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Marty Bartlett
Alzafar Potentate

Martha and I are very excited to now officially be in the role of Potentate and First Lady for Alzafar. We have been fortunate to follow some great Divan members and the current team is very strong and dedicated to the betterment of our temple. We are excited about what all the Divan has planned for the year. There are some upcoming events that we would like for you to plan for. The weekend of February 21-23 will be our big Laredo parade weekend. It will be a 2-day party this year. Friday night will be our traditional blow out at the Spring Hill Suites hotel in the parking lot. Our host team will be putting on quite an event Friday night and our brothers in Laredo will be throwing a party for us on Saturday night. Transportation to the party location will be provided to and from the hotel on Saturday. It will be something special you don't want to miss. Get with Tommy in our office to make your hotel reservations.

Then Feb 29 (leap day) will be the annual Nobility Ball at the Shrine. It will be a "Marty Gras" themed Masquerade Ball. Dress up in your tux, suit, dress, gown, mask, beads, etc. for a fun and festive night. The team is planning a lot of excitement for the night, with the Spazmatics as our band for the evening. Then we have really big news - George Washington's Masonic Bible will be used for our ceremony that night! We received special permission for the Bible that was used for the swearing in of Presidents Washington, Harding, Eisenhower, Carter, and George Bush, Sr. to be checked out of the Smithsonian to travel to San Antonio for our event. You will be able to view and take pictures with the Bible before our ceremony. Cost is only \$25 for all you can eat, drink, dance, and view this special national archive, so call the office soon to reserve your spot. August 16-23 is the Potentate Cruise, where multiple Texas Shrines are participating, making this a Texas-wide trip. A flyer is in this newsletter providing additional info.

Many changes will be occurring with our stated meetings to make them more exciting. Food will be served from 5:45 - 6:45, with an upgraded menu and a reduced cost of \$5 a person. The bar will be open from 6:45 - 7:30 and briefly after the meeting, so that we can all enjoy each other's company in a casual setting. We are anticipating an exciting speaker at each meeting from 7:00 - 7:15, with the meeting open to all Nile and LOS members and other ladies to attend. There will also be very exciting door prizes given away at each meeting. Plan to come out now to these must see Stated Meeting events.

2020 ELECTIVE DIVAN

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 Assistant RabbanRobert Norman
 High Priest & ProphetRick Reyes III
 Oriental GuideMarco Zuniga
 TreasurerDavid Olivares
 RecorderThomas Leverett

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 Gary Bausel..... 3 Years
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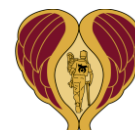
ALZAFAR SHRINE PHOTOGRAPHERArt Loera
STATED MEETING

The next Stated Meeting of the Alzafar Shriners will be held on March 12, 2020 at the San Antonio Shrine Auditorium, 901 N. Loop 1604 West San Antonio, Texas 78232. Dinner is at 6:00pm on a first come first served basis. The purpose of the Stated Meeting is to receive and ballot on petitions, to receive committee reports, to discuss and take possible action on agenda matters and any such other business, as might come before it

YOUR 2020 DUES CARD WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ADMITTANCE TO STATED MEETINGS. BE SURE TO BRING THESE THREE THINGS:

- Your fez on your head
- Your dues card in your pocket
- The spirit of fun and good fellowship in your heart

Potentate *Marty Bartlett*
 Recorder *Thomas D. Leverett*





Chief Rabban
Travis Elmendorf



Assistant Rabban
Robert Norman II

Hi Ho Alzafar. Do you feel it? 2020 is wasting no time in moving forward. With the month of LOVE already making its appearance; forget not, to show how much you appreciate, love and cherish the one that stands at your side.

The conversations for our 2020 Circus have already begun. As we sit in the 2nd year of our 3-year contract, our Circus provider, Carden International, has come out early this year. We are laboring to bring forth a grand show for San Antonio and Alzafar. More to come as it comes to fruition.

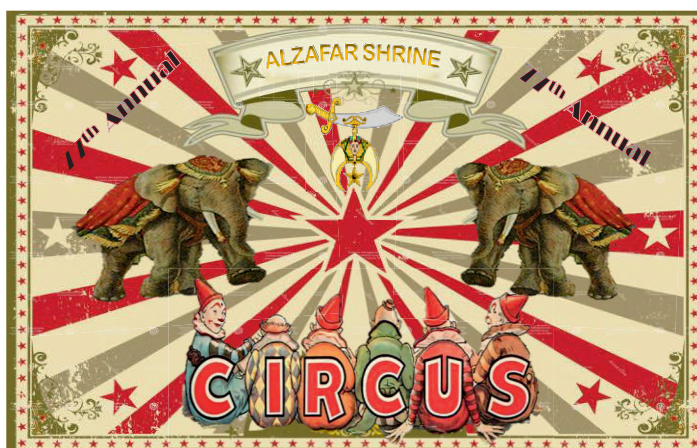
Since taking on the position as editor of the Achbar, I continuously look to for information and substance that you would consider enlightening and enjoyable. If there is any addition that you would like to see placed in our monthly periodical, feel free to reach-out. As the Achbar is one of the vehicles used for communication across our fraternity, fear not the pen and paper and continue to send in your Unit articles. Our Nobility is eager to hear the happenings and schedules of your units. The procedure is still the same, on or before the 10th of the month and e-mailed to the office for collection. Looking forward to all your additions to the Achbar.

Thank you for your continued service to this great fraternity that we so love.

Hello Alzafar!! I hope this year is off and running great for everyone. This month is jam packed with fun and exciting things; one of which is National Pancake Day with iHop. National Pancake Day will be on Tuesday, February 25th. Many locations will be starting the "free short stack" from 7AM to 7PM, with some locations taking donations until 10PM. We ask that every unit or club that has worked certain locations in previous years to please continue this tradition and break up the day with coverage. This is one HUGE way to reach out to the community and let them know who Shriners are and what Shriners do.

This year, Lady Tiffany and I are responsible for the Hospital Gala. The Hospital Gala is set for Saturday, September 26th. That's right... the Gala is moving to September. If you have helped in the past, have ideas for this year, want to volunteer your time, or just want to help out this year, please don't hesitate to let us know. We are checking the calendar right now and looking to have our first meeting later this month or early in March to get the ball rolling. We are excited for this opportunity. We have completed the silent auction donation letter and you can pick it up in the office so that you may ask local businesses for help. We appreciate any and all assistance you can provide to make this year's Hospital Gala a success!

Again, Lady Tiffany and I appreciate your trust in us to lead Alzafar into the future. We couldn't do this without you all and look forward to visiting with you in the near future.





High Priest & Prophet
Rick Reyes III



Oriental Guide
Marco Zuniga

Welcome to 2020 Team Alzafar! We had such an amazing 2019. It will be hard to match 2019 but I know Marty has great things in store for us at Alzafar so I'm sure we are destined for many great things this year. Amanda and I are thankful for the opportunity once again to serve our great Shrine over the next 12 months. Our objective this year is the same as it was last year, to have as much fun as possible while promoting the Shrine.

We have so much to look forward to in the coming months. As HP&P, my objectives this year are to take care of the Grand Masters Conference and Masonic Youth Brunch which will be Saturday, March 7th so please mark your calendars. The next event will be our Ceremonial to be held on Saturday, August 8th. The Masonic picnic and Chili Cook-off will be Saturday, October 10th at Camp Alzafar. Finally, our annual Memorial service honoring those we have lost will be held on Sunday, November 1st at the Shrine. Please log those dates on your calendar.

In the very near future, you will find out more about our 2020 Alzafar Shrine Motorcycle Raffle. If you were at the stated meeting in January, you would have seen the bike and learned about how your unit can benefit from the sale of raffle tickets. In our next Achbar, be on the look-out for the incentive break down for units and locations where you can pick up tickets to sell. Our Shrine will prosper with new ideas that are backed by the entire nobility. Again Alzafar, we are looking forward to 2020. We are ready! Are you?

Regards,

Rick III the HP&P

Nobles let me start by saying Thank You, for placing your trust in me. I am humbled and honored to serve as your Oriental Guide for Alzafar Shrine 2020. Lady Lori and I are extremely excited and looking forward to working with all of you to make this a great and memorable year.

As Oriental Guide I oversee Alzafar's Children's' Easter, Halloween and Christmas parties. I have already hit the ground running in planning this year and the dates have been reserved. If you have any ideas, I would love to hear them. So many of you Nobles along with your Ladies have already given us so much support, I have no doubt these events will be as successful as in the past. We appreciate any and all help we can get, so if you are interested in contributing your time or talent please feel free to contact me. As we get closer to each event, I will update you with the dates and details. I am thankful and looking forward to working with each and everyone of you so that we can make these years GREAT!!!





Treasurer
David Olivares

Nobles and Ladies,

We are already well into the second month of the New Year and it seems like just yesterday we were celebrating the New Year! I pray that everyone is off to a great start this year and I am sure everyone is holding to their New Year's resolutions, looking forward to celebrating a nice Valentine's Day and planning to get your warm weather clothes out soon!

The beginning of the year is usually very busy for everyone and more especially for all of us that are privileged to be part of such a great fraternity and philanthropy. I am sure everyone is getting ready to attend their Mid-Winter meetings, so I wish all of you the best of Luck and bring home those trophies!!!

I can assure you that your Divan has been working hard to make sure we continue the success of Alzafar has seen over the last few years. So far it has been busy as we have been in planning meetings, Divan Mid-Winter and some of us "Newbies" are attending seminars to ensure we are successful in our new positions. By seeing and hearing about the success of other Temples and sharing ideas we can each help keep our Fraternity and Philanthropy alive, growing and successful.

Mark your calendars! We have a busy month ahead of us with all of the Mid-Winters going on as well as

February 11 – Temple Finance and Divan meetings

February 13 – Temple Stated

February 15 - Sadie Hawkins Dance

February 21-23 – Laredo Parade

February 29 – Nobility Ball

I would also like to remind you that your Finance Committee and Divan meet at least once per month. I invite you to attend to see how "Your" Temple and Divan are doing. If you care to join us, please do not hesitate and call the office for the date and time of next month's meetings.

I would like to once again thank everyone for their support and would like to individually thank Stuart Simms for his help over the last several months in helping prepare me to serve You! I am humbled and honored to serve "You" and "Our" Temple and Fraternity!

"Your" Divan is hard at work to make "Our" Temple the best Temple in the Shrine! We must all pull together and work hard for our children and our fraternity. As Vince Lombardi once said, "Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a teamwork, a company work, a society work, a civilization work."



Alzafar Band
Richard Wallace

Here is a short article about one of the most famous Masons of all time.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was admitted as an apprentice to the Viennese Masonic lodge called "Zur Wohltätigkeit" ("Beneficence") on 14 December 1784. He was promoted to journeyman Mason on 7 January 1785 and became a master Mason "shortly thereafter". Mozart also attended the meetings of another lodge, called "Zur wahren Eintracht" ("True Concord"). According to Otto Erich Deutsch, this lodge was "the largest and most aristocratic in Vienna. ... Mozart, as the best of the musical 'Brothers,' was welcome in all the lodges." It was headed by the naturalist Ignaz von Born.

Mozart's own lodge "Zur Wohltätigkeit" was consolidated with two others in December 1785, under the Imperial reform of Masonry (the *Freimaurerpatent*, "Masonic Decree") of 11 December 1785, and thus Mozart came to belong to the lodge called "Zur Neugekrönten Hoffnung" (New Crowned Hope).

At least as far as surviving Masonic documents can tell us, Mozart was well regarded by his fellow Masons. Many of his friends were Masons. During his visit to Vienna in 1785, Mozart's father Leopold also became a Mason.

In 1791 Mozart and Emanuel Schikaneder, another Freemason collaborated in writing the opera "The Magic Flute". When reading about one of the most celebrated operas in the history of the genre, it is interesting to note that many of the reference sources available dealing with that work can only begin to fathom its complexities. The complexities themselves are often the reason such a work is so mystifying through the ages.

So, while Mozart's drama fell into the general category of "magic opera" — works based on folk tales, with plenty of stunts, scene changes and spectacular stage effects — it was also a political statement in disguise. Mozart and Schikaneder crammed all kinds of veiled Masonic symbolism into *The Magic Flute*, and people have been trying to figure the whole thing out for more than 200 years.



Nobles & Friends, please mark your calendars for the Public Installation of Officers for 2020 which will be February 29, 2020. Potentate Elect Marty Bartlett. Also known as the “Nobility Ball”, “Marty” Gras Theme.

Please mark your calendars in advance for the usual kick-off in Laredo for the George Washington Birthday Celebration Parade. This parade is February 22nd, the 4th Saturday in February. Make plans early with the Springhill Suites using the Alzafar Block of rooms. Please come to Laredo and help us make our usual wonderful impression in the parade. If you arrive on Friday and have a little bit of time YOU MUST drive over to L and F Distributing, the Budweiser Sponsors of the parade. It’s located on the loop just north of our hotel. The famous Budweiser Clydesdales will be staged there and they have a display and historical tour. We need your help because we have several members who are also NEMNUF Clowns and unfortunately, their state Mid-Winter is the same day. We will have our usual Valentine’s/Ladies Night at Mamacita’s on IH-10 near Medical Drive on our usual stated meeting day which is February 18th, a Tuesday. Our unit is growing and we invite all of Alzafar to join us and celebrate our ladies and I hope the ladies don’t read this but it’s a very cheap way to honor your lady and continue celebrating her for a least a few more days after the fact. SMART! RSVP to my email below. Fun Fact! Our vendor told us when we ordered new car door logo medallions that they would stay stuck to the side of the car at highway speeds... I was ever so doubtful but when we left Sattler, I failed to remove mine and they are still on the side of my old truck today. I thought that was huge news! And, we have cling on medallions for y’all with the need.

We are always looking for new members to strengthen our club. I remind you that you need not have a special vehicle, just profess to be an enthusiast and have some fun with a great group of family oriented nobles who love to support all that Alzafar does. One wheel, two wheels, three or more... if it’s wheels and motors, it’s us. If I may help with any information or get you a petition, I am reached at 210-872-0619 or jhoyo001@hotmail.com Send me a picture of you and your car for future issues. If anyone can think of a way to enhance our May Car Show, please advise. At this point, we are tentatively scheduled for May 17, a Sunday due to a conflict with the use of the Shrine. Please talk about all we do to anyone who will listen, you never know when it may “spark the question” or help the children in our hospitals. We pray the children have a speedy recovery! Until next time, May the Great Architect Bless us All!

Member Tom Foster



Member George Garza



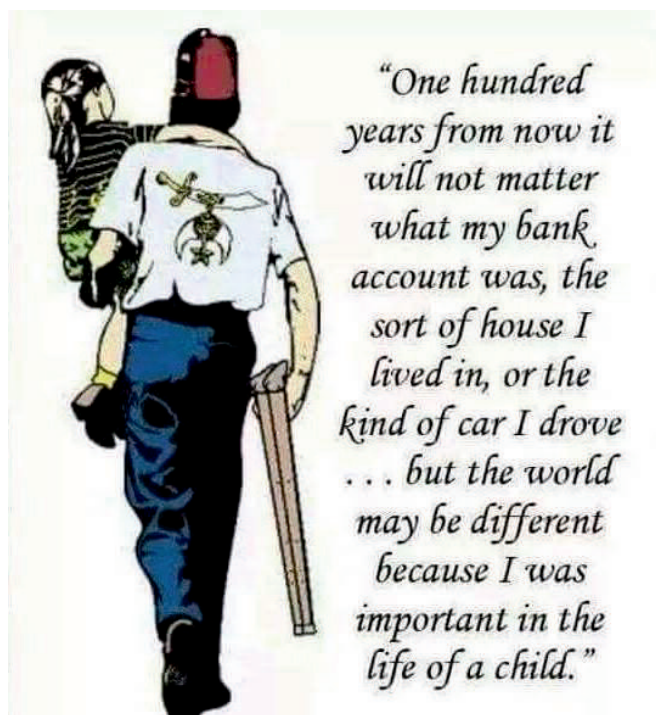


DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS
Richard Wallace

With the improvement in Drum & Bugle Corps' performance this year, we are planning to add some new music to the program. Come on out, practice with us, and help select the new music.

We are always looking for more musicians. Currently we are performing on brass instruments that are played in the band; Bb trumpets, Bb marching French horns, marching trombones, marching baritones, etc. We do have instruments that we can lend to you. We need low brass and percussion players. We are also need percussionists and we have drums for you to play. We are a very low-pressure organization in terms of expectations and very flexible concerning time commitment. Thursday evening practices in Room 8 start at 7:30pm and end at 9:00pm. If you have any questions, please call Richard Wallace at 210-219-6861 or email at rfwall@swbell.net.

Come on out and join us!



"One hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove . . . but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child."



Howdy Cuz'ns!! Oh and you Flatlanders too! Well tha Hillbilly Clan #152 alected ar ofcifers in November an they was installed at ar Chistmas Party in December. Now on to a New Yer an a New Decad. We'uns is redy ta mak 2020 one of tha bestest years ever for tha Clan. We'uns is hopin ta have Betsy at tha San Antone Stock Show BBQ Cook Off fer tha Masonic /Shrine Membership Drive January 24 and 25.

Next in Line is ar Sadi Hawkins Danz in the Terrace Room at the Shrine Febuary 15. Tauk bout a Blazin Gud Time!!! Thar will be danzin, Marrian Sam, Silint Aukshion an tha Mane Atraxion will be the Crownin of Ar New Possum Queen. All U'ns, Hillbillies an Flatlanders alike, is invited ta cum an join in the fun. Hope ta see All Y'all thar.

Then, itz on ta Laredo fer tha Prezidence Day Parade. Lookz like Betzy ull be thar and wurd haz it that the Gal Hillbillies ull b able ta ride in tha back az well. If'n u'ins iz intrestid in cumin along, give Raban of the Clan, Jerry Smitha a Hollar.

Until tha nex time, we'uns will keep u'ins up ta date with tha Newz from the Hills.

Raban o tha Clan

Jerry





LAREDO SHRINE CLUB
By: Larry Lowe

The Laredo Shrine Club wants to wish everyone a very Happy Valentine's Day. We held our first meeting of 2020 on January 8 at the Masonic Lodge. Our next Outreach Clinic will be held February 6 & 7. We are expecting approximately 100 patients at this time. A reminder that IHOP Pancake Day is Tuesday, February 25, 2020, beginning at 7 am to 7 pm. Our newly elected officers for 2020 will be installed during the George Washington Birthday Celebration hospitality party on Friday, February 21. Noble Anthony Cabello stated that the Laredo Clown Unit is looking for more members. Please contact him for further details.



By: 1st Lt Cmdr James Farless

Nobles, what a great start for this year. Our Installation of Officers was Outstanding. We were privileged to be installed by the International Association of Legions of Honor Commander Eddie Daffern. Now to set our sites on Texas Association Legions of Honor Mid-Winter in Houston. Lock and load to have great opportunities to learn and have fun.

As we gear up to participate in the upcoming parades, building our Membership and working for our Kids, lets have fun.

If you would like to know how you can become a member feel free to come to our stated meeting. We hold them on the 2nd Monday of the month with a social at 630pm. Come on over and Visit, or contact us at: alzafarloh@gmail.com.



Nekodah Temple No. 44
Daughters of the Nile
Queen Amanda Brown

Watch for email communications regarding an upcoming Nekodah Hospital visit and a ceremonial.

The Nekodah Memorial service will be February 13th.

The 2020-2021 Officer elections is March 12th, if you are interested in an office please contact Queen Amanda Brown.

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 grop account:

nekodahtempleno44@gmail.com.

If you cannot attend the monthly sewing room, you can help by 'FILL THE ALAMO' container with Walmart Gift cards or cash for the sewing room which will also assist Mexico City. You can contact PQ Cindy Bausell.

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. Peggy Songer, PQ. Charlie Bedgood, PQ. Barbara Wells, Pr. Cindy Garza and Pr. Rita Young.

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Smiley's Shenanigans

- What did the drummer call his twin daughters? Anna one, Anna two!
- What does a zombie vegetarian eat? "GRRRAAIINS!"
- What does a nosey pepper do? It gets jalapeno business!
- You're American when you go into the bathroom, and you're American when you come out, but do you know what you are while you're in there? European.
- Did you hear about the Italian chef that died? He pasta way.
- What did one hat say to the other? You stay here. I'll go on ahead.

A woman in labor suddenly shouted, "Shouldn't! Wouldn't! Couldn't! Didn't! Can't!"

"Do not worry," said the Doc. Those are just contractions."

Why aren't Koalas actual Bears?

They don't meet the koalafications.

What do you call a BEAR with no ears?

B

A pirate walks into a bar with a steering wheel on his pants, a peg leg and a parrot on his shoulder. The bartender says, "Hey, you got a steering wheel on your pants."

The pirate says, "Arrrrr, I know. It's driving me nuts."

What did the green grape say to the purple grape?

OMG!!!! Breathe!!! Breatheeeeeee!!!!!!

What did the left eye say to the right eye?

Between you and me, something smells.

Sometimes I tuck my knees into my chest and lean forward.

That's just how I roll.

Why do chicken coups always have two doors?

With four, they'd be chicken sedans.

AAANNNDDDD THE RECIPE FOR THE MONTH IS?????

Party Waffle Royal

Ingredients

•Creamed Chicken

- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/4 cup Original Bisquick™ mix
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon poultry seasoning
- 2 cups milk
- 2 cups cut-up cooked chicken

•Waffles

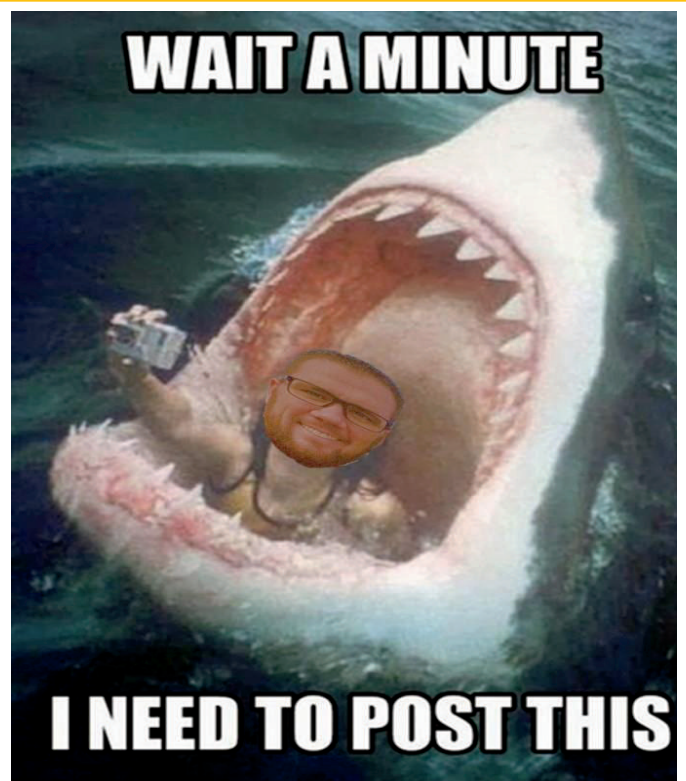
- 2 cups Original Bisquick™ mix
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil

•Serve-With

- 1 1/2 cups whole-berry cranberry sauce, warmed

Directions

- 1 Start by preparing Creamed Chicken. In 3-quart heavy saucepan, melt butter over low heat. Blend in Bisquick mix and seasonings. Cook over low heat, stirring until mixture is bubbly. Remove from heat. Stir in milk. Heat to boiling, stirring constantly. Boil 1 minute, then stir in chicken. Keep warm while making Waffles.
- 2 In medium bowl, beat Waffle ingredients together with rotary beater or hand mixer until blended. Pour batter from cup or pitcher into center of hot waffle maker (greased if necessary). Close waffle maker. Bake until steaming stops, lifting finished waffle off carefully with fork.
- 3 To serve, arrange 2 waffle sections with creamed chicken on top. Serve hot with warm cranberry sauce on the side.





February 29, 6-11 PM

Marty-Gras Masquerade Nobility Ball

Presentation with **George Washington Masonic Bible !**

Music by the Spazmatics

RSVP to (210) 496-1625, \$25 each



The Inaugural Bible used by George Washington



This great religious, historical and Masonic tome will make a visitation to Alzar Shrine - 29 February 2020



ALZAFAR UNIVERSITY



The Washington Inaugural Bible was used to administer the first presidential oath of office. On April 30, 1789, George Washington placed his hand on this Bible, owned by St. John's Lodge No. 1, Ancient York Masons, on the balcony of New York City's Federal Hall, the nation's first capitol building.

Washington's inauguration took place not in D.C., but at [Federal Hall](#) in New York, where Congress met at the time. Everything else had been prepared for the ceremony when someone realized that no one had brought a Holy Bible for Washington to swear on. Jacob Morton, a Mason and the Master of nearby St. John's Lodge, [offered](#) to run and grab the Bible from the altar at St. John's. With no other options readily available, Chancellor of New York Robert Livingston gladly took him up on it. During the ceremony, Washington placed his right hand on the text, which was open to Genesis 49:13. (Don't search too hard for any meaning—the Library of Congress [says](#) it was "opened at random due to haste.")

Once the inauguration was over, the Bible was returned to St. John's Lodge No. 1, and it still belongs to the Lodge today. When the Masons are not using it, they often [display](#) the George Washington Inaugural Bible at Federal Hall. They've also allowed it to be used in inaugurations for Warren G. Harding, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Jimmy Carter, and George H.W. Bush. George W. Bush [hoped](#) to use it at his inauguration in 2001, but it was raining and no one wanted to risk damaging such a precious artifact.



Red Roadsters
Ken Whited



RV Club
David Browne

Greetings and Salutations to e'ryone! Well here it is the second month of 2020! Whew! What a year we have in store for parades, TSA/TSMPA competition, and other Shrine activities! You will not want to miss out on the fun if you don't need to. The Washington Birthday Celebration Parade in Laredo is laid on for 22 February. Line-up starts at 8am and the parade kicks off at 10am with the vanguard and the Anheuser-Busch Clydesdales. The regular party at the hotel Friday night is planned and another party is planned at a Brother's home on Saturday night. More to follow and more reason not to miss out!

So, I'm sure you all know by now that I am not just your Red Roadster President for another year, but I am the Alzafar Shrine Parade Marshall Team with Lady Tanja, also. Yes, it's going to be a very busy year indeed! Please, please, please offer assistance with monthly meetings and vacant positions. For example, we no longer have a secretary or a treasurer. I have absorbed those duties for the time being. Yes again, you read that correctly that Lady Tanja and I are teamed up to provide parade coordination and information for you. I embrace someone helping me stay organized and focused. Kudos to Brother Noble Mike Long for being on point last year, and offering assistance this year yet!

At the last unit stated meeting we, also, voted to purchase three Red Roadsters from members that are retiring their active status. It has been agreed that these Roadsters will remain unit property until the by-laws are rewritten, and anyone interested in becoming a member will have an opportunity to get one very soon while supplies last. Another reason not to miss out!

Lastly, don't forget to check out our Facebook page and Like it!

The December rally was held at the Skyline Ranch RV Resort in Bandera, TX.

The December rally is our Christmas party and installation of new officers. The weather was good for this time of the year and we had a great rally. Bandera prides itself as the cowboy capital of the world and they really "put on the dog" and go all out with parades and market days. The downtown area is really lit up and decorated with lights and banners. If you are feeling like taking a little car trip to see the sights, Bandera would be a good destination. We had a great time at the party and ushered in another superb set of unit officers. Several of our members took the opportunity while in the area to take a ride to the surrounding communities to explore. Whenever we rally in Bandera, a trip to the OST (Old Spanish Trail) restaurant for some good ole chicken fried stake is a must.

Our January rally will be held at the Bluff Trails Ranch RV Resort located just north of Ingram, Texas. The dates are January 23rd through the 26th.

Our February rally will be in Caldwell, Texas at the Brazos Valley RV Park, February 26th through March 1st.

If you have an RV and want to have a lot of fun in a relaxed atmosphere with Brother Nobles and their Ladies, come out and rally with us. I know you will have a great time. Call Wagon Master Eddy Bowers (210-508-3989) or assistant Wagon Master Michael Barnes (210-394-4321) for information about the next rally. You can always call me at (210-679-7356).





Alzafar Rod & Gun Club
By Secretary Craig Noyes

Hello All, February is upon us and Happy Valentine's Day to all. We have several events planned for

March and April that will be big fun for the members. On March 11, 2020 at 12:00 in the afternoon we will be doing a tour of the Toyota Plant on the South Side of San Antonio. I have been told that it is a very good tour and is very informative. The only requirement is long pants, long sleeved shirt, and closed toe shoes, by the time of this article I will have sent out a packet of information. In April the Rod & Gun Club will be going to Lucky Eagle Casino in Eagle Pass on the 7th and 8th, make your reservations.

Our transportation will be in personal vehicles. I will possibly plan two shooting events for the club this year and will have further information in the coming months. We will still be using Past President Bill Barkers Son, Frank for meals in the coming year as his food has been very good. We also need members to bring Door Prize items to be given away in our raffle as, this is our main fund raiser for the club all year. If you have not been to a meeting of the Rod & Gun Club in a while, please come and see some old friends and have a bit of fellowship, drink a Bloody Mary and remember why it is great to be a Shriner. That is all I have to say for this month so, Thank You and may there be many fish on your stringer.



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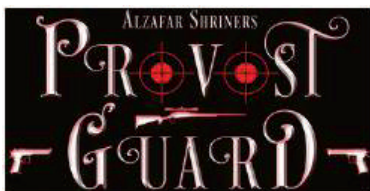
Desert Knights
By: Jason Triggs P.P.

It's a new year and another chapter in the history book of the Desert Knights is ready to be written. Last year was a very successful one for us in our young history as we took our first competitive steps in the Texas Shrine Motor Patrol Association and participated in the annual obstacle competition. We are very proud to say that our unit was awarded 1st place in class with the fastest accumulative time running through the obstacle course with our very own Bert Gonzales receiving the award for recording the fastest time. We look toward to 2020 with great anticipation as we make preparations on building on last year's success when we compete at the annual Texas Shrine Association competition in June.

We are always on the lookout for new members and we invite anyone who is interested in joining us to meet with us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm in the unit rooms behind the Shrine Auditorium. We are a very family oriented unit and your Ladies and families are encouraged to attend. A meal is prepared and served at 6:30pm. If you do not have a vehicle to ride, not to worry. We'll find you one so you can participate in parades and competitions until you are able to obtain your own. We hope you join us and take part in helping us defend our title during the TSMOA obstacle competition and showing the other motorized units from around the state that we are a force to be reckoned with during the TSA competition in June.



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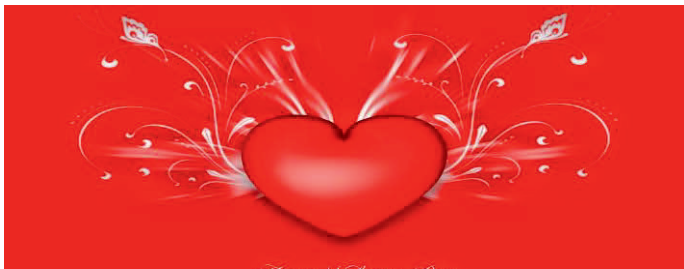
Provost Guard
Joe Kassai

After an eventful holiday season, the Provost Guard is back and ready to get busy. At the January meeting, our new slate of officers got settled into their roles and we enjoyed another delicious meal (beef stew) prepared by David and Jan Hadley. Thank you, Dora, for the WONDERFUL peach cobbler! "Adult beverages" were also available.

The Provost Guard is getting ready for the 2020 TSPGA Mid-Winter hosted by the Suez Provost Guard. It will be held on March 27-28 in Abilene. We will be practicing!

The Provost Guard meets the 1st Wednesday of each month. Dinner @ 6:30 and the Meeting at 7:00. We meet in the room we share with the Shotgun Unit and the Director's Staff.

The Provost Guard is busy making fun plans for the future...more info to follow.



Membership Chairman
Dennis Stevens

Happy New Year Nobles and Ladies! First of all, I would like to thank Illustrious Sir Marty Bartlett for allowing me to serve the Nobility in the position. Some may say that membership is a daunting task, but I am excited about this opportunity and look forward to working with all of you!

I wanted to give you some numbers, just so that you can see where we are currently. I'll be the first to admit that I was taken aback by these, but I'm using these as my motivation for change! So, here we go...

- In 1980, Shriners International had 988,000 Nobles world-wide.
- By 2018, those numbers had dropped to about 213,000. That's a loss of about 775,000 Shriners!!!
- Alzafar has 1568 Nobles on the rolls (as of Nov 2019) with 68 years old being the average age of an Alzafar Shriner. When we look closer at how these number break out, we find that 57% of the Nobility is age 68 and older. While in comparison, about 13% (209 Nobles) that are aged 50 and younger.

We are not alone in this struggle – almost every Shrine Temple is experiencing similar issues. But there's good news! Imperial has given us a fairly comprehensive, step-by-step Membership plan with specific focus on Recruitment, Retention, Restorations, and Relationships. Our Divan is fully supportive of our Membership efforts. Our Temple has many new things in the works, from changes to our Stated Meeting Format, changes to meals, and lots of family friendly events planned for the year. But here is what we know... We need to include the Ladies and our families more. We need to work on getting "younger". We need to make Alzafar Shrine the "place to be" in the future! We invite you to attend the next stated meeting to see some of the changes. Bring your Lady, reach out to that Noble you haven't seen in a while and invite them to join you!



SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER ORDER OF DEMOLAY

By: Jason Triggs, P.P., Chapter Advisor



What exactly is DeMolay? DeMolay, the premier international youth leadership organization, strives to shape young men into leaders of character. By epitomizing timeless values, and accepting the challenges of leadership, both of character and of action, the young men of DeMolay transform themselves into citizens of the highest caliber. Each young man takes ownership of his DeMolay experience. From generating ideas, planning events, coordinating logistics, and executing their plans, each DeMolay Chapter is responsible for defining their success. All of this is accomplished under the mentorship of trained Advisors, selected from the local community, enabling each Chapter to be uniquely tailored to support interests of its members. DeMolay is an inclusive organization that only asks of young men interested to believe in a higher being. A high level of involvement and enthusiasm is far more important for success in DeMolay than any particular skill or ability.

If any of this interests you and you are a young man between the ages of 12 and 21, we would love to meet you. Please feel free to stop by any of our meetings or practices for a visit. Our regular scheduled meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30pm and on all the other Thursday's we have ritual practices, educational nights, and fun nights scheduled at 6:30pm. The location of each meeting is in the Masonic Lodge located behind the San Antonio Shrine Auditorium at 901 N. Loop 1604 West, San Antonio, TX. 78232. For any questions, contact our Chapter Advisor, Jason Triggs, at: sanantoniodemolay@gmail.com. Stay tuned to this fast growing Chapter. Many more great things from these young men to come!

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A week ago, the contract was finalized, meaning that construction can begin which will relocate Cincinnati Shriners Hospital into its new home within Dayton Children's Hospital. The new location will allow Shriners Hospitals for Children to maintain a southwest Ohio presence with a surgical facility designed to meet and exceed today's medical standards, while being good stewards of our endowment. The move will allow us to continue to care for children, regardless of their family's ability to pay, for decades to come.

The estimate for transition is sometime in late 2020.

Yours in the faith,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey L. Sowder".

Jeffrey L. Sowder
Imperial Potentate, Shriners International
Chairman, Board of Directors, Shriners Hospitals for Children

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerry G. Gantt".

Jerry G. Gantt
Chairman, Board of Trustees
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FOR SALE: 2 burial plots at Sunset Memorial Park in the Masonic Section. Asking \$4,000.00 each. Please contact Vicki Gann @ 210-315-1325.

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FOR SALE: #5 Arabia at Camp Alzafar. Please call Becky Hatcher Garteiser @ 210-279-6966 for details and also for showing.

FOR SALE: #7 Maskat at Camp Alzafar. 2 bedroom, 2 bath cabin across from the ball park. Includes all furnishings and golf cart. Call Noble Mark Morley at 210-632-4194.

FOR SALE: Harley Sportster XL1200. Low mileage. UT colors. Suffered a stroke and must give up my dream of riding. Contact Lady Colleen Rapoza @ 210-232-8375.

FOR SALE: Big Tex SA30 5' X 8' trailer with 15" wheels. Has lights, turn signals, removable ramp and in good condition. Asking \$875.00. Call Noble John Pendleton at 210-287-6223 to see trailer.

UNIT/CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

ALZAFAR MOTOR CLUB BAND	3 RD Tuesday	7:00pm Room 9
BREWS BROTHERS	Each Thursday	6:30pm Room 7
BURNING SUN	4 th Wednesday	7:30pm Room 5
CABIRI	2 nd Wednesday	7:00pm Room 5
CAMP ALZAFAR	2 nd Thursday	12:00pm as desig.
	Memorial Day	12:00pm Camp Pavilion
	July 4 & Labor Day	Pavilion
CHAPARRAL	1 st Monday	7:00pm Room 4
DE-MOLAY	2 nd Thursday	6:00pm as desig.
DESERT KNIGHTS	3 rd Wednesday	7:00pm Directors Rm.
DIRECTORS STAFF	2 nd Tuesday	7:30pm Directors Rm.
DRUM CORP	Each Thursday	7:30pm Room 8
GOLF UNIT	2 nd Tuesday	7:30pm Room 7
HIGHLANDERS BAND	Each Thursday	6:30pm Room 9
HILLBILLY CLAN	2 nd Sun. Feb.,Apr. June, Aug.,Oct.Dec.	5:00pm Roustabout Rm.
HONOR GUARD	1 st Monday	7:30pm Room 12
HOSPITAL CORP	3 rd Tuesday	7:00pm Room 6
HOT SANDS BBQ	Wed. Before Stated	7:00pm Pavilion
KERR CLOWNS	4 th Monday	7:00pm Room 11
LEGION OF HONOR	2 nd Monday	As Designated
MINI-WHEELS	2 nd Tuesday	7:30pm Room 10
MOTOR PATROL	3 rd Monday	7:00pm Room 5
NEMNUF	2 nd Monday	7:30pm Room 11
ORIENTAL BAND	Each Wednesday	7:00pm Room 8
PATROL	4 th Monday	7:00pm Room 6
PROVOST GUARD	1 st Wednesday	7:00pm Provost Gd.
RED ROADSTERS	1 st Tuesday	7:00pm Room 10
ROD & GUN CLUB	1 st Sunday	12:00pm Dining Room
ROUSTABOUTS	1 st Wednesday	6:00pm RoustaboutRm
RV CLUB	4 th Weekend	As Designated
SENIORS	1 st Thursday	12:00pm Parlors
SHOTGUN UNIT	2 nd Monday	7:00pm Directors Rm.
SONS OF HIRAM	1 st Monday	7:00pm Parlors
SASIRNOS CLOWNS	1 st Wednesday	7:00pm as desig.

CLUB MEETINGS

BOERNE SC	3 rd Wednesday	6:30pm as desig.
CANYON LAKE	2 nd Monday	6:30pm Lakeside GC.
FT. CLARK SPRINGS	4 th Saturday	6:30pm Ramada Inn
GUADALUPE VALLEY	3 rd Monday	6:00pm as desig.
HILL COUNTRY	1 st Monday	11:00am Inn of the Hills
LAREDO SC	1 st Wednesday	7:00pm as desig.

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

CIBOLO MASONIC LDG	4 th Monday	7:00pm Alzafar Annex
KELLY MASONIC LDG	1 st Tuesday	7:30pm Alzafar Annex
VICTORY MASONIC LDG	2 nd Tuesday	7:00pm Alzafar Annex
DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE	2 nd Thursday	7:30pm Parlors
LADIES ORIENTAL SHRINE	1 st Thursday	7:00pm Parlors
TX CHPT. #35 OES	1 st Monday	7:30pm as desig.



PAST POTENTATES OF ALZAFAR SHRINE

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

MEMBERS OF ALZAFAR AND WHO ARE PAST POTENTATES OF OTHER SHRINE CENTERS

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

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FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

6 th	Seniors Meeting & Luncheon/Parlors	12 noon
	LOS Stated Meeting/Parlors	7:00 pm
11 th	Finance & Divan Meetings/Conference Room	5:00 pm
13 th	Alzafar Stated Meeting/Ballroom	7:30 pm
	NILE Stated Session/Parlors	7:30 pm
15 th	Sadie Hawkins Dance/Ballroom	
17 th	PRESIDENT'S DAY-SHRINE CENTER CLOSED	
22 nd	George Washington Birthday Parade/Laredo	
25 th	IHOP National Pancake Day	

MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5 th	Seniors Meeting & Luncheon/Parlors	12 noon
	LOS Stated Meeting/Parlors	7:00 pm
7 th	Masonic Youth Luncheon & Grand Masters Conference	
9 th	Finance & Divan Meetings/Conference Room	5:00 pm
12 th	Alzafar Stated Meeting/Ballroom	7:30 pm
	NILE Stated Session/Parlors	7:30 pm

APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2 nd	Seniors Meeting & Luncheon/Parlors	12 noon
	LOS Stated Meeting/Parlors	7:00 pm
5 th	Alzafar Shrine Children's Easter Party	2:00pm
6 th	Finance & Divan Meetings/Conference Room	5:00pm
9 th	Alzafar Stated Meeting/Ballroom	7:30pm
	NILE Stated Session/Parlors	7:30 pm
25 th	Flambeau Parade	3:pm