



# Achbar

March 2021



Happy St.  
Patrick's  
Day

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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  
 Director.....Bert Gonzalez  
 Marshall.....John Pendelton  
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 Chaplain.....Hoagy Elmendorf

**Imperial Representatives**

Potentate.....Link Travis Elmendorf  
 Chief Rabban.....Robert Norman  
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 P.P. Robert W. Hunt  
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**2021 FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Potentate.....Link Travis Elmendorf  
 Chief Rabban.....Robert Norman  
 Asst. Rabban.....Richard A. "Rick" Reyes, III  
 4 years.....Alan Ditmore  
 3 years.....Garrett Ethridge  
 2 years.....Gary Bausell  
 1 year.....Kyle Jackson

**NOTICE ON STATED MEETING**

The following Stated Meeting of Alzafar Shriners will be held April 8, 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 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.

**WEAR YOUR FEZ**

*Thomas D. Leverett*

Recorder: Thomas D. Leverett

*L. Travis Elmendorf*

Potentate: Illustrious Sir, L.T. Elmendorf



**Illustrious Sir, L. Travis Elmendorf  
 Potentate of Alzafar Shriners**

.... And here we are in March. May the luck of the Irish find its way into all you do and hope to accomplish—happy St. Patrick’s Day. March also presents us with a piece of history that is near and dear to us- Texas Independence Day. We celebrate this day in remembrance of our great state’s birth and the many individuals who had a hand in its transition. Many of these great men were Brothers in Masonry. May they forever rest, and their deeds are remembered and will reside with8in the repository of the faithful breast.

Nobles, as we continue to march forward through this lurid time, let us recognize that with significant challenges, great opportunities come into focus. The Divan continues to forge ahead with many objectives in hand and initiatives undertaken in conjunction with our traditional activities.

With the continuation of the pandemic and the ever-changing restrictions- our stated meetings will now be available for enjoyment through the ZOOM online application from a seat nearest you, at home.

Though we would enjoy the benefit of having all of you in person, we understand that our membership’s safety and health are paramount. Through this ZOOM, we attended the TSA Mid- Winter meeting. It was voted upon by TSA Board that the TSA Summer Ceremonial Session for 2021 WILL take place. Gear up for competition will be coming to Alzafar Shrine, 3- 5 June 2021. This endeavor will take all of us to accomplish, more to come on this.

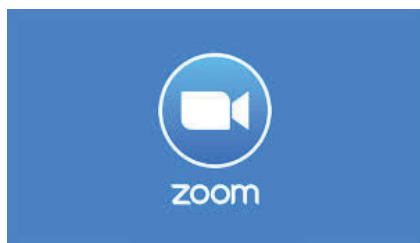
We find ourselves many times out of touch with one another. When we do congregate, catching up and essential questions or novel ideas put to one another can get lost in this translation of time and space. I present to you an avenue for adjusting this: I would invite you to Coffee with the Potentate. This informal meet will be for every third Saturday of the month; bring your thoughts and ideas for a one-on-one. I do look forward to visiting with everyone.

Thank you again for your perseverance, hard work, and dedication.

Much Love to you all.

*L. Travis Elmendorf*

Illustrious Sir, L.T. Elmendorf  
Potentate of Alzafar Shriners



***Even if you don't work from home, you've probably heard of Zoom or maybe not?***

In light of the coronavirus crisis, the videoconferencing app has become the standard for connecting with others face-to-face virtually in both business and personal settings.

Zoom is now the video communication platform of choice for federal governments, tech startups, religious communities, and of course regular people looking to chat — and even party — with their friends and family.

Here's everything you need to know about Zoom, including how to download it and get started, along with a few tips and tricks to help you become a video-chatting pro.

### **What is Zoom?**

Zoom is a cloud-based video communications app that allows you to set up virtual video and audio conferencing, webinars, live chats, screen-sharing, and other collaborative capabilities.

You don't need an account to attend a Zoom meeting, and the platform is compatible with Mac, Windows, Linux, iOS, and Android, meaning nearly anyone can access it.

Of course video-conferencing apps aren't new. Zoom is just one in a long line of communication tools that include Skype, Cisco Webex, and Google Meet. For example, here's a quick look at how Zoom compares to Google Meet, Google's videoconferencing platform for businesses (Taken from <https://www.businessinsider.com/what-is-zoom-guide>)



**Noble Robert Norman  
Chief Rabban**

Hello Alzafar!!! We hope that this year is off to a better start than the last. It's hard to believe that we are already in March. Don't forget that this month is daylight savings time so we will be springing forward on March 14th. You might ask "What does that have to do with anything?" In a way it might not, but on the other hand, it means it's one hour closer to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17th. Hopefully a little luck of the Irish will help us get a tad bit closer to the end of this pandemic.

We hope everyone is in good spirits and able to stay busy even when there aren't too many things happening around us. If there is anything we, as an organization, can do to help you and your family, please don't hesitate to reach out for assistance. Until we have a chance to meet again... stay safe, be positive, and test negative!!





**Noble Rick Reyes**  
**Assistant Rabban**

Alzafar, I hope your year has started off in the right direction and everyone is ready for a year to remember. As we move into the year, it will continue to be important that everyone come out and assist. With so many events to look forward too, Alzafar has much to be excited for. From upcoming parades to golf tournaments, our docket is filling up so be ready for some great fun in 2021.

The next event on the books for the Assistant Rabban was supposed to be a 5k/10k race however, the city of San Antonio has recently put restrictions in place that limits our ability to put these on so its back to the drawing board. We have been approached by a local bar who wants to partner with us to put on a golf tournament at the start of the year so be on the lookout for more information.

The golf tournament scheduled for the end of the year in conjunction with the Gala is still a go for now. The Gala date has changed as many rentals have come in and we don't want to limit Alzafar's ability to raise much needed fraternal funds. The date is now Saturday, October the 2nd with the golf tournament being the Thursday before. For those of you who want to support the event in any way, please feel free to reach out and be on the lookout for the dates and times of the upcoming planning meetings. Due to covid, we will hold most of them over zoom for the time being so please do your best to attend.

Until next time,  
**Rick Reyes**  
**Assistant Rabban**



**Noble Marco Zuniga**  
**High Priest & Prophet**

Hello Alzafar!

I Hope everyone is doing well and in good health and spirits as we fight to get passed this pandemic that has really put a damper on us all. Lady Lori and I are excited to get this year started. The next event for the High Priest and Prophet would have been the Grand Masters Conference, unfortunately the days agenda is busy and time was an issue. That being said we regret to inform you we will not be hosting that event this year. We are working hard to get the temple moving forward and back on track.

We are diligently working on moving the Masonic picnic to the temple. I will be reaching out the the Blue Lodges for their participation and support. More information in the months to come and as it all comes together.

Thank you for your continued support.

In Faith  
**Marco Zuniga**  
**High Priest and Prophet**





**Oriental Guide  
Michael Long**

Good news Alzafar, you can now be at our stated meetings in the comfort of your home, or office. With Imperials approval we will hold ZOOM meetings at or Stated meetings until we are safe and Vaccinated. See our monthly email for details, you may simply download the app on your phone, tablet, or pc and be there!!!!

Next up is our kids Easter Party Sunday March 28th from 11-1. We will have an Easter egg hunt, games, hotdogs, and beverages to go with Easter baskets. Masks are mandatory for ALL who will be there.

For those who prefer to stay away from crowds, we are also accommodating your family as well. Under the canopy from 11-1, we will also hand out Easter baskets. Our volunteers will have masks and protective gloves for everyone's safety.

The egg stuffing day will be Sunday March 21st from 2-4. Please help volunteer stuffing all the eggs. If your unit has a donation please bring it by within those hours. Pizza and beverages will be available, for those who may get stuffing cramps.

Lastly RSVP at our office if you are planning to attend the Easter Party March 28th. We don't want under/over spend our funds. We want everyone's time at the party enjoyable.

**Michael Long  
Oriental Guide**



**Treasurer  
David Olivares**

This month brings us St. Patrick's Day and the start of Spring. I pray each of you are safe, healthy, and ready to enjoy the springtime weather.

We have all had an interesting and trying year as we have gone through this time of uncertainty. COVID-19 has changed much of how we live or lives from day to day. I know this past year has made me reflect on many things when it comes to my life and the life that I share with my loved ones and friends. I pray that we all come out of this healthy and happy and wiser and better for having gone through it.

We have seen many of our Temple rentals cancel which has put a small dent into our Investments. We are closely watching this and will continue to make the correct financial decisions to keep our Temple running. I will tell you that we are in good financial shape and will continue to operate through these trying times. We are seeing the Rentals pick up and we also have the monthly Oil and Gas Royalties that have been a blessing to us this past year.

Once again, I urge you to come join us in our Divan and Finance meetings so you can stay in touch with what is happening in YOUR temple. If you are not able to attend, please ask me or one of your Divan members. We are always ready, willing and able to get you answers to questions that you may have concerning our Temple.

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



**Recorder  
Tommy 'Tee-Bone' Leverett**

Time fly's when you're having Fun. Here we are in the month of March. I have so many things to write about and so little space.

First the Elephant in the Room: Are we selling the building or not? The short answer is we don't know. The Realtor, is going to check with prospective buyer's realtor to see if the \$20,000,000 net offer is still on the table. With the political changes and interest rates starting to increase the offer might be off the table. We listened to the Nobles and we heard we need to do a better job communicating. Our Potentate has reached out to another Firm to give us other options. The Goal is to let our members decide which option to pick.

Our membership has now dropped to 1,374 so we need to address our future plans. We need to make the tough decisions now so we can assure our fraternity will continue on in San Antonio for another 100 years. Prayers are needed for the Gibson family. David has been out of the office fighting a Liver problem. His wife, Jennifer, was taken to the emergency room with high blood pressure, then admitted to the hospital with blood clots. During this time our Maintenance Supervisor, David Gibson was admitted to another hospital and is in the Transplant Unit waiting on a new Liver. Please keep David and Jennifer in your prayers. If you are your Unit would like to make a contribution you can make your check out to Alzafar Shrine and put Gibson on the check so we know the money is for the Gibson family.

As many of you know we lost Carol Kintigh to Cancer last year. As you can appreciate, we miss her smiling face every day. My point in bringing this up is we need to get a good health insurance plan in place for our employees. We pride ourselves as being a big business and we need to provide our employees with the employee benefits they deserve.

Divan Mid-Winter was held in February this year. Unlike in years past this year we had a one-day Virtual meeting. I calculate that this saved us about \$2,500-\$3000 in travel expenses. Hopefully, we will learn from this experience. I would much rather save a burned child than go on a 3-4 day out of town trip.

Keep the Faith and don't let this virus get you down. With God's help we will be back in parades, April 19th is Poteet Parade, having our Traditional Gala, October 2, and participating in the Greatest Show on Earth the Shrine Circus in 2021.

Alzafar Rocks and so do you !!

**Recorders Corner  
Tee-Bone Tommy Leverett  
Reporter to the Stars**



As we move forward and welcome different weather, I am reminded how thankful I am of the mighty amazing Alzafar Shrine and the NEMNUF unit. This month like the many before it has found us all performing daily tasks a little differently and engaging our Shrine differently. NEMNUF has been busy behind the scenes preparing for the days ahead and awaiting the next opportunities to support our Shrine and philanthropic mission. Speaking of support, we have many clowns available should any need arise. If you have any requests or ideas in ways, we can support please reach out to our President Paul "Wrong Way" Dawson at 210-965-3464. And now without further delay your 2021 NEMNUF officers are

- President – Paul "Wrong Way" Dawson
- 1st Vice President – Billy "buckethead" Peché
- 2nd Vice President – Mike "Change" Fellows
- Secretary – PP Eric "Wet-O" DeWalt
- Treasurer – Bobby "Ice Bucket" Miller

Until we meet again, be safe!  
Very Respectfully,

**Mike "Change" Fellows**

**Alzafar Drive-Thru  
Children's Easter**

**PARTY**

**March 28<sup>TH</sup> 11 AM until 1 PM**

**RSVP Requested**

**210-496-1625**



**A free event sponsored by Alzafar Shriners - San Antonio - Central & South Texas**

## **ALZAFAR MOTOR CLUB**

### **Greetings Nobles**

Welcome to the 2021 AMC season. Today in the Pole Position is President Ken Whited. Next to him in the Number 2 position as Vice President, sits his son, Eric Whited. Seems like Team Whited has some magic going on in their garage this year.

Behind them, on the inside spot is Noble James Hoyo holding down the Treasurer's wheel. On the outside is the newly elected Secretary, Steven Fisk in his first season. The rest of the field is made up of loyal Nobles, Past Potentates, Alzafar's newest O.G., and newest qualifying rookie, Ed LaLuz. As they warm up their rides and get ready to go, I'll take a few minutes to let you know what this season is going to look like.

We are kicking off the year with a Car Show on March 27. Get your rides ready to join in on the fun and brotherhood. Details are in the program you are holding. October 16 will be a second car show and if the past is any indication, both of these will be well worth the price of admission.

AMC is going to be at the upcoming Easter Party on Sunday the 28th. There is nothing like seeing the awe in the eye's of children. The sound of a horn going "OOOGA, OOOGA" or an engine's rumble of power, always seems to capture their attention. We cannot be content with just "tooting our horns" at the Easter Party. So we will be at the Halloween and Christmas Parties, as well. After all, it's all about the kids!

Keep your eyes peeled for a new event this season. A car rally is in the works. My inside info out of Pit Row says it will be in November. Crews are preparing their rides to leave from San Antonio and end up in Amarillo. Now this will be a timed event, not an all out Cannonball Run. We hear there will be awards for a variety of categories. Old cars, new cars, fancy cars, rat rods, and whatever else. So jump in, buckle up and "Run What You Brung!!!"

Well, the field is coming out of turn 4 and headed to the green flag. So sit on the edge of your seat and get ready for some exciting things.

**Secretary and announcer, Steven Fisk**

### **Editors Note:**

Shriners may register thier rides at [www.AlzafarCarShow.com](http://www.AlzafarCarShow.com) for our best loved SApring event on the 27th of next month. If you look through the Car Show website you will also find Sponsorship Oportunities for those like-minded business professionals. It is probably the most reasonable business venture you can have where finding a great number of San Antonioians in one place. Alzafar says, "Hook your wagon to a star!" Get an ad on a digital sign facing 1604 and get your impression of your business before a 150,000 or more residents who pass before our roadside sign every day!

With your generous GOLD Sponsorship contribution of \$1,000 towards our event, you will receive two free contestant entries for the show. Your business will be advertised at the event in print and alongside each picture during the awards ceremony. You will be personally thanked and recognized by all in attendance. Your business will be known in all social media spots the day of the event. Your company will also receive a complimentary advertisement in our membership magazine which reaches over 1500 households for the month following our show date. Finally, your business will be thanked and





ranked as a Gold Level Sponsor (placed above lower level donors) on our car show website for the entire year. Additionally, your company advertisement will be placed for one week (7-Days) up to our Show on our San Antonio Shrine Auditorium Digital Sign to greet the 150,000 vehicles that pass our signage every day! 15,120 Spots for just 7 cents an impression!

With your generous SILVER Sponsorship contribution of \$500 towards our event you will receive 1 free contestant entry for the show. Your business will be advertised at the event in print and along side each picture during the awards ceremony. Your business will be recognized in all social media spots the day of the event. You will be recognized in our membership publication which reaches over 1500 local members for the month following the show. Finally, your business will be thanked and recognized as a Silver Level Sponsor (placed below Gold Level) on our car show website for the entire year. Additionally, your company advertisement will be placed for THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY (3-Days) up to our Show on our San Antonio Shrine Auditorium Digital Sign to greet the 150,000 vehicles that pass our signage every day! That 6,480 or approximately 8 cents an impression.

With your generous BRONZE Sponsorship contribution of \$100 to our event you will be advertised at the event in print and along side each picture during the awards ceremony. Finally, you will be thanked and recognized as a Bronze Level Sponsor (placed below Gold/Silver Level) on our car show website for the entire year. Additionally, your company advertisement will be placed for the Saturday during our Car Show on our San Antonio Shrine Auditorium Digital Sign to greet the 150,000 vehicles that pass our signage every day! That's 960 ads or approximately 10 cents an impression.

***We hope to see you there!***





# Car Truck & Bike Show



The San Antonio Shrine Auditorium, 901 N. Loop 1604 W

## SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2021

8 AM TO 4 PM

REGISTRATION 8 TO 11 AM

\$30 REGISTRATION

**50/50 DRAWING  
RAFFLE  
DJ MUSIC**

**AWARDS  
3 PER CLASS  
TWO BEST IN SHOW  
POTENTATE'S CHOICE**

**FREE TO  
SPECTATORS**

**PARTICIPANTS MAY REGISTER IN MORE THAN ONE CLASS BY PAYING ADDITIONAL \$30 REGISTRATION FEE FOR EACH CLASS  
EACH REGISTRATION INCLUDES SHOW T-SHIRT      CATAGORIES SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT JUDGES' DISCRETION**

**CAR & TRUCKS**

- A. ANTIQUE (PRE 1949)
- B. T-BRASS (1909-1916)
- C. T-BLACK (1917-1927)
- D. T-BUCKET
- E. T-COMMERICAL (1909-1927)
- F. T-MODIFIED (1909-1927)
- G. MODEL A (1928-1931)
- H. RESTORED/ORIGINAL CAR (ALL)
- I. RESTORED/ORIGINAL TRUCK (ALL)
- J. OPEN ROD (PRE 1935)
- K. ROD COUPE (PRE 1935)
- L. ROD SEDAN (PRE 1935)
- M. ROD TRUCK (PRE 1935)
- N. CUSTOM ROD-CAR (35-48)
- O. CUSTOM ROD-TRUCK (35-48)
- P. RAT ROD (ALL)

- Q. EARLY CUSTOM CAR (49-90)
- R. LATE CUSTOM CAR (91-PRESENT)
- S. EARLY CUSTOM TRUCK (49-90)
- T. LATE CUSTOM TRUCK (91-PRESENT)
- U. CAMARO/FIREBIRD (67-81)
- V. CAMARO/FIREBIRD (82-02)
- W. CAMARO (10-PRESENT)
- X. CHEVY ORIG/RESTORED (55-57)
- Y. CHEVY CUSTOM (55-57)
- Z. CORVETTE (1953-1982)
- AA. CORVETTE (1984-2004)
- BB. CORVETTE (2005-2013)
- CC. CORVETTE (2014-PRESENT)
- DD. GM—ALL OTHER
- EE. MOPAR (PRE 1975)
- FF. MOPAR (1976-1999)
- GG. MOPAR (2000-PRESENT)

- HH. FORD (EXCEPT MUSTANG)
- II. LINCOLN/MERCURY (EXCEPT COUGAR)
- JJ. MUSTANG/COUGAR (64-73)
- KK. MUSTANG/COUGAR (74-99)
- LL. MUSTANG/COUGAR (2000-PRESENT)
- MM. T-BIRD
- NN. JEEP (ALL)
- OO. STREET MACHINE
- PP. COMPETITION (ALL)
- QQ. FOREIGN (ALL)
- RR. ORPHAN/SPECIAL INTEREST

**BIKES**

- M1. FULL CUSTOM (ALL)
- M2. ST. STOCK (BRANDED FACTORY BIKE)
- M3. CLASSIC (1960-2000 MINOR MOD)
- M4. ANTIQUE (PRE 1960 MINOR MOD)
- M5. TRIKES (3 WHEELED/ALL)

TO PREREGISTER:MAIL \$30 CHECK MADE TO "ALZAFAR SHRINERS" TO JAMES HOYO, 5203 BLANCO RD, SAN ANTONIO, TX 78216  
DEADLINE TO PREREGISTER: MARCH 23, 2021

(please print) NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ CATAGORY \_\_\_\_\_  
 VEHICLE YEAR/MAKE \_\_\_\_\_ VEHICLE MODEL/COLOR \_\_\_\_\_  
 E MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ SHIRT SIZE: S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_ XXXL \_\_\_

**LIABILITY:** I (PARTICIPANT & REGISTRANTS) UNDERSTAND ALL ENTRIES WILL REMAIN IN THE SHOW UNTIL THE SHOW IS OFFICIALLY OVER. IN CONSIDERATION OF THE ACCEPTANCE TO PARTICIPATE, REGISTRANTS AND ACCOMPANYING PERSONS BY EXECUTION OF THIS FORM, RELEASE & DISCHARGE ALZAFAR SHRINERS, SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL, SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN., STCC & CRUISIN4TROPHIES, THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES & ANYONE CONNECTED WITH MANAGEMENT OF PRESENTATION OF THIS EVENT OF & FROM ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN DAMAGES, INJURIES, LOSSES, JUDGEMENTS, AND/OR CLAIMS FROM ANY CAUSES WHATSOEVER THAT MAY BE SUFFERED BY ANY REGISTRANT TO HIS PERSON OR PROPERTY.

**I AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL RULES & DECISIONS OF THE SHOW PROMOTERS & JUDGES.**

SIGNATURE : \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**SPONSOR & VENDOR INFO:** Contact Ken Whited (931)572-7701 or James Hoyo (210)872-0619  
**PROCEEDS FROM SHOW BENEFIT ALZAFAR SHRINE,** a 501 C10 non-profit association  
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### FACE MASKS REQUIRED INSIDE BUILDING!!!!



Board Member

*Dr. James Todd*

Dr. James Todd - Past Potentate

Nobles, it's always a pleasure to come before you and I bring greetings from your Texas Hospital and Chairman of the Board of Governors, Noble Steve White! So many things are happening at Shriners Children's Texas and I will be brief in bringing you this update. Noble White has tasked all of the Board members with talking Shriners, selling Shriners and importantly, I am helping lead a sub-committee to help reduce the burden on our savings or Restricted Fund account at Shriners Texas Children! How will we do that?! Surely pressing for all of the patient insurance that may be available will help, but moreover, concentrating on a sound business model and tracking every dollar from fundraising, dual certifications, making every dollar count, whether it comes from temples, corporations or responses to available grants! We are already all over that task! Shriners Children's Texas was awarded a Healthy Kids, Healthy Families® (HKHF) grant by Blue

Cross and Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX).. Now, let me answer some questions that are looming around the realm!



**Shriner's Children's™ Texas**

A Noble sent me an email just last week to ask when could his unit/activity/club schedule a visit to the hospital in Galveston. I can tell you unequivocally, that day will come! But not right now. At ALL Shriners Hospitals, the health and safety of our patients, families, and staff is our top priority. As COVID-19 evolves, we are closely monitoring updates from local health offices and CDC guidelines and will continue to follow their recommendations! Shriners Hospitals for Children is an international health care system recognized for its devotion to transforming the lives of children through specialized care and research. It is a destination of choice for parents whose children have orthopedic problems, spinal cord injuries, burns, cleft lip and other complex surgical needs. Our children's orthopedic and burn hospitals, children's orthopedic clinics and other outpatient locations are home to a renowned team of board-certified pediatric orthopedic surgeons devoted to transforming children's lives. We are committed to provid-

ing progressive treatment options anchored in the latest research. This applies directly to our minimally invasive approaches, like the use of the EOS imaging system to reduce radiation exposure, and the MAGEC spinal system to reduce surgeries for patients with early-onset scoliosis. These are just two examples of the many innovations that set Shriners Hospitals for Children apart and make the evaluation, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation processes as safe, compassionate and effective as possible. Shriners Hospitals for Children specializes in treating a diverse array of pediatric orthopedic conditions.

Your representatives to this place where dreams come true are always ready to speak to organizations, groups and clubs about the Shriners Hospital for Children-Texas. You can contact Steve White, John Dunn, Bill Wasburger or myself. I've been saying this for 50 years as a Shriner, and you will hear me say it until I die: You never had so much fun, doing so much good!



**AKA SMOKIN CLAYS  
BY TERRY ZITTLE, SEXYTERRY**

Greetings to all! At our stated meeting in February, the central discussion was our upcoming Mid-Winter that will be held here in San Antonio. This year we are shooting at the Comal County Range in Spring Branch on 20 March. The venue will be 50 rounds of Trap, 25 rounds of Skeet, and 25 rounds of Country Doubles. You still have time to sign up! The cost is \$125.00 per shooter. Get in contact with the Texas Shrine Shotgun Association President Noble Jerry Smitha or the Secretary Noble Bill Willis. Unfortunately, one of our couples came down with Covid but lucky for them, it was a mild case, and they are up and about.

All of our events include family, friends, and guests and is followed by a great meal. The Shotgun Unit at Alzafar is fantastic, so come on out and check us out. Don't have a Shotgun? Don't worry, and we probably have about 20-30 extra.

Our Monthly Stated Meetings are on the 2nd Monday of each month in our room behind the temple, which we share the Provost Guard and the Director's Staff. We have a meal served between 6:15 and 6:30 pm, with the meeting commencing at 7:00 pm. At our last meeting, we had hamburgers and Cheeseburgers with trimmings prepared by our honorary 3rd Vice Presi-

dent and Chef David Hadley. At that our last meeting, we had 9 members with 4 ladies present. Of course, libation is always available. Feel free to come on out to check out this fantastic unit.

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



**By: Carlos Stanigar**  
Hot Sands still Turning and Burning....

You heard about the success of our Butt sale and for those that contributed thank you, well members of Hot Sands were up at camp this past weekend for the Polar Plunge and were able to assist with the raising more than \$3000 for the Transportation fund. Thank You to Potentate Travis Elmendorf, and Hot Sands Members Russel Brown (PP), Dennis Stevens (PP), Willie "BEAST" Brown, Michael Etheridge, Lee Hubbard. We are the fez wearing, wood burning, meat smokers of Alzafar. We meet the first Tuesday of the month, at 7pm at the Pavilion (snacks/meal at 6pm). If you enjoy good fellowship, don't mind putting in a little work, love BBQ and Alzafar, reach out to any one of us to get more details! Until then, keep it low and slow!



The Highlanders held their annual Robert Burn's Night on January 23rd. This included the usual Burn's festivities such as: Bagpipes, Salute to the Haggis, Toasting, Feasting, Kilts and as always, good Scotch! Our newest Bagpipers are having Chanter Practice on Mondays and currently working on "Scots Wha Hae." There will be a Quarterly Meeting on March 8th; so come by and see us we discuss celebrating St. Patty's Day.

Everyone is Irish on St. Patty's day, except the Scottish!

**Bobby Packer**  
Alzafar Highlander Chief 2021



We are looking for a few good eggs to help us get over the line on the year's drive-thru Children's Easter Party. How about donating an extraordinary Easter Basket?

**Here's a tale of an Extraordinary Easter Basket:**

I can tell you the story of the little princess in her room at Shriners Hospitals at Easter awaiting an operation. It wasn't her first, but it would be her last, she said with tear-filled doe-like eyes. I took her at her word and asked what she hoped from the bunny rabbit for Easter? She looked up, and with the saddest eyes and little voice, said it wouldn't be in her basket because, like so many, the bunny was probably sick and that she hoped to play with her little brother. She loved being a cowgirl and her brother a cowboy, but her short braced legs couldn't carry her to be at his side. She couldn't ever remember a day when her legs would do what she commanded. As the medicine's weight came upon her, her eyes drifted shut, and she slept.

I was there when she woke, and as she looked at her mom, she happened to see that Easter basket the Shriners had brought. It was huge and had a giant cowgirl toy rifle, and as the surgeon pulled back the medical tent over her legs, she looked down to see that the metal pins and braces were gone. She looked at her mom and told her that the Easter bunny wasn't sick and had brought her all; she wanted a gun and strong legs. She would soon have both.

# Bringing a touch of fun to serious work

## Chairman Andrew Kuo helps board members find new solutions during the pandemic

Friday, February 12, 2021

From Shriners Village.org  
Taken from Shriners' Villiage.org



Andrew Kuo with Shriners musical group

When Andrew Kuo became a member of Shriners International, more specifically the Salaam Shriners of northern New Jersey, he did it to have fun. He wanted to be in a clown unit and make people laugh, and wasn't thinking about the serious business that Shriners get up to. "Not many people join only to volunteer," Andrew said. "Many do it for the fun and fellowship, but very quickly learn that the serious things we do are fun. Volunteering and helping others is fun."

Shriners International is the fraternity that founded Shriners Hospitals for Children as its official philanthropy in 1922. The fraternity, which has nearly 200 chapters in several countries, and thousands of clubs around the world, continues to support this unique health care system.

Andrew is the current chairman of the Board of Governors for the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital, and has learned quite a lot over the past year while leading the group through the pandemic.

Andrew's first introduction to our hospital was in 2009 when he visited for the expanded board day celebration. He was so impressed with the hospital's mission during his tour that only three years later he became an associate board member. "Shriners' mission became my personal mission," he said.

He pushes that mission forward with a friendly face and an upbeat personality, even as the pandemic set in early last year. Andrew explained that looking toward the positives is what made him and the other board members think of new ways to solve old problems. "We didn't know what to expect," he said, "but we found that having to learn new ways of doing things also made us come up with new and better solutions."

Many of those new solutions in the early days of the pandemic meant going digital. Andrew said that he learned a lot quickly, bringing his skills into the 21st century. "Personally, I learned to e-sign documents," he said. "I can use Skype, Zoom, and Teams now. I'm almost as cool as my kids."

"We have not only survived the great challenge, but we also excelled," Andrew said. "I learned that we could do things in many ways and succeed. We had the best year of fundraising in our history."

Being a first-generation immigrant to the United States, Andrew said that he feels fortunate to have what he does today. "I get to make a living in America and do the human duty of helping others," he said. But more importantly to him, he gets to have fun doing what he does. He said that his main objective on the board is to bring joy and fun to the serious work they do.

Moving forward in 2021, Andrew is optimistic about during the second year of his term. And although he he looks forward to seeing the "Shriners Philly" family able to see the hospital staff in person and thank each us."



# Where & When Our Shrine Units, Clubs, & Masonic Lodges Meet

## UNIT MEETING SCHEDULE

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

## CLUB MEETINGS

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

## AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS MEETINGS

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

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# Former Potentates of Alzafar Shriners

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*	2014 Expelled
1969 Keith Gerstner*	2015 Jay Dee Thomas
1970 Jack W. Cones, Jr.*	2016 John Dunn
1971 Bruce Waitz*	2017 Gary Rabansky
1972 Floyd F. Graham*	2018 Jason Triggs
1973 Drue H. Floyd*	2019 Eric DeWalt
1974 Jack O. Dietz*	2020 Marty Bartlett

## 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)
1979 Ray Robinson	(Suez)
1981 Donald Garrido	(Abou Saad Shriners)
1983 David Martin	(Suez Shriners)
1998 Terry Zittle	(Abou Saad Shriners)

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

**This article is excerpted from a Masonic Education Talk by Tuncel Gulsoy and Alan J. Hutchison.  
Submitted by Richard Wallace - Alzafar Band**

You may all remember that I had made an effort to examine some possible links between our craft and Jazz; it was almost two years ago and you may remember how I had started addressing you. First there was a name list that I had wanted to share with you, and I will start my speech from the same point as before:

Louis Armstrong-Jazz Musician  
Count Basie-Composer, Orchestra leader  
Irving Berlin-Entertainer  
James Herbert "Eubie" Blake-Composer and Pianist  
George H. Cohan, American singer, songwriter & playwright.  
Nat "King" Cole-Great ballad singer and pianist  
Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington-Composer, Arranger, Pianist and Orchestra leader  
Lionel Hampton-Composer and Orchestra leader  
William C. Handy-Composer "Father of the Blues"  
Al Jolson-the Actor of the first talking picture (sound movie)  
(Jazz Singer)  
Glenn Miller-Orchestra leader  
Adolphe Joseph Sax-Inventor of the musical instrument saxophone  
Paul Whiteman-Orchestra leader "King of Jazz"

What is the common denominator among these people?

Louis Armstrong was an American Jazz pianist and was equally at home as a trumpet player, "Satchmo", and as a singer, he was acknowledged as the world's leading jazz musician of his day. He was a member of Lodge Montgomery No. 18, Prince Hall Affiliation, New York.

William "Count" Basie was an American jazz pianist and band-leader, who became one of the longest surviving pioneers of the big-band era. He was a member of both a Craft Lodge and Shriner Temple under the Prince Hall Affiliation, New York.

Irving Berlin was also an American composer and songwriter whose best-selling songs ranged from "Alexander's Rag-time Band" in 1911 to "White Christmas" in 1942. He is equally well known for his theatre and film music, which included Top Hat, Follow the Fleet, and Annie Get your Gun. Irving Berlin was a member of Munn Lodge No.190, New York City, the Scottish Rite Valley of New York City, and Mecca Shrine Temple. Bro. He wrote the song "God Bless America" and it today is regarded by many as America's second national anthem and is regularly sung at Masonic Lodge functions.

George Cohan was a Life member of Pacific Lodge No. 233, New York City, being raised there November 16, 1905. He received his 32o AASR (NJ) on February 3, 1906. He was also a life Member of Mecca Shrine Temple, New York City.

Hubert "Eubie" Blake was a Jazz pianist, dancer, and composer. He composed popular and serious music and remained active as a performer throughout his long life.

Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington is an American jazz musician. He was also a composer, arranger and pianist. He was a significant figure in the American 20th century music. His impressions of initiation were recorded in his song "I'm beginning to see the light", which was also sung by Louis Armstrong. Ellington's orchestra has been considered as the most prominent jazz group of its era. Duke has always written music to bring out the best abilities and creativities of his team members. He was initiated in Social Lodge No. 1 Washington D.C., Prince Hall Affiliation. His impressions of initiation were recorded in his song "I'm beginning to see the light", which was also sung by Louis Armstrong.

Nat "King" Cole is still popular for the musical heritage he has left for us many years after his death he was initiated in Thomas Waller Lodge No. 49, Los Angeles, Prince Hall Affiliation.

Al Jolson has been the leading actor of "Jazz Singer" the first sound movie of cinema history and was a member of St. Cecile Lodge No. 568, New York City.

Glenn Miller has paved the way of Big Bands in the music world to unprecedented height. Saxophone, the most jazz associated instrument of jazz music have been invented by Antoine Sax who was initiated in Lodge Les Vrais Amis de l'Union in 1842.

Paul Whiteman was a member of St. Cecile Lodge #569 in New York.

In fact the list is not limited to above names and there are many other jazz musicians in the craft though they are less known in the world and I repeat my question once again.

What is the common denominator among all these names? Your natural instinct will prompt you to say "jazz". Yes, "jazz" is the right answer, but there is still a missing part to it.

All of the names above are your brothers, who have passed away to eternal east long ago leaving us with their unforgettable deeds, and: All of them are Freemasons.



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DATE	PARADE	LOCATION	LINEUP	START
Sat. Mar 2nd	Masonic Youth Brunch & Grand Master Conference	SASA Ballroom	Following Alamo	
Sat. May 1st	Cornyval	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 11:00AM	Christmas Parade <i>(Alzafar Ladies and Family)</i>	Sattler	9:30AM	