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**Notice of Stated Meeting & Installation of Officers**

The following Stated Meeting of Alzafar Shriners will be on **July 14, 2022 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!! It is hard to believe that we are already starting our sixth month into this year. This year is moving along at what seems like warp speed. I want to recap what we, as an organization, have done so far.

We have accomplished so much already this year. By assembling a Championship Team, we have made a commitment to making a difference. We have completely overhauled the way we communicate to our members and the ladies' organization. A few notable changes: we have re-stripped the parking lot, completely changed the overall look in the Parlor and Terrace rooms, and repainted almost the entire inside of the building, including the office area and the conference rooms. We have fixed our flag poles and corrected the lighting to display our flags with pride. The Silent Messenger statue has been repainted. The pavilion restrooms and kitchen area have been updated, and we have improved our entire air handling system. We are working on ways to be more efficient and energy conscience. We estimate considerable savings in our electric bill moving forward. We have fixed our financial input system and restructured our staffing. Soon, you'll see new audio-visual updates in the rented areas throughout the facility and more kitchen improvements, just to name a few. When you passed the budget, we committed to the members that we would fix this place up and take care of our facility. I believe we have done and continue to do just that.

Alzafar has participated in the Laredo, Flambeau, Poteet Strawberry, and Helotes Parades. We have participated in the San Antonio BBQ cook-off, Sadie Hawkins Dance, Alamo Observance, Grand Masters Conference, Daughters of the Nile, and Ladies of the Oriental Shrine installation.

We've had a fiesta party in Laredo, held the Nobility Ball, have had two membership drive events, and Camp Alzafar Memorial Day celebration. In addition, our First Lady also has a First Ladies project titled Driven by Movement, which is currently ongoing. But we aren't done!! It's hard to believe that's all been done in less than six months. Only time will tell how much more we will accomplish and participate in the rest of the year.

As you read this message, you can see that your shrine is back, and we are having a great time. There is still a lot to come in what remains of this year, so stay tuned for what is next and mark your calendar and try and attend some of these fun-filled events.

We are preparing to pack up and head north to Wichita Falls for the Texas Shrine Association Ceremonial. We should have a pretty significant presence from Alzafar. This is an excellent opportunity for our members to compete against their unit counterparts throughout Texas and give us a chance to show the rest of the Texas Shrine Centers that Alzafar is the premiere shrine in Texas. Good luck to all our members competing or attending.

Lady Tiffany and I can't thank you enough for all the love and support you have shown us this year. We know you have entrusted us with a huge responsibility, and we don't take it lightly. If there is something we can do better, or you have a suggestion, don't hesitate to stop and tell us. We look forward to visiting with you all in the near future.



Lady Tiffany Norman  
First Lady of Alzafar Shriners

### **First Lady's Feature**

This year I had one word that I would work toward growth. I wanted to grow in my ability to educate. I wanted to grow in my ability to parent. I wanted to grow in my ability to lead. Growth encompasses many stages with

gradual successes. I am continuing this personal journey – stepping out of my comfort zone and challenging myself. In that, Alzafar's First Lady's Project was born. It has made incredible strides during the first three months of its release. Mandy continues to keep me optimistic. I am generally a woman who is easily defeated, a quitter. When we began strategizing this project, we had big goals; goals that are still very capable of becoming a reality. The dedication that Mandy continues to put forth in this project is beyond belief. Author Richard Carlson once said, "Ask yourself this question: Will this matter a year from now?" Absolutely. One hundred and fifty percent. The toil is worth it all. At the end of the day, week, month, and year – the children benefiting from additional resources at the Motion Analysis Center will be worth it. I am incredibly blessed to work alongside her!

With that said, I wanted to bring some light to the purpose of choosing this department and the motivation for embarking on this project. When Robert was elected as Oriental Guide and attended OG School in Tampa, I quickly connected with Imperial First Lady Debby Bailey. Fast forward to many encounters with Lady Debby, one thing stood out in all of our conversations – creating a First Lady's Project. The idea was there, but it had not come to fruition yet. Imperial of 2021 came, and Robert and I were so lucky to share dinner with the Hutchisons. Linda and Marty were absolute treasures to get to know, and the idea was planted again – a project.

After thinking back to the conversations I had with Debby and the Hutchisons, I set out to think of something or somewhere where I could make a difference. I thought about my interests and how have I been impacted? I enjoy running, hiking, and playing every sport imaginable. For as long as I can remember, I've had a spark of energy. I thought back at how easy these activities come to me and that not all have that luxury. A lightbulb went off. I spoke with Steve White and recounted that the Motion Analysis Center at Shriners Children's, Texas, could benefit from additional funding. The stars were aligning. It didn't matter what the project was – but I now knew where the proceeds would go. How amazing is it that these children, with the help of the MAC, can receive personalized plans within a wide range of neuromuscular, acquired, or congenital disorders? Much like the technology that is used in movies or video games, the MAC is able to obtain information for the doctors to guide them for braces, rehabilitation, and/or surgery. Absolutely incredible.

I would encourage you to read more at: [shrinerschildrens.org/en/pediatric-care/motion-analysis](https://shrinerschildrens.org/en/pediatric-care/motion-analysis). Your donations

and support are so appreciated. Please see the office, myself, Mandy, or visit our website to purchase or donate: [drivenbymovement.square.site](http://drivenbymovement.square.site). Even if you aren't someone who wears earrings, someone you know would love it if you gifted them these custom-made trees. As an added bonus, the kiddos at the Motion Analysis Center are given a chance to reach their full potential!

Until Next Time,  
Your-Ever-So-Thankful First Lady



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

Alzafar, who's ready for a concert? I know I am. After months of discussions, hours of preparation, and a never-ending barrage of questions, we're finally on our way. As we move closer to June, my expectation is to have all our nobility tickets in route to each of you and the marketing materials in place for the BBQ cook off and concert hosted by your very own Alzafar Shrine to be held at the Shrine Saturday the 26th of November. Units are welcome to set up booths to sell raffle tickets for free. All businesses will pay a small fee to have a booth at the event. Businesses of Shriners, friends, and family will be required to pay for a booth should they want to sell their personal business items. More info to come.



This event is nothing new to San Antonio nor Alzafar as a participating unit. However, this is forward thinking and something that was discussed during my OG year at one

of our first OG round table meetings. Developed over the last 3 years via trial and error and sometimes failure. And finally, will be successfully implemented this year and for many years to come so long as we can pull it off.

This isn't an event for the Chief Rabban nor is it an event for the "Divan"... This is an event for Alzafar's future. For far too long, Alzafar has relied heavily upon one fundraising event that over time has provided for diminishing returns. We must look to the future and find ways to provide for profitability while also increasing a more futuristic approach to fraternal outreach. With the concert series and BBQ cook-off, we are working more synergistic with our community while also appealing to a crowd that is best suited for long term fraternal growth.

My only ask of each of you is the same ask I have of myself. Approach this event with an open mind and open hearts. Please answer negative connotation with positive insight and rhetoric. Take this opportunity to be a plank owner in leading your Shrine to success. Let all of Alzafar's successes start with you! I'm looking forward to working with each of you.

Rick Reyes





Noble Marco Zuniga  
Assistant Rabban of Alzafar Shriners

Huge thanks to those who were able to volunteer for the Foreigner concert, a great time was had by all.



We have another opportunity to volunteer coming up Sunday August 21, 2022 for the Joan Jett, Def Leopard & Motley Crue concert being held at the Alamodome. We will be doing the same thing, selling cd/albums to the con-



cert goes with a portion of the proceeds going to Shriners

Children's. For this concert we will need 100 volunteers, Shriners or non Shriners, any help we can get will be appreciated. Please get in contact with myself or Lady Lori if you would like to participate so we can get you on the list. It truly is a lot of fun and you will not be disappointed you came out.

There are still tickets available for our 1st Lucha Libre Wrestling coming to the Shrine on Saturday, June 18th. Get your tickets at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) you definitely do not want to miss out.

If you missed our "Pancakes and Gala talk" we've definitely got the ball rolling. Keep an eye out on your emails for our next meeting. If you need to contact us regarding either helping or auction items feel free to reach out to Lady Lori or myself at [alzafarhospitalgala2022@gmail.com](mailto:alzafarhospitalgala2022@gmail.com) or on our cells..

Thank you again for your continued support.



Noble Mike Long  
High Priest of Alzafar Shriners

Alzafar good June, already! Can't believe this year is half-way over. It's gone by so quickly. This month I'm going to change to a different note. It's kind of touchy but it needs to be said.

Getting along with your brother. We all have our bad days and possibly get into a disagreement, or debate. Then we go around because of this heated argument and plaster that brothers name to your closest friends. Someone thinks they hear the gossip, and it morphs into a now story. It's ok to have different thoughts, that's what make all unique. Accept that another brother does things a bit differently than the way do them yourself. This fraternity has thrived in the past by allowing those who think a bit differently, for the same goal at hand. You might want to help yourself

and possibly learn a thing or two by assisting that noble who has put thought into his effort. Your actions might be seen by a new brother noble, and we may lose him forever. You never bring a brother down, always support him, no matter your differences.



Start out today, by calling a brother you haven't seen, or heard from in a while. Ask them how they have been? Invite them to a unit/club meeting, or if your able to breakfast or lunch. Most of our nobility is getting up in years, it's a fact. Ask them if they are cautious driving at night, if you could pick them up for our monthly stated meeting? Random acts of kindness goes a long way!



Noble Steve White  
Oriental Guide of Alzafar Shriners

Alzafar should be extremely excited that we have a new program with Morgan's Wonderland. The program will consist of adoption of an area in the park. We have adopted area number 4 around the Ferris wheel close to the front entrance. We will need eight people from 8am to 10am on June 1st to help with lite landscape and clean up of our area. We will supply volunteers nine months out of the year. Morgan's will supply all materials needed to work the area. The plus to this program is helping kids with special needs while giving back to our community. Who knows we may just be able to help a child with our exceptional care at our Shriners Children-Texas? Better yet you do not have to be Shriner to sign up to help with this project. I would encourage all units to send volunteers for a designated month. You will have heard more about this program at our stated meeting by the time you read this. I attended Suez Shrine in San Angelo for a wonderful

event. The mayor gave a Proclamation naming that day Shrine Day for the city. Attendance was over the top and the hospitality was even better. As Chairman of the Board of your Shriners Children-Texas I represented our Texas hospital at the City of Ballinger parade. What a surprise to see our Assistant Raban and his lady at the event who also participated in all activities. "I believe our Potentate sent him to keep an eye on me"

The next big event on my agenda is our traditional Halloween party on October 30th. Thank you for all who already sponsored this event. I will be asking all units to help make this an unforgettable day. A haunted house will be erected for a scary walk through along with trick or treat for the kids, bounce castle, face painting and of course food and beverages for all. Stay tune for more details.

Looking forward to working with all to show the world what the Shrine is all about. Until next month always remember we make difference in a child's life in all we do.

Steve White  
Oriental Guide

Madame Mayor for the City of San Angelo is Brenda Gunter. Before elected mayor, she was named San Angelo's 2009 Citizen of the Year, served as the 2010 United Way Campaign chair and has received awards for the Girl Scout's Women of Distinction and the Standard-Times' Jefferson Award.

She is well known for her successful work in downtown revitalization and now wants to put her energy to work helping all small business and citizens in San Angelo. "Small businesses drive San Angelo's economy, my focus will be creating a game plan to help them succeed." While recognizing the good work of Shriners Hospitals Mayor Gunter declared the TSA Midwinter as Shriner's-day in San Angelo and presented her proclamation to the Chairman of the Board of Shriners Children's \_Texas and Alzafar Oriental Guide, Steve White





Alzafar High Priest Marco Zuniga and Oriental Guide Steve White are ready to roll at the TSA Midwinter Ballinger Parade



Noble David Olivares  
Treasurer of Alzafar Shriners

June is when the kids get out of school and people are vacationing around the world. June also brings us the first day of Summer or Summer Solstice and longest day of the year which falls on June 21. Get out those bathing suits and try and stay cool!

In June we will also be attending the Texas Shrine Association Ceremonial in Wichita Falls from June 9th through June 11. We hope that you are attending and enjoy the festivities and competitions that will be happening that weekend. It is sure to be a good time and remember, Alzafar Rocks!! Let's bring home some awards.

As of the time I am writing this our investment portfolio is currently down 5.8% while the market is trending down double digits. Our current portfolio is a balanced mix with 60% in equities and 30% in bonds. We have done well compared to the market and will continue to keep an eye

on YOUR investments.

Have you noticed all the improvements at your Temple? The new flooring and paint have done wonders for our appearance and rentals should set a record this year. This is a huge asset, and we need to take of it as it continues to take care of us.

We will have a June finance and Divan meeting so please be aware that although the Temple may be dark, we are still meeting on our finances. So please come out and join us.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
David Olivares  
Alzafar Treasurer  
alzafartreasurer@gmail.com



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

Excitement is in the air at the Alzafar Shrine. By the time you read this we have made the trip to Wichita Falls to compete at the 2022 TSA. Since there is NO STATED MEETING in June you will have to wait for the July Stated to find out how many trophies our Nobles won at TSA.

There seems to be some confusion about the dinners prior to the Stated Meeting. Our Potentate, Robert M. Norman, II has stated if you will call the office by Friday prior to the Stated Meeting your dinner will be Free. Just call us at 210-496-1625. If you forgot to call dinner is only \$5.00. There is also confusion about renting Alzafar #1 Cabin at Camp Alzafar. We like a 2 night minimum and the cost is only \$50 per night. You can pay for the rental online, but you must first call Lisa to make sure the cabin has not already been booked. No-Refunds unless we are able to re-rent the cabin.

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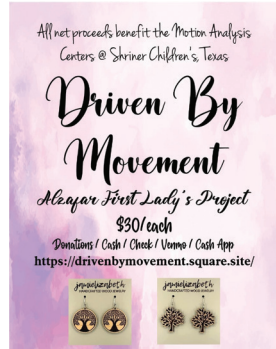
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We are starting to see some of the Units and Clubs run articles in our monthly newsletter, the Achbar. Tell everyone what your Unit/Club has done lately, invite the Nobles to participate in an upcoming meeting and meet some of the Nobles or invite them to your fundraising events. Maybe you want to highlight one of your active members. Make sure someone stops by the office to check your mailbox we set up for the Units and Clubs. You can put flyers of your events in everyone's mail box. Send your Achbar Articles to: [alzafarshrineachbar@gmail.com](mailto:alzafarshrineachbar@gmail.com) by the 10th of the month.

An email recently was sent out via Webfez listing our new email addresses. My email needs to be corrected:  
T-Bone Tommy Leverett Recorder  
[tom.leverett@alzafar.org](mailto:tom.leverett@alzafar.org)

Membership-Hospital Transportation  
Maria Olmos  
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Camp Alzafar-Fez Sales-TSA-Imperial  
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We would love to see you at all the Alzafar Activities. Call me if you have questions. My cell phone number is 210-617-8977. Come out and see why I say "Alzafar Rocks".



## Transforming Children's Movement through Motion Analysis Research

If you haven't noticed our Illustrious Potentate's First Lady Tiffany is real smart.

Join in their great idea in support of Shriner's Children—Texas

Since 1996, our motion analysis centers (MACs) have been collecting data that we're using to more effectively treat

Shriners Children's patients with conditions that affect their movement.

More recently, we've expanded how we use and apply motion analysis data, processing and analyzing it to gain a greater understanding of the orthopedic and neuromuscular conditions we treat. After removing any information that could identify a patient, we, often in collaboration with other research institutions, take a detailed look at the interactions between muscles, joints and bones and study how those interactions influence a child's movement.

We're applying this data to our own research, as well as sharing it with our research partners. Together we'll develop more advanced treatments for conditions like scoliosis, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy, osteogenesis imperfecta (brittle bones) and foot deformities. This work is also allowing us to create more customized orthotics and prosthetics for children with these conditions.

### Motion Analysis Research Partnerships

Motion analysis brings animation techniques to the clinical and research setting. High-speed cameras, reflective markers placed on the body, force platforms in the floor, and muscle sensors record measurements and movement patterns, allowing us to pay special attention to how a child walks, runs, swings their arms and bends and twists.



Image provided by Alzafar's First Lady Ms. Tiffany Norman with permission from Shriner's Children

Shriners Children's distinguishes itself internationally as a recognized leader in clinical motion analysis and we're well-known for the sophistication of the technologies we use at our MACs. This reputation allows us to collaborate with prestigious universities and their researchers in areas including mathematics and biomedical engineering.

Shriner's Children-Texas has partnered with university research programs to advance the field in regard to gait and mobility. With these partnerships and the collaborative research being done by Shriners Children's researchers and care providers, motion analysis data is guiding us toward countless new treatments and practices.

Support here: <https://drivenbymovement.square.site/>





Wow the month of April and Fiesta flew right by. Yes, your eyes did not deceive you. Those were trikes in not one but two parades....in a row..... look out now. We had a great time drifting and repping the unit and the shrine at both the Cornyval and Strawberry Festival parades. One of these times out Aaron will finish a parade that he starts. We've all been there brother, keep at it.

Unfortunately, we won't be making it out to compete at TSA this year. While we are making small strides in re-building the unit; a lack of working trikes and prior commitments will keep us out. We want to wish all the units competing at TSA the best of luck and safe travels!

Shout out to Ms. Jackson for hooking it up with the fundraiser. A huge part of the resurgence of the unit has been the availability of getting parts. Having the funds to do so was a necessity and as always James comes through for us when we least expect. Thank you, brother.

We are still looking to grow our membership. If you're a gear head, good with your hands and like to get dirty, come give us a try. We raise a little cain and have fun doing it. Catch us if you can.

Room 4 First Monday of the Month @ 730pm.  
alzafar.chaparral@gmail.com



By: Daniel Coburn, Secretary, 5/05/22

The monthly meeting of the Alzafar Senior's was held in the Roustabouts room on Cinco de Mayo, May 5th, with 24 members and guests attending. A delicious chicken pot pie lunch was provided by Yaeko Coburn and a choc-

olate brownie dessert was provided by Bonnie and Jerold Hopkins. Our speaker for the month was Richard Wallace who gave a talk on the origins and progress of the multiple Ugandan Mission Brass Bands, their makeup, and how they came to be established. The original European bands tended to use only metal instruments as reed and wooden musical instruments quickly deteriorated in the heat and humidity of the African environment. Brother Wallace and his associates travel to Uganda almost every year to help support the various brass bands with music lessons and instrument repair sessions. Many of the bands have posted quite good videos of their performances on YouTube.

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 June 2nd, 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 dycoburn@gmail.com.

Jan ~~\$100~~ No Winner  
Feb ~~\$200~~ No Winner  
Mar ~~\$300~~ No Winner  
April ~~\$400~~ No Winner  
May ~~\$500~~ No Winner  
Jun ~~\$600~~ DARK

**July Meeting \$700<sup>00</sup>**

If you Know Noble **Jason Reichenberg** Tell him, that his Name was Called!

**You Could Win \$700<sup>00</sup>**  
\*smackeroonies

**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



Money isn't what makes us great. It is just like the people in the photograph who selflessly raise funds for our events like our Annual Gala. Great fun and one that has raised over \$1,000,000.00 for Shriner's Children worldwide. Contact our High Priest, Marco Zuniga, who will show you how you might help. Remember, it is not your pocketbook we want; it is your brilliant effort that makes for a winning team

There is a myriad of side-busting fulfilled events that Shriners are known for in San Antonio, Central, and South Texas. Alzafar Shriners cast events that raise money for our Shrine Organization and Shriner's Children, our world-class pediatric specialty hospital and service centers. Try one of our Car shows, Concerts, Dances, themed events and brewers' parties, or a competition BBQ. They all are the things we do together.



Bringing in the best of our area Masonic Lodges keeps us proving the great Community Service Alzafar. Alzafar Shrine welcomes Masons who want to socialize with like-minded brothers. Join us for a parade as they are always a highlight. Parades are held for noted seasons in San Antonio. But did you know that we Shriners also travel to Laredo, Boerne, Pearsall, Pleasanton, Del Rio, Uvalde, Fredricksburg, and Caynon Lake? Take the family for a Day Trip and enjoy the Great State of Texas.





Greetings Alzafar,

Your favorite physicians of all things liquid here.  
A little history on our favorite beverage:

The world's love of beer began way in the distant past; it is one of the oldest beverages made by humans. We began to see the spread of agriculture from the Near East into Southern and Central Europe with the advent of the wheel, and the first chemically confirmed barley beer is from the 5th century BCE. This early recipe rose from an area of what is modern-day Iran. There is contention amongst some scholars that China may have brewed beer as early as 7000 BC. However, these Chinese offerings were derived from grapes, honey, and rice instead of cereals from the Near East. In some scholarly groups, it is thought that the agrarian society arose due to early man's desire for more grain... and possibly not for baking bread but to brew more and better BEER. These ancient cultures consumed these beers in social gatherings and during ceremonial feasts.



Long has humanity's love and companionship been with this elixir. So raise a pint to our dear friend and traveler through time! Here's to you, BEER!!

We invite all of you to come to one of our social gatherings, at a meeting, brew day, and one of our favored outings. We are the Alzafar Brews Brothers and await your arrival with a glass in hand.

"Beer contains few vitamins; that's why you have to drink lots of it."

Link T Elmendorf, PP  
Craft Brewer



The Burning Sun has been busy. We have met almost every week, worked on carts, cleaned and organized our work area, began painting our unit room and starting practice for TSA. We did not ride in the Poteet Strawberry Festival Parade or Helotes but will be in Bandera. We now have carts road ready for new members and look forward to having anyone stop by our unit (room 5) every 2nd Wednesday or see us at the transportation building, we will put you on a cart for a test drive. See Colonel Ed, Major Russ or myself if you are interested. Our doors are always open and you will be welcomed to try the fastest carts at Alzafar

Doug Anderson  
210-419-6581



Hello everyone from the Desert Knights!

Desert Knights are off to a great start, having fun with this year's parades. We had four ATV riders (George Garza, Pete Granato, Ken Wilson and Jerry Granato) participate in the Helotes parade and look forward to the upcoming Bandera parade. It's also nice to see the support of all Alzafar unit members and their families at these events.

Our fundraiser winner for the personalized wooden fez case will be drawn and announced at our May 18th unit meeting. We thank Helotes Lodge for the lunch and refreshments they furnished after the parade. Take care everyone, stay safe and see you soon.



**NEKODAH  
TEMPLE**

**NUMBER  
44**



**MEMBERS  
PORTAL**

Nekodah Temple No. 44  
Daughters of the Nile  
Queen Regina Beseth

We have planned many fun fundraisers this new Nile year such as Game nights and luncheons. We will post them as they come up.

July 9, 2022, 11:30am - 4:00pm Fashion show and luncheon in the Alzafar Shrine parlors. Event Chair – Pr Cynthia Beck

July 17, 2022, 2:00pm - 4:00pm Homecoming Tea – Roustabout room. Event Chair – Pr Royal Wanda Rincover

Friendly Reminder, if you haven't paid your 2022-2023 (\$52) dues you may send them to Pr Recorder Rita Young, her contact information is in the Roster.

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

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

We are Nekodah Strong



Our Alzafar Brother Michael Kurth says, Howdy from The Texas Masonic Retirement Community in Arlington. Still loving it, after 13 months. I think we are up to about 3 of us from Alzafar. I think you guys need to hold up your end by increasing our presence up here.

Seriously, I miss all y'all.

God bless,  
Michael Kurth



Wally W. Mc Ginnis who currently works for TRIDENT VANTAGE SYSTEMS with NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland sends his regards to his brother Alzafar Shriners. You can message him at:

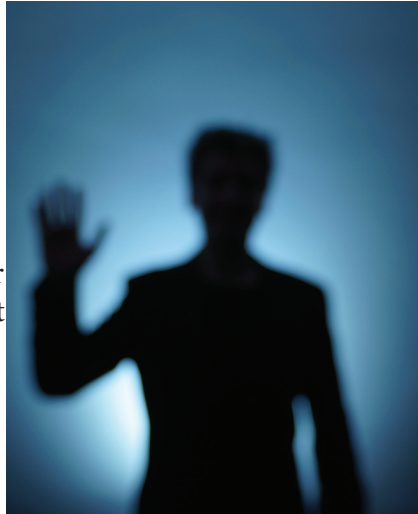
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## A Chanced Event

By Kcir Seyer

God loves each of us, which is one of a few things of which, I am absolutely sure. I know the best wishes offered for another's benefit mark the perfection in a man or woman. I died once; I first thought it was a dream, where I stood before an unearthly entity and was asked what I had done to find my reward. I spoke of my family and how I provided my service to my community and country. In unspoken words, my guide said, behold thy key which opens your eternity. I saw an image of myself as a young teen; I remembered this, sitting on a city bus, going home after school. I didn't recognize it until another student jumped on the bus trying to escape the torment of two bigger bullies. They pushed and shoved him. They bullied him by pulling out his shirttail and knocking him to the floor of the now moving bus. The two ruffians were in parochial school uniforms; the smaller boy was not. We four were all about the same teenage from three different schools and the only passengers.



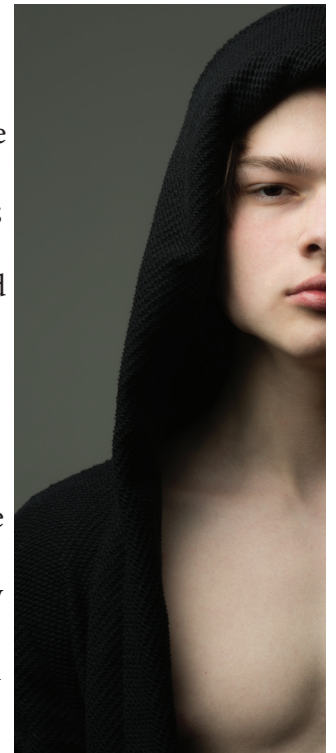
Then the bigger of the two ruffians hit the much smaller boy on the chest and told him to give over any money he had. When the smaller boy said that he had none, evil changed the tough guy, as his face seemed to contort, and he hit him again, this time in the face, and said, "You Jews always have money, give it." I was amused. I had grown up in a part of town we called Noah's

Arc because everyone walked in pairs for self-defense and survival. Later in my youth, my family had found better fortunes, and we moved to a much better neighborhood far North of town, hence my bus ride.

The more petite boy began to cry, obviously having had this happen before. Sobbing was his hope for obligated

help from the city bus driver. The slender boy then moved to the seat behind the still ignoring bus driver. The ruffians forced him into the back of the otherwise empty bus. This violence was entertaining to the driver. I could see his eyes squarely fixated on the oversized rearview mirror. One of the two aggressors somehow got behind the petite guy and dropped to his hands and knees as his evil friend pushed the young victim backward, falling over the unseeded obstacle at his back. Sobbing, the boy again repeated he had no money. The more giant thug said, "Well then, it will be worse, and you better have cash tomorrow." He mercilessly hit the boy squarely across his face, sending the helpless boy down once again.

At that point, I stood up, and something came over me. It was a calling from all those times I had been a victim. I picked up the boy and told him to stand behind me. The big one came at me; we were like-sized but not like experienced. I was automatic, and before his second step towards me, I side-kicked the bully sending him on his back gasping for air. He rose and came again, and I dropped him with a haymaker to his now pitiful eye. I placed the broken number 2 tough guy on the bench facing the young fellow and me as he recanted any real friendship with his evil cohort. In a length of time that seemed like a couple seconds, the tough guy stumbled to a seat, angrily sobbing with an eye blackening to match his hard cold heart. Surprised at the outcome, the driver finally said, "you guys stop that."



I created for them the most terrifying scenario of righteous retribution. Not for me, as I had witnessed and grew up in tough side of town in fear of all kinds of criminality. As the young boy pulled the cord to stop the bus at his privileged neighborhood, I told him, if these guys ever bother you again, you just take this bus and let me know. I'll make sure to pay them a visit.

Michael and I rode the bus together with the ruffians never seen again from that day forward. Michael became one of my best friends throughout high school after transferring to his school for my junior and senior years. After High School, he went off to Princeton, and I went off to Vietnam and a chance meeting with death.



 **KEVIN  
FOWLER**

**O**ver the last several years, we have brainstormed to have a new kind of fundraiser here at Alzafar. This first inaugural event will include a County Headliner, a BBQ Cook-off, and a Trade Show of sorts. Over the following years, I would expect most of the members of this first committee to take the reins and run with it. We can produce a hit show the way the Shrine did in making the Circus happen when we Shriners assembled and produced our own Circus. I expect the headliners to get bigger, the fun to grow more fabulous, and all to happen on an earlier date in subsequent years. Get in on the ground floor, and let's have some fun with a Show of Shows. Please call me at (210) 844-3312 or email me at: [igstexas@yahoo.com](mailto:igstexas@yahoo.com)

**Rick Reyes, III**  
Chief Rabban of Alzafar Shriners

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## 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 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	7:30 P.M. Room 5
BURNING SUN	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	7:00 P.M. Room 5
CABIRI	Wed. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thru.	12:00 N As Designated
CAMP ALZAFAR	Memorial Day	12:00 N Camp Pavilion
	July 4 <sup>th</sup> & Labor Day	
CHAPARRAL	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	7:30 P.M. Room 4
DE-MOLAY	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	6:00 P.M. As Designated
DESERT KNIGHTS	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	7:00 PM Directors Rm.
DIRECTORS STAFF	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	7:00 P.M. Room 8
HIGHLANDERS BAND	Each Thursday	6:30 P.M. Room 9
HILLBILLY CLAN	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun Feb., Apr.	5:00 P.M. Roustabout
	June, Aug., Oct., Dec.	
HONOR GUARD	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	7:30 P.M. Room 12
HOSPITAL CORPS	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	7:00 P.M. Room 6
HOT SANDS BBQ	Wed. before stated	7:00 P.M. Pavilion
KERR KLOWNS	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	7:00 P.M. Room 11
LEGION OF HONOR	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	7:00 P.M. Room 4
MINI-WHEELS	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	7:30 P.M. Room 10
MOTOR CLUB	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	7:00 P.M. Room 9
MOTOR PATROL	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	7:00 P.M. Room 5
NEMNUF	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	7:30 P.M. Room 11
ORIENTAL BAND	Each Wednesday	7:00 P.M. Room 8
PATROL	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	7:00 P.M. Room 6
PROVOST GUARD	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	7:00 P.M. Provost Gd.
RED ROADSTERS	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	7:00 P.M. Room 10
RUFFINAS	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Camp Alzafar
RV CLUB	4 <sup>th</sup> Weekend	As Designated
SENIORS	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	12:00 N Roustabout
SHOTGUN	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	7:00 P.M. Directors Rm
SONS OF HIRAM	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	7:00 P.M. Parlors
SASIRNOS CLOWNS	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	7:00 P.M. As Designated

### SHRINE CLUB MEETINGS

BOERNE SC	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	6:30 P.M. As Designated
CANYON LAKE	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	6:30 P.M. Lakeside GC
FT. CLARK SPRINGS	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	6:30 P.M. Ramada Inn
GUADALUPE VALLEY	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	6:00 P.M. As Designated
HILL COUNTRY	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	11:00A.M. Inn o/t Hills
LAREDO SC	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	7:00 P.M. As Designated

### AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS MEETINGS

ANCHOR MASONIC LODGE	2 <sup>nd</sup> +4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs.	7:00P.M. Alzafar rear
CIBOLO MASONIC LODGE	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	7:00 P.M. Alzafar rear
KELLY MASONIC LODGE	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	7:30 P.M. Alzafar rear
VICTORY MASONIC LDG.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	7:00 P.M. Alzafar rear
DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	7:30 P.M. Parlors
LADIES OF THE SHRINE	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	7:00 P.M. Parlors



## Former Potentates of Alzafar Shriners

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

### Alzafar Shriners Who Are Former Potentates of Other Shrine Centers

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

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

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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 Master Calendar**

June 9: Alzafar is dark - **NO STATED MEETING**

June 8-11: TSA Wichita Falls, TX

18: Luche Libre at Alzafar

18: Berges Fest Parade Boerne TX

19: Father's Day

July 2-4: Camp Alzafar 4th of July

2: 4th of July Parade Seguin, TX

3-7: Imperial Session Minneapolis, MN

14: Alzafar Stated Meeting 7pm

17: Fishing for Kids

Aug 6: Membership Missions Baseball game

11: Alzafar Stated Meeting 7pm

20: Alzafar Full Form Ceremonial

21: Concert for Shriners Hospitals-Joan Jett, Def Leppard, Motley Crue, and Poison