



# Achbar

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There is a light ahead



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**2021 ELECTIVE DIVAN**

Potentate.....Link Travis Elmendorf  
 Chief Rabban.....Robert Norman  
 Asst. Rabban.....Richard A. "Rick" Reyes, III  
 High Priest & Prophet.....Marco Zuniga  
 Oriental Guide.....Mike Long  
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**2021 APPOINTIVE DIVAN**

1st Ceremonial Master.....Russell Brown  
 2nd Ceremonial Master.....William Brown  
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 Chief Rabban.....Robert Norman  
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**2021 FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Potentate.....Link Travis Elmendorf  
 Chief Rabban.....Robert Norman  
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 4 years.....Alan Ditmore  
 3 years.....Garrett Ethridge  
 2 years.....Gary Bausell  
 1 year.....Kyle Jackson

**STATED MEETING**

The following Stated Meeting of Alzafar Shriners will be held March 11, 2021 at 7:30 p.m., 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 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 2017 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 & good fellowship in your heart.

WEAR YOUR FEZ

*Thomas D. Leverett*

Recorder: Thomas D. Leverett

*L. Travis Elmendorf*

Potentate: Illustrious Sir, L.T. Elmendorf



Legacy is a word that invokes many feelings, a memory, and reaches deep into your being. Legacy was the genesis of my Masonic life. Together with my twin, we followed our Grandfather, Great uncle, and Father into Masonic enlightenment. I fondly remember spending the days under my instructor's tutelage, Brother Harold Hart; may he continue to rest. Although my Mother Lodge is Albert Pike, I have regularly enjoyed visiting and spending time with various Lodges and their Brethren. Our Fraternity is large and wide with many great Brothers; our esoteric learning is a continuous exercise where different architecture can be found, with friendships waiting to be discovered.

I grew up as a Shrine-brat at camp. However, my life as a Shriner did not begin until I jumped into the seat of an Alzafar mini-wheel. I paraded as fast and loud as I could for several years while at the same time, becoming a member and wrangling a lease at Camp Alzafar. In the blink of an eye, I was on both Unit and Association executive lines. I worked alongside some remarkable and storied men, and the two lines were both enjoyable and educating. Then came the unforgettable Clowns, guys who taught me the realness of our Shrine mission and all it encompasses. The ability to sit with the children under our care and witness real human strength, the courage of lions, and a faith that only an innocent can offer. It was those tiny individuals that were awe-inspiring and often emotionally overwhelming. I often found myself overwrought, but not necessarily for the external injuries, medical maladies, and aberrations, our charges face every day. The children moved me for their honesty, strength, enthusiasm-

asm, and love. I love being a Shriner and supporting our mission as nothing offers more smiles and tears of joy. The thought to run for the Divan began on a patio, deep in the wooded acres of Kendall county. I have the privilege of knowing many a past potentate who was always ready to offer an opinion. Notwithstanding, my friends made me quickly ascertain that there was only one I needed to ask. The one who had always been my number one supporter and required to be on board. I put the question to Brenda, and she agreed. Blessed with Brenda Marie's companionship for 29 years, she has ever been a faithful and steady partner.

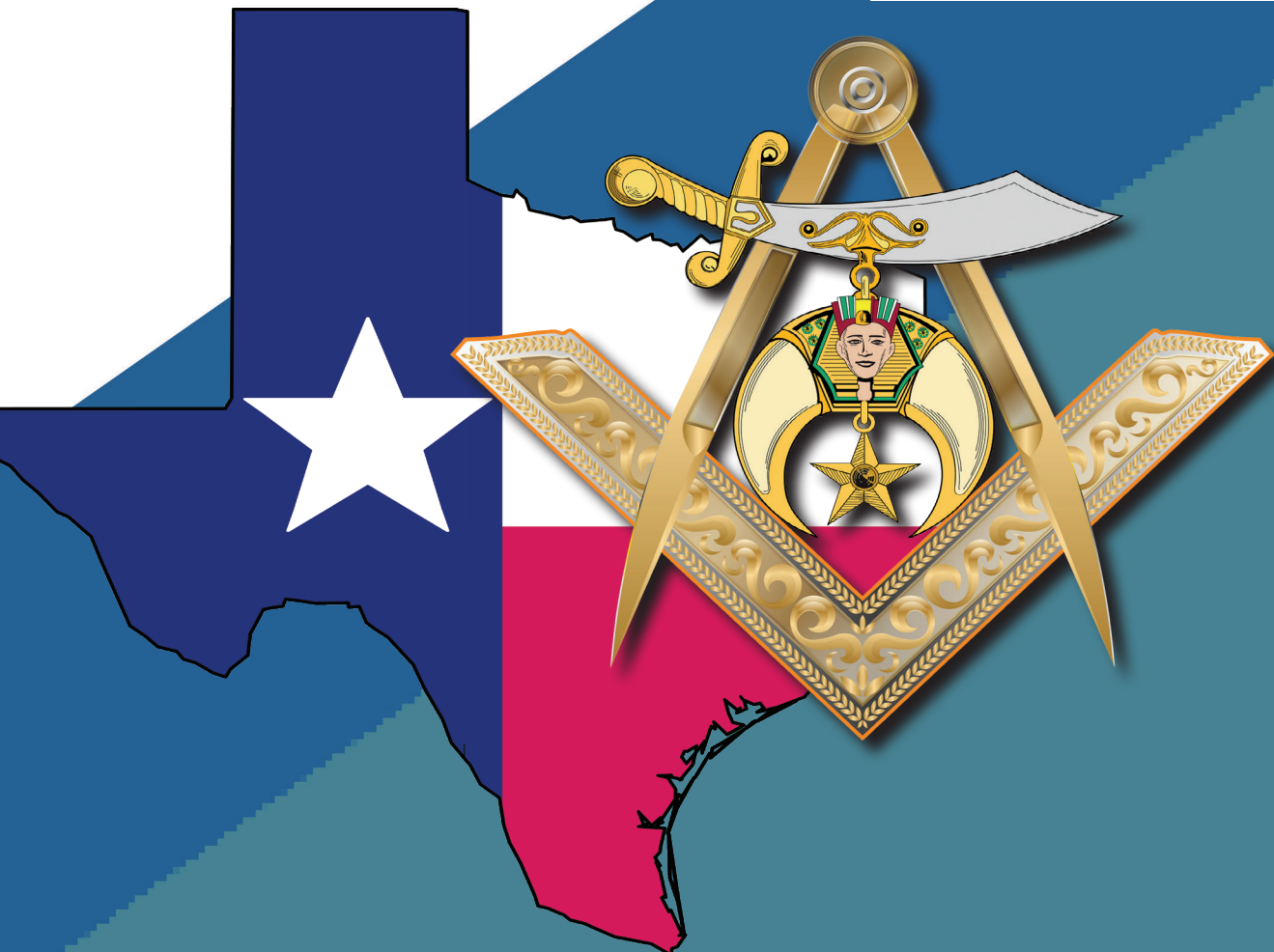
I look forward to this final year on Alzafar's Divan with her by my side. Coming out of 2020, the world and Alzafar have learned several new ways to accomplish our goals, communicate, and gather. At the onset of this year, we still find ourselves within this omnipresent COVID-19 virus. Many larger events that begin the year are postponed or canceled as of this date. The most liberal projection for an engagement looks to be at the end of the 2nd quarter and is subject to change, as is the norm today. We will continue to look at reducing expenditures and boosting revenue. We also left last year with many questions about our future, and the plan is not to sit idly by. We continue to investigate opportunities from professionals in commercial real estate and development.

Moreover, we will be looking into bringing on an Executive Director for the Shrine's business while freeing up our Noble Recorder to Fraternal needs. Our push for membership cannot waiver. We will be pursuing avenues better to assist our-

selves and all Masonic bodies in this operation. Welcome to 2021 Alzafar. Many are the objectives; together, we can achieve them. We are Nobles on a Mission.



Lady Brenda with husband and Alzafar Potentate Illustrious Sir L. Travis Elmendorf





Hello Alzafar!! We hope your year is going great so far. We are looking forward to seeing what this year brings. Hopefully this pandemic will be behind us soon and we can get back to having fun and fellowship. Stay tuned for the rest of the Divan and Units with events to come this year.

This year as your Chief Rabban, Lady Tiffany and I are responsible for raising money for the fraternity. We are looking at a couple of different ideas to raise money. Those ideas are forth coming. We have spoken with the circus provider and as of right now he is looking forward to getting back on the road and bringing his circus to South Texas later this year. We are hoping, like everyone else, this pandemic is under control and will allow us to host the Alzafar Shrine Circus.

We look forward to seeing everyone again soon. Until then stay safe, stay positive and test negative.

Seasons greetings and a Happy New Year! Or at least let's hope for a Happy start to the New Year. 2020 will go down in the books as one of the hardest years Alzafar has faced. With that being said, we have pushed through as a team and come out of it better than ever. Our temple when faced with uncertainty has certainly persevered. We managed to hold every event that we typically do in a given Shrine year and with the exception of Imperial and TSA being cancelled, we even got to travel a bit too. As I call around to my counterparts at other Shrine Centers around the United States, its obvious that things could have been worse and we are truly blessed to have such an awesome nobility representing us at Alzafar.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Imperial Sir Marty Bartlett on his year as Alzafar's Potentate and wish him all the best in his continued journey for more light on the Imperial line.

I'm excited for the year to come and am looking forward to what our newly installed Potentate, Travis has in store for Alzafar this year. I expect many great things over the next 12 months from him and I know he will deliver. I would also like to take an opportunity to welcome our



newest member to the Divan, Noble Mike Long. He brings with him a good business acumen and a passion for our hospitals.

Finally, as we move into 2021, we have some amazing opportunities to raise funds for the hospitals. Please continue to reach out with your ideas as they are what drives the future of our Shrine. Those ideas will lead to yet another golf tournament in October of 2021, the Gala also in October, and many other events to follow. Our hope is to get back into the public's eye as soon as possible. My goal in 2021 will be to promote our fraternity and philanthropy, grow the transportation fund, and have as much fun as possible in the process.

Until Next Time,  
Rick Reyes  
Assistant Rabban



WOW! What a year 2020 turned out to be. All I have to say is WAY TO GO TEAM ALZAFAR! You nobles rocked it and stepped up and made lemonade out of the lemons you were given. I know Travis will lead us into this year with excitement and drive to keep our Temple moving forward. Lori and I are thankful for the opportunity to serve you and this great organization for the upcoming year. I am excited to bring the Masonic picnic to our temple pavilion. We are hoping this will bring more participation from the Blue Lodges. We are still looking at dates but are hoping to land somewhere in April. More details to come soon.

Thank you again for your continued support, here's looking forward to an exciting and healthy year!

Marco  
HP&P

# TREASURER

Happy Valentine's Day to one and all.

We made it through the first month of 2021. I pray you and your family are safe and healthy! We are off and running and looking forward to seeing everyone at the Stated Meetings.

We are hoping the rentals pick back up so we can get some money into the General Fund. I do know Joy has been working hard getting the building rented. If we can keep COVID-19 at bay, we are looking forward to having a great year of rentals

Needless to say that money has been tight this past year but please rest assured your Divan and Finance Committee are doing all we can to keep us going strong.

I urge each of you to come join us in our Divan and Finance meetings so you can stay in touch with what is going on in YOUR temple. Here you can see what and how much is going to Camp and Temple expenditures. The books are always open and so are our doors. If you have a question about Temple or Camp expenditures, please ask or come to a meeting.

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





Noble Thomas Leverett  
Recorder of Alzafar Shriners

**Recorders Corner**  
**T-Bone Tommy Leverett**  
**Recorder to the Stars**

Passing of the Leadership Batton: During the January Alzafar Stated Meeting the newly elected officers were installed into their offices. We all are looking forward to Link Travis Elmendorf and Lady Brenda taking over as Potentate and First Lady. Mike Long will take over as the new man on the Divan and serve as our Oriental Guide. Many Thanks to Imperial Sir Marty & Martha Bartlett for leading us through the Coronavirus during a rough year. Keep your fingers crossed on our rental income. Joy Bonebrake, our Rental Manager, has booked over \$350,000 in rentals for 2021. We all need to pray that the country to get the Covid-19 Virus under control. Many of our rentals rescheduled in January. We continue to rent the parking lot for \$3,500 per month for COVID-19 Testing. Our first K12 state testing is under our belt, but the number of students testing was way done. As you know they rent the entire building. If your Unit or Club needs to use any of our rooms please make sure to check with Joy to make sure the date is available. The employees are back to work full time. Our new Part-Time Employee starting before Christmas to help us man the phones. Our plan is to have Lisa Emerick take over Carol Kintigh responsibilities so hopefully, the part-time job will grow into a full-time position. My plan is to introduce a retirement plan and also obtain health insurance for our employees in 2021

**Emails to Remember:**

alzafarshrineeachbar@gmail.com (try to get your Unit or Club article in by the 5th)

alzafarrecorder@gmail.com (this is the Recorders email)

**Camp Alzafar:** As a reminder, we decide at the December Divan meeting about the charges for Camp. For 2021 the Lease is going up \$50 per year to a total of \$650. This will be due no later than March 1, 2021. Don't come to see me on March the 2 because the rent will go up \$100 per month for being late. The second part of the equation is a \$100 Assessment which will be due before June 1, 2021.

Alzafar Rocks even with the Corona-virus. We have managed to keep our building free from the Virus. (Knock on Wood) so we hope to see you soon Nobles.



The Alzafar Highlanders have resumed weekly Chanter Practice on Monday evenings! The chanter is part of the Bagpipes used for practicing notes. We currently have several beginners learning the Bagpipes. This is the perfect time to join in if you've ever thought of learning the Pipes! Feel free to drop by and see us any Monday night and your first Scotch is on us, see you soon!

**-Bobby Packer**  
**Alzafar Highlander Chief 2021**



**GOLF SHOTS**  
**Bogeybuck**

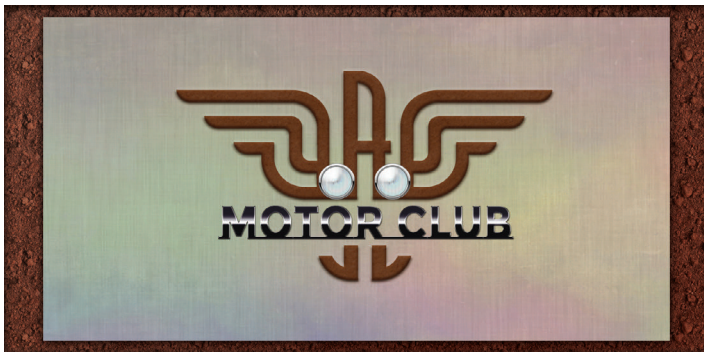
That was the year that was. It was the best of times and the worst of times...um maybe too dramatic. The plague that descended upon us didn't kill us so common wisdom says it should make us stronger. Well, it didn't do much for my golf game. As golfers, after an initial bumpy start, were able to gather in limited groups, keep our social distance and soldier on. Without the golf outlet, I shiver to think what the status of my mental well being would be like.

The vaccine for Covid 19 is here and allows somewhat of a return to normalcy. The Golf Unit has elected a new

slate of officers intent on restoring the level of activity and support to the Shrine for which we are well known. To begin with, The new officers include Noble Stuart Huffman as President, Noble Jeff Puckett as 1st Vice President, Noble Manuel Hernandez as 2nd Vice President. Among the key appointed officers is Wild Bill Hyatt as Secretary. Noble Puckett is also temporarily acting as Treasurer. Noble Puckett is former Navy and provided a new shortcut handle for the unit: ASGU. (Alzafar Shrine Golf Unit). Noble Gary Callison as Tournaments and Handicap chairman.

As is custom, we kick off the year with a meeting with members and their Ladies at a "Pot Luck" dinner. As we know, planning without the Ladies input is conditional at best.

Uncle Bud wants to know why people pay to go to the top of a tall building and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground.



Greetings Ladies & Nobles! I want to say again that Lady Tanja and I are excited to be serving you this year as the AMC President & First Lady! Our middle son, Eric, & Lady Samantha, are just as excited to be doing so as Vice President and planning for next year as well. So anticipate some new things while continuing events that have been proven to be successful. Successful because of your hard work!

Something you've pro'ly heard about already is a Road Rally. A Road Rally consists of matching an average speed to hit checkpoints along a route. If you are too fast or too slow you gain points which won't help you win. If you try to make up time between checkpoints and get a speeding ticket, you are disqualified. That won't help you win either, obviously. LOL!! The final destination is Amarillo where historic Route 66 ran through Texas. A motor-head's dream. Once a participant completes the rally they can head out on a Scavenger Hunt to see the sights as another way to be a winner. We are planning for a rally dinner and awards ceremony afterwards. I'm looking for volunteers for a coordinating committee, volunteers to start the participants out at the Shrine Center, checkpoint personnel along the route, and sponsors. I will be coordinating with the Khiva Shrine in Amarillo for volunteers and assistance as well. The more checkpoints we have, the more interesting the rally will be.

Lastly, as I've been working the 2021 parade schedule with Illustrious Sir Travis things aren't looking very promising yet. The Washington Birthday Celebration Parade in Laredo has been cancelled, and the Fiesta Flambeau Parade is not looking good. We'll see what happens and

keep your fingers crossed. In the meantime keep your batteries charged, your engines running, and the rubber on the road creating wonderful memories with family and friends.

Yours in the Faith,

**Ken Whited**

**The 2-wheeled AMC President**



**ALZAFAR SHRINE SENIORS**

**By: Daniel Coburn, Secretary, 1/07/21**

The monthly meeting of the Alzafar Senior's with 17 members attending was held in the Parlors room on January 7th at noon, with masks and social distancing. The meeting was opened by President, Jerold Hopkins at 12:00. Chaplain Donald Garrido, PP, gave the invocation. Honors to the American flag were presented. Masonic and Shrine organization members, Past Potentates, and Past and current Masonic Lodge Masters were recognized. The members enjoyed a delicious free meal and dessert provided by Rose May. Following lunch, the Alzafar Senior's officers for 2021 were installed by Donald Garrido, Past Potentate.



The newly installed officers for the Alzafar Shrine Senior's for 2021 are, left to right, Albert Pike President, Ralph McLeod Vice President, Donald Garrido, (seated), Past Potentate, Chaplin and Installing Officer, Daniel Coburn Secretary, and Joe Estlack Treasurer.

The Shrine Seniors meets at noon in the Alzafar Shrine Parlors Room on the first Thursday of every month. All senior Shrine Members (Seniors Continue on Page 10)and  
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# Meet Our New SASA Marketing Director:

## Ms. Joy Bonebrake

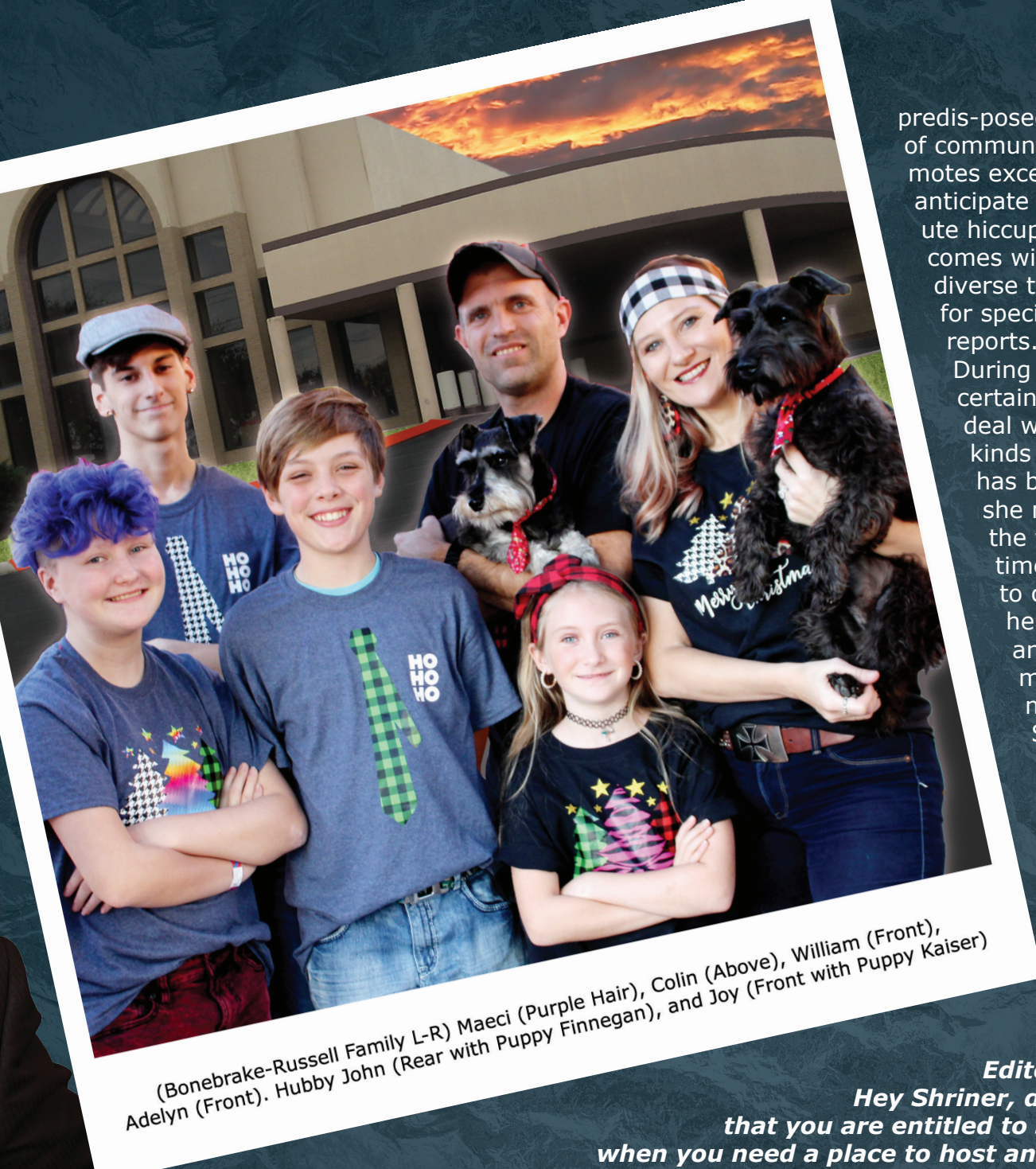
Joy Bonebrake is a wife to an active-duty combat medic, instructor, and mother to 4 children. Although re-dyed in the wool as a Texan and San Antonio, she says they could not get here fast enough. She also attests that they will always be a Chiefs and Royals fan (Editor: The way our Cowboys have been playing, I cannot say I blame her). You can take the girl out of a Kansas City hometown, but you cannot take the Kansas City out of the native girl. In speaking to her, it so evident that she has fallen in love with Texas and San Antonio. Joy is exuberant in her new position as our San Antonio Shrine Auditorium (SASA) Marketing Director and Director of Event Sales. She says that she is thrilled to spend the rest of whatever time God gives her, giving back to the people of this great state.

Ms. Bonebrake's favorite quote is, "Why fit in when you were born to stand out." It is no wonder she loves the event industry. Joy is a performer at heart. She loves to entertain, and what better place to do that than in an organization that prides itself on being entertainers, all while working together for a greater communal good! Ms. Bonebrake has been in the hospitality and event planning industry for the better part of 2 decades. She comes to us having extensive experience and expertise in business, customer service, budgeting, goals, and internal operations. An accomplished event producer, creative thinker, Joy

brings excellence in customer service, professionalism, and problem-solving to SASA. Altogether she feels as though her experiences and skills have led her to Alzafar. Joy says, "I not only get to help make The Shrine Auditorium shine evermore, but I also get to be part of the amazing Alzafar family." Joy is committed to the premise that every client can count on her to handle every aspect of their event. She is steadfast in supporting fellow employees in preparedness. She is







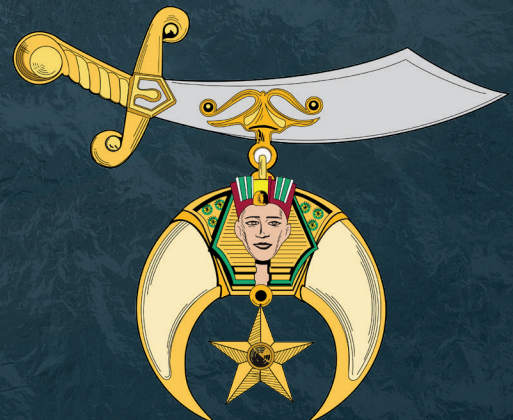
(Bonebrake-Russell Family L-R) Maeci (Purple Hair), Colin (Above), William (Front), Adelyn (Front). Hubby John (Rear with Puppy Finnegan), and Joy (Front with Puppy Kaiser)

predis-posed to seek a level of communication that promotes excellence. "We must anticipate the last-minute hiccup that invariably comes with facilitating diverse types of events or for special needs," She reports.

During this time of uncertainty, Joy has had to deal with many of those kinds of 'hiccups. "It has been challenging," she notes in joining the team here just-in-time for the industry to crash. However, her creative mind and teamwork still manage to keep moving forward. She now cherishes Alzarfar's mission and why we exist as she feels welcomed with open arms.

**Editor's Note:**

**Hey Shriner, did you know that you are entitled to special pricing when you need a place to host an important date. Since 2010 the Potentate has been granted the Divan's authority to provide space during times of great happiness or terrible grief. Please contact your Potentate or call our Recorder at (210) 496-1625 if you have a reunion coming up or need any assistance. Please remember that the San Antonio Shrine Auditorium is your house.**



their Ladies are welcome to join us for a good lunch and stimulating conversation.

**Our next meeting will be held on February 4th 2021.**



### THE DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS

As with all of Alzafar's competing units, Covid-19 ended the Drum and Bugle Corps' season before it even got started well. With All-State being held in San Antonio next year, we would really like to put on an outstanding performance. If you are interested in being a part of this, please get in contact with us.

With the improvement in Drum & Bugle Corps' performance over the last few years, we plan 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. We are currently performing on brass instruments played in the band; Bb trumpets, Bb marching French horns, marching trombones, marching baritones, etc. We do have band instruments that we can lend to you. We need low brass and percussion players. We 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 7:30 pm and end at 9:00 pm. If you have any questions, please call Richard Wallace at 210-219-6861 or email at [rwall@swbell.net](mailto:rwall@swbell.net).

Come on out and join us



### Nekodah Temple No. 44 Daughters of the Nile Queen Carol Pavliska

Happy New Year! I hope you and your loved ones are healthy and safe.

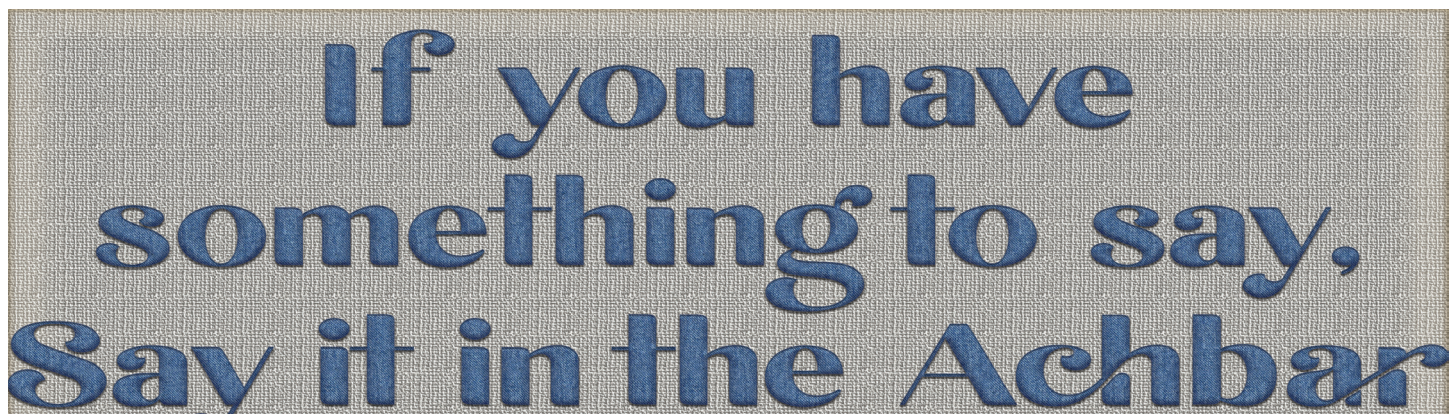
Save the Date: March 20th the 2021 Nekodah No.44 Public Installation of Officers. More information to come.

Friendly Reminder, if you haven't paid your 2020-2021 (\$52) dues you may send them to Pr Recorder Rita Young, her contact information is in the Roster.

If you know of anyone in sickness or distress contact Nekodah Chaplain PQ Charlie Bedgood, 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](mailto: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. Peggy Songer, PQ. Charlie Bedgood, PQ. Barbara Wells, Pr. Cindy Garza and Pr. Rita Young.





## What is the Reinheitsgebot?

There was a time before the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) when brewers put all sorts of possibly toxic things in beer. Many recipes were of family tradition and passed down from generation to generation, without knowledge of possible side effects. One recipe I read said to put a dead rooster in the bottom of the fermentation vessel! Although I give kudos for creativity I think I'll pass. Whether knowingly or not, the Reinheitsgebot (literally "purity law") gave rise to a safer drink.

From Wikipedia: The Reinheitsgebot is a series of regulations limiting the ingredients in beer in Germany and the states of the former Holy Roman Empire. The best known version of the law was adopted in Bavaria in 1516.

According to the Bavarian law, the only ingredients that could be used in the production of beer were water, barley and hops. The text does not mention yeast as an ingredient, although yeast was at the time knowingly used in the brewing process. It is likely that brewers of the time preferred to see yeast as a fixture of the brewing process. Yeast produced in one batch was commonly transferred to a subsequent batch, thus giving yeast a more permanent character in the brewing process. A full understanding of chemical basis of yeast and the fermentation process did not come until much later.

The Bavarian order was introduced in part to prevent price competition with bakers for wheat and rye. The restriction of grains to barley was meant to ensure the availability of affordable bread, as wheat and rye were reserved for use by bakers. The rule may have also had a protectionist role, as beers from Northern Germany often contained additives that were not present in Bavarian beer.

Religious conservatism may have also played a role in adoption of the rule in Bavaria, to suppress the use of plants that were allegedly used in pagan rituals, such as grain, henbane, belladonna, or wormwood. The rule also excluded problematic methods of preserving beer, such as soot, stinging nettle and henbane.

Modern versions of the law have contained significant exceptions for different types of beer (such as top-fermented beers), for export beers, and for different regions. The basic law now declares that only malted grains, hops, water and yeast are permitted.

In response to the growth of craft breweries globally,

some commentators, German brewers, and even German politicians have argued that the Reinheitsgebot has slowed Germany's adoption of beer trends popular in the rest of the world, such as Belgian lambics and American craft styles. In late 2015, Bavarian brewers voted in favor of a revision to the beer laws to allow other natural ingredients.

Thanks,  
-Kenny Cason



If every Mason in Texas Only Knew  
Camp Alzafar is three-hundred-and-twenty-acre wild-life and recreational facility located at 221 Camp Alzafar Road, Kendall County. Camp Alzafar is solely owned fee simple by Alzafar Shriners.

Camp Alzafar is one of Alzafar's crowning jewels. Every Shriner who is a member of Alzafar has an unfettered right to use the facilities and assets at Camp Alzafar. Many of our dear Alzafar Shriners believe that to use the facility, you must be a member of the Social Unit at Camp called the "Cabin Owners Association." This limitation is blatantly untrue if you have heard of it. In contrast to that thought, Alzafar Shriners actively invites every member to use the assets at Camp. The Camp Association does not own any of the assets at Camp. The Potentate appoints a Camp manager who may appoint assistants in helping any Shriners understand the rules and regulations.

To continue, Camp Alzafar is a beautiful, mostly pristine natural environment. Any buildings are of-ten rustic and might have uneven surfaces, and can be dangerous if



used recklessly. The area is also very educational and a lesson in aboriginal studies, in the area hunter gatherers, geology, or paleontological studies. Camp Alzafar is a once ancient reef. Many hints exist if closely looked for which detail the ancient ocean which once covered Camp Alzafar. One might also locate dinosaur tracks

embedded within the rocks, which once were soft surfaces 100 million years ago. Camp has significant fossil deposits that are in theory that of state or national importance. We must add; all items are the property of Alzafar Shriners and May Not be removed from Camp for any purpose by anyone.

Come on out and investigate your Camp Alzafar. Join Alzafar Shriners and make it yours!



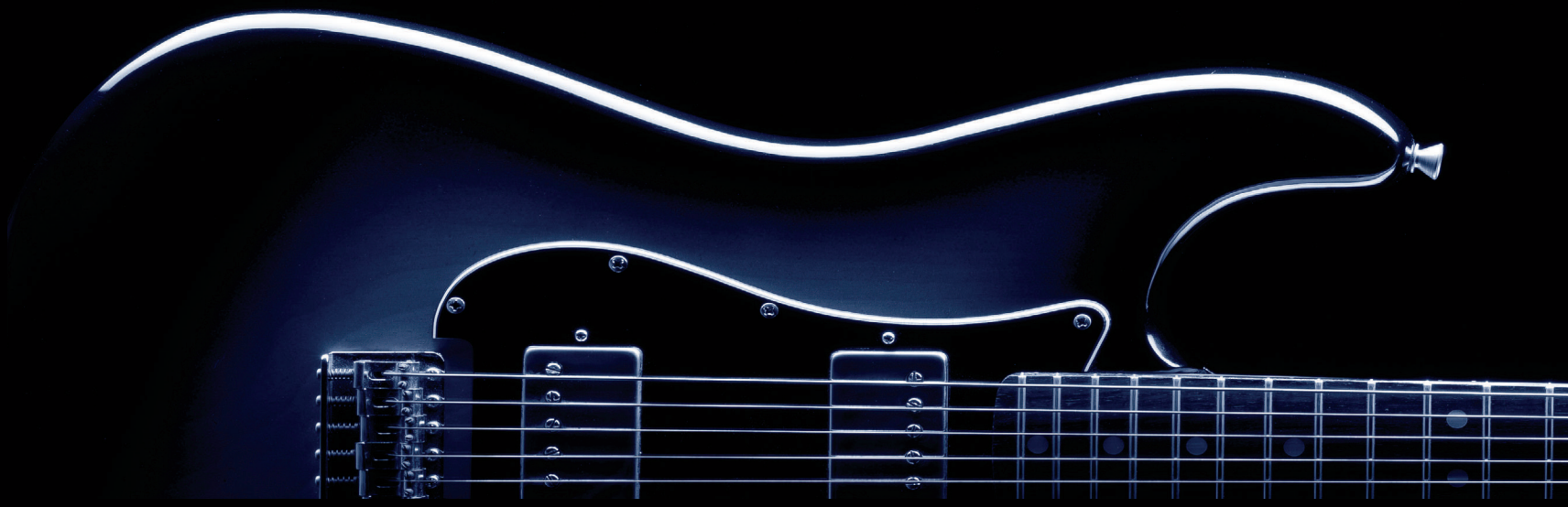
# alzafar band

By Richard Wallace

Roy Claxton Acuff (September 15, 1903 – November 23, 1992) was an American country music singer, fiddler, promoter, and freemason. Known as the “King of Country Music,” Acuff is often credited with moving the genre from its early string band and “hoedown” format to the singer-based form that helped make it internationally successful. In 1952, Hank Williams told Ralph Gleason, “He’s the biggest singer this music ever knew. You booked him, and you didn’t worry about crowds. For drawing power in the South, it was Roy Acuff, then God.”

Acuff began his music career in the 1930s and gained regional fame as the singer and fiddler for his group, the Smoky Mountain Boys. He joined the Grand Ole Opry in 1938. Although his popularity as a musician waned in the late 1940s, he remained one of the Opry’s key figures and promoters for nearly four decades. In 1942, Acuff and Fred Rose founded Acuff-Rose Music, the first major Nashville-based country music publishing company. Acuff-Rose signed such artists as Hank Williams, Roy Orbison, and the Everly Brothers. In 1962, Acuff became the first living inductee into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Acuff was born on September 15, 1903, in Maynardville, Tennessee, to Ida (née Carr) and Simon E. Neill Acuff, the third of their five children. Roy Acuff is of English ancestry. His ancestors came to North America during the colonial era, settling in Virginia and the Carolina mountains. The Acuffs were a fairly prominent family in Union County. Roy’s paternal grandfather, Coram Acuff, had been a Tennessee state senator, and his maternal grandfather was a local physician. Roy’s father was an accomplished fiddler and a Baptist preacher. His mother was proficient on the piano. During Roy’s early years, the Acuff house was a popular place for





local gatherings. At such meetings, Roy would often amuse people by balancing farm tools on his chin. He also learned to play the harmonica and jaw harp at an early age.

In 1943, Acuff was initiated into the East Nashville Freemasonic Lodge in Tennessee, of which he would remain a lifelong member. Later that same year, Acuff invited Tennessee Governor Prentice Cooper to be the guest of honor at a gala held to mark the Opry's Prince Albert show's nationwide premiere. However, Cooper rejected the offer and lambasted Acuff and his "disgraceful" music for making Tennessee the "hillbilly capital of the United States." A Nashville journalist reported the governor's comments to Acuff and suggested Acuff run for Tennessee governor himself. While Acuff initially did not take the suggestion seriously, he did accept the Republican Party nomination for governor in 1948.

In the early 1980s, after the death of his wife, Mildred, Acuff, then in his 80s, moved into a small house on the Opryland grounds and continued performing daily on stage. He arrived early most days at the Opry before the shows. He did odd jobs, such as stocking soda in backstage refrigerators. He made a cameo appearance in the music video for Moe Bandy and Joe Stampley's 1984 parody hit song "Where's The Dress." In 1991, he received the National Medal of the Arts and a lifetime achievement award by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. He became the first Country music act to receive the esteemed honor. Roy Acuff died in Nashville on November 23, 1992, at the age of 89.



# Where & When Our Shrine Units - Clubs & Lodges Meet



# Former Potentates of Alzafar Shriners



## UNIT MEETING SCHEDULE

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

## CLUB MEETINGS

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

## AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS MEETINGS

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



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

## Members of Alzafar Shriners who are Former Potentates from Other Shrine Centers

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

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



# Shriners Children's™ Texas

Dear Nobles,

In late 2019, we shared with you our plans for a combined Texas facility that would showcase multiple major care disciplines. Today we are pleased to announce that Shriners Hospitals for Children — Houston and Shriners Hospitals for Children — Galveston, have now consolidated their world-renowned specialty pediatric health care services on the Galveston campus and will now be known as Shriners Children's Texas.

Our dedication to the children and their families remains the same – transforming children's lives with exceptional health care in a patient- and family-centered environment. Operating on the same campus will position us well to achieve our strategic goals for the future. This change provides us with a modernized and integrated approach to meeting our patients' needs. The main reason for the decision was to improve the system's efficiency without sacrificing access to the same outstanding care Shriners Hospitals has been able to provide children for almost 100 years.

Merging the two hospitals together into one location not only demonstrates good stewardship for a hospital system that provides care regardless of the family's ability to pay, but also brings together a team of highly-skilled clinical providers that will deliver "Texas-sized" care for all Shriners Children's patients.

This strategic vision marks a commitment to transforming how our health care is delivered, while maintaining our mission of providing the highest quality care to children with orthopaedic conditions, burn injuries, cleft lip and palate, and plastic surgery. This is an energizing journey – to grow and to treat more children as we look toward the future. While we anticipate a more formal opening sometime this summer, we wanted to share this tremendous news as we celebrate the furthering of our incredible mission.

Fraternally,

James R. Smith  
Imperial Potentate, Shriners International  
Chairman, Board of Directors, Shriners Hospitals for Children

Jerry G. Gantt  
Chairman, Board of Trustees  
Shriners Hospitals for Children

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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## TENTATIVE PARADE SCHEDULE 2021

DATE	PARADE	LOCATION	LINEUP	START
Cancelled	Washington's Birthday	Laredo	7:00AM	9:00AM
Sat. Apr. 25th	Fiesta Flambeau	San Antonio	4:00PM	7:00PM
Sat. May 1st	Cornival	Helotes	7:30AM	9:30AM
Sat. June 19th	Berges Fest <i>(Alzafar Ladies and Family)</i>	Boerne	7:30AM	10:00AM
Tue. July 6th	Imperial Shrine Parade <i>(4-8 July is the week of the Imperial Shrine Session 2021, Houston, Texas)</i>	Houston	TBD	TBD
Sat. Sept. 4th	Kendall County Fair	Boerne	8:00AM	10:00AM
Sat. Oct. 23rd	Medina County Fair	Hondo	8:00AM	10:00AM
Sat. Nov. 13th	Veteran's Day <i>(Alzafar Ladies and Family)</i>	San Antonio	10:00AM	12:00PM
Sat. Nov. 20th	Alamo Heights Night Parade	Alamo Heights	3:30PM	5:30PM
Fri. Nov 26th	Ford Holiday River	San Antonio	4:00PM	6:00PM
Sat. Dec. 11th	Christmas Parade <i>(Alzafar Ladies and Family)</i>	Sattler	9:30AM	11:00AM