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We're Heading Down to Laredo



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Notice of Stated Meeting of Alzafar Shriners

The following Stated Meeting of Alzafar Shriners will be on March 9, 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 metings 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 RE-QUIRED 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.

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Potentate: Illustridus Sir, Richard A.

lzafar, Amanda and I would like to thank each of you for your support over the last 4 years. With many new undertakings and a focused approach to positive change, we believe that Alzafar is on track for immediate and long-standing successes for years to come. The impact on our philanthropy was seen through various avenues



Potentate of Alzafar Shriners

over the last few years, which had us learning and earning at levels not seen before. Our Fraternity made impactful strides in developing new ways to earn revenue and social advantage for our future. Collectively, we expanded our horizons through think tank initiatives. Through those initiatives, we provided community outreach upon which we hope to continue to build. Alzafar is on track for so many successes over the coming years due largely to your efforts. Thank you again for all you continue to do for our Fraternity and Philanthropy.

As we move into the year, we have a busy calendar ahead. On Monday, February 6th, we will have our temple finance meeting starting at 5pm, with the Divan meeting following shortly after. This year, we expect to hold the Divan/Finance meetings via zoom for four of the twelve months. I've requested this to be more inclusive to our membership. Our entire nobility across Central and South Texas deserves the opportunity to participate in hearing about all things Alzafar. With an increasing membership base encompassing such a large radius, it only makes sense to open all channels to ensure our nobility are informed on what's happening. The zoom link will be sent out in my weekly communications summary on Monday morning.

Our next event will be the Laredo Parade starting on Friday, February 17th, and concluding on Sunday, the 19th. Amanda has decided to host a lady's cocktail hour from 5pm-6pm on Friday. More information will come, so please keep an eye out, as we wouldn't want



your lady to feel left out. Friday evening will be the usual at

The Marriott Springhill Suites. We will have a meal, drinks, the creation of nobles, and a bunch of fun. The parade will be Saturday as usual, with lunch and libations provided throughout the day. Saturday night will be the Laredo Shrine Club party at the Police Officers Association Hall. Alzafar will pay for half of your room if you go to Laredo, so if two nobles partner up, the room will be covered. Please ensure you submit your receipts within 30 days. Finally, and equally as important, is the Galveston Hospital Mardi Gras Parade that Sunday. The line-up is at 11am, so if you leave Laredo early enough, you should be able to make it. Amanda and I plan to be there with you.

Our last event in February will be a membership cigar event on Thursday, the 23rd. Our membership chairpersons, Russell Brown and Michael Ethridge, will have more information for the nobility at the February stated meeting. I started these events in my OG year to bring nobles and non-nobles together. We sought a shared love of Cigars and high-end libations to build a stronger bond with each other and to create interest in both our Fraternity and Philanthropy. We have made numerous Shriners in the process. We have built many new friendships with other like-minded individuals over the years.

Good day Nobles & Ladies!!!

We are off into a new year and as your Chief Rabban this year I am in charge of temple fundraising. First thing for us coming up will the 1st of a concert series scheduled at the Pavilion in April. Details are still being worked out so stay tuned, it will definitely be something you don't want to miss. If you have any ideas for fund raising or



Noble Marco Zuniga Chief Rabban of Alzafar Shriners

would like to help, please reach out to me.

February will be a busy month for us all. We will heading off to Granbury for midwinter, the George Washington Parade in Laredo, as well as the Family Gras Parade for Shriners Hospital in Galveston.

On a personal note, to GI Flores, thank you for your dedication to the fraternity. You were the reason I became a Mason and Shriner, your respect and kindness for me and other I have always admired. You were a true role model and will greatly be missed.

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

Til next time,

I want to thank you again entrusting in me with your vote of confidence for this 2023 year. The first year is to get to know the clubs and units. It is also to get my feet wet to the new unit the Divan. See all the moving parts within and outside Alzafar. Last year HP&P was strictly membership. Alzafar had a great year, in adding to the membership. We beat NPD's suspensions, drops, and the dreaded black cam-



Noble Michael Long Assistant Rabban of Alzafar Shriners

el. I want to say thank you to all our membership for that great turnaround.

This year I have the HUGE task of our hospital fundraising. This is why we are Shriners, to raise money, and help kids. We will sell cds at a concert, and our Annual Hospital Gala. This year for our gala October 7th, I've picked a 20's, 30's, 40's era theme. We will have a cigar smoker, by the Divan side parking lot. The above era cocktails, with our regular open bars. Potentially Hill Country Big Band, and vocalist. The gala will be Black and White formal. We will I've already received a bit of push back on the dress, so wear what you feel most comfortable in! I want all nobles, and ladies to join for wonderful event. I am already asking all starting now to please lookout for live, and silent auction items. I'm looking for good quality items you would want in your home, or vacations you would enjoy.



Thank you for your vote of confidence in electing me as your High Priest and Prophet. I am looking forward to the challenge ahead of me.

We are also looking forward to activities for 2023. Some fun for Nobles and possible new Nobles will consist of baseball night at the Missions or possibly Spurs night. Let's not forget the chili cook-off at camp Alzafar a time to have fun.



Noble Steve White High Priest⊗Prophet of Alzafar Shriners

Please stay con-

nected for other events coming your way. I encourage everyone to concentrate on bringing new Nobles to help our fraternity's growth and potential. Your Potentate Rick Reyes has already implemented some great ideas for Alzafar Shrine. We need to have more nobles attend our stated meetings. Become involved with units and bring your ideas to the Nobility to help Alzafar grow.

Parades are just around the corner in Laredo on February 18th, then off to Galveston on February 19th for the Mardi Gras parade. Mark your calendar for Shrine Baseball Classic at Minute Maid Park in Houston from March 3rd through the 6th. All are significant events to show your pride in being a Shriner and supporting our fraternity and philanthropy.

Easter party is just around the corner, and your new Oriental Guide, David Olivares, will need everyone to help. Again, I thank you for the support of all units and volunteers that gave countless hours to your yearly events. Please help our Oriental Guide with the same support you gave me.

I will be promoting your Golf tournament very

soon. The tournament netted \$60,000.00 last year, and our new goal is \$80.000.00, with the net proceeds going to your Hospital Transportation

Fund. It is not too



early to donate, contact potential sponsors, or put a team together.

Together we can make it happen; together, we can accomplish the impossible. Together, we can make a difference in a child's life. Cheers,

We are now into the second month of the year, and it is already beginning to get busy. February is another great and eventful month, and your Divan will be headed to Midwinter on the 9th. Then let's not forget to honor our loved ones on the 14th for Valentine's Day. Then on the 20th, we celebrate President's Day, but first, we will be celebrating in Laredo, Texas, at the George Washington Birthday Celebration

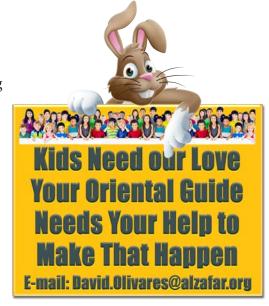


Noble David Olivares Oriental Guide of Alzafar Shriners

Parade on February 18. We look forward to hanging out with our Nobles in the Laredo Shrine Club! The Laredo Shrine Club has been active with many great and successful events! You guys Rock!

Please mark your calendars for the Nobility Ball on March

18. This is sure to be a great event! Also, we cannot start too early in planning the Children's Easter Party on April 2 from 2 pm to 4pm. We will need plenty of volunteers to help, so keep your calendars open! If you can help, please do not hesitate to email me directly.



We, as your Divan, are very excited as this year begins. We look forward to carrying the torch into the future and keeping YOUR Shrine Temple headed in the right direction.

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

Can you believe it's already February? This year is already starting to get moving. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for entrusting me as your Treasurer and Imperial Representative. I am excited about my new duties on your Board of Directors. Your board will continue to do the best we can to oversee your money, especially with how the market and economy are moving. We under-



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

stand we have been allowed to lead this fraternity into the future, and we don't take that lightly.

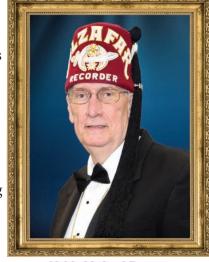
Congratulations to our newly installed Potentate Illustrious Sir Rick Reyes III. I look forward to seeing him in action this year and am happy he could get the 2023 budget passed already. The budget isn't as easy as putting numbers in a box and saying it looks good. A lot of time and effort goes into preparing for the future. To the rest of the Divan, congratulations on moving up the ladder. Welcome, Mike Barnes as the Recorder and David Olivares as our Oriental Guide. You two will do amazing things for Alzafar.

Lady Tiffany and I would like to thank you again for 2022!! We couldn't have done it without you all.

I look forward to the start of a Shrine new year. One improvement I noticed from last year was in the communications with the members. Alzafar has weekly Webfez updates from the Potentate, the website Alzafar.org, and the Achbar. While more information is being sent out by Webfez, it's great to get more immediate updates on what is happening at the Shrine.

Our website Al-

zafar.org has seen some



Noble Michael Barnes Recorder of Alzafar Shriners

excellent updates on the content and is more current. Thanks to Luis Cardenas, he has helped update all the

forms under the Forms and Reports link and posted the most recent version of many needed forms that you can print from home. All units and clubs need to report to the office the yearly financial report, previously referred to as the A/B report, and the roster of the Unit and Clubs Officers. They are required information to comply with what we send to Shriners International. If you are a Unit or Club head, please submit them quickly. Also updated on the link are the forms for Maintenance/Repair Requests. If you see something in the building that needs to be fixed, please fill out the form and drop it off. At this point, we have over 100 items, ranging from minor to major, on the list to fix in our 40-year-old building. The Reimbursement Request is if you purchase something for the Shrine from your personal funds and want to be reimbursed, fill out the form and submit it. Of course, these expenses must have prior approval from a member of the Divan. Other Shrine Events will be posted throughout the year as we have the Nobility Ball, Concert Series, BBQ Events, Car Shows, and more.

The other improvement that can use more help from the Nobles and Unit/Club heads is with articles for the Achbar. Let the others know how great your club or unit is and what you have been doing. With that, you can also send in any links from your unit's Facebook or website and post them on the Alzafar.org site under Unit & Clubs. It's a great way to get the word out. We hope to make the Alzafar.org site one where you can go in and get the most up-to-date information.

We are ready for an excellent start to the year with many fun activities, parties, and parades. See you down the road.

Mike Barnes Recorder mike.barnes@alzafar.org

Reminder to All Nobles

The Alzafar Shrine Stated Meeting in February will be on Wednesday, February 8th at 7:00pm





Join Our Potentate on Saturday, February 18, 2023
At The Laredo Police Association Unit Hall
On site parking with additional space next door
8:00 pm to 12:00 am
doors open at 7:00pm

BYOB

RSVP to:

Ruben Bazan email: rbazan2@gmail.com or Chris Turner email: cturner2692@gmail.com

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Black Jack, Craps and Texas Hold E'm
Heavy Hors D'oeurves catered by Graze & Wine,
BYOB, Set-Ups Availiable at Popular Prices,
Silent & Live Auctions
- Opportunities to Win - Music by Billy Castro
Contact Lisa Pharis for Tickets 210-334-5207
Casual Western Attire - Tickets \$30

Christmas lime









"When someone you think of so lovingly passes to a memory, that memory becomes a fortune."

By Illustrious Sir Rick Reyes Former Potentate 2010

Gregorio Ignacio Flores, whom we lovingly called G.I. and sometimes Gregg (for Margie's use), showed us much of who he was and who he became for the many Alzafar Shriners. G.I. never told anyone how to live; he lived his life, and if you were observant, he taught you how to live. When G.I. met Margie, he discovered the other person he had sought to complete him. Surprisingly she was him, and he was her. Her children became his. However, not as you might see or imagine, maybe another blended family. Still, they were his very DNA both daughters were soon enveloped in his body and soul. Regina was the one daughter; we all knew best. His other daughter Rachel attended the University of Texas in Austin, which required G.I. to love everything U.T. as if he had been a member of their football pep squad. His daughter Regina married her husband Brad into our Shrine, folding this loving person as a grown woman following mom to the auxiliary associations. As a Master Mason and an Alzafar Shriner, Brad became much like his father-in-law. G.I. so loved his daughters, and as they grew, his beloved family tree blossomed with grandchildren and became much-loved fixtures in Alzafar and at Camp Alzafar. As Rachel and Regina grew their families, so grew the much-loved smiles from G.I. It was as a grandfather that G.I. showed us his loving nature. His grandchildren are Aiden Beseth, Elon Jent, Abby Jent, Hannah Beseth Valdez, and Hunter Beseth, all of which made his heart whole. He loved them passionately.

G.I. became a Shriner in 1979. He quickly joined several units and enjoyed going to Shrine functions, if only to dance with his dear Margie. Remembering one day in

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Illustrious Sir G.I. Flores	Ill. Sir Terry Zittle	
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Bill Templeton	Ill. Sir Richard Reyes II	
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Mr. Richard Claes	Drew and Dolly Claes	
Mr. Humberto Klee	Drew and Dolly Claes	
Mary Lieck	Dee Duderstadt	
Bonnie Allen	William "Bill" Mellon	
Gary "Mike" Coffey	E.D. Tuma	
Eleanor Purcell	Ill. Sir Bob & Cheryl Jones	
Pat Miller	Ill. Sir Richard Reyes II	

2005, I sat with G.I. as he told me what was involved in being a Chief of Staff. G.I. had agreed to be Chief of Staff should a new Divan member make it to Potentate. The same guy was furious that G.I. had changed his mind a year later and decided to run for the Divan in 2006. This well-intentioned member was relentless and had convinced G.I. that he couldn't afford to be on the Divan. I observed to G.I. that he was attending and paying for every Shrine event anyway and not to worry. G.I. spoke with Margie, and they were off to the races. G.I. won handily based purely on the nobility's love for him and his services

to the Shrine and Shriners Hospitals for Children

for Children.

As our 2011 Potentate, G.I. was approachable and conciliatory under challenging situations and always strived to live in harmony and peace with anyone who came into his life. G.I. was a loving father and friend devoted to his family, friends,

fraternity brothers in Masonry, Shriners, and Veterans.

After retiring from the U.S. Air Force as a Chief Master Sergeant, G.I. volunteered to take on his other labor of love. He served his brothers in arms by standing with them and conducting them in their final detail. G.I. was a Life Member of the Fort Sam Houston's Memorial Service Detachment (MSD). The MSD is organized with elected and appointed Officers and the Board of Trustees. Members provide and perform military funeral honors for eligible veterans. Their duties include how the U.S. Flag is displayed upon the coffin or urn, performing the required three Rifle Volleys, TAPS, flag folding, and the U.S. Flag presentation to the family or designated recipient. These

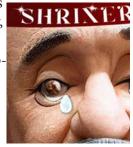
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honors are conducted at any commital Shelter throughout the day, Monday through Friday, regardless of temperature or prevailing weather conditions.

G.I. contributed over 4,300 hours in 16 years of memorial service. True to his giving heart, G.I. assured many of our area veterans received a fitting final tribute. In 2007, G.I. was individually recognized for his vouchsafed military honors rendered, come rain or shine.

During his life, G.I. was a Go-Between whose

favorite word was "Agreement." He was indeed a citizen of a world in harmony, whose passing diminishes not only his family and friends but cripples us deeply. We were blessed to have him for as long as we did. We will be indebted to his Lady Margie and the girls for altruistically sharing him for all time and memorial. The World was a better



place when his light was shining; we must remember him that the glimmer that once was will always be.

NECROLOGY

Gregorio I "G.I." Flores 11/29/22
Patrick Lee Miller 12/27/22
William H. Templeton 10/18/22
Sidney R. Ogden 10/01/22
Manuel J. Madrid 10/12/22



Welcome to our new unit president, Manuel Hernandez! We are looking forward to an exciting New Year under his leadership. Our December tournament winners were: Farmer, Hyatt, and Gutierrez, shooting a combined round of 74.66 at Olmos Basin. Lowell Farmer shot low gross with a 86 and Bill Hyatt had low net of 71. We have our fun tournaments on the 1st Thursday and 3rd Tuesday of every month and if you'd like to join us contact Gary at: txpal@yahoo. com 3 days prior to. That's all.



ALZAFAR SHOTGUN UNIT AKA SMOKIN' CLAYS By Secretary Bill Willis

First things first. Happy Valentines Day to all the Alzafar Ladies, and especially the Smokin' Clays Ladies. We truly appreciate all you do for the unit and the Shrine. Without your support our unit and our philanthropy simply wouldn't be a success. So Nobles, step it up and show your Ladies the love they deserve.

Now, on to business. We've been practicing hard preparing for our first major tournament of the year, the Texas Shrine Shotgun Sports Association (TSSSA) Mid-Winter shoot. This tournament will be held Saturday, March 18th at the Comal County Shooting Sports range right here in Spring Branch. Shooting starts at 9:00 a.m. and will feature teams competing from Temples all across Texas. The TSSSA President for 2023 is our own Noble Guillermo DeHoyos, Past President and current 2nd Vice President of the Alzafar Shotgun Unit. So come on out and bring your family and friends to support the Smokin' Clays. We hope to do you proud and bring home some trophies.

Our final two practices before Mid-Winter are scheduled for Saturday, February 25th and Saturday, March 11th, both at Comal County Shooting Sports. Shooting starts at 9:00 a.m. and is open to anyone wanting to join us.

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. Be sure to come early as our Honorary Third Vice and Chief Chef, Noble David Hadley, always serves up a delicious meal around 6:15.

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

NEMNUF **CLOWNS** By WET-O

Illustriious Sir Eric DeWalt

Hello Alzafar, and Happy New Year. We, NEMNUF Clowns, want to congratulate all the Divan Members and Elected Individuals for your dedication and commitment to our fraternity. Past Illustrious Sir. Robert Norman, thank you for a job well done, and congratulations on getting right back in the mix as the 2023 Vice President of the NEMNUF Unit. To our newly elected Potentate Rick Reyes III, we wish you all success this year; we are here to help wherever we can.

We NEMNUF Clowns have hit the ground running this year by already taking advantage of the Children's Hospital being open. We took a pilgrimage to Galveston, Texas, to visit our children. I am not sure who was more moved, the children we encountered or our new

novice clowns who took their first trip. What a way to cement why we do what we do. Congratulations to our newbies, Christian "SPLASH" Sekula and Miguel "SKEEPY" Rodriguez.

All Novice Clowns must attend a trip to our Hospital to become a full-fledged Joey (Clown). This custom goes back to the construction of our first Hospital. The NEMNUFs relish this requirement so that every clown feels the draw to children as it has been done generation after generation.

Other requirements for these Novices(Nubies) are to remain in the white face until passage into the portal of clown alley. Anyone desiring to become a clown need not fear what it takes to use stage makeup or to build a costume. In the photograph to the right, ICE BUCKET (Bobby Miller) shows our clown novice "SPLASH" how to apply the red grease(Not really grease) paint to construct a clown happy face. Help is always there for every aspiring clown. Plus, and some would say most importantly, a novice clown must attend the bar. If you have never been to an Alzafar NEMNUF (FUN MEN spelled backward), you

should stop by and experience the monthly event. I can only imagine the fun once you are in the fold.

We have an awful lot on our plate this year, and I feel it will fly by. Look out at the Parades as the NEMNUF Clowns will bring the party. Be on the lookout for the annual Fishing Trip down at the Coast. This one sells out quickly. Come on and be a part of a great family trip with such a rewarding outcome. We are coming out of some bleaker years with Covid, hopefully now and forever in our rearview mirror. And Yes!!!, we are trying to come back



(Rear) Wet-O Ice Bucket and Wrong Way Introduce Christian "SPLASH" Sekula and Miguel "SKEEPY" Rodriguez two Novice Clowns (Center) to our Shriners Children's Texas Hospital

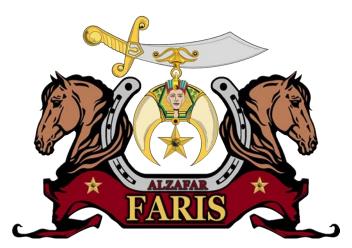


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would love to show you our room, share a story or two of times gone by, and/or get to know you. We will also be hosting an Open Clown Room at all Stated meetings. Please stop by, as we would love to see you.

We thank Alzafar for allowing us to represent our Shine in such a manner that brings a smile to a child's face, admiration to our fraternity, and might ease the pain felt by a child or invest laughter into a family experience.



Nobles all,

The Faris unit is growing rapidly. We have approximately 18 members now and getting ready to vote in more members very soon. We have had our third election and all new officers have been sworn in to serve. It should prove to be an exciting and eventful year for all our members that chose to participate.

Our first big event will be tiling for the reconstitution of Freedom Lodge #100 in Fredericksburg Texas. Our Grand Master Brad Billings will preside and we have been asked to tile this momentous occasion. Several of our members will also be charter members of Freedom lodge as it reopens its doors.

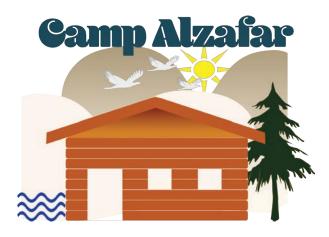
We will have a campout and trail ride coming up soon in Bandera Texas at the 5000 acre State park and nature area just outside town. Bring your gear and join us for a couple of nights camping, cooking, and trail riding if you chose. We have the horse and saddles....we need you! Call Glynn 210-413-1809 for more details and dates.

The Faris has committed monthly donations for another year to our cause of choice within the scope of the temple and the transportation fund. Realizing that our own temple needs much attention, we are planning some work days to help address some of the neglected areas that we believe we can assist.

If you are interested in joining the unit or just coming out to enjoy the company of a few old cowboys at camp, give us a call. We would love to take you out for a ride or share a moment with you and a child or grandchild about horses.

Thank you to all who have donated equipment, time, and money to make this unit the fastest growing unit in the Shrine. We are excited to share the joy we find in these horses and our brother noble Faris members!

Happy Trails Amigos, Glynn "Papa G" Praesel Faris President 2023 210-413-1809



Just a quick note from the Alzafar Camp Manager

Nobles all,

We are kicking off another great year at Camp Alzafar. Camp has really come a long way over the last several years. There are a lot more folks active and coming out to camp and enjoying what our fathers and brothers before us thought we would appreciate. They were right.

We will once again have a spring cleanup which will begin soon for us at camp with tree trimming, and the planning of some of the projects we have lined out. If you haven't been out in a few years, you will be surprised at how well it looks. I will once again secure a large 30 or 40 yard dumpster to help remove years of trash and debris that has been collected around some of the cabins. We are getting close to having most of it removed and perhaps this year we can wrap it up.

Two new units have made their home at Camp Alzafar now and include both the Faris unit (horses) and the Ruffians (Iron Horses). We are working to locate the Ruffians a unit room at camp or a place to put one. I believe between the two units there are over 35 members and growing rapidly. many of them if not most all own cabins as well.

There are several cabins that have recently come up for sale. Please let me know if you are interested in finding a cabin. We want active campers who will come out and enjoy what we have. We want to SEE you! There is nothing better than the smell of BBQ and the sound of laughter coming from porches all over camp. This nobles is what our brotherhood is all about. With that kind of relaxation and brotherly love, we are able to collectively then turn our attention to our charity....the children.

I would be remiss if I didn't always continue to thank our brother noble and camp caretaker Dickie Weisinger. He is a true blessing to our fraternity I assure you. Please thank him when you see him! There are many other nobles at camp who routinely provide money, fuel, labor, and most importantly their time. Always unselfishly and without expectation. A few of those folks are J.D

Thomas, Darrell Dixon, Walter Koehler, Al Putnam, Kyle Jackson, Shelby Herber, Ken Propes, David Hernandez, Luis Cardenas and Tony Leonard.

Lastly, We have started a "Little Church on the Hill" last year and conduct a weekly bible study every Sunday at 10 am. You can come by have a cup of coffee and enjoy the fellowship. No preparation needed! It is non-denominational and centered on Jesus Christ and the BIBLE.

That's it for now and may this be a great year for all. Come see us at Camp Alzafar!

Respectfully,

Noble Glynn Praesel Camp Manager 2023



Hello Alzafar

The Burning Sun has Elected our officers for 2023. We are led by Colonel Russ Brown (AKA The Dude), Major James Stimson (AKA Legend), and Secretary-Treasurer Doug Anderson (AKA Dominator). We welcomed in at the latest Ceremonial Jessie Wallace and his Lady Sarah to the Burning Sun. They will be a great addition.

It's time to start off the parade season with a trip to Laredo; at all the parades, we have been shown love, but at Laredo, they bring it to a whole new level. We have carts available for new members that have the need for speed. Our meetings take place every 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 pm in room 5 or at the Transportation Building. Our Colonel has put forth a pretty busy schedule; not only is Russ the Colonel but he is also the Membership Chairman, a member of the Brews Brothers, Hillbillies and recently joined the NEMNUFs. Our Major is also pretty active as the Raban of The Clan in the Hillbillies and holds a chair in his lodge. Although we didn't ride as frequently last year as we would have liked to, it was still one of the best years that I can recall as a member of Alzafar.

Illustrious Sir Robert Norman and his Lady did us proud. I am happy to call him my brother and friend. Keep the shiny side up, and we will see you in Laredo. "We ride so kids can walk."



Join the Alzafar Highlanders on April 1st in the Parlors for an evening of whisky tasting. Tickets are \$30 each or \$50 for two and are good for five shots of high end Scotch and Irish Whisky. In addition to the tasting, we are raffling off a bottle of Glen Fohdry Speyside Single Malt Whisky 29 (a \$400 value) to raise money for the Alzafar Hospital Transportation Fund. Tickets for the raffle are \$20 each. For more information contact Jason Reichenberg, Chief at 256-457-0995 or jason.e.reichenberg@gmail.com.



Alzafar Provost Guard Unit By Tom Hirte Secretary/Treasurer

The Provost Guard Unit had its first meeting of 2023 with a good showing of members and ladies. We had a wonderful meal of grilled hamburgers prepared by our unit chef, David Hadley.

Our unit's next scheduled competition will be our Mid-Winter shoot on March 24th and 25th in Dallas.

We are hoping to get more involved in some of the parades around the state. 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 AL-WAYS welcome to attend.

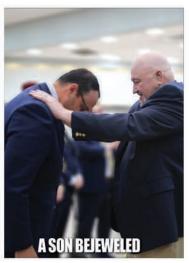






















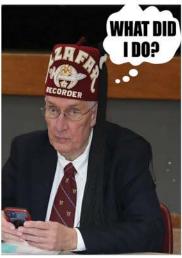


















Alzafar Shrine Dessert Knights Jerry Granato, President

The Dessert Knights are gearing up for another fun filled year of Shriner events, starting with the President's Day Parade in Laredo. What a way to get the new year started! The Laredo parade is like a weekend getaway with a great group of Noble Shriners and their ladies. In addition to the parade, there are other events filled with great food, fun and fellowship. Weather permitting, the ladies even venture into nearby shops to find those unique gifts and souvenirs.

Congratulations to the elected Desert Knights officers for 2023: Jerry Granato (President), Pete Granato (Vice President), Bert Gonzales (Secretary) and George Garza (Treasurer).

Hope everyone has a wonderful Valentine's Day and Happy February Birthday Wishes to Sylvia Fisk and June Celis.



ALZAFAR SHRINE SENIORS By: Daniel Coburn, Secretary, 1/05/23

The monthly meeting of the Alzafar Senior's was held in the Roustabouts room on January 5th with 15 members and 6 guests attending. Sandwiches for lunch were provided by Ralph McLeod with desserts by Helen Kelly.

Our speakers for the month were Bexar County Sherriff's Deputies who described the many ways in which civilians can get involved with crime prevention. The Bexar County Police Department provides training at different levels for those who wish to participate. The Deputies also went over fraud prevention and what to do if you believe you are a

victim of fraud. At the completion of their presentation the Deputies handed out contact numbers and web site addresses and answered questions for the members about topics as diverse as dying horses to evil opossums.

The Shrine Seniors Club meets at noon on the first Thursday of every month in the Shrine Roustabouts Room. All senior Shrine Members and their Ladies are welcome to join us for lunch, dessert, and stimulating conversation. Shriners younger than 60 can become honorary members and those 100 or older eat for free. Our next meeting is scheduled for February 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.

Alzafar Motor Club Greetings to all Nobles of Alzafar. We hope your new year is off to a great start.

A little recap is in order since these articles are submitted before events take place. The Motor Club had it's Christmas Dinner where nearly 60 people attended. Members and their Ladies, friends and supporters took part in a very fulfilling meal at Chama Gacha's Brazilian Steakhouse. None left less than full. Our officers were installed and everyone was treated to a wonderful moment. Noble James Hoyo introduced everyone by name without needing any cue cards which is a feat in and of itself. After finishing this he asked his Lady Becky to stand and upon bended knee proposed to her! She accepted and those gathered loudly cheered for this couple.

Speeches by outgoing President Ken Whited and in coming President Illustrious Sir P.P. Tom Young provided a recap of the year and a vision forward for this year. Everything looks like we will have another fun year doing all things motor related.

Illustrious Sir P.P. Eric DeWalt presented a generous check to the Motor Club to be used as a donation to the Hospital Transportation Fund. This will be presented at the next Alzafar stated meeting in January.

We always have our door open to any that wish to drop by. The 3rd Tuesday of each month you can find us at 7:00pm in Room 9 hanging out.





Hello Alzafar!

As the newest unit let us introduce ourselves. We are a motorcycle unit that is family oriented and made up of a group of Shriners that enjoy riding and having fun.

In December our 2023 officers were installed by then Chief Rabban and now Potentate Rick Reyes III. Our President is Clay Barron, Vice-President Steven Fisk, Treasurer Tony Calderon and Secretary Shelby Herber. Currently we have 14 members with a few applications forthcoming.

We meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month,11:00am at the Camp Alzafar's Pavilion. Our plan is to have a ride from there to a different direction each month and explore what is around the area. We'll stop for lunch and conduct our business meeting while enjoying fellowship among brethren.

For our January ride, 9 of us left Camp Alzafar on New Year's Day and headed over to Bandera, by way of Tapatio Springs. We enjoyed a short refreshment break there and then rode up to Kerrville. We dined at Mamacita's and enjoyed swapping tales and the great weather. Afterwards we wandered back to Comfort and crossed over to Sisterdale en-route back towards Camp. It was a the best way to start off a new year!

The Ruffians extend an open invitation to anyone with or without a motorcycle, trike, or whatever to join us. Ladies and family are always welcomed as well.

We are looking forward to joining the other Clubs and Units in the parades and events that make Alzafar great!

Daughters of the Nile

Ladies of the Household, Nobles and Friends,

On behalf of the Flores family, I would like

to thank each and every one of you who reached out to us during this most difficult time. My dad's passing left a hole in the hearts of all who knew and loved him, and I am certain that he will never be forgotten.

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Since his passing, our family has been overwhelmed by the amount of phone calls, texts, and donations that were made in his name and words could never express the gratitude we have for all of you. I know he would be humbled to know the impact he made on so many people.

My dad, Past Potentate GI Flores was the best! He was feisty, he spoke his mind, he worked hard for what he believed in, and he loved with his whole heart. He loved being a Mason and a Shriner, but his greatest joy was being a Husband, Father, Father-in-law, and Grandfather. His family was his life, and we always knew just how proud of us he was and how much he loved us.

I will leave you with his favorite Bible verse and his favorite quote:

Timothy 4:7-8

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. And now the prize awaits me-the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.

'Fui lo que eres. Seras lo que soy'

Thank you for loving my dad. - Queen Regina Beseth

Lady Jeanetta Davis High Priestess

We would like to wish everyone a very Happy Valentine's Day and hope you have a great one. If you would like to bring a Valentine's Day date to our biggest fundraiser event of the year, then please join us on February 10th.

It's Our Biggest Fundraiser of the Year!!!

Ladies Oriental Shrine is Happy to Deal you an Invitation to our "Go Western Casino Night" for a Fun filled evening of Dancing, Roulette, Blackjack, Texas HoldEm, & Craps at the Alzafar Shrine Terrace Room, Friday February 10th, 2023, at 7:00 PM. Heavy Hors d'oeuvres provided, BYOB, Cash bar for Set-ups, Country Music provided by William Castro. Western Casual attire. There will be both silent and live auctions. Tickets are \$30.00 and include \$1000.00 in chips. Call Lisa for tickets or to reserve a table. 210-334-5207

Our last event for this court year will be the Dillard's Spring Style Show & Luncheon

Come enjoy our Spring Style Show presented by Dillard's on March 11th in the Parlor Room at Alzafar. There will be a wonderful lunch served with a cash wine bar. Dillard's will also bring some items for Shopping while you attend. Last year they bought jewelry, perfume, handbags. Door Prizes and Opportunities to Win available. Tickets \$20. Contact Lisa Pharis for more information 210-334-5207.

Please come join us for these wonderful events.

Alzafar Highlanders Whisky Tasting April 1" at 6:30 PM Alzafar Shrine Parlors 901 N Loop 1604 \$30pp or 2 for \$50



See one of the Highlanders for tickets or contact Jason Reichenberg at 256-457-0995/jason.e.reichenberg@gmail.eom

Charity Scotch Raffle

Hosted by the Alzafar Highlanders Drawing to be held at the Whisky Tasting \$20.00/ticket

Glen Fohdry Speyside Single Malt Scotch Whisky Aged 29 Years GLEN FOHDRY

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Proceeds to benefit Shriners Children's a 501c3 charity. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent provided by law.

Knights of Saint Andrew and Scottish Rite Learning Center Fiesta Medal Fundraiser Proceeds benefit the KSA and SRLC

S15 each or both for S20







Scottish Rite Masons Helping Children Communicate

Contact Jason Reichenberg at 256-457-0995 or jason.e.reichenberg@gmail.com for more information Make checks payable to: San Antonio Scottish Rite or purchase on-line at www.sanantonioscottishrite.com



Sat. Feb. 18th Washington's Birthday Laredo7:00AM 9:00AM				
Sun. Feb 19thGalveston				
Sat. Apr. 8thFiesta Flambeau San Antonio5:00PM 7:00PM				
Sat. Apr. 22rd Strawberry Festival Poteet 8:00AM10:00AM				
Sat. May 6th Cornyval8:00AM10:00AM				
Sat. May 27th Memorial Day Bandera9:00AM11:00AM				
Sat. June 17th Berges FestBoerne8:00AM10:00AM				
Tues. July 4thJuly 4th				
Fri. Aug 25th Gillespie Co. Fair Fredericksburg8:00AM10:00AM (Optional)				
Sat. Sept. 2rd Kendall County Fair Boerne8:00AM10:00AM				
Sat. Nov. 11thVeteran's DaySan Antonio10:00AM12:00PM (Alzafar Ladies and Family)				
Sat. Nov. 18thAlamo Heights Night ParadeAH3:30PM5:30PM				
Sat. Dec. 2rdChristmas Parade Boerne 4:30PM6:00PM				
Sat. Dec. 9thChristmas ParadeSattler9:30AM11:00AM (Alzafar Ladies and Family)				

Schedule Subject to Change

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

ALZAFAR UNIT MEETING SCHEDULE

BAND **BREWS BROTHERS BURNING SUN** CABIRI CAMP ALZAFAR

CHAPARRAL **DE-MOLAY** DESERT KNIGHTS DIRECTORS STAFF **DRUM CORPS FARIS**

GOLF UNIT HIGHLANDERS BAND HILLBILLY CLAN

HONOR GUARD HOSPITAL CORPS **HOT SANDS BBQ** KERR KLOWNS LEGION OF HONOR MINI-WHEELS MOTOR CLUB MOTOR PATROL **NEMNUF** ORIENTAL BAND PATROL PROVOST GUARD RED ROADSTERS **RUFFINAS RV CLUB SENIORS** SHOTGUN SONS OF HIRAM SASIRNOS CLOWNS

BOERNE SC

CANYON LAKE

HILL COUNTRY

LAREDO SC

FT. CLARK SPRINGS

GUADALUPE VALLEY

Each Thursday 6:30 P.M. Room 7 4th Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Room 5 2nd Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Room 5 Wed. 2nd Thru. 12:00 N As Designated 12:00 N Camp Pavilion Memorial Day

7:30 P.M. Room 4

7:30 P.M. Room 8

7:00 P.M. Room 8

6:30 P.M. Room 9

7:00 P.M. Room 12

7:00 P.M. Room 6

7:00 P.M. Room 11

7:00 P.M. Room 4

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7:00 P.M. Room 8

7:00 P.M. Room 6

7:00 P.M. Room 10

7:00 P.M. Provost Gd.

12:00 N Roustabout

7:00 P.M. Parlors

7:00 P.M. Directors Rm

7:00 P.M. As Designated

Camp Alzafar

As Designated

7:30 P.M. Room 11

5:00 P.M. Roustabout

6:00 P.M. As Designated

7:00 PM Directors Rm.

7:30 P.M. Directors Rm.

Camp Alzafar

July 4th & Labor Day 1st Monday 2nd Thursday 3rd Wednesday 2nd Tuesday Each Thursday As Called

2nd Tuesday Each Thursday 2nd Sun Feb., Apr. June, Aug., Oct., Dec. 1st Monday

3rd Tuesday Wed. before stated 7:00 P.M Pavilion 4th Monday 4th Thursday 2nd Tuesday 3rd Tuesday 3rd Monday 2nd Monday Each Wednesday 4th Monday 1st Wednesday 1st Tuesday 2nd Sunday

1st Monday 1st Wednesday SHRINE CLUB MEETINGS 3rd Wednesday

4th Weekend

1st Thursday

2nd Monday

6:30 P.M. As Designated 2nd Monday 6:30 P.M. Lakeside GC 6:30 P.M. Ramada Inn 4th Saturday 3rd Monday 6:00 P.M. As Designated 2nd Wednesday 11:30A.M. Inn o/t Hills 1st Wednesday 7:00 P.M. As Designated

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS MEETINGS

ANCHOR MASONIC LODGE 2nd+4th Thurs. CIBOLO MASONIC LODGE 4th Monday KELLY MASONIC LODGE 1st Tuesday VICTORY MASONIC LDG. 2nd Tuesday DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE 2nd Thursday LADIES OF THE SHRINE 1st Thursday

7:00P.M. Alzafar rear 7:00 P.M. Alzafar rear 7:30 P.M. Alzafar rear 7:00 P.M. Alzafar rear 7:30 P.M. Parlors 7:00 P.M. Parlors



FORMER POTENTATES OF **ALZAFAR SHRINERS**

1916 Frank R. Newton Sr* 1917 Ted Millburn* 1918 J. A. Patterson* 1919 Henry Rabe* 1920 Robert Burne* 1921 Sylvan Lang* 1922 Robert S. Michael* 1923 Nathan K. Tracy* 1924 H. W. Weber* 1925 Herman Horner* 1926 Charles D. Hall* 1927 S. X. Callahan* 1928 John Lomax* 1929 Henry A. Hirschberg* 1930 A.J. McKenzie* 1931 Louis P. Hartung* 1932 Anton N. Moursund* 1933 G.G. Grebenheimer* 1934 Porter Loring* 1935 P.D. Mathis* 1936 Geo. F. Dullnig* 1937 Willard E. Simpson* 1938 C. Baumberger, Jr.* 1939 William Eifler* 1940 William H. Wallace* 1941 Daniel O'Connell* 1942 O.J. Solcher* 1943 Rennie Wright* 1944 Albert A. Green* 1945 W.D. Turbeville* 1946 Ted E. Poppe* 1947 Alfred W. Harlos* 1948 Sam A. Chapman* 1949 Richard Adams* 1950 Roy Akers* 1951 Glen K. Schuepbach* 1952 W.C. "Pat" Welch* 1953 Elliot J. Bilhartz* 1954 Ray H. Trimmier* 1955 T.M. McCormick* 1956 H.S. Norman* 1957 W.B. Jack Ball* 1958 Floyd J. Griffin* 1959 Henry W. Eitt* 1960 Harvey McDonald* 1961 L.L. Woodman* 1962 George W. Henry* 1963 Barney Norris* 1964 Jack B. Lee* 1965 Robert B. O'Connor*

1970 Jack W. Cones, Jr.* 1971 Bruce Waitz* 1972 Floyd F. Graham* 1973 Drue H. Floyd* 1974 Jack O. Dietz* 1975 H.C. Kopplow* 1976 W.H. "Bill" Elmore* 1977 Thurman Barrett, Jr.* 1978 Floyd O. Schneider* 1979 Reese L. Harrison, Jr. 1980 Burdit W. McCoy* 1981 James V. Gullette* 1982 Joseph M. Clark* 1983 George D. Vann, Jr.* 1984 Joe Roy Hollaway* 1985 E.C. "Bud" Jordan* 1986 Sidney D. Autry* 1987 Terry McGuire* 1988 James Dockery, Jr.* 1989 George J. Labinski* 1990 James W. Todd 1991 Ray Fuller* 1992 Robert "Bob" Jett 1993 Emmett C. George* 1994 E.C. "Ed" Vest* 1995 Tom Boothe* 1996 Jerry Krupp* 1997 Harry D. Rose* 1998 Robert D. "Bob" Green 1999 Robert "Bobby" Hunt 2000 Bob Stephens* 2001 Loren Hayes* 2002 J. Philip Knight-Sheen 2003 Wayne R. Duncan 2004 Steve R. Molnar* 2005 Stuart H. Simms* 2006 Frank B. Hunter* 2007 Joseph Calvey 2008 Paul F. McCombs 2009 James "Jim" Strayer* 2010 Richard "Rick" Reyes II 2011 Gregorio "G.I." Flores* 2012 Robert "Bob" Jones 2013 Tom Young 2014 Expelled 2015 Jay Dee Thomas 2016 John Dunn 2017 Gary Radvansky 2018 Jason Triggs 2019 Eric DeWalt 2020 Marty Bartlett 2021 L. Travis Elmendorf

ALZAFAR SHRINERS WHO ARE FORMER POTENTATES OF OTHER SHRINE CENTERS

1964 Roy Reynolds* 1970-71 Eldon O. Wesner* 1979 Ray Robinson 1981 Donald Garrido* 1983 David Martin 1998 Terry Zittle 2012 Rick Oberg

1966 E. Jeff Ashcraft, Jr.*

1967 D. Neal Talley*

(El Bekal Shriners) (Anezeh Shriners) (Suez Shriners) (Abou Saad Shriners) (Suez Shriners) (Abou Saad Shriners) (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			
February 2023			
6th	Divan/Finance Meeting	5:00 pm	
8th	Wednesday Shrine Stated Meeting	7:00 pm	
9th-12th	Divan Midwinter Granbury, Texas (Moslah)	12:00Noon	
17th-19th	WBCA Events Laredo		
18th	Washington Birthday Parade	9:00 am	
19th	Galveston MardiGras	11:00 am	
March 2023			
6th	Divan/Finance Meeting	5:00 pm	
9th	Shrine Stated Meeting	7:00 pm	
April 2023			
8th	Fiesta Flambeau	5:00 pm	
22rd	Strawberry Festival Poteet	8:00 am	
10th	Divan/Finance Meeting	5:00 pm	
13th	Shrine Stated Meeting	7:00 pm	