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Notice of Stated Meeting & Installation of Officers

The following Stated Meeting of Alzafar Shriners will be **DARK IN JUNE 2022** at 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.

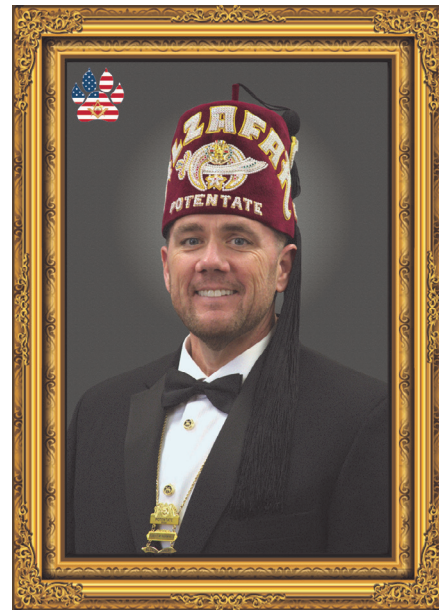
BE SURE TO BRING THESE THREE THINGS:

- 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!! Its already May, can you believe it? April was very busy for Alzafar. We had a membership event, three parades, OG Easter Party for the children, Di- van and Finance meeting and our monthly stated meeting to name of few. May seems to be just as busy. Alzafar is back and we are full steam ahead.

The Texas Shrine Association 2022 Ceremonial hosted by Maskat Shriners in Wichita Falls is next month. The dates are June 8th-11th. This is a great opportunity for the thirteen Texas shrines to come together for fun filled competitions. Have you made your reservations and gotten your unit ready for the competition yet? There is still time to prepare. We have a golden opportunity to show the rest of the Texas shrines what Alzafar is all about. The added bonus is showing them how many trophies we are going to bring home.

We are still making improvements to your shrine. I encourage all of you to stop in and take a look. Drive around our campus and you should see a difference as well. We are steadily finishing up projects and moving on to the others. We believe we are on schedule to finish all these improvement projects with plenty of time to spare.

Thank you all for allowing me to be your Potentate and Lady Tiffany to be your First Lady. We can only hope that we are living up to your expectations. If there is anything we can do to make something better or you have suggestions on how we can improve something don't hesitate to reach out to us and let us know. We look forward to visiting with you all soon.





Lady Tiffany Norman
First Lady of Alzafar Shriners

First Lady's Feature

Do you ever look for the right words but they don't quite come out? That's me, right now. I have so much that I want to say and I'm searching the sky for the words to put into print. I find myself constantly in awe at all that Alzafar continues to do. The first quarter of 2022 has flown by. We have been nonstop (parades, the ball, some parties, installations, & more). If you're anything like me & you find yourself saying "I'm just too busy" to get out & get involved, know that you're missed. I can attest to the "I'm busy" mentality as I'm working full time, in grad school, coaching my daughter's soccer team, in an internship, and fulfilling the duties asked of me at Alzafar, so sometimes I cannot make an event or I simply need a day to refresh. If there's any particular event that you'd like to help out with, please don't hesitate to reach out so we can get you involved or RSVP to the upcoming events so we can be bloomed with your presence.

The next quarter isn't slowing down. We have camp opening, TSA, and a ton of Alzafar kids' graduations. Madisun Norman, Josie DeWalt, Molly Reyes, Geoffrey El-mendorf, and Seth Harrison Jr. will all be walking the stage as 2022 graduates. These kids dedicate much of their time volunteering and most especially supporting the mission of Shriner's. Be sure to send your well wishes their way as June approaches. Alzafar remains so successful because of the men, women, & children who support! Leave no stone unturned as you recognize individuals, including those in the background, who do not crave the recognition, and are simply being a helping hand and keeping us on the map! Speaking of those in the background. Can I take a moment to thank a few people who have stood out in the crowd in the last few months? My dear friend Luly recently told me, "a real friend doesn't clip your wings, they add a feather." These people support Robert, myself, & Alzafar in all that they do.

They're here, attributing to a great year so far:

- Art & Carmen (generally the first there & one of the last to leave). Art protected our trailer and tailgate space at Flambeau to ensure only permitted Shriner's & their families and friends were in the area, not to mention getting dirty, assembling and taking apart the rail system.

- Dennis & Fallon. When you thank one, you thank both. These two are workers! Dennis is no stranger to stepping up (cooking, cleaning, & being Robert's go-to guy) and I can't tell you how many times Fallon has kept us ladies grounded so far! FYI, she sends us meeting minutes – ladies, this is HUGE! :] You need people like this in your corner.

- Doug & Mandy. There's truly not enough I can say. Doug will have to take the backseat for this one because I can do nothing but brag. Driven

by Movement is dubbed Alzafar's First Lady's Project, but in reality – Mandy is doing the work and I'm graciously getting the kudos for it. The success it has had already is almost entirely due to her dedication. I am in awe at her commitment. She recently was recognized in her local magazine. Check it out here: https://issuu.com/seguingazette/docs/april_magazine_2022_issuu. (P.18)

Mark Sanborn once said, "Anyone, anywhere, can make a positive difference." Those six individuals have been incredible assets and make a positive difference. You too can be a difference maker and support Alzafar's First Lady's Project with the Motion Analysis Center at Shriners Children's, Galveston. You can do so by purchasing some incredibly, beautiful, hand-crafted tree of life earrings (two to choose from) or donate to our cause. They are 1/\$30 or 2/\$50. You can do this by visiting our website at drivenbymovement.square.site or through Mandy Anderson/myself. Until next time, guys & gals, call/email/text if you need anything. **Lots of Love, Tiffany**



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

Driven By Movement

And A
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Mother's
Day Gift

Alzafar First Lady's Project

\$30/each

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

Alzafar, the contract has been reviewed, approved, and is a go for our fraternal fundraiser this year. Kevin Fowler is booked, and we are in for one fantastic weekend at Alzafar. To start the weekend off right,

we are holding a BBQ cookoff on the back 40 (pavilion) with vendors and food trucks to keep you busy. Check-in for the BBQ teams will be Friday evening, with the event taking place all day Saturday. Since this is Thanksgiving weekend, make sure you tell your ladies to bring their shopping lists, as we will indeed have plenty of vendors to fulfill all those Christmas wish lists. If you are looking to raise funds for your Shrine Unit or Club, this is an ideal event to showcase whatever you are selling. If your business wants to reserve a spot to advertise your product, we will have

vendor registrations out shortly.

As we move into the middle part of the year, we will continue to have planning meetings for the event. Our current needs are vendors, BBQ teams, sponsors, and support. This is our primary fundraiser for the year, so please do your best to attend and assist. Since we do not have a Circus this year, this is our primary fundraiser. Be on the lookout for your nobility tickets to the event. Each of you will be mailed tickets that you can use for yourself or give to friends or family.

If you cannot attend, please consider supporting the event with a donation. All proceeds will go towards our fraternal operations. Finally, if you have expertise in event planning and/or BBQ events specifically, reach out and let me know how you can help. Thanks for all you do, Alzafar.





Noble Marco Zuniga
 Assistant Rabban of Alzafar Shriners
 Good day Nobles & Ladies!!!

I Want to start off by congratulating our OG on a job well done on the children's party. Great turn out, and lots of fun for all.

If you missed the Fiesta Flambeau you missed out on some fun. Thanks to all who showed and represented Alzafar. Hope to see out at the next few, Strawberry Festival April 23rd and Helotes Cornyval April 30th.

Excited to share we have Lucha Libre coming to the Shrine on Saturday, June 18th. Get your tickets at www.eventbrite.com you definitely do not want to miss out.

We continue to work out the minor details on the Gala to be held October 1st so that we can share what we have so far. We definitely can use any help available. Please reach out to Lady Lori or myself so we can put your expertise to work alzafarhospitalgala2022@gmail.com. Keep an eye out, we will have a planning meeting coming up soon.

Thank you again for your continued support.



Noble Mike Long
 High Priest of Alzafar Shriners

Alzafar is at full steam ahead this second quarter of 2022. Our first two big parades are behind us, with fun prevailing at both The Washington Birthday Celebration and the Fiesta Flambeau. I must say that Nobility ball was a huge success as well. I saw so many faces I'd hadn't seen I quite a while.

I've analyzed the participation at our monthly stated and called meetings, parades, and the OG Round Table meeting. I take no pleasure in saying that our attendance has been very low, other than the nobility ball. What do we do as great fraternity to bring you great men back? I do realize we are all volunteers, but I've heard stories from the past we had huge meetings, we supported each other. I do also understand we are aging as well. To come to a stated meeting to see what's going on in your organization, doesn't take a lot of hard work. Get there early, and have a meal. Chat with your brother, have a cold beverage, or two! Stay a while for the meeting and listen to what your units have coming up, Alzafar's upcoming events also! We as Alzafar's Board of Director's would enjoy seeing you there, at the next function.

I wonder if anyone is going to leave our stated meeting with \$400.00 in their pocket?

You Could Win \$400

Jan	Feb	Mar
\$100	\$200	\$300
NoWinner	NoWinner	NoWinner

Just be at the stated meeting in April and pick up your winnings when they call your name

Every Alzafar Shriner is included free of charge However, you must be present at the Stated Meeting to win

Michael Long



Noble Steve White

Oriental Guide of Alzafar Shriners

Wow, what a month we have had. I hope everyone can check out all the changes at your temple. The painting looks fantastic, and the silent messenger also has a new face lift. Cannot forget all the new flooring throughout the temple. Tremendous changes that we all can be proud of. When you must put on a party and call for volunteers, all that come to help are fantastic. Getting ready for the big Easter Party, we had an egg stuffing. We may have set a record of 1,800 eggs in 35 minutes. Then it was off to the car show to dream about the cars you wanted. Excellent job to the AMC unit in putting on a show.

I visited Tampa, Florida, for Oriental Guide School for three days of education on the Shrine system and our hospitals. Came away with great ideas and reaffirmed why I am a Shriner.

No more than one week later, we put on the Easter party. If you did not go, you missed a huge party. I counted over four hundred adults and children that showed up. They had fun with the egg scramble, face painting, a jumping castle, and the Easter Bunny made a special appearance for photographs. I cannot mention every person who helped, but they came in force. The Mini Wheels and Golf units did an excellent job. Our clowns showed up and entertained all day long. Mandy Anderson can not thank you enough for creating a memory the kids will always



treasure. "I think she wore out a photo printer" on pictures with the biplane and Easter Bunny. The kids had a blast putting their photos on a frame at the craft table. We had sponsors who provided money, cookies, and baskets. That type of selfless participation defines us as a great philanthropic organization. I am very proud to recognize our units, the Daughters of the Nile and the Ladies of the Oriental Shrine, who also supported the event far beyond my call to duty. I am sure I am missing some people but thank you for a great and successful event.

Looking forward to seeing all the Nobles at our next stated meeting for fun and fellowship. Until I see you again, always remember that we make a difference in a child's life every day like no other organization can.

Thank you,
Steve White, your Oriental Guide



Noble David Olivares

Treasurer of Alzafar Shriners

May is the time for the flowers from the April showers to show up. Although the April showers didn't show up as much as we may have needed, I sure hope the May flowers show up and give us a beautiful Spring. Sunday, May 8 is a special day this month when we honor the mothers in our life. On Monday, May 30 we celebrate Memorial Day where we honor those who gave their lives in battle serving our country.

Last Month we had a great time at the Fiesta Flambeau Parade. Wow, it was great getting back out there and showing our great city who we are. Thank you to all the Nobels and ladies that came out to help. Yes, it was a long day but well worth our time to remind San Antonio that we, Alzafar Shrine, is still around and still promoting the world's greatest philanthropy. Shriner Children's!

Our May Finance Meeting is scheduled for May 9th starting at 5:00pm with the Divan meeting to follow. As a reminder, these meetings are open to the nobility,

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and we invite you to come in to see and hear about YOUR Temple and YOUR Temple Finances.

Finally, please do not forget our stated meeting starts at 7:00 on Thursday, May 12. Do not forget to call in and reserve dinner the Friday before the stated and you eat free! Who knows you may even win the cash drawing if your name is called that night. **MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!**



Recorders Corner:

Tee-Bone Tommy Leverett
Recorder to the Stars

From the Shrine Dance Floor to the Emergency Room in 5 days. I think everyone will agree that our Potentate and Volunteers put on a great Nobility Ball (It was a Potentate's Ball if PP Reese Harrison, Jr. is reading this article). The cost was affordable, the food was great, and the band was wonderful. I love to dance with my young bride of 42 years, and we had a great time sharing the dance floor with my friends and Nobles. The following Thursday, Lisa ended up in the ER after suffering a heart attack. God was good to us, and they found a normal EKG, and her main arteries were open. We now start the process of finding out why she had the heart attack.

I think everyone knows about our RV rental spaces and the rental of Alzafar #1. You can reserve the RV spaces and pay for them online. We have 9 spaces, and 1 space needs to be reserved by calling the office for any Shriners that prefer not to use the internet. The rental of Alzafar #1 can be paid for online, but you need to call the office at 210-496-1625 to request the date. When paying for the rentals, please indicate the date of the RV spot and date and the Alzafar #1 date on the remarks section. Please know if you cancel your reservation and we are not able to book it with another Noble, it is NON-REFUNDABLE.

TSA AND IMPERIAL are right around the corner. If your Unit is planning to compete, please let me or Lisa

know ASAP.

We just finished the 1st quarter of rentals here in San Antonio. We had \$38,295 of new rentals and \$97,030 of rental income for \$135,325. If we have K12 testing, please note we have to keep very quiet and cannot cut through rooms that the kids are using for testing. That includes our kitchen.

Come out to Alzafar's next event or parade and see why I say "Alzafar Rocks."



Rumors of our demise have been greatly exaggerated! Greetings from the Chaparral unit! Yes, we're still alive along with the roaches and James, it's Ms. Jackson if you're nasty. Long story short, the global pandemic has affected our participation. We have done what we can to protect ourselves, families and fellow brethren. A unit member suffered the ultimate loss and has now been the breath of fresh air the unit has long since needed.

That being said, the "lil' devils" are ready to ride again! We even had a new member join the unit for the first time in years, Noble Lincoln Cates. If you've seen Linc you could actually say that we doubled our membership. All kidding aside, Linc has been a great addition to our club and he's fitting right in.

We are still looking to grow our ranks.

Special shout out to Ariel for keeping us in line with our paperwork and overall keeping the unit in good standing with the shrine. It's a thankless job that we can't thank you enough for the time you put in.

Hope to see everybody real soon. If you see us up at the temple riding around come on by and give them a try.

Come by room 4 on the first Monday of the month at 7pm, stay for a drink have a few laughs.



Alzafar Hillbilly Clan 152

Hello to all our Cuzins and Alzafar Flatlanders, We just had a great Hillbilly degree Sunday after the Easter party. Our class had 21 new Cuzins made. Running Bear Clan #152 is one of the strongest and by far the most fun, family club in Alzafar. We meet every second Sunday in the even months. Good ol' Betsy will be at the Poteet Strawberry Festival Parade in April (in all her glory) we have catchy titles in our clan like Raban Of The Clan, Keeper of the Cob, Keeper of the Dough, Keeper of the Still, Keeper of the Roadkill, Keeper of the Faith and Keeper of the Quill. Our meetings consist of libations, food, fun and door prizes mixed with an attempt of humor. I would love to have any of ya'll come out and see if this is a good fit for you, your wife and kids.

Feel free to contact me direct at 210-419-6581 if you have an interest.

We all look forward in seeing you

Doug Anderson

Raban of the Clan



ALZAFAR SHOTGUN UNIT

AKA SMOKIN' CLAYS

By Dave Jackson

Your Shotgun Unit proudly represented Alzafar at the Texas Shrine Shotgun Sports Association's Mid-Winter Shoot in Bryan, Texas, March 12th. Alzafar fielded eleven shooters and a couple of visitors, which was the most shooters of any Temple in the state participating and brought home two trophies! Our top team took second place in Class B, while our second team took first place in Class C. We had a great time and Arabia did a fine job hosting us. The course was challenging (to say the least!) and certainly put us through our paces.

Looking forward to the next competition, we'll be prac-

ticing hard over the next couple of months as our biggest tournament of the year is just around the corner. Our next unit organized practice shoot will be Saturday, 21st of May at Comal Range. The TSA shoot will be held in June in Wichita Falls where we will again represent Alzafar. The discipline changes for TSA and we will be shooting Trap and Skeet. We will also be holding our drawing for a Beretta A300 Ultima Shotgun and a Ruger 10/22 Carbine 22 LR. See any Shotgun unit member for your lucky ticket! Plans are in the works for our next raffle. Rumor has it there will be a Silver Pigeon Shotgun as the prize!

And, 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. As a reminder, our stated meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Roustabout Room. And come early as our Honorary Third Vice and Chief Chef, Noble David Hadley, always serves a fine dinner starting at 6:30.

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

We received a correction to these minutes late and some clarity was needed. This is the correction as received:

Hello brother,

The article Dave Jackson submitted yesterday needs to have locations of our shooting corrected. They are switched. Comal County Shooting Range for April and Bexar County Shooting Range for May. Same dates.

Thanks

Brian Niday

1st Vice Shotgun Unit

Many times when corrections are needed and it will serve the unit if the correction is added to the original article and sent as a new article



NEMNUF Notes

by

buckethead

Fiesta 2022 was a blast! NEMNUF clowns were found in our natural habitat: entertaining the crowd. We had joeys at NIOSA serving frosty margs in Frontiertown, cracking cascarones in Froggy Bottom, and we even had one of our

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Childrens' Easter



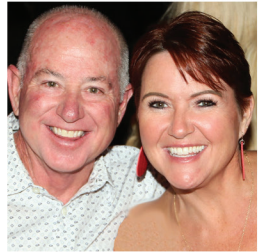


Party



Photos by Art Loera

NOBILITY FEST





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~~\$100~~
No Winner

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No Winner

~~Mar~~
~~\$300~~
No Winner



~~April~~
~~\$400~~
No Winner

If you Know
Noble Waco K. Richards
Tell him, that his Name
was Called

You
Could
Win



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



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own making his mark in the Rey Feo Consejo! But the Flambeau parade was where NEMNUF really shined the brightest. Special thanks to Mike “NoKnow” Calloway and Viviano “Buttons” Peña, who walked and rocked the entire route! Thom “Smiley” Hooks and somewhat gimpy clowns Paul “Wrong Way” Dawson and Billy “buckethead” Peché rode a trailer to humorously dramatic effect. The crowd kept asking us to show our shoes, which we did, giving them more than they bargained for. Illustrious Sir Robert “Y-Not” Norman, Chief Rabban Rick “Tater” Reyes, and HP&P Mike “Tiddlywinks” Long led us along the route, and gave pride and honor to our unit.

Fiesta may be over, but our spirit lives through the year. Contact us if’n you need some “Fun Men” to help bring your event to life. Bump a nose!!!



ALZAFAR SHRINE SENIORS

By: Daniel Coburn, Secretary, 4/07/22

The monthly meeting of the Alzafar Senior’s was held in the Roustabouts room on April 7th with 19 members and guests attending. After a delicious chicken pot pie lunch, provided by Rose May, with cheesecake for dessert provided by Albert Pike, our Shrine Potentate Illustrious Sir Robert Norman gave an update on the Shrine ongoing improvements and upcoming activities. The members commented on the improved communications, and he encouraged anyone not receiving the Achbar or emails to contact the front office for help.

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 May 5th, Cinco de Mayo, in the Roustabouts room. Until then we wish everyone safe travels.

For more information, or to RSVP, contact Seniors Secretary Daniel Coburn at 830-832-5513 or at dyco-burn@gmail.com.



SHRINERS CHILDRENS’ - MEXICO CITY, MEXICO

It is always good to celebrate new opportunities – and successful services. Shriners hospitals and outpatient clinics are located in U.S., Canada, and Mexico.

Shriners Childrens’ is evolving through their 2035 vision plan initiative into providing more services to kids in settings other than hospital facilities.

As part of that plan SHC is currently building a clinic to serve children in Monterrey, Mexico. In November, 2021 SHC-Mexico City began inpatient surgeries in Monterrey, at a Christus hospital facility. Currently, SHC is constructing the clinic within the Christus hospital facility, scheduled to be completed by June, 2022. SHC-Mexico City, which includes excellent doctors and administrators, (and an outstanding Chairman of the Board of Governors- Ron Trine of Alzafar Shrine), is providing the management for the Monterrey clinic. The clinic, which started performing surgeries in November, 2021 will have 3 doctors and staff who will perform inpatient surgery for Shriners’ Children, Physical Therapy, Prosthesis and other services. Media outlets are already broadcasting the good news which will further the goal of serving more kids, in more places. Additionally, SHC-Mexico City has held clinics in Panama and currently there are outreach clinics planned for other cities in Mexico. SHC-Mexico City may ultimately become the center for referrals for all of Latin America. SHC-Mexico City has a very close connection to Alzafar Shrine. Alzafar is one of the highest contributing Shrines in the entire Shriners Children Hospital System (SHC). As most of you know, Maria Olmos in the Alzafar office receives many calls each week requesting transport of children with severe burns from Mexico to SHC-Galveston. This includes ground transportation and emergency air flights. Each year, Alzafar, through all your efforts, contributes approximately \$225,000 to transporting children from Mexico.

SHC-Mexico City achieved impressive results during the 2021 calendar year,

- Outpatient Services to 62,444 children out of the Shriners System’s grand total of 329,440, thus 20% of all OP encounters were done by SHC-Mexico City.
- Performed 6,799 surgeries out of total 23,460

System-wide, thus 29% of all surgeries were done at SHC-Mexico City.

- Due to protocols against COVID, SHC-Mexico City currently does only inpatient surgeries.
- What is dramatic about these results, if you compare SHC-Mexico City's 6,799 inpatient surgeries to Shriners' total system 11,114 inpatient surgeries, SHC-Mexico City did 61% of the total inpatient surgeries.
- 4,638 Telehealth sessions vs the System's total of 20,353, representing 23% of all Telehealth and Fast Track Video sessions.

Currently, the SHC-Mexico City Board of Directors is seeking to add members who are willing to participate in providing guidance and oversight as a Board member to serve at monthly Board meetings. If a member has an interest in serving on the Board of Governors, please let the Potentate know of your interest.

Let us all remember why we became Shriners. This is our philanthropic mission. We are reminded that every great accomplishment starts with a few dedicated people. Nobles, WE ARE THOSE PEOPLE. Andrew Libby, Member SHC-Mexico City Board of Governors



At our Ladies Night Out this month Alzafar's First Lady Tiffany Norman announced she has a Fundraiser and I want to mention it in the Golf Unit column. Also in attendance were Illustrious Sir Robert M. Norman, II and Alzafar First Lady Tiffany. By the way, First Lady Tiffany has created a fundraiser for our Children Hospitals. A pair of earrings for \$30 a pair of beautiful custom crafted Ladies earrings. The earrings are a benefactor's artistic creations free of cost for this charitable purpose.

Lady Tiffany has identified the motion clinic at Shriners Children's Texas. What a beautiful and appropriate effort. We would like to support her program wholeheartedly and challenge every unit to do the same. Please understand that our Hospital system receives 100% of the proceeds. Let's join with Lady Tiffany to make this the very best fundraiser to date.

Camp Alzafar
Family Movie
Under the Stars

Hosted by the Alzafar Faris and our Chief Rabban Rick Reyes, III

Bring your Chairs or Golf Cart

Free Movie Hot Dogs & Popcorn

Camp Alzafar Opening
Where: Baseball Field
Date: Friday May 27TH
When: 6:00 pm

BYOB



PROVOST GUARD

**Provost Guard
Andrew Libby,
Secretary/Treasurer**

Provost Guard participated in competition at the Mid-Winter TSPGA pistol match in Wichita Falls, TX hosted by Mascot Shrine March 26-27, 2022. PG had 5 shooters competing and brought home 3 trophies among tough competition. The PG is also looking forward to participating at TSA competition in June 2022 and possibly at Imperial Session in July in Minneapolis, MN.

All Nobles are invited to come by and check out all the fun. We meet the first Wednesday of the month, social hour at 6:00pm, great meal at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:00 pm. and all Ladies are welcome.

PG is holding a unit fundraising activity raffle with the opportunity to win a pistol raffle offering either of two excellent pistols. Tickets donations are \$10 each. Ask a PG member for tickets to win either a Ruger Mk 1 .22 LR or 9mm Luger(Chrome). Both are excellent weapons.

ALZAFAR BAND

James Charles Rodgers, better known as Jimmie Rodgers (September 8, 1897 – May 26, 1933), was an American singer-songwriter and musician who rose to popularity in the late 1920s. Widely regarded as “the Father of Country Music”, he is best known for his distinctive rhythmic yodeling. Unusual for a music star of his era, Rodgers rose to prominence based upon his



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recordings, among country music’s earliest, rather than concert performances – which followed to similar public acclaim.

He has been cited as an inspiration by many artists and inductees into various halls of fame across both country music and the blues, in which he was also a pioneer. Among his other popular nicknames are “The Singing Brakeman” and “The Blue Yodeler”.

Rodgers’ affinity for entertaining came at an early age, and the lure of the road was irresistible to him. By age 13, he had twice organized and begun traveling shows, only to be brought home by his father. His father found Rodgers his first job working on the railroad, as a water boy. Here he was further taught to pick and strum by rail workers and hobos. As a water boy, he would have been exposed to the work chants of the African-American railroad workers, known as gandy dancers. A few years later, he became a brakeman on the New Orleans and North-eastern Railroad, a position formerly held by his oldest brother, Walter, who had been promoted to conductor on the line running between Meridian and New Orleans. In 1924 at age 27, Rodgers was diagnosed with tuberculosis. The disease temporarily ended his railroad career, but at the same time gave him the chance to get back into the entertainment industry. He organized a traveling road show and performed across the southeastern United States until he was forced home after a cyclone destroyed his tent. He returned to railroad work as a brakeman in Miami, Florida, but eventually his illness cost him his job. He relocated to Tucson, Arizona, and was employed as a switchman by the Southern Pacific Railroad. He kept the job for less than a year, and the Rodgers family (which by then included wife Carrie and daughter Anita) settled back in Meridian in early 1927.

Rodgers’ penultimate recordings were made in August 1932 in Camden, and the tuberculosis clearly was getting the better of him. He had given up touring by that time, but did have a weekly radio show in San Antonio, Texas, where he had relocated when “T for Texas” (“Blue Yodel Number 1”) became a hit. It was not in Rodgers’ make-up to stay still, though, and his constant touring and recording schedule only hurt his chances of recovery. Rodgers married Carrie Cecil Williamson. The couple had two daughters, Carrie Anita Rodgers (known as Anita), [16] and June Rebecca Rodgers, who died at 6 months in 1923.

Earnings from his recordings at the peak of his career enabled Rodgers to build his “dreamhouse” for his family in Kerrville, Texas, a location chosen partly for health reasons.[16]

Always a man of the people, Rodgers maintained friendships with his old pals and bandmates throughout

his life and was noted for his charming, upbeat personality. While on tour, Rodgers became legendary for his generosity to strangers, his habit of giving free impromptu performances, and for his willingness to socialize with his fans. Rodgers was a guest at the Taft Hotel in New York City in May 1933 while working on several days of studio recordings. After completing them he died there on May 26, 1933 from a pulmonary hemorrhage brought on by tuberculosis. He was 35 years old. At that time he accounted for fully 10% of RCA Victor's sales in a drastically depressed record market.

Jimmie Rodgers was a member of John L. Spinks Lodge, No. 507, Meridian, Mississippi – Grand Lodge of Mississippi.



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

It was a year to remember. Many fundraisers and fun by all. With the Installation on March 26th behind us and saying goodbye to High Priestess Ann Teague, I am proud to have been installed as your new High Priestess.

With a new year we will be having new and more exciting fundraising for this next year. Our first fundraisers were the Fiesta Medals and if you didn't already get one, then please reach out to any member for your very own. Only \$10.00 each and they are beautiful. Our next fundraiser will be a Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon May 7th at 1 pm in the Terrace Room at the Alzafar Shrine. Tickets will be \$20.00 which will include the full lunch and wonderful fashion from Dillard's. I am sure you will love this event. Please contact Lisa Pharis for tickets and RSVP at 210-334-5207 or you can email Altrui.court@gmail.com for more information. Hope to see many of you there.

We are always looking for great ladies to join our wonderful organization. We would also like members who have been with us for a few years to please come back and see all the wonderful changes that have been happening. The organization has come to the 21st century and more changes for the better to come.

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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. Come see any member or email Altrui.Court@gmail.com if you or anyone you know would like to join us, please email us and someone will contact you.

Until next time, stay safe.

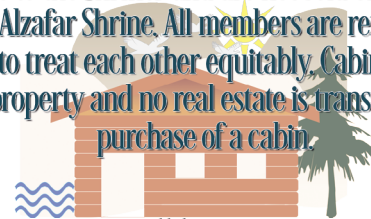
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Items for sale by members of Alzafar Shrine are listed here as a convenience to the Shriner and are not sold or guaranteed in any way by Alzafar Shrine. All members are reminded of their obligation to treat each other equitably. Cabins at camp are personal property and no real estate is transferred with the purchase of a cabin.



Danny Spaeth wants to sell his ring next month please. Below are pictures of the ring. Anything else needed please let me know.

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Photos by Dennis Stevens Alzafar Chief of Staff

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	7:00 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	1 st Monday	11:00A.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*
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1932 Anton N. Moursund*	1985 E.C. "Bud" Jordan*
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1937 Willard E. Simpson*	1990 James W. Todd
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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*
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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*
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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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2022 Master Quarter Calendar



May:

May 8th is Mother's Day.
May 9th Finance and Divan Meeting starts at 5 PM.
May 12th Shrine Stated Meeting starts at 7 PM.
May 28th Memorial Day Parade in Bandera. Line up at 9 AM starts at 11 AM.
May 28th Camp Alzafar Memorial Day weekend Celebration.
May 30th Memorial Day.

June:

June 6th Finance and Divan Meeting starts at 5 PM.
June 9th Alzafar will be dark.
June 9th-11th Texas Shrine Association in Wichita Falls, Texas.
June 18th Berges Fest Parade in Boerne. Line up at 8 AM starts at 10 AM.
June 19th Father's Day.

July:

July 1st-7th Imperial Session in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
July 2nd is the 4th of July Camp Celebration at Camp Alzafar.
July 4th is the 4th of July.
July 11th Finance and Divan Meeting starts at 5 PM.
July 14th Shrine Stated Meeting starts at 7 PM.