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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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 Oriental Guide.....Steve White
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 Recorder.....Thomas D. Leverett

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 1 year.....Gary Bausell

Notice of Stated Meeting of Alzafar Shriners

The following Stated Meeting of Alzafar Shriners will be on **January 12, 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 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
 Hello Alzafar!! Can you believe it? This year is coming to an end! It seems just like yesterday we were starting 2022. Lady Tiffany and I have enjoyed serving you as the Potentate and First Lady. We want to thank each of you for the verbal encouragement, suggestions, and willingness to assist in all we have done this year. We truly are blessed to be surrounded by so many outstanding individuals. The memories that we have made and the opportunities we have had have been endless. This is one of my last articles to write to you all as your Potentate, which is still hard to believe. Where has the time gone? The five years have gone by so fast.

This year has been a busy one for Alzafar. We took some risks and tried new things. I hope we continue taking those risks, trying new things, and making them better and better each time. This year we will always cherish and remember the fun we had. I have really enjoyed serving Alzafar Shrine as your Potentate. Thank you all for the memories and support, both old friendships and new ones. As we enter the month of December, we have the opportunity to spend time with family, friends, units, and clubs. This month is a great time, albeit a challenge, to attend as many parties as possible, celebrate with you, and install our unit and clubs' leadership for the ensuing Shrine year.

Lady Tiffany and I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to visiting with each and every one of you the next time we are together. If you are traveling during the holidays, we wish you safe travels. Like always, if there is something we can do better, or you have a suggestion, please don't hesitate to stop us and let us know. Or if you don't have any of those, stop us and talk with us for a bit.

Please remember our military serving at home and abroad during the holidays, as some of them will be away from their loved ones serving our great nation. Thank you

again for the opportunity you have given me to serve you as Potentate of Alzafar Shriners this year.



Lady Tiffany Norman

First Lady of Alzafar Shriners

Another month has come and gone. Only this month is rather bittersweet. After five years, the journey on the Divan leading to First Lady, has come to an end. There are many emotions that fill my heart, many of which I would like to share. I have been known to have the token phrase “I’m busy that day” before I even knew of an event or somewhere I needed to be throughout the time on the Divan. The beautiful part of that was I actually found an unwavering love for taking part in the many parades, installations, fundraising campaigns, birthday parties, anniversary celebrations, holiday get-together, meetings, and everything in between.

Robert and I began our relationship from dating, to an engagement, to marriage – all while on the Divan. Our closest friends filled the four walls of the reception hall and celebrated two families becoming one. During the five years on the Divan, our children have blossomed out of their shells, have been the busiest children known to man, all while still being active in their own sports and school functions. During the five years on the Divan, new friendships have been made, some lost, and experiences have become memories to forever remember. During the five years on the Divan, I have: completed graduate school, coached sports, worked full time, and I have dedicated time to the Shrine. During the five years on the Divan, I have grown as a wife, a mother, a friend, and a leader. I have failed. I have succeeded. I have learned. I have cried. I have given up time. I have laughed. I have loved. I have had the time of my life.

When I say that these five years have been trying, it isn’t an understatement. I have said it before and I will say it again – I have given Robert such a hard time for being gone so much. It shouldn’t go without saying that after years of frustrations, a trial on our marriage, and the

decisions to make certain events for family/Shrine, I fully understand the purpose. I feel such a sense of gratitude and so blessed to have been a part of this journey. Moreover, I was able to express my own way of giving back in Driven by Movement. To have a project with a mission, I feel accomplished in my duties as a First Lady. For that, I am eternally grateful!

When Robert and I met, I hadn’t a clue what a Mason was, let alone a Shriner. I was in for quite the surprise. I lost all personal space with hugs and kisses -- forget handshakes. But it has truly meant the world to me. I have brought in friends from outside of the Shrine to attend events and share the mission of Shriners Children. In no way, shape, or form was this designed to be an “I” article but I truly am so blessed to have accompanied Robert on this adventure. And what an adventure it was.

To Amanda, my right-hand girl for four years: you are destined to do amazing things. Never stop smiling. Always dream. I’m always in your corner rooting you on. To Mandy, my Brand Ambassador: I am kinder because of you. You and Doug have loved the children as your own and it means more to me than any thanks ever could express! To Robert: Together, we can do anything. We never fought during an event we hosted! That’s saying something. You are an amazing man. A great leader. And an even better friend. I’m lucky to call you husband. To the rest of the nobility and their ladies: Thank you for making me feel welcomed, your advice, the volunteer efforts, but most importantly... for your friendship! I am a better person because of you. See you on the other side.

Signing Off w/ All the Love,
Your First Lady ‘22



All net proceeds benefit the Motion Analysis Centers @ Shriner Children's, Texas

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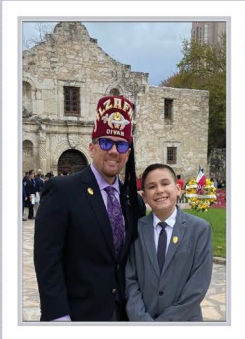
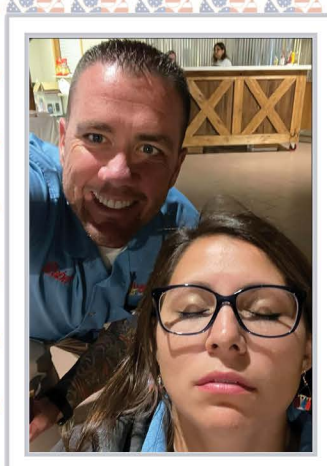
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Noble Richard A. "Rick" Reyes, III
Chief Rabban of Alzafar Shriners

Alzafar,

By the time you read this, the BBQ cook-off and concert will have passed. Preliminary numbers show that the weekend will turn a profit for Alzafar. As I sit here writing this, I know that we've profited from this new venture on many levels. First and foremost is the monetary benefit of the event. Second, and equally important, is our footprint on our community. We've produced a fantastic event with maximum community outreach through search engine optimization, boosting social media, news outlet advertising, and radio marketing. Finally, we've grown as an organization on so many levels. It hasn't been easy; however, with constant communication, a cheerful group of volunteers, and some good old fashion elbow grease, we did it! With the addition of our new and exciting fundraiser, Alzafar has taken yet another step closer to a sustainable financial future utilizing internal and external resources.

Next on the agenda is the necessity to complete our annual operating and capital expenditures budget. I want to thank all nobles who have prioritized attending the last two budget meetings we've held. Your valuable input has made this process much easier to accomplish. Please take this article as your first of many budget notifications to be presented. Here are some dates to consider. Our final budget meeting for the nobility is November 17th. At this point, we will have completed the budget in its entirety. You, the nobility, will receive proper notice in this Achbar as in this article, an official notice, and an additional informal notification by email that the budget will be available in the Shrine office on Monday, November 28th, for review. Should you desire to review the proposed budget, please go to the Shrine office and make your request. You will receive an email on Friday, November 25th, as an

additional reminder that the budget will be available in the office. Therefore, at the December 8th meeting, I will propose the budget to the nobility and call for its adoption. Should it be approved, we will send it to the Imperial Recorder within the 30-day timeline required by Imperial bylaws.

Lastly, Merriam-Webster defines a volunteer as someone who voluntarily undertakes or expresses a willingness to undertake a service. Service is further defined as "the occupation or function of serving" or "the work performed by one that serves." To all of you that have served and will continue to serve as a volunteer at our Shrine. I heard a quote recently appropriate to this message, "Those who can, do... those who can do more, volunteer". Thank you to all of you folks who consistently do more. Amanda and I are grateful for your service to our great organization. We are anxiously awaiting the future and the ability to continue serving you, our closest friends and family, and those in our hospitals.



Noble Marco Zuniga
Assistant Rabban of Alzafar Shriners

Good day Nobles & Ladies!!!

Here we are, the last month of the year, how this year has just flown by.

Although we are almost at the end of the year, we still have a few events and parties. Don't forget our Children's Christmas Party hope to see you there.

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

We appreciate the opportunity to serve you and

Alzafar but mostly are gracious for the continued support you have provided us. The friendships we have made over the years we hold close to our hearts. Happy Holidays and blessings as we move into a New Year.

Til next time,



Noble Mike Long

High Priest & Prophet of Alzafar Shriners

Thank you to all who donated, or purchased tickets to the Giovannie concert. This event should be the new footprint for our fraternal fundraising efforts. Being the first one I'm pleased with the results. We didn't lose money, but we barely made any. Yes, this was focused for outside money. Seeing who purchased, tickets, and donated to the cause we could do a much better job. If rock, or country music isn't in your collection. We can at least call our office and donate \$10, \$20, or even \$50. In these crazy times with inflation, and we can't donate a monetary value. We can hit the street and ask for donations, ads, or sponsorships.

November 6th was our annual Memorial Service, this year with our beloved ladies added to the program. These black camels, and ladies were an integral part of Alzafar and who we are today. This integrated memorial service should also be the new way Alzafar recognizes all who were a part of Alzafar's history. Thank you to all who gave me direction for this service, Past Potentates, nobles, and ladies. I additionally want to thank our First Lady Tiffany Norman, Rick & Amanda Reyes, David Olivares, Bobby Hunt, Bob Jones, Dennis Stevens, Honor Guard, Highlanders. I received many emails, and text messages, this was a special service to all.

Lastly, I would like to ask all who will be at this year's December meeting for elections. I humbly ask for your support to continue on my journey, and support me for Assistant Rabban of Alzafar Shrine.



Noble Steve White

Oriental Guide of Alzafar Shriners

WOW!!!! What an event we had for our Halloween party, with 300 people in attendance. Big shout out to the Dietrich family for all the hard work and late nights putting this together. We had great food, a Bouncer for the kids, a petting zoo, games, and a fantastic haunted house. Thanks to all volunteers and David Hadley for standing guard all night, protecting our investment. Already planning for next year to be bigger and better.

Our golf tournament was over the top successful, with 144 golfers. We sold 47-hole sponsors that went out on the course. The after-party was very special with excitement filling the room to support our hospital transportation fund. A special thanks to all our sponsors Ancira Enterprise, Mulholland family Foundation, Terry and Monette Littlepage, Daily Family, North Park Chevrolet, Davis Crane Service, Robles 1 and many more donations in kind.

We are looking forward to next year and already planning for a bigger and better Alzafar Shrine Charity Golf Tournament.

Christmas party is just around the corner on December 11th from 2pm to 4 pm. We will have Santa, food, gifts, and games. We will still have small gifts for everyone sitting on Santa's lap. This year we are asking for unwrapped gifts for our children in our hospitals.

As always, thank you for all the support, and I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Steve White
Oriental Guide



Children's Christmas Party

December 11th

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Food Drink & Gifts for the Kiddos

With a Special Appearance by:

Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus

RSVP for a Child's Gift

Please Provide

Boy or Girl and their age ≤ 12

Special Needs at Any Age

Call: (210) 496-1625 (Lisa)





Noble David Olivares
Treasurer of Alzafar Shriners

It is incredible and hard to believe that we are in the last month of the year. Several important dates to remember as we close out 2022 and look forward to 2023. First, please remember to come out and vote on December 8, as we will vote in our slate of officers leading us in 2023. Then on December 11, our Oriental Guide, Steve White, is hosting a Winter Celebration from 2-4 pm in our Ballroom. Then comes one of my favorite holidays, Christmas! Please remember the Reason for the Season! Then we finish the year with New Year's Eve as we celebrate ringing in the New Year. I pray each of you has a joyous holiday season and a prosperous new year

We have had some ups and downs throughout the year with the market, and we hope to close out the year doing well. At one point, we were down almost 20% in our investment account. As I am writing this, we gained some back at the beginning of November and are now only a little above 12% down. Please remember that we have not lost anything unless we pull money out, so we will keep an eye out for our investments.



Please make sure you visit us in the Finance and Divan meetings. These are open meetings; this is a great place to see what Your Divan is doing to make Alzafar Great!

See you in 2023.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
David Olivares



Noble Tom Leverett
Recorder of Alzafar Shriners

Time is winding down until I turn over the Recorder's position to a new Alzafar Recorder. Next month (December), we will have our election. Please make sure you bring your 2022 dues card. When you check in, you will be given a voter's packet.

Hopefully, your Unit or Club has already had your election of officers for 2023. Please make sure you call the office and give us the names, addresses, phone and email of all your new officers. If you already know this information, you can send me a text at 210-617-8977 or an email to tom.leverett@alzafar.org.

If you are running for a 2023 Alzafar Office, I need to know the position and your nominator. Also, don't forget to turn in your Unit or Club Financial Report by the end of the year. For years we referred to this report as the A / B Financial Report.

If you are a current elected officer or appointed officer, I will also need your jewel and badge, so I can get them ready for the installation of officers at our January Alzafar Stated Meeting.

I have mixed emotions about giving up the Recorder position. The definition of mixed emotions is your Mother-in-Law driving over a cliff in your new Cadillac. Many Nobles have asked me what I plan to do with my time. Well, several things. I am excited about going into Assisted Living Centers and Nursing homes and playing and singing songs with my long-time friend and Past Nile Queen, Linda Purcell. I also want to return to my church and help wherever needed. I want to become a Docent at the Scottish-Rite. I don't want my "Red Hat" to be reprocessed. I want to join the Hospital Corp and help move our Shrine patients. I want to go fishing, and finally, I want to be a Good Noble and help Alzafar grow.

Come out to the next Parade, plan a trip to the Shrine Hospital in Galveston and see why I say "ALZAFAR ROCKS."



Season Greetings from the Desert Knights!

Pete Granato, George Garza, Ken Wilson and Jerry Granato of the Desert Knights participated in the Somerset parade. Mike Jaeger and Bert Gonzalez assisted with other Shrine groups, while Steve Fisk filled in for Art Loera as Shrine photographer. There was a great turn out. The ladies, our Damsels, were at the parade cheering us all on. After the parade our group met for lunch at a nearby pizza place to fellowship and enjoy the buffet. The next day, Chris Celis coordinated Trunk or Treat for our group at the Shrine Pavilion. The ladies enjoyed handing out candy to all of the kids. The weather was perfect and lots of fun was had by all. We are looking forward to the Christmas holidays ahead. The Desert Knights and our Damsels will meet for our Officer Installation, officiated by GI Flores and share a Christmas Dinner at The Barn Door. Installed officers will be announced in the Achbar next month. We always welcome new members to come join our group. The Desert Knights and our Damsels meet on the third Wednesday of each month in the Director's Room at 6:30pm. Nobles are always welcome to visit with us. May you all have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

Jerry Granato



**ALZAFAR SHOTGUN UNIT
AKA SMOKIN' CLAYS
By Secretary Dave Jackson**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Where has 2022 gone? It seems just like yesterday we were installing officers & planning for the upcoming year. What a great year for the Shotgun Unit! Mid-Winter and TSA shoots were

well attended and lots of trophies brought back to Alzafar. The monthly practice shoots were all lots of fun and some good eats as well! Stated meetings with dinner by 3rd VP Dave Hadley or PP Terry Zittle providing the vittles were all well done. A big vote of thanks to this year's officers: President Tom Jackson, VPs Dan Dailey & Brian Niday, and Treasurer Jerry Smitha; they all did an outstanding job keeping us organized and pointed down-range!!! Next year's Officers are President Brian Niday, 1st VP Chip Myre, 2nd VP Guillermo DeHoyos, Secretary Bill Willis, and Treasurer Jerry Smitha. Please give them the same level of support as you've done for this year's slate. I know 2023 will be another great year for the ASGU! Guillermo DeHoyos, president of the Texas Shrine Shotgun Sports Association, has great things planned for our Mid-Winter Shoot here in San Antonio, as well as TSA in June. Plan on attending and making both of these events special as only Alzafar can!

As always, if you're interested in shooting with us, either just for fun or even competing with us, give us a holler. We'd love to see you out on the range. Our stated meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Roustabout Room, ladies are always welcome. And come early as our Honorary Third Vice and Chief Chef, Noble David Hadley, always serves a fine dinner around 6:15.

Until next month keep your powder dry and remember as long as there is lead in the air, there is hope!



December – already!? 12 months have seemed to have sped by in high gear once again. The Motor Club stayed as busy as ever and we are already looking at 2023 and all the things we will be doing going forward.

We are extending an invitation to all y'all to join us December 20 at 6:00 pm for our annual Christmas Party Dinner meeting. It will be held once again at Chama Gaucha Brazilian Steakhouse at 18318 Sonterra Place. The installation of next year's officers will take place. Our new President will be P.P. Tom Young, Vice-President Oscar Flores, Treasurer James Hoyo and Secretary Steven Fisk.

This month there are two remaining parades to attend. December 3 will be the night time Christmas Parade in Boerne. The following weekend on December 10 is the Sattler Christmas Parade. Both of these parades are fun

and definitely worth attending. Yeah, it might be cool at this time of the year, but the people still pack the streets to see them and especially Alzafar Shrine Clubs and Units. So shine up your rides one more time and join us.

If you have an interest in anything motor related and want to hang out with like minded fellows, come join us on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in Room #9 at 7:00 pm.

Until next year, don't let the tires get flat spots from sitting too long.

Steven Fisk, Secretary



Greetings fellow Nobles. The Honor Guard has been very busy as of late and we are excited about all the fun events we are invited to and have lots of fun at. At Hospital Gala the Honor Guard presented the colors and stayed because we bought two tables for us, our ladies, and invited guests to stay and enjoy a fine meal and lots of great fellowship that included many stories of our various youths- back in the day.....

Since then we have been to various parades such as the somerset parade. It should be noted that per Shrine international parade rules and common safety concerns that all need to remember and heed the following;

- No one goes in front of the Honor Guard and colors at parades- the Honor Guard is the lead unit for Alzafar Temple.
- When you have a motorized vehicle stay in your assigned space in the parade lineup per the parade Marshal, units practice and do their various maneuvers and are watching out for each other and the crowd, they do not and should not be looking out for someone to come through and disrupt the routine or go of vehicles so close that the big vehicle must put on the brakes not to hit the small showoff.

- Be SAFE and have FUN for ALL!

The Honor Guard also was actively assisting the Daughters of the Nile in their "High- Tea" party, represent us at the Memorial Service to honor all the Black Camels that visited both the Shriners' and their spouses this last year. On 9 Nov we were at the Golf Unit's Tournament presenting the colors. The the usual stated meeting on the Marine

Corps Birthday, congratulations to all the former Marines you are now 247 years old! (Our Space Force Guardians their Birthday is 20 Dec 2019 so they are not yet in puberty). Then right back at the Family day Veterans Day Parade on 12 Nov. We always have fun and enjoy going out and being seen doing our part to promote this great fraternity of ours.

Here is hoping all are doing well and are enjoying the Holidays and remembering the reason for the season. This is a time when the "Holiday Blues" hit people so remember call 988 press1 for 24/7 help, do not be a black camel! Better yet all nobles, especially veterans, need to reach out in person or my phone to fellow veterans and Nobles each and every month on the 10th of the month as Texas has declared the 10th of every month to be "Buddy Check Day". You are not alone.

The Honor Guard has been busy with parades, presentation of colors at various Shrine events and had a great time at the BBQ cook-off and Kevin Fowler concert- thanks to all who made it special. We had the installation of officers for both the Honor Guard and the Red Roadsters (all of the Red Roaster Line up are dual members with the Honor Guard) at our very merry and cheerful Christmas party on 10 Dec in the Parlors.

The divan was very gracious to the Honor Guard in allowing us to collect ballots at the Stated meeting for Elections, thanks it was our honor. We in the Honor Guard wish that all the newly elected Divan members and unit leadership will continue to move the Shrine forward and work in peace and harmony making or great philanthropy even greater this next year.

YIF
Mike Jaeger
Drill Commander

OFFICIAL NOTICE
The 2023 Alzafar Shriners operational and capital expenditures budgets will be made available for review in the San Antonio Shrine Auditorium Shrine offices beginning Monday, November 28th. Should you desire to review the proposed budget, please go to the Shrine office and make your request to see the 2023 Shrine Budgets. The Budgets will be presented for adoption at our Regular Stated Meeting on December 8th, 2022. *By Rick Reyes Chief Rabban*



RV Club

By: Dave Browne

The October rally was held at the Freedom Lives Ranch RV, in Lake Buchanan, TX.

Freedom Lives Ranch is a new park for the unit to experience. It is a small park near Kingsland area. We had an exciting time checking out the local establishments. There are several places that start with Dam like the Dam Café and the like since it is close to the Buchanan Dam. There are lots of restaurants near the park and other places to visit. All in all, we could have spent at least a week to see everything. The unit was blessed to have two new families to join this month.

We had election of officers and have a good lineup for our next year of rallying. The new Wagon Master will be Noble Bill Liles, the assistant Wagon Master will be Noble Bob Tucker. The treasure will be Noble Dave Browne. We are searching for a secretary, but Noble Mike Barnes will stay on until we can find one.

Our November rally was held at Lake Medina RV Resort located in Lakehills, TX. November 17th through the 20th.

December will be the Christmas Party and the installation of Officers. It will be held at the Vineyards RV Resort in Fredericksburg. December 1st through the 4th.

APPOINTEES OF THE POTENTATE

ATTENTION

All Potentate appointments for 2022 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 2023 Shrine year upon the date noted below.

Attest: Thomas Leverett
Recorder of Alzafar Shriners

Approved: Illustrious Sir Robert M. Norman, Jr.
Potentate of Alzafar Shriners

Effective: Thursday, January 12, 2023
Beginning at 7:30 pm

At The Alzafar Shrine Center
San Antonio Shrine Auditorium
901 N. Loop 1604 West
San Antonio, TX 78232-1040

OFFICIAL CALL OF THE POTENTATE

Annual Election of Officers

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

Attest: Thomas Leverett
Recorder of Alzafar Shriners

Approved: Illustrious Sir Robert M. Norman, Jr.
Potentate of Alzafar Shriners

Thursday, December 8, 2022
Beginning at 7:30 pm

At The Alzafar Shrine Center
San Antonio Shrine Auditorium
901 N. Loop 1604 West
San Antonio, TX 78232-1040

MEETING WILL BE TILED
MUST HAVE A CURRENT DUES CARD



WE ARE HAPPY TO HEAR FROM SEVERAL MEMBERS IN AND ABOUT THE OASIS OF SAN ANTONIO

Noble D.W. Dunn at <dwdunn@gmail.com> tells us he is having health problems. We ask our dear Shrine Family to think of him in our time of prayer.

Clyde McCormick <cmccor5683@aol.com> writes to let you know that he is still a loyal reader! To quote he says, "Thank you for your efforts and the fine publication!" Thank you for your fine words, Noble McCormick.

Don Jorge Santana <santana2044@tutanota.com> writes: Hello Alzafar Nobles,

I'm doing well. Busy with all kinds of other masonic stuff.
Thanks Jorge

And finally on our *Trestle Board* we find **Joseph Avalos** <josephavalos@yahoo.com> Noble Avalos says, "It is sometimes difficult to get to the stated meeting as I come over 60 miles away. I certainly miss the parades with my Mini Wheel Unit it's been years since I've been active. My other fraternal obligations on the weekends precludes me from attending many Shrine events I did purchase tickets for concert season and gave them away to a friend. Joining in 1987 I have seen many changes come about some good some bad but I continue to support the Shrine and its philanthropy!"

Editor's

Note:

I go to this every year at Thanksgiving. We have brothers whose life is spread across the lives of others. We



can do no better work than to make our brothers know they are essential, well beyond the dues collected every December. In 2010, I requested the Nobility of Alzafar to create the rule of 100. That rule was simply, any Noble when his Age is added to his years as a Noble, if the sum number was one hundred or greater, that he would no longer be required to pay dues. Imperial adopted that language, and it is now the law. However, the Grinch had to rear his ugly head. Adding the Imperial language requires that the Shrine Center and the Individual apply. That change turned an altruistic intent into one of supposed solicitation due to indigence. I am saddened that our younger Nobles do not understand the rules of Medicaid and how it pertains to available funds to pay dues. Our younger Nobles may not even know that 60 to 80% of all nursing home residents are there after they qualify as Medicaid eligible. Please take my word that most Nursing home fraternity members are hard-pressed to find that extra \$100.00 to pay their dues. We should create a celebration and award 25, 35, 45, & 50-year members with additional recognition of the 100-year awards.

Alzafar Seniors

By: **Daniel Coburn, Secretary**

The monthly meeting of the Alzafar Seniors was held in the Roustabouts room on November 3rd, with 19 members and guests attending. A selection of sandwiches and chips was provided for lunch by Daniel Coburn, with cake for dessert provided by Nancy Herrera.

Elections for our 2023 Officers were held. Roger Cockrell was elected President, and Nelson Dunn as Vice President. Joe and Margie Estlack will remain as Treasurer and Daniel Coburn as Secretary. Ralph McLeod will be Chaplin.

Our speakers for the month were Russell Whitney and Teyoka Calais from the Social Services Administration. They went over the different supplemental support provided by Texas for low-income individuals. The long-term viability of Social Security payments as more and more elderly people retire and fewer young people enter the workforce. In addition to the Social Security Cost of Living increase scheduled for January 2023, there will be a reduction in the cost of Medicare.

Under sickness and distress, it was noted that Rose May's funeral and interment is to be held on November 21st at 11:30 at the Fort Sam Houston Cemetery, Shelter 4. Please attend if you can.

The Shrine Seniors Club meets noon on the first Thursday of every month in the Shrine Roustabouts Room. All senior Shrine Members and their Ladies are welcome to join us for lunch, dessert, and stimulating conversation. Shriners younger than 60 can become honorary members, and those 100 or older eat for free. Our next meeting is scheduled for December 1st, in the Roustabouts room. 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 Seniors Secretary, Daniel Coburn at 830-832-5513 or at dycoburn@gmail.com.



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Christmas Wishes

Upcoming fun events:

As you make plans for December and January, we hope you will continue to join us at the upcoming events:

December 18, 2022, Supreme Queen's Visit - 4:00pm Ceremonial in the Alzafar Shrine Center Parlors and 6:00pm Banquet in the Alzafar Shrine Center Terrace Tickets \$25.00 Event Chair – Pr Royal Wanda Rincover Cell- 208-585-7185

January 17, 2023, 10:00am – 1:00pm Sewing room – Alzafar Shrine parlors Chair – PQ Peggy Songer 210-771-0098 and Co-Chair PQ Margie Flores 210-213-1853

January 31, 2023, 6:30pm – 9:00pm Bunco – Alzafar Shrine parlors \$10 per person and an appetizer Event Chair – Pr Badoura Gerianne Hockman Cell -210 373-3898

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

If you or someone you know would like to become a member of the Daughters of the Nile, Nekodah Temple No. 44, please contact any of our members or the Membership Team: PQ Carol Carpenter, PQ. Margie Flores, PQ. Peggy Songer, PQ. Barbara Wells, Pr. Cindy Garza.

We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00pm in the Alzafar Shrine Center Parlors except December, June and July.

We are Nekodah Strong



Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America
Lady Jeanetta Davis, High Priestess

The holidays are going strong, and I hope you all had a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving. We celebrated our 50th

LOS birthday this past month and being my year as HP as being one of the charter members makes it even more special to me.

The LOS Christmas party will be Friday, December 16th at 6:30 pm in the Parlors. Our special charity this An-

imal Defense League. They are currently in need of Fleece Blankets, Sheets, Canned Dog and Cat Food, Dog Treats and Kitten Milk Replacer (KMR). You can also provide many other items for these fur babies.

Other upcoming fundraisers are:

OLD BAG LUNCHEON

January 7th, 2023 @ 1:00 in the Parlors
GO WESTERN CASINO NIGHT

February 10th, 2023 @ 6:30 in Terrace Room
w/ Music by Billy Castro, Heavy Hor D'oeuvre BYOB

Please come join us for these wonderful events. 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. Until next time, stay safe

You could win \$1200 by just showing up to Our Next Meeting

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If you Know Noble Raymond Perrilloux Tell him, that his Name was Called!

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Every Alzafar Shriner is included free of charge. However, the winning Shriners must be present at the stated meeting when his name is called to win

*** That means Folding Money, US Cash, Benjamins**

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

ALZAFAR UNIT MEETING SCHEDULE

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

SHRINE 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	2 nd Wednesday	11:30A.M.	Inn o/t Hills
LAREDO SC	1 st Wednesday	7:00 P.M.	As Designated

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS MEETINGS

ANCHOR MASONIC LODGE	2 nd +4 th Thurs.	7:00P.M.	Alzafar rear
CIBOLO MASONIC LODGE	4 th Monday	7:00 P.M.	Alzafar rear
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)

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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:

2022/2023 Shrine Master Calendar

December

3rd	Boerne Christmas Parade	6:00 pm
5th	Divan/Finance Meeting	5:00 pm
8th	Shrine Stated Meeting Election of Officers	7:00 pm
10th	Sattler Christmas Parade	10:00 am
11th	Children's Christmas Party RSVP (210) 496-1625 (Lisa)	2 pm Until 4 pm
26th	Christmas Celebration Shrine Closed	All Day

January 2023

10th	Divan/Finance Meeting	5:00 pm
13th	Shrine Stated Meeting Installation of Officers	7:00 pm

February 2023

6th	Divan/Finance Meeting	5:00 pm
8th	Wednesday Shrine Stated Meeting	7:00 pm
9th-12th	Divan Midwinter Granbury, Texas (Moslah)	12:00 Registration
17th-19th	WBCA Events Laredo	
18th	Washington Birthday Parade	9:00 am