connor*	2018 Jason Triggs
1966 E. Jeff Ashcraft, Jr.*	2019 Eric DeWalt
1967 D. Neal Talley*	2020 Marty Bartlett
1968 Wm. H. Ferguson*	2021 L. Travis Elmendorf

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)

*** An Asterisk Denotes the Passing
of Our Illustrious Sir**

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

2022 Master Calendar

JANUARY	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
10th	Divan & Finance Meeting	Shrine Business Office	5:00 PM
13th	Alzafar Stated Meeting Installation of Officers	Shrine Auditorium Ballroom	7:30 PM
17th	Martin Luther King Day	Shrine Offices Closed	
20th through 22nd	Grand Lodge Commencement	Waco TX	
28th & 29th	SA Rodeo BBQ Alzafar will compete	Freeman Coliseum No Free on-site parking	10:00 AM Till Dark 30

FEBRUARY	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
5th	Polar Plunge	Camp Alzafar	12:00 Noon
7th	Divan & Finance Mtg	Shrine Business Office	5:00 PM
10th to 13th	Divan Midwinter	Galveston, TX	10:00 AM
10th	Alzafar Stated Meeting	Shrine Auditorium Ballroom	7:30 PM
12th	Sadie Hawkins Dance	Shrine Auditorium/Terrace Rm	7:30 PM
19th	Geo. Washington B'day	Laredo, TX	NLT 8:00 AM
21st	President's Day	Shrine Offices Closed	

MARCH	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
1st	I HOP Hospital Fundraiser	All Area I Hops	All Day Event
4th	Victory Lodge 100th Birthday	Shrine Auditorium Rear	7:00 PM
5th	Alamo Observance	The Alamo	8:00 AM
	GM Conference	Scottish Rite Auditorium	12:00 Noon
7th	Divan & Finance Meeting	Shrine Business Office	5:00 PM
10th	Alzafar Stated Meeting	Shrine Auditorium Ballroom	7:30 PM
13th	Daylight Savings Spring Forward		
19th	Daughters of the Nile Installation	Shrine Auditorium Terrace	TBA
26th	Alzafar Nobility Ball	San Antonio Shrine Auditorium	6:30 PM