

ALZAFAR

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HAPPY EASTER

to *Every Bunny*



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Notice of Stated Meeting of Alzafar Shriners The following Stated Meeting of Alzafar Shriners will be on March 14, 2024 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 2024 DUES CARD OR YOUR DIGITAL IMAGE VIA <https://www.shrinersinternational.org> 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.

Mike Barnes

Recorder,
Mike Barnes

Marco Zuniga

Potentate: Illustrious Sir,
Marco Zuniga

The Past Potentates of Alzafar Shriners

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| 1916 Frank R. Newton Sr* | 1970 Jack W. Cones, Jr.* |
| 1917 Ted Millburn* | 1971 Bruce Waitz* |
| 1918 J. A. Patterson* | 1972 Floyd F. Graham* |
| 1919 Henry Rabe* | 1973 Drue H. Floyd* |
| 1920 Robert Burne* | 1974 Jack O. Dietz* |
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| 1922 Robert S. Michael* | 1976 W.H. "Bill" Elmore* |
| 1923 Nathan K. Tracy* | 1977 Thurman Barrett, Jr.* |
| 1924 H. W. Weber* | 1978 Floyd O. Schneider* |
| 1925 Herman Horner* | 1979 Reese L. Harrison, Jr. |
| 1926 Charles D. Hall* | 1980 Burdit W. McCoy* |
| 1927 S. X. Callahan* | 1981 James V. Gullette* |
| 1928 John Lomax* | 1982 Joseph M. Clark* |
| 1929 Henry A. Hirschberg* | 1983 George D. Vann, Jr.* |
| 1930 A.J. McKenzie* | 1984 Joe Roy Holloway* |
| 1931 Louis P. Hartung* | 1985 E.C. "Bud" Jordan* |
| 1932 Anton N. Moursund* | 1986 Sidney D. Autry* |
| 1933 G.G. Grebenheimer* | 1987 Terry McGuire* |
| 1934 Porter Loring* | 1988 James Dockery, Jr.* |
| 1935 P.D. Mathis* | 1989 George J. Labinski* |
| 1936 Geo. F. Dullnig* | 1990 James W. Todd* |
| 1937 Willard E. Simpson* | 1991 Ray Fuller* |
| 1938 C. Baumberger, Jr.* | 1992 Robert "Bob" Jett |
| 1939 William Eifler* | 1993 Emmett C. George* |
| 1940 William H. Wallace* | 1994 E.C. "Ed" Vest* |
| 1941 Daniel O'Connell* | 1995 Tom Boothe* |
| 1942 O.J. Solcher* | 1996 Jerry Krupp* |
| 1943 Rennie Wright* | 1997 Harry D. Rose* |
| 1944 Albert A. Green* | 1998 Robert D. "Bob" Green |
| 1945 W.D. Turbeville* | 1999 Robert "Bobby" Hunt |
| 1946 Ted E. Poppe* | 2000 Bob Stephens* |
| 1947 Alfred W. Harlos* | 2001 Loren Hayes* |
| 1948 Sam A. Chapman* | 2002 J. Philip Knight-Sheen* |
| 1949 Richard Adams* | 2003 Wayne R. Duncan |
| 1950 Roy Akers* | 2004 Steve R. Molnar* |
| 1951 Glen K. Schuepbach* | 2005 Stuart H. Simms* |
| 1952 W.C. "Pat" Welch* | 2006 Frank B. Hunter* |
| 1953 Elliot J. Bilhartz* | 2007 Joseph Calvey |
| 1954 Ray H. Trimmier* | 2008 Paul F. McCombs |
| 1955 T.M. McCormick* | 2009 James "Jim" Strayer* |
| 1956 H.S. Norman* | 2010 Richard "Rick" Reyes II |
| 1957 W.B. Jack Ball* | 2011 Gregorio "G.I." Flores* |
| 1958 Floyd J. Griffin* | 2012 Robert "Bob" Jones |
| 1959 Henry W. Eitt* | 2013 Tom Young |
| 1960 Harvey McDonald* | 2015 Jay Dee Thomas |
| 1961 L.L. Woodman* | 2016 John Dunn |
| 1962 George W. Henry* | 2017 Gary Radvansky |
| 1963 Barney Norris* | 2018 Jason Triggs |
| 1964 Jack B. Lee* | 2019 Eric A. DeWalt |
| 1965 Robert B. O'Connor* | 2020 Marty Bartlett |
| 1966 E. Jeff Ashcraft, Jr.* | 2021 L. Travis Elmendorf |
| 1967 D. Neal Talley* | 2022 Robert M. Norman, II |
| 1968 Wm. H. Ferguson* | 2023 Richard "Rick" Reyes III |
| 1969 Keith Gerstner* | |

Alzafar Shriners Formally Potentates of Other Shrine Centers

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| 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) |

*The passing of our Illustrious Sir

Good Day Nobles & Ladies!!!


Your First Lady debuted her project just before our February stated meeting. Many thanks to our HP&P who challenged everyone at the meeting to donate and our Chief Rabban who passed the hat and collected an amazing \$575 that jump started the Texas First Ladies' project. Thanks to all who accepted and donated to her great cause. Along with the passing of the hat, two Texas OGs battled it out for an auction item which was won by our very own OG Dan Dailey. The proceeds from the auction will go directly to the Ladies' project and congratulations to them on having such an amazing start. If you are interested in finding out more about this project or ways you can help, please reach out to Lady Lori directly.

February was definitely a busy month, your Divan headed to San Angelo for Divan midwinter. It was a great time full of information and bonding. Some of us headed out from San Angelo to Galveston for the Shriners Children Mardi Gras parade. If you have not yet experienced this parade, it's definitely one you want to put on your radar next year. What an amazingly fun filled weekend. Here we are mid February and about to hit Laredo for our annual parade and Laredo Gala. Then comes March and still so much more to come. AMC will have their 1st car show of the year, installation of new LOS & Nile officers and, of course, our Childrens Easter Party on March 24th...make sure get your rsvp in. You can find all the dates and information on the calendar located on the back of the Achbar or on the Alzafar website. Stay connected; you don't want to miss anything.

Coming up on April 6th, we will have "A Social Affair" Nobility ball. Please call the office and get your tickets for \$35 or \$350 a table. We need to get a firm head count for catering so, please get your RSVP in as soon as possible.

"Life is for participating, not spectating"

Until next time, Illustrious Sir



Alzafar Shrine 2024 Potentate



Alzafar,

This month I do not have much for the fraternal fundraiser just yet. I will ask you for some assistance in our upcoming events. First off max participation at our Children's Easter Party. Dan and Misty will need assistance setting up, and breaking down. Remember this event is not just for Shriners, this is opened up to your Masonic lodge, friends, neighbors, and family. Come out and enjoy a wonderful time!

Our Assistant Rabban has thought outside the box and is holding our hospital fundraiser off Alzafar's campus. This will be a bit different event than what we have been accustomed to, a gala held at Alzafar. This is still a themed event, Star Wars. You may dress up in you favorite characters gear, we will still hold a live and silent auction. Even better than one choice the divan member has made for food. You have four different, delicious all you can eat food choices. You can never go wrong with Texas BBQ, Mexican food, Cajun, or German

I ran this event last year, and most didn't purchase their table till the last two weeks before the event. It is very difficult to gauge what is needed to put on a successful event not know what is needed for the attendees, because they purchase their tables/seats so close to the day of the event. Let's help out Steve, and purchase your table NOW!

I'm gonna touch on membership now. We have several people helping Alzafar in the membership department. We now have a the Imperial membership chair for Texas here at Alzafar, Robert Norman. He had many great ideas when he was Potentate and his year was successful in a membership increase. It is all of our jobs to help with membership. Wear your Masonic shirts out in public. You may spark the question. In lodge, please speak about the events that Alzafar has on schedule. Invite your brother Mason to our events. It doesn't just have to be the chili cookoff that lodges are welcome, it is almost every event Alzafar holds. If you are not sure, ask a Divan member. In closing, I'm asking you to help out grow our membership, it doesn't cost you a penny. Just communicate that Alzafar is a fun place for a Mason's family to hang out.

Fraternally yours,



Alzafar Shrine 2024 Chief Rabban

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

ALZAFAR'S 15th ANNUAL

SHRINERS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL GALA

FOOD STATIONS | DRINKS | LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 4TH 2024

TIME: 6:00PM UNTIL CLOSING

WHERE: BLUE BONNET PALACE

17630 LOOKOUT RD.
SELMA, TEXAS 78154



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\$100

- Access to all four food stations
- Two drink tickets

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Hello Nobles,

It has been a great month at Alzafar with many great happenings from parades to TSA Midwinter in San Angelo. Then off to Galveston for another fantastic parade. First, I want to thank Suez Shrine for their hospitality with great food and entertainment. Much information was given out in the meeting, however joining our other nobles from across Texas was impressive. What an exciting time to trade ideas and stories about what is happening around the state.

Your Texas Hospital is looking for two good Nobles to sit on the Board of Governors. If you are interested, please contact me or the office for the application. I personally spent nine years on the BOG and for the last two years I was honored to serve as the Chairman of the Board. I have to say it was the most exciting and rewarding time I have ever had since becoming a Mason. The Board is looking for men with a background in building construction and maintenance, legal experience and fund raising. Should you have any of these skills please apply. If selected after being interviewed by the BOG, you will have a three-year term that can turn into nine years on the Board of Governors. This is a life changing experience to know how you can contribute to making a difference in a child's life. Feel free to reach out to me to discuss what will be expected from you financially and with your time.

We have a big event coming May 4th with our Hospital Gala at the Blue Bonnet Palace. Tickets range from \$100.00 per seat to \$10,000.00 for a VIP experience. You will have four food stations along with adult beverages, silent and live auctions, and to end the evening with the world famous Spazmatics band for an unforgettable experience. Please contact the office to purchase your tickets. It would be much appreciated if you could reserve your tickets now. This would help in the planning of this over-the-top event. All net monies raised will support our Transportation Fund and the Shriners Children Texas Hospital.

Until next month, I look forward to seeing everyone around Alzafar Shrine.

Fraternally yours,

Alzafar Shrine 2024 Assistant Rabban

March is another busy month and brings us the first day of Spring on March 19th so get ready for some great weather. Some of the observances we have this month is on March 2nd we observe Texas Independence Day. Then we should not forget to set you clocks forward one hour as we observe Daylights Saving on March 10. On March 17th we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, on the 24th we observe Palm Sunday, Good Friday on the 29th and Easter Sunday on March 31st.

For Shrine activities we have The Shrine College Baseball Classic in Arlington, Texas on March 3. On March 9th we will have the Masonic Alamo Observance and Walk to the Alamo. The Observance starts at 9:00am and later that day we will have the Grand Masters Conference being held at Alzafar Shrine at 1:00pm. The Divan Finance meeting on the 11th and then on Pi Day (3/14) we will have our stated meeting. The AMC Car Show on the 16th, Nile Installation on March 17th. The LOS installation on the 23rd and our Shrine Children's Easter Party on the March 24th. Whew! I hope I didn't leave anything out. That is a busy month but what a great month to be an Alzafar Shriner.

Speaking of being an Alzafar Shriner, please keep all your Masonic Brethren in mind when you think about who you would like to sit next to you in our stated meetings, participating in Parades and enjoying other Shrine Events! Do you know of a brother that has not joined yet? As our membership chairman Russell Brown says all the time, do not forget to talk about the Shrine at your Blue Lodge. It is as easy as them filling out a petition at beashrinernow.com. I have already brought a great friend and brother in, and he will be a great addition to our family. I challenge each of you to bring one brother into our great fraternity and know what it feels like to participate in the world's greatest philanthropy!

Speaking of our Membership Chairman Russ Brown he can always use help on OUR membership committee. As we all know, membership is very important to Alzafar Shrine and Shriner's International. We were lucky to pick up a couple of members willing to help, but we can always use more help. Membership is a big job and not one we should take lightly. If you have an interest and think you can bring your talents to help, please do not hesitate to contact me or Russ Brown.

Please remember that our Finance and Divan meetings are open to the Nobility, and it is a great time to see and hear what is going on in YOUR Temple. Our next Finance and Divan meeting will be on March 11th starting at 5:00pm. Our next Stated meeting will be on March 14th starting at 7:00pm.

Until Next Month!

Sincerely and Fraternaly yours,

Alzafar Shrine 2024 High Priest and Prophet





Greetings Alzafar! February has turned out to be a very busy time for Alzafar. We started with our monthly Divan/Finance and Stated meetings, as well as a few events. February 8-10 the Divan attended the Texas Shrine Association Divan Mid-Winter meeting in San Angelo. Suez Shrine hosted a fabulous weekend of fellowship, food and fun. Misty and I were able to meet our counterparts from the other 12 Temples in Texas. We have hit the ground running by establishing our leadership and selecting the shirts and logo for the next five years.

On the fun side, much of it was at my expense as one of the new OGs! Let's just say that the TSA board, members of all the Divans, and our own Past Potentate and Imperial Second Ceremonial Master, Marty Bartlett, were very creative in finding ways to make my first TSA meeting memorable!

On the fellowship side, the counterparts' steak dinner was outstanding and meeting our counterparts and their Ladies was a highlight of the weekend. We all exchanged gifts consisting of items from the local community of each Temple.

Friday night Suez Shrine and TSA hosted a dinner at the Fort Concho National Historic Stockyard Stables, previously home to the 7th and 10th Cavalries. First Lady Lori Zuniga presented the Texas First Lady's combined project to purchase bi-lingual books and Apple iPads for the hospital school. To kick-off this excellent project, a custom sterling silver, diamond and ruby belt buckle was auctioned off, with proceeds going to the project. Bidding was fast and furious, but in the end, Alzafar prevailed and our Shrine Kids are the winners!

We followed San Angelo with the Galveston and Laredo parades and Laredo Shrine Club Gala.

On Sunday, March 24th from 2:00-5:00pm in the Pavilion, Misty and I will be hosting the annual Easter Party. We are looking for clubs and units to please assist us with set-up, clean-up, and running some games. Food and drinks will be served and fun is guaranteed! There will be two bounce houses, an Easter egg hunt for kids 12 and under, face painting, and the Easter Bunny will stop by to meet the kids. Bring your children and grandchildren, but PLEASE RSVP to the office 210-496-1625 so we can ensure there's enough food for everyone and eggs for the kids.

Fraternally yours,

Alzafar Shrine 2024 Oriental Guide

Hello Alzafar!! What a February we had. It was jam packed with things to do. Your Divan took a trip up to San Angelo, Texas to attend Divan Midwinter. We had a great time seeing our counterparts from the other shrine centers here in Texas. Lots of ideas and a clear focus on the future was discussed. Then it was on to Galveston for the hospital parade. The Hillbillies even held their annual Sadie Hawkins dance. Then we followed that up with the Laredo parade and Gala the following weekend. Man, they sure know how to have a parade down south. We also met with our investment broker and we are confident with him and his business to assist us in moving into the future financially.

As we move into March we can see the Alzafar train rolling down the tracks and it's picking up steam. We have a bunch of events coming up so please stay tuned to what is to come. Your Divan is working hard to make you all proud.

I would like to thank you all once again for the confidence in me to continue to serve you all on your Divan. I really do appreciate all of your support and encouragement. Until we meet again if there is something we can do better or you have a suggestion don't hesitate to reach out and let us know.



Alzafar Shrine 2024 Treasurer

Your Divan attended the Divan Mid-Winter in San Angelo where all the Shrine Centers in Texas met to discuss upcoming business of the Texas Shrine Association. It was good to meet other Recorders from around Texas and talk about how they do things. We are still the third largest Temple in Texas, right behind Houston and Dallas and just ahead of Fort Worth. The concern is we are still losing more members each year than we added. That is an area that all our Nobles can help with. We took in 6 new Nobles in February, but the Black Camel took 7. Marilyn has been working to clean up our membership rolls and finding some that have passed a while back. If you can help our Membership Chair Russell Brown, please contact any member of the Divan.



In January we transported 52 patients to the Galveston Hospital and Houston clinic. The cost was almost \$18,000. It was good to see the amount of donations that were made at the February meeting to help give to our transportation fund. It's rewarding to see the impact we make in the lives of those children. Our rental income was around \$51,000 in January. We are lucky to have such a great facility that can be rented to many large organizations. Many other Shrine Centers are not as fortunate as us. This allows us to do many things that would not be possible without that revenue.

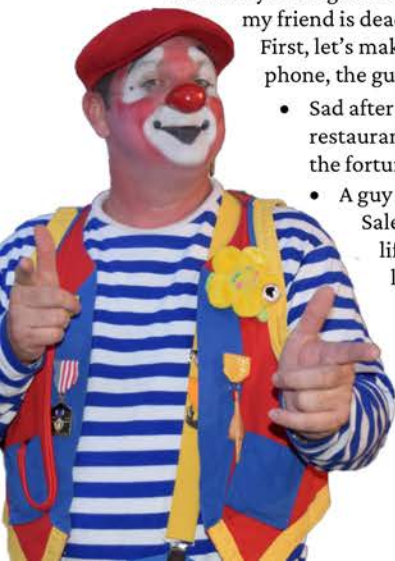
We are planning our first Spring Clean Up day in March. There are many areas that need to be cleared out and re-organized, getting things fixed and getting rid of old and unused equipment and supplies. We will probably have a cleanup weekend for each of our buildings. More information will be sent out by WebFez email.

Mike Barnes
Alzafar Shrine 2024 Recorder

The Philosophical Musings of Mr. McButterpants

HELLO ALZAFAR!!! I hope everyone enjoyed Galveston and Laredo!! Here is a little something to tickle your funny bone and fill your tummy!!

- According to unofficial sources, a new simplified income-tax form contains only four lines:
 1. What was your income for the year?
 2. What were your expenses?
 3. How much have you left?
 4. Send it in.
- At a party, a young wife admonished her husband, "That's the fourth time you've gone back for ice cream and cake. Doesn't it embarrass you?" "Why should it?" answered her spouse. "I keep telling them it's for you."
- Two hunters are out in the woods when one of them collapses. He's not breathing and his eyes are glazed. The other guy whips out his cell phone and calls 911. "I think my friend is dead!" he yells. "What can I do?" The operator says, "Calm down. First, let's make sure he's dead." There's a silence, then a shot. Back on the phone, the guy says, "OK, now what?"
 - Sad after the funeral of a friend, my wife and I ducked into a Chinese restaurant for a pick-me-up. The feel-good session ended when I read the fortune cookie: "You will soon be reunited with a good friend."
 - A guy spots a sign outside a house that reads "Talking Dog for Sale." Intrigued, he walks in. "So, what have you done with your life?" he asks the dog. "I've led a very full life," says the dog. "I lived in the Alps rescuing avalanche victims. Then I served my country in Iraq. And now I spend my days reading to the residents of a retirement home." The guy is flabbergasted. He asks the dog's owner, "Why on Earth would you want to get rid of an incredible dog like that?" The owner says, "Because he's a liar! He never did any of that!"



The Recipe of the Month!! Another one from that old NemNuf Cookbook which I'm sure was on the best sellers list!!

Continental Chicken (for the slow cooker)

From the Kitchen of Louise Gulinson

1. 6 to 8 chicken breasts, boned
2. 6 to 8 slices of Smoked Bacon
3. 1 pkg of dried beef
4. 1 10oz can cream of mushroom soup
5. 1/4 C sour cream, mixed with
6. 1/4 C all-purpose flour

Arrange dried beef on bottom of greased Crock pot. Wrap each pieces of chicken with a strip of bacon and lay on top of dried beef. Mix soup and sour cream together. Pour over chicken. Cover and cook on low 6 to 8 hours, or high 2 to 3 hours. Serve over hot buttered noodles.

Serves 6 to 8.



Shriners Luau Party

Saturday, March 30, starting at 7:00 PM, Alzafar Shriners will be holding an amazing Hawaiian Luau party. The food will be tropical and fabulous, including a roast pig, Hawaiian delicacies, open bar all night, and a shots bar. The dress will be Hawaiian shirt or dress casual. Expect to see Hawaiian dancers, receive a lei, and learn how to hula. Please call our Shrine office at (210) 496-1625 to reserve your sponsorship and be a part of this fun Shriner event. Also call the office for your Individual Tickets at only \$50 a person, with 10 people at a table (Reserve a Table of 10 for \$500).

Imperial Happenings

By Marty Bartlett

Another exciting year is underway at the Shriners International level. Here at Alzafar, we have our annual fundraiser coming up to raise money for our Imperial 2030 session. It will be here before you know it, and we have another fun fundraiser planned this year on Saturday, March 30 at 7:00 PM in the Terrace Room. This will be a Hawaiian Luau, complete with a Tahiti dancer show, Hula dancers and lessons, a light up lei for each person, and a Hawaiian dinner including a roast pig. We will also have a full open bar, a shots bar, and some special beer from our Brews Brothers. Come dressed in your casual Hawaiian shirt or dress and plan to have a great night. Please call the office at (210) 496-1625 to reserve your ticket for \$50 or your table of 10 for \$500. Sponsor levels are shown on the ad in this newsletter. Martha and I hope to see you there.



Aloha Sponsorship

\$25,000

- Company listed as a major sponsor for all literature & recognition at the event & advertised on the digital sign for 2 weeks afterwards
- 2 Tables for the party in a prime location & 5 special gifts at your table

Hula Sponsorship

\$10,000

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- Table for the party in a prime location & 2 special gifts at your table

Luau Sponsorship

\$5,000

- Company listed as a sponsor for all literature & recognition at the event
- Table for the party in a prime location

Tiki Torch Sponsorship

\$1,000

- Sponsor recognition at the event
- Table for the party



FEBRUARY REWIND



ALZAFAR MEMBERSHIP



Hi, my name is Russ, and I am the Membership Chairman. When was the last time you got up at your Lodge Meeting and talked about upcoming Shrine events? Or spoke to your Brothers in the dining room about the Shrine? Have you ever invited a friend or neighbor to one of our Shrine parties? Have you looked around your Unit meeting or Shrine stated and wondered “what happened to that guy I haven’t seen in a long time”, then picked up the phone and gave him a call? These are all things that turn our declining membership around.

Membership is three parts, the first is recruiting. That’s the talking about the Shrine when you’re not surrounded by Shriners. Inviting people to the Childrens’ Parties or Gala. If you would like, I would be happy to come to your Lodge meeting and talk about the Shrine. I have done this several times and come away with petitions every single time. We will continue to have membership events like the baseball game or Rodeo BBQ cook-off as a venue to bring people out and show them what we are about. And, most importantly, follow through on anyone who has expressed interest in going The Shrine.

The second part is retention. You can help me by just getting involved. When we have an initiation, grab a new Noble that you don’t know and invite him to your unit meeting or outing. If someone tells you they are interested in what your unit does, follow through, get their contact information and keep them up to date on what your Unit is doing. Getting our new Nobles involved is one of the best means we have of retaining their membership.

The third part of Membership is reinstatement. That’s the reaching out to someone you haven’t seen in awhile and checking on them. You just might find that you don’t have to even invite them back, just the act of someone reaching out to see how they’re doing will inspire them to come back and see us.

While I have a small team of Nobles that are the “Membership Team”, in truth, everyone of us are the Membership Team, we need your help to grow Alzafar again.

Cheers.

Brews Brothers

by P.P. Link T. Elmendorf

Beer, bier, brewski, brew, chela- lovely names for our favorite beverage. Beer is so popular that it is the number three consumed liquid in the world, following water and tea. Such a refreshing drink being so wildly popular it was only time till it found it’s way into other uses. Some of the notable ones being:

- Adding flavor and a little extra liquid to chili or beans
- Making bread or batter
- Cheese sauce
- Brushing your teeth
- Killing slugs
- Taking a beer bath
- Curing your lawn of brown spots

Here is my favorite Beer Bread Recipe:

Ingredients

- 1 ½ cups shiner bock beer, flat & at room temperature
- 2 ½ cups whole wheat flour
- 2 teaspoons dry active yeast
- ¼ cup warm water
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup honey
- ¼ cup canola oil
- 1 ½ cups white wheat flour

Directions

1. The night before: Pour beer into mug, cover with paper towel, and let sit out on counter overnight.
2. Next day: Dissolve yeast in warm water in mixing bowl. Mix in honey.
3. Add both flours & salt, and stir to mix. Stir in oil and slowly add beer. Mix well. Place dough on floured work surface and knead 15 minutes. (Dust with flour if dough is too sticky).
4. Place lightly oiled bowl & cover. Let rise to double in size.
5. Punch down and let rest 5 minutes.
6. Shape dough into four oval shaped loaves. Place loaves on lightly oiled cookie sheet. Score with a knife (I usually make 2 diagonally placed scored a couple of inches apart).
7. Preheat oven to 350°F
8. Cover loosely with saran wrap and allow to double in size again.
9. Bake 30 minutes.



3 Ingredient Peanut Butter Cookie

- 1 cup of peanut butter
 - 1 cup of sugar
 - 1 egg
1. Mix it in 1 bowl and then roll out little round balls.
 2. Place it on a cookie sheet (that's that big flat shiny aluminum thing under the cabinet somewhere in the kitchen, it looks like a small version of an oil drip pan guys)
 3. Put it in the oven at 350 degrees (preheat the oven first) and cook for 8 to 10 minutes.

The editor has added one last step that he personally likes on his peanut butter cookies, and that is after taking it out of the oven sprinkle a little powdered sugar over the top of them.

Then enjoy!

Desert Knights

by Noble Jerry Granato

Greetings everyone. The Desert Knights are back to turning and burning. Laredo's Parade is looming just over the handlebars and we are anxious to show our stuff. This is one of our best parades we go to, from the thousands who line the streets to the hospitality and friendliness that abounds, there is no better. Add in the length that allows us to ride around and highlight the unit and Alzafar, we end up with smiles that last for days.

Our January meeting allowed us to fill ourselves with another sumptuous meal prepared by our ladies. Chili, salad, appetizers, monkey bread and dessert. A cake was available to share in the celebration of Gini and Jerry Hockman's 50th wedding anniversary and their daughter Geri Ann's birthday. A rousing melodious rendition of Happy Anniversary/Birthday was done by those in attendance.

In keeping with the theme of food. This month we feature a Damsel's Delectable Delight recipe by one of our in house famous cookie makers, Barbara Wells. The three ingredient Peanut Butter Cookie, so easy she says that even guys can make this.

We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Director's Staff room at 6:30 PM.

Come out and enjoy some great food and friendship.

Directors Staff

by Noble Christopher Celis, Director

So, while poking around the Directors briefcase I stumbled upon a lot of good info, most of it from past directors about the unit or their years. One thing I saw that caught my attention was the Fire truck history. It was inked by the Late Great Charley Davenport. So, I will pass on what he found out about the old girl.

The truck is dated somewhere between a 1927 to 1929 REO Speed Wagon, no relation to the band! It spent time pulling duty with the San Antonio Fire Department for many many years. After it was retired in the late 60s to early 70s it was sent to auction where a Staff member who was a used car dealer by the name of Charlie Eannes purchased a block of cars which included our beloved truck. He had no use for it, so he offered it to the unit and it was turned into a parade vehicle. Back then the shrine was located at the corner of Huebner and I10 and a makeshift garage was constructed to keep it housed.

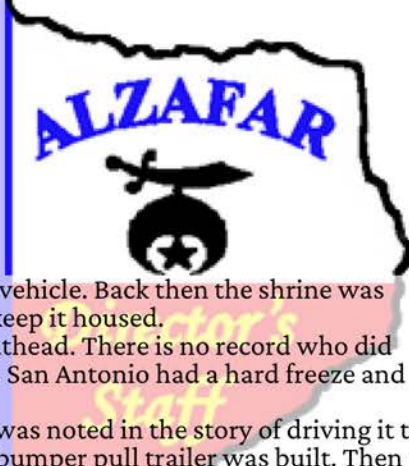
Later in the 70s the original engine was removed, and they installed a 1952 Ford Flathead. There is no record who did the engine swap but the notes credit Eddie Bowers Sr. So, after the engine was put in, San Antonio had a hard freeze and the block cracked! The block was repaired with liquid glass and holds to this day!

So, prior to being trailered, it was actually driven to and from parades, Ed Balusek was noted in the story of driving it to Austin and back. After that trip an old oil/grease rack was obtained, and a makeshift bumper pull trailer was built. Then a pull truck was needed, so an early 70's GMC ¾ ton with a 454 was obtained. The truck came with a gooseneck hitch in the bed so at that time the trailer was converted by Lewis "knuckles" Gimbel. A facelift was done in the late 80s in the form of some paint touchups and pin-striping done by my dad George Celis, he owned a collision facility back in the day and we were pleased to work on her. Who knew, the little kid sanding and buffing the truck would one day be Director!

The fire truck was pulled for many years in that configuration. It went to lots of parades and appearances throughout the state of Texas. Later as more miles were asked of us, the Shrine blessed us with the Ford F350 and brand-new gooseneck trailer. This was a huge update from what we had and was also safer. The truck was wrapped in the colorful flame motif, and this is what a lot of people have seen and come to know lately. Since the new set-up the truck has been out of the state of Texas to many imperials. The most memorable for the staff was the trip to Daytona, Harry Kinsey and Walter Koehler drove it around Daytona International Speedway for one lap which was followed by the imperial parade.

A lot of miles have been put on since that trip. There has been many hands at the wheel of the fire truck, some are no longer with us and some are letting the younger crew take over. Some of the past drivers and caretakers where, Ed Balusek, Orville Wright, Ralph Cantu, Charley Davenport, Knuckles Gimbel, Ricky Hinton, Len Neeper, Harry Kinsey, and to date Walter Koehler and Bert Gonzales. I myself even have had time behind the wheel of the haul truck bringing it back from the 2023 rodeo BBQ cook off.

I hope you enjoyed my little story time , of course it was Charleys and I was just passing it on, but isn't that what we do here, keep the spirit alive and keep the tradition going ! The way I see it is, if that truck could talk I'm sure it would have some stories of its own! March events to look ahead to are the Easter Kids event on march 24th . And I just found out the Shrine ceremonial will be on August 17th. Between that we have lots of other activities going on and I will keep y'all informed. We are always looking for new members so if you're not busy on the second Tuesday of the month , stop on by the Directors Staff building at 6:30 for dinner with a meeting to follow at 7.



Alzafar Faris Riding with our South Texas Community; MCJLS Centennial Trail Ride in Eagle Pass, Texas

By Noble Luis Cardenas Sr., Alzafar Faris President

A couple of Alzafar Unit members recently made their mark on the historic occasion of the MCJLS (Maverick County Junior Livestock Show) Centennial Trail Ride held in Eagle Pass, Texas. The event, marking 100 years of the MCJLS tradition, saw enthusiastic participation from several Texas South counties, with the Alzafar Unit members standing out for their camaraderie and dedication.

Eagle Pass, known for its scenic landscapes and rich cultural heritage, provided the perfect backdrop for this celebratory cabalgata.

The trail ride kicked off with a lively parade, with many participants proudly donned their distinctive attire, capturing the attention of onlookers with their vibrant colors and elaborate costumes. As the trail ride made its way through Eagle Pass, Our Alzafar Faris riders embraced the spirit of the occasion, interacting with the community and fellow riders. Their enthusiasm was infectious, creating an atmosphere of joy and unity along the historic Centennial Trail.

The MCJLS Centennial Trail Ride not only served as a commemoration of a century of livestock show traditions but also fostered a sense of community and shared history.

Beyond the festive aspect, the Alzafar Faris participation in the trail ride highlighted their commitment to charitable endeavors. Shriners are renowned for their philanthropic efforts, particularly in supporting children's hospitals and healthcare initiatives. This event provided an opportunity for the Alzafar Unit to further promote their charitable mission and connect with the local community.

In the spirit of brotherhood and community service,

The Faris Horsemen engaged in various activities during the trail ride, fostering a sense of unity and shared purpose. Their dedication to both the Shriners' principles and the local community showcased the positive impact that such organizations can have on preserving traditions and building strong community bonds.

In conclusion, the Alzafar Unit's active involvement in the MCJLS Centennial Trail Ride at Eagle Pass, Texas, stands as a testament to their commitment to community engagement, celebration of tradition, and dedication to philanthropy. The event provided a platform for the unit to showcase its values while contributing to the overall success of the centennial celebrations.



FOUR Alzafar Golf Unit

by Noble Tee-Bone Tommy

Seems like just yesterday, but it was actually 2015 when I joined this great group of men in the Alzafar Golf Unit. Almost every time we had an Alzafar Party for the kids, the Golf Unit was there helping serve food. I played a lot of golf during my working days in the Financial World. I challenged myself to take my agency to the next level and told myself I would not play golf until I reached that level. Unfortunately, I never made that goal. Now, retired and after two surgeries in two years I find myself without the endurance I need to play golf. My Brother Nobles have encouraged me to come out and play until I poop out. So, if you see me on the course please beware of my flying golf balls. The Alzafar Golf Unit does everything with class. At the annual Christmas Party, held at the Petroleum Club, the 2024 officers were installed. Heading up the Unit this year is Dan Dailey. You can reach Dan on his cell phone at 916-606-1215. Dan shared with me that in the last few months we have had several new members join the Unit. Each month the Unit has three rounds of golf, two fun tournaments and one for the Unit Competition. The two fun tournaments are open to all Masons or just friends and business associates. For many years the Unit has hosted a President's trip and this year the guys are going back to Ruidoso, New Mexico. I am pretty sure God plays golf there on a regular basis. The Unit also helps organize an annual charity tournament that raises money for the Alzafar Transportation Fund. This year the tournament will be held on October 20, 2024, at the Canyon Springs Golf Course.

Come out to our next Unit meeting. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 PM.

Texas First Ladies' PROJECT

The Texas First Ladies' have come together with a goal of raising money to purchase iPads for the patients at the Shriners Children's Texas hospital. These items can and will be used as an essential part of the patients' continuing education, while they are receiving treatment at the Galveston hospital. We are asking for your help in a form of donation. These donations will be accepted throughout the year to purchase as many iPads as we can. Let's work together to make a difference....

Growing the Minds of Tomorrow, Today.



Code: TFL Project



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE

*109th Inaugural &
Presentation of the
2024 Alzafar Officers
A Social Affair Nobility Ball*

April 6th, 2024

Doors open at 5:30pm

Presentation of Officers at 6:00pm

Buffet Dinner by Spice of Life at 7:00pm

Open Bar

Followed by Music Entertainment & Dancing by
Mario Flores and The Soda Creek Band

Alzafar Shrine Temple

901 N Loop 1604 W, 78232 San Antonio, Texas

Cocktail Attire

\$35 per person or \$350 a table

(Contribution is Suggested)

RSVP (210)496-1625



Nobility Ball benefit Alzafar Shriners operational accounts. Payments are not charitable contributions

HillBilly Club News

Sadie Hawkins hit the Terrace Room on February 10 with lots of people getting married (or remarried) by Marrying Sam (Bobbie Miller and recorded by Terri with the appropriate cuzns ??? somewhere) so pretty sure its official. A few extra bucks checked into the till (no not the stil --) to raise money into our couffers and for the Alzafar Transportation fund – so thanks to all that were there and suckered (I mean played) our raffle ideas, maybe won the hillbilli chili contests or just showed up..

Anyway, get the gist – we have fun and you may want to consider being a part of this crazy group. Meet only the months of April, June, August, Oct, and Dec - On the 2nd Sunday of those months at 6:00 in the Hillbilly room for meeting, roadkill and potluck dinner but most important -- FUN FOR THE KIDS –



HEADS UP : Next meeting AND initiation/welcome of new members is Sunday, April 14 in the Hillbilly room 6:00– northside of Alzafar building. Social a little bit earlier if you mightn' wanna be a part of that too..... YOU WILL WANT TO BE THERE!!!! BUT YOU BETTER ALL BE READY FOR A GOOD TIME IF YER GONNA BE COMING.



Honor Guard

by Noble Mike Jaeger

Greetings all and welcome back from a very busy February. Now it time to get ready for March and St paddy's day events and other shenanigans. This will be a great time to get back into life and enjoyment if your Super Bowl Team did not win.

The Honor Guard along with our new members have come up with a new event to get all the various Shriners and their ladies involved in- We call it "Operation Libros para colorear" AKA Operation Coloring Books. We will be collecting coloring books

and crayons from now until December and then will give the coloring books and crayons to the Mexico City Shrine Hospital so the children will have something to do while they are waiting to be seen or even in line to get in. The Mexico City Chairman (emeritus) Ron Trine, an Honor Guard member, told us that this would be a very needed donation to the children of the hospital. We are storing and accepting coloring books and crayons in the Honor Guard Room, room 12 on the first Monday of the month from 1800-1900 and on Stated meeting night from 1730-1845. If you have a donation and cannot get it to us during this time frame, just send an email to the President, Leo bravo, VP Socrates Garza, Treasure Walter Kaster of me mike Jaeger the Drill Commander and we will work something out.

In March the Honor Guard held our quarterly family gathering at the Palladium for a private movie screening and our very own hospitality room- great time was had by all. Trying to figure out where to go next Quarter. Come and join us for fun and fellowship with the Nobles and their ladies, then join the Honor Guard to continue the fun.

Flag day is Jun 14, this is also the Army's Birthday and the Army's infantry's birthday. On 14 Jun the Honor Guard will hold a flag retirement ceremony. We are accepting old worn-out US flags mad of cotton only- nylon flags will NOT be accepted. The drop off location is the same as for the Coloring Books. More information and specifics to follow in later Achbar Articles.

Speaking of save the Date! Save the date of September 28, 2024, for the Honor Guard's Shrintober Fest. The Alzafar award winning Brews Brothers will be offering several styles of beer to include at least one October Fest style of beer. The Award Winning Alzafar German Oppah Band will be playing and providing music to dance, drink and eat to. Many more things are planned so save the date of September 28 for a fun afternoon.

Needing something to do on the First Monday of the Month and want to hang out with a great bunch of Nobles- you do NOT need to a former or retired military person, to join us in the Honor Guard. **As we get more and younger members, we have planned three marching parades this year so come on out on the First Monday, doors to room 12 open at 1730 for fellowship and meeting starts at 1900.**

Broccoli and Doughnuts

by: Noble Patrick "Kickstand" Scoles

I'm sure you read the headline and asked yourself "what in the actual are you smokin', Kickstand?" I assure you that this is a very serious topic, although my further musings in this article may be not so. Our individual stories in life refer to moments that decide the course of our destiny – what career should I follow? Is this the person I want to marry? Should I become a Mason? A Shriner? Do I want the doughnut or the broccoli?



Wait... what? The broccoli or the doughnut? Allow me this moment to communicate my thoughts...

As a kind-of-a-sewer (connoisseur) of doughnuts, I can attest to the tasty, yeasty, cakey, sprinkle-y, sugary AWESOMENESS of the round delight usually consumed with the breakfast meal... but if you're like me, anytime is a great time for a doughnut (see Glenn White and Burl Ives). In stark contrast, the broccoli is oddly shaped, green, crunchy, and no matter how much Velveeta cheese is melted over it, still tastes like the stuff the Faris Unit shovels in their horse stables with a Number 15 barn scoop.

Now we dive into the cold realities, like January's Polar Bear Plunge. A single doughnut averages 190-300 calories depending on the size. It's also enriched with refined sugar, fat, starch, and other modern discoveries of food science and chemistry, literally making them an addiction. They can also contribute to worsening diabetes, cardiac disease, and other wonderful health complications. Broccoli, on the other hand, in the size of one stalk, has only 50 calories. Broccoli's anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, and fiber-rich properties support heart health. It can help lower cholesterol, maintain proper blood pressure, and promote cardiovascular health. Essentially, broccoli kicks doughnut's addictive rear end around the block in nutritional value more times than Wrong Way can make a red foam ball disappear. An aside anecdote, it is rumored that President Franklin D. Roosevelt wanted an upper-extremity amputee as an economic adviser during the Great Depression – "on the one hand, but on the other hand..."



It's about DECISIONS, my Noble Brothers. What is easier, quicker, more enjoyable in the short term, the doughnut? What is harder, slower, perhaps not as enjoyable now, BUT MORE VALUABLE in the LONG term... the FUTURE... the broccoli?

From that Book we have on the Altars of Freemasonry providing Light – James 1:2-4. "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness."

The HARD choice is what makes the choice GREAT.

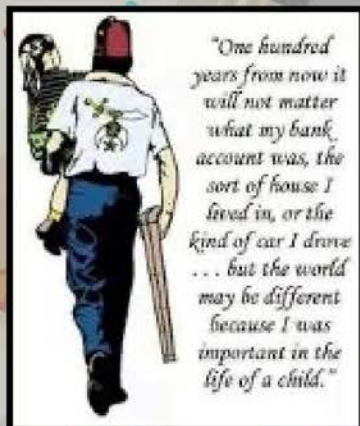
It's what makes Shriners Children's GREAT.

It's what makes the Hospital Corps transportation mission for our children GREAT.

It's what makes the Fraternity... My Noble Brothers... YOU... GREAT.

We will do what is HARD. We will achieve what is GREAT.

Choose the broccoli.



Alzafar Hospital Corp

Moving Kids, Changing Lives

by Noble Joe Urby

WANTED/NEEDED: Drivers and Companions

Salary: 0

Benefits: Free Breakfast and Lunch (The pride of driving a Shriners Child to a Hospital and or Clinic)

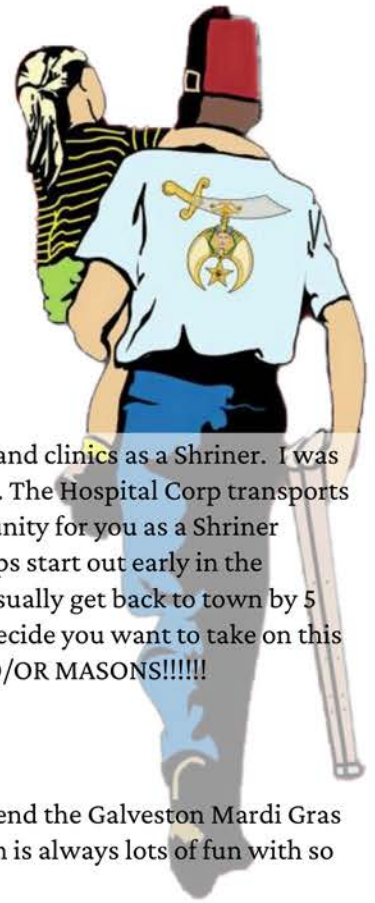
Requirements: Must hold a drivers license as a driver and or be able to assist the driver as a companion should a need arise on the road to a Hospital or a Clinic.

Last month Sir T-Bone Tommy Leverett discussed how valuable it is to visit our hospitals and clinics as a Shriner. I was surprised to learn that many Shriners and Masons don't know what the Hospital Corp does. The Hospital Corp transports Shriner Kids and their families to the Galveston Hospital and Clinics. This is a great opportunity for you as a Shriner and/or Mason to assist the unit in accomplishing its mission. As Tommy mentioned, the trips start out early in the morning, you have breakfast on the way out and lunch on the return with the family, and usually get back to town by 5 p.m. or so. This is another way to stay in "tune" with what our purpose is all about! If you decide you want to take on this charge as a Shriner, give us a call We're in need of drivers and companions, SHRINERS AND/OR MASONS!!!!!!

- Tommy Leverett – Commander 210-617-8977
- Joe Urby – Vice-Commander 210-884-9262
- Bob Ashley – Secretary/Treasurer 210-415-5715

The Laredo parade was a huge success as always. We also had Hospital Corp members attend the Galveston Mardi Gras parade as well. This is the second year that Hospital Corp members attend Galveston, which is always lots of fun with so many temples attending.

Now let's get ready for Fiesta!!!



Smoke Signals

From the Hot Sands BBQ Unit

Welcome to the March edition of our sizzlin' newsletter, where we bring you the latest updates and mouthwatering highlights from our smoky adventures in the world of barbecue. We've had an exciting month filled with tantalizing tastes, fiery announcements, and plenty of grillin' and chillin' as we prepare for the upcoming festivities.

Firstly, let's take a moment to relish in the memories of our February feast held at Big Bib BBQ off Austin Highway. It was an evening of finger-lickin' goodness as we indulged in some top-notch BBQ crafted by the talented and

illustrious lady pitmaster, Ms. Tamu. Her BBQ wizardry left us all in awe, and we tip our fezzes to Ms. Tamu and the entire team at Big Bib BBQ for serving up such a lip-smackin' spread.

But hold onto your tongs, because we've got some grill-tastic news to share! Get ready to spice up your life with our upcoming BBQ Pit Raffle. This smokin' hot opportunity will give you the chance to win your very own barbecue pit and become the envy of your neighborhood grillmasters. It's a chance to turn up the heat and take your BBQ game to a whole new level!

And speaking of turning up the heat, mark your calendars for our highly anticipated Old Tyme Barn Dance, coming your way on June 1st. Get ready to kick up your boots and boogie down with us as we celebrate in true BBQ style. It'll be an evening filled with good vibes, great BBQ, and toe-tappin' tunes that'll have you dancin' 'til the cows come home.

As always, we encourage you to stay connected and fired up about all things BBQ. Follow us on social media, join us at our events, and share your BBQ adventures with us. Together, we'll keep the flames burnin' bright and the flavors smokin' hot!

Motor Club

by Noble Steven Fisk, AMC President



If it's March then it's time for the Motor Club's Spring Car Show. It will be on the 16th of this month and we invite you to come out and check us out. This year I am offering a special trophy to the Club or Unit that attends with the most members sporting their unit's shirt. The idea is to show everyone else who is not a member of Alzafar what else we have to offer. As many of the participants and attendees have time to stroll around to gaze at all the cars on display, why not advertise that Alzafar is made up of many interests. Who knows, you may find a new member that just hasn't been discovered yet.

The March meeting will be the day of the Car Show, so mark your calendar and come on by.

As I pen this missive, the February Ride and Dine event (in lieu of a meeting) has not occurred. However, in trying new things, the plan is to take a scenic ride with family from the Shrine to Blanco where we will sit around and break bread together and just have a big ol time getting to enjoy each other. There will be more of these Ride and Dine events this year, so stay tuned.

Parades are back on the agenda. Hopefully the weather cooperates and we make it to Laredo. At this very moment, I'm sitting in Galveston awaiting the morning to come so we can participate in the Shriners Parade as part of Galveston's Mardi Gras week. There are numerous Shrines here tonight already and it looks to be an awesome turnout.

If you haven't been out to a Motor Club get together lately, it's time to air up the tire and join us.

NEMNUF CLOWNS

by Noble Dale "Cookie" Clark, 2nd VP 2024

Greetings from Room 11 "NEMNUF Clown Alley" of the Alzafar Shrine. February is already in the books. Your NEMNUF clowns put in an appearance at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Barbecue Cook-off. While the Hot Sands BBQ Unit worked their pit magic, the clowns crisscrossed the cook-off grounds entertaining the barbecue teams and spectators with our antics.

At the time of writing this article, the February parades in Galveston and Laredo have not yet occurred. We hope to have pictures to share on our Facebook page after each event. Upcoming events for March will be:

- Texas Shrine Clown Association Mid-Winter Convention 2024: El Paso, Texas, March 7-10
- Shrine Children's Easter Party: Alzafar Shrine Pavilion, March 24 from 2:00-4:00 P.M.

We hope to bring home many awards from the TSCA Mid-Winter Convention this year. Please attend the Easter Party and Egg Hunt. Not only will there be clowns, but the Easter Bunny will once again be present for family photo opportunities.

The March NEMNUF Stated Meeting will be on March 11. Come for dinner at 6:00 P.M. followed by our Meeting which will start at 7:30 P.M. Special topics will include competition results from the TSCA Mid-Winter Convention and skit planning for the upcoming Shrine Circus. Hope to see all of our Clowns in attendance.

From past articles, you have learned that there are 4 main types of clowns. This month briefly presents the White Face Clown. The White Face Clown is usually considered to be the leader clown of the other clown types. He gives directions to the other clowns. Through his inept ability to clearly communicate, hilarity often ensues. White Face is the oldest of all clown types. He is what most people associate with the term "Circus Clown". April's clown type will be the Auguste.

Until next month, Keep Smiling!



Provost Guard

by Noble Tom Hirte, Secretary/Treasurer



Nobles and Ladies,

The Provost Guard Unit held its monthly meeting on February 6th, 2024 with a good showing of members, ladies and guests. We had a delicious meal of pulled pork prepared by our unit chef, David Hadley. The unit continued preparations for our Mid-Winter competition in Corpus Christi on March 23rd. For those that don't know, Mid-Winter is a Texas state-wide Shriner competition. Anyone interested in learning about our unit, bullseye pistol shooting and meeting like-minded Shriners from around the Greatest State in the Union, come see us. We meet the 1st Wednesday of the month in the Director's Staff/Provost Guard room out back. *Our meetings begin with a social time at 6:00pm, dinner at 6:30pm and our meeting starting at 7:00pm. Your Lady is ALWAYS welcome to attend.*

Red Roadsters

by Noble Ruben Galvan, Treasurer

We are thrilled to announce the newest member from Alamo Lodge 44, Miguel Rodriguez, who joins us with enthusiasm and dedication. Miguel's decision to become a part of our unit is not just a new chapter for him but also a significant milestone for our unit. His arrival brings fresh perspectives, energy, and skills that we eagerly anticipate integrating into our collective endeavors.

We also know the importance of fostering camaraderie, building friendships, and enjoying each other's company. That's why we're excited to announce an additional opportunity for fun and fellowship: starting this month, we will be meeting not only on the 1st Tuesday of the month but also on the 1st Sunday of the month.

Join us at the rear of the Shrine Center near the bays for continued maintenance, laughter, and a chance to connect with fellow members. These gatherings are not only about socializing; they are also vital for our preparations for upcoming parades and events such as TSA/TSMPA. Your participation and input are invaluable as we work together to ensure that our unit is ready to represent with pride and excellence.



We're Having a Party
& Even the Grownups
are Invited!



Join Us Sunday
March 24th
2 - 5PM
Alzafar Shrine Pavilion

EGG HUNT—MUSIC—FOOD—DRINK—EASTER GIFTS
RSVP 210 496-1625



Ruffians

by Noble Steven Fisk, Vice-President

Rolling into March and several of us have already started getting the soot out of the tailpipes. As of this moment in time – several of us are planning to head to Laredo for the George Washington Birthday Celebration Parade, weather permitting.

We gathered in Waco for the Grand Lodge Communication with brothers and their Ladies from Sharon Shrine. During our time together we bonded by going to a local business that

featured Axe throwing for entertainment. That was a a great evening and provided a lot of laughs and good natured ribbing. The ladies were quite impressive with their ability to toss an axe and stick it in the target. In fact several of us learned that we might want to keep on our best behavior when they are wielding sharp objects as the gals proved to be pretty adept at hitting what they aimed at!

This is the time of year where the weather should turn favorable for more riding and we are getting ready to do our part and get out and about. If you want to join in on fun, family and friendship, come out and run with us. We enjoy all no matter what you ride or drive, just bring a good attitude to have fun.

We'll be doing an overnight ride coming up soon and later in the year we are gathering together to go on a cruise out of Galveston. If you're interested, then find your local Ruffian and we'll give you the inside scoop.

Until we meet again, enjoy the (S)miles!

Alzafar Seniors

by Noble Daniel Coburn, Secretary

The Alzafar Senior's monthly meeting was held at noon in the Roustabouts room on February 1st with eleven members and guests attending. Nelson Dunn provided chili, beans, and salad with all the fixings while Karen Tilghman provided a delicious homemade dessert.

Nancy Herrera was celebrating her birthday, so the Superlative Sanguine Senior's Singers helped her celebrate with a rousing chorus of Happy Birthday Wishes.

Past Potentate Rick Reyes along with Mike Barnes attended our meeting. PP Rick Reyes gave a very information talk and answered questions about the various tools, benefits, and pit falls of structuring charitable giving in an estate to reduce the tax burden and maximize the amount realized by the charitable recipient or organization.

The Senior's Unit meets at noon on the first Thursday of every month in the Shrine Roustabouts Room. All Senior Shriners and their Ladies are welcome to join us for lunch, dessert, and stimulating conversation. Shriners younger than fifty-five can become honorary members and those one hundred or older eat for free. Dues are \$5.00 for the year, or forty-two cents per month for those on a budget who would like to take advantage of our special Senior's only deferred payment plan.

Our next meeting will be on March 7th. Please RSVP to join us so that we have enough food. Until then we wish everyone safe travels in the new year.

For more information, or to RSVP, contact Senior's Secretary Daniel Coburn at 830-832-5513 or at dycoburn@gmail.com.

Shotgun AKA Smokin' Clays

by Noble Bill Willis, Secretary

The time has come for the Smokin' Clays first big competition of 2024. We will be in Lubbock, TX on March 16th for the Texas Shrine Shotgun Sports Association (TSSSA) Mid-Winter Shoot. We have 16 Nobles and 4 Ladies signed up to compete against 6 or 7 other Temples here in Texas. Our goal is to have a great time, fellowship with other Nobles from around the state, and bring home some hardware to add to our trophy case. Thanks to all that are making the long trip to compete or just to come out and support the Alzafar Shotgun Unit. Hope to see you all in the hospitality room at the hotel Friday evening. And thanks to all that braved the cold weather and attended our fun shoot in January. A few layers of clothes, hot coffee, breakfast tacos, and hot lead going down range made it a very enjoyable morning despite the cold temperatures.

We have one last practice scheduled before the Mid-Winter shoot. If anyone would like to join us we'll meet at the National Shooting Complex on Saturday, March 9th at 8:30 a.m. We always provide breakfast prior to heading out on the sporting clays course. Non-members, family and friends are always welcome. And you're also invited to attend our next stated unit meeting scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 11th in the Shotgun Unit meeting room. Our Chief Chef and 3rd Vice, Noble David Hadley will be serving a delicious meal of pulled pork (or road kill) prior to the meeting at 6:30. **Until next time, "Keep your powder dry, and remember, as long as there is lead in the air, there is always hope!"**



Black Camel Notices

May Our Dearly Departed Rest in Peace

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| Paul H. Gowen | DOD 10/9/2023 |
| Charles E. Wheeler | DOD 11/23/2023 |
| Paul G. Hulkan | DOD 12/5/2023 |
| Thomas Preston Green | DOD 12/11/2023 |
| T. L. Latham | DOD 1/14/2024 |
| Stephen W. Hooper | DOD 1/30/2024 |
| Eric D. Fenton | DOD 2/3/2024 |
| Albert N. Pike | DOD 2/5/2024 |



Guadalupe Valley Shrine Club

This is a very unique group of Shriners that live in the north eastern part of the Alzafar Shrine – perimeters of Quadalupe (some in Comal) County - a few Canyon Lake, Seguin, Floresville, Cibio, New Braunfels.... Most belong to multiple units and participate in other activities. We gather together every month as couples for a dinner meeting in different restaurants in our radius to share Shrine news and contribute to the causes that we can and enjoy the fellowship of our Shrine friends.

Anyone welcome that wants to travel within our areas and see the sights OUT OF SAN ANTONIO. YOU DON'T NEED TO LIVE IN SAN ANTONIO TO BE A SHRINER. WELCOME TO OUR GROUP. Contact Rick Oberg President 701-388-4902 or Doug Anderson 210-419-6581 for where we will be when.... February meeting was at Olive Garden in New Braunfels and March we will be in the Seguin area, Cibilo in April. **Let one of them know if you'd like to join us somewhere along the line. Always looking for Shriners and guests to be a part of our fun.**

Daughters of The Nile; Nekodah Temple No. 44

by Queen Wanda Rincover

I would like to extend my appreciation to the Alzafar Divan for supporting Nekodah Temple. Working for the children is so much easier and more fun when we do it together.

Congratulations to the newly elected officers of Nekodah Temple. I know 2024 will be a memorable year for all of you.

A huge thank you to all who have supported me the past few years. It has been so wonderful to be part of an organization that does so much for the children. What a joy it has been to work with such a wonderful group of ladies, who truly know how to love and support one another.

To all of the 2023 elected and appointed officers, thank you for all you have done to serve our temple. You have all worked hard and have made me so proud to represent you as your leader.

It has truly been an honor to serve as your Queen!

With Nile Love,
Queen Wanda Rincover

We are Nekodah Strong



Welcome to our New Princesses! Misty Dailey, Yolanda Ferrera, Sylvia Fisk, Tammy Nettles, Marcella Schroder.

- March 17, 2023, Nekodah No.44 Public Installation of Officers at 2pm in the Alzafar Shrine Parlors.

Friendly Reminder, if you haven't paid your 2023-2024 (\$52) dues you may send them to Pr Recorder Diana Thomas, 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. Margie Flores, PQ. Peggy Songer, PQ. Barbara Wells, Pr. Cindy Garza.

We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00pm in the Alzafar Shrine Center Parlors except December, June and July.

Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America



Altrui Court No. 89 of the Ladies
Oriental Shrine of North America

San Antonio, TX

*Cordially invites you to
the Installation of Officers
on March 23rd at 2 pm.
Reception to follow*



by Lady Lisa Pharis, High Priestess

So, the court year is coming to an end, and we have had a great year. I would like to thank everyone for making this a great year for Alturi Court. Upcoming is the installation of officers on March 23rd at 2 pm in Parlors. We hope to see all our members, friends, and family at this event.

List of events (Save the date for the new court year) Events located in the Parlors

- Sunday April 21st, 2023, Loteria/Parlor Games at 2:00 to 4:00 pm
- Saturday June 15th, 2023 Style show by Cavenders Boot City 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Saturday July 20th, 2023 Death by Chocolate Murder Mystery luncheon 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Saturday August 3rd, 2023 Garden Party by Helping Hands from 11 am to 2 pm
- Saturday September 21st, 2023 Annual Tea 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Saturday October 5th, 2023, Casino Night 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. (TERRACE ROOM)
- Saturday November 9th, 2023, Painting with a twist (TBA)

Please help this wonderful organization raise money for their philanthropy.

If you have any updates to your contact information or you are not receiving your emails, please send the updates to our email address at Altrui.court@gmail.com.

We have a great court here in San Antonio and we raise money each year to donate to the Shriner's Hospitals and other Shrine groups. It is all about the kids. **If you or anyone you know would like to join us, please email us Altrui.Court@gmail.com and someone will contact you.**

Alzafar Shrine Center,
Parlors Room
901 No Loop 1604 W
San Antonio, TX 78232

Dress: Business attire



Shriners



Nobles, please help us keep our records updated!!

Call the Shrine office if you:

- Change mailing address
- Change phone number
- Change email address
- Have knowledge of a Noble passing

ALL UNITS AND CLUBS:

- If you are wanting your upcoming events flyer sent through webfez, we are asking that you please email the flyer in a .jpeg/photo format.
- **Reminder all Achbar articles need to be sent to the Achbar email, by the 10th of each month**

Office Phone # **210.496.1625**

Webfez Contact Email: marilyn.lopez@alzafar.org

Achbar email: alzafarshrineachbar@gmail.com

Where & When our Shrine Units, Clubs, Masonic Lodges Meet

ALZAFAR UNIT MEETING SCHEDULE

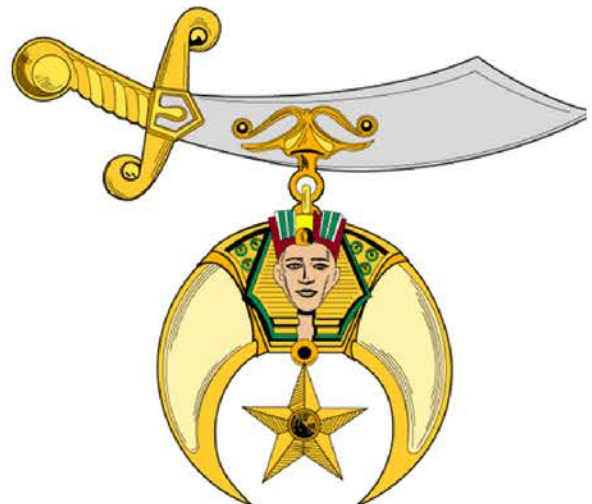
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| <u>BAND</u> | Each Thursday | 6:30 P.M | Room 7 |
| <u>BREWS BROTHERS</u> | 4th Wednesday | 7:30 P.M | Room 5 |
| <u>BURNING SUN</u> | 2nd Wednesday | 7:00 P.M | Room 5 |
| <u>CABIRI</u> | Wed. 2nd Thru. | 12:00 N | As Designated |
| <u>CAMP ALZAFAR</u> | Memorial Day, July 4th & Labor Day | 12:00 N | Camp Pavilion |
| <u>DE-MOLAY</u> | 2nd Thursday | 6:00 P.M | As Designated |
| <u>DESERT KNIGHTS</u> | 3rd Wednesday | 7:00 PM | Directors Room |
| <u>DIRECTORS STAFF</u> | 2nd Tuesday | 7:30 P.M | Directors Room |
| <u>DRUM CORPS</u> | Each Thursday | 7:30 P.M | Room 7 |
| <u>FARIS</u> | As Called | | Camp Alzafar |
| <u>GOLF UNIT</u> | 2nd Tuesday | 7:00 P.M | Room 8 |
| <u>HIGHLANDERS BAND</u> | Each Wednesday | 6:30 P.M | Room 9 |
| <u>HILLBILLY CLUB</u> | 2nd Sun Feb., Apr., June, Aug., Oct., Dec. | 5:00 P.M | Roustabout |
| <u>HONOR GUARD</u> | 1st Monday | 7:00P.M | Room 12 |
| <u>HOSPITAL CORPS</u> | 3rd Tuesday | 7:00P.M | Room 6 |
| <u>HOT SANDS BBQ</u> | Wed. before stated | 7:00P.M | Pavillion |
| <u>MINI-WHEELS</u> | 2nd Tuesday | 7:00P.M | Room 10 |
| <u>MOTOR CLUB</u> | 3rd Tuesday | 7:00P.M | Room 9 |
| <u>MOTOR PATROL</u> | 3rd Monday | 7:00P.M | Room 5 |
| <u>NEMNUF</u> | 2nd Monday | 7:30P.M | Room 11 |
| <u>ORIENTAL BAND</u> | Each Wednesday | 7:00P.M | Room 7 |
| <u>PATROL</u> | 4th Monday | 7:00P.M | Room 6 |
| <u>PROVOST GUARD</u> | 1st Wednesday | 7:00P.M | Provost Room |
| <u>RED ROADSTERS</u> | 1st Tuesday | 7:00P.M | Room 10 |
| <u>RUFFIANS</u> | 3rd Sunday | | Camp Alzafar |
| <u>RV CLUB</u> | As Called | | As Designated |
| <u>SENIORS</u> | 1st Thursday | 12:00N | Roustabout |
| <u>SHOTGUN</u> | 2nd Monday | 7:00P.M | Directors Room |

SHRINE CLUB MEETINGS

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| <u>CAYNON LAKE</u> | 3rd Thursday | 6:30 P.M | TBD |
| <u>GUADALUPE VALLEY</u> | 3rd Monday | 6:00 P.M | As Designated |
| <u>HILL COUNTRY</u> | 2nd Monday | 11:30 A.M | Inn of the Hills |
| <u>LAREDO SC</u> | 1st Wednesday | 7:00 P.M | As Designated |

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS MEETINGS

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| <u>ANCHOR MASONIC LODGE</u> | 1st & 3rd Thursday | 7:00 P.M | Alzafar Rear |
| <u>CIBOLO MASONIC LODGE</u> | 4th Monday | 7:00 P.M | Alzafar Rear |
| <u>VICTORY MASONIC LODGE</u> | 2nd & 4th Tuesday | 7:00 P.M | Alzafar Rear |
| <u>DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE</u> | 2nd Thursday | 7:30 P.M | Parlors Room |
| <u>LADIES OF THE SHRINE</u> | 1st Thursday | 7:00 P.M | Parlors Room |
| <u>ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR</u> | 1st Monday | 6:00 P.M | Alzafar Rear |



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EVENTS TO LOOK OUT FOR

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat |
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| 3 | 4 Honor Guard | 5 Red Roadsters | 6 Highlanders Band Provost Guard Oriental Band | 7 Band Drum Corps Ladies of the Shrine | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Achbar Article Due | 11 Divan Meeting Honor Guard | 12 Directors Staff Golf Unit Mini-Wheels | 13 Burning Sun Highlanders Band Hot Sands BBQ Oriental Band | 14 Stated Meeting Daughters of the Nile | 15 | 16 Alzafar Car Show |
| 17 Nile Installation | 18 Motor Patrol | 19 Hospital Corps Motor Club | 20 Desert Knights Highlanders Band Oriental Band | 21 Band Drum Corps | 22 | 23 LOS Installation |
| 24 Children's Easter Party | 25 Patrol | 26 | 27 Brewh Brothers Highlanders Band Oriental Band | 28 Band Drum Corps | 29 | 30 Camp Easter |
| 31 Easter Sunday | | | | | | |

● Events ● National Holidays ● Unit Meeting ● Stated Meeting ● Achbar Article Due