

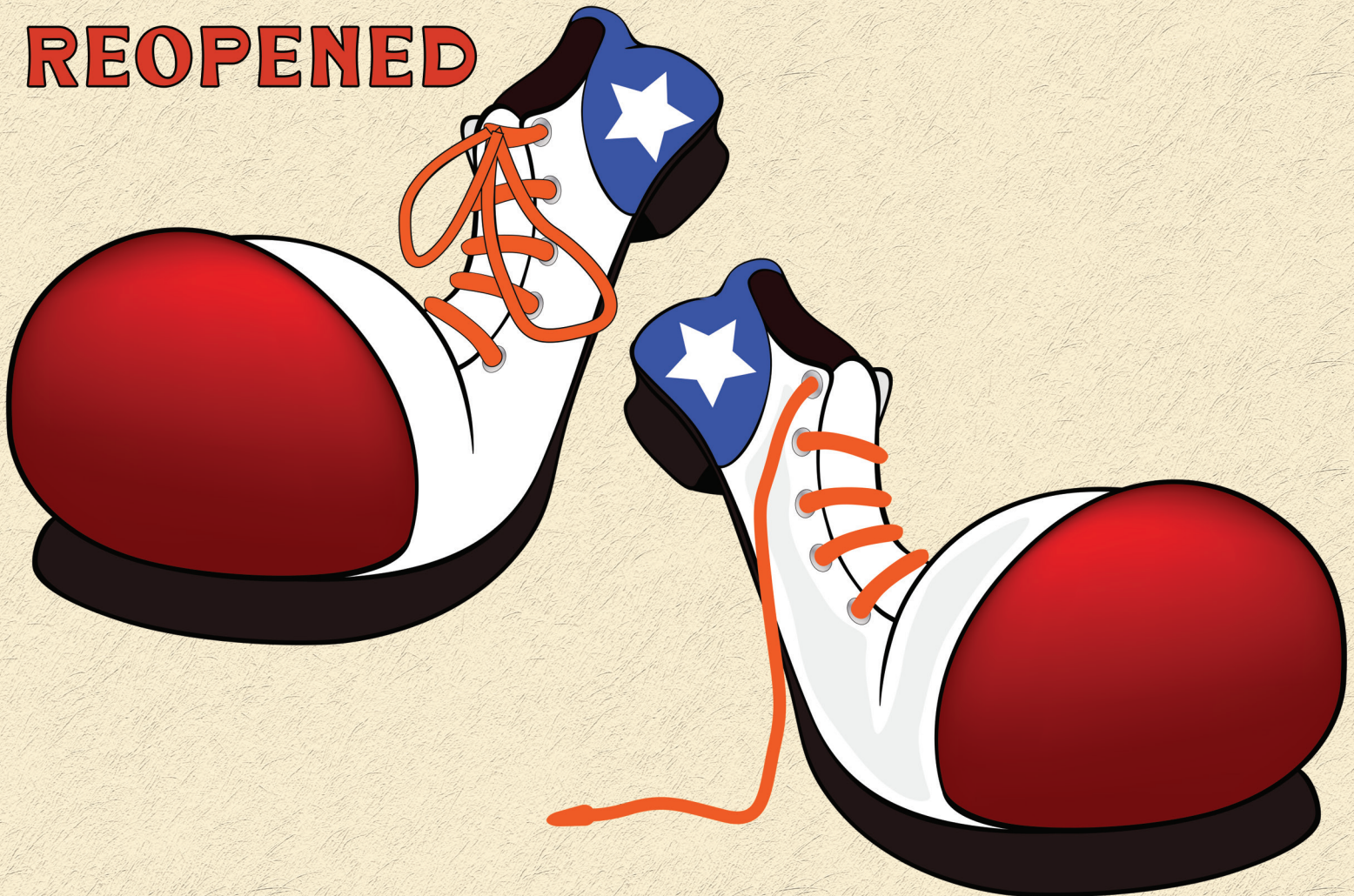


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**OK SHRINERS, IT'S TIME
TO PUT THEM BOOTS ON
THE GROUND!**

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NOTICE ON STATED MEETING

The following Stated Meeting of Alzafar Shriners will be held June 10, 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 meetings 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 2021 DUES CARD WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ADMITTANCE into any STATED MEETINGS.

BE SURE TO BRING THESE THREE THINGS:

- Your Fez on your head
- Your Dues Card in your pocket
- The spirit of fun & good fellowship in your heart.

Thomas D. Leverett

Recorder: Thomas D. Leverett

L. Travis Elmendorf

Potentate: Illustrious Sir, L.T. Elmendorf



Link "Travis" Elmendorf
 Potentate of Alzafar Shriners

Alzafar,

Spring is here, and our beautiful Texas is heating up. With this advance of seasons, we also see a transition in our willingness and desire to get out and gather. The Alzafar Car Club had one of their best shows ever, with a reported 200 plus entries. Our Oriental Guide produced an Easter Party out of this world; the smiles and laughter from the children and families were a sound that we have dearly missed. Our parade in Poteet was another grand affair, with our units and the families that spectated; they were both out in force. We are optimistically viewing the future and an end to the life we have had to experience these past months. It has not been a smooth and painless time. We have endured much, singularly, and together. I pray that all is well with you and yours.

As we shake off the lethargy that has enveloped us, let us look to our Brothers and Nobles. Reach out to those whom you have not seen or heard from in recent days and months. Extend that Brotherly affection and fraternal bond for which we are well known. Let us look to where we can assist our Units, Clubs, and ultimately Alzafar itself. Let everyone offer the energy and the support we can provide as one. I long for Alzafar's reawakening that we might radiate the sounds of industry and operation again. This year still has many items on our agenda, and through your aid and all can be accomplished.

Some of the items on our agenda include TSA and Imperial. Alzafar is hosting TSA on 3 June through the 5th and the Imperial Session in Houston in July. I would ask that all units with the ability to compete come and bring the heat to our TSA Brethren. The TSA registration paperwork is available at the Shrine center and

online. If you are not in a competing unit, come watch the competitions. There will be a dinner and band open to all Texas Nobility on 3 June; you will have to register for this event at \$50 per person. We dearly hope to see you there.

Much love to Alzafar!

Travis Elmendorf



Robert M. Norman, II
Chief Rabban of Alzafar Shriners

Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

Alzafar is having a Circus!! Yes, you have read that correct. We are having a Circus!! Fresh off the press and the dates have been confirmed. We will host the 77th Anniversary Alzafar Shrine Circus performances on September 10th thru the 12th at the Freeman Coliseum.

The provider will be sending the nobility ticket proofs to us in the next couple of weeks. Once we finalize the tickets, they will be sent out to the nobility. We ask you to please pay for your tickets once they arrive, even if you aren't able to use them. Pay for them and then give them away to friends, family, co-workers or whoever. These tickets are a great opportunity for exposure for our fraternity, all while helping Alzafar in the future. If you need additional tickets they will be



available for purchase at the Alzafar Shrine office.

You may be asking yourself what else can I do to help the fraternity with this fundraiser? That answer is: program ad sales and buck-a-lines. The information for these two items are also located at the shrine office or you may call, email, text me directly. In addition, we will begin going to unit meetings to pass these items out. If you don't have an opportunity to get to the shrine office or even a unit meeting, the office can send them to you via email. The program ad sales form is a great way for our local community to advertise their business in our circus program all while helping the fraternal side for Alzafar. Please assist us and your temple with getting individuals and businesses to purchase an ad for the circus program.

We look forward to working with you, the provider, and local businesses to ensure a successful circus. Show time will be here before we know it.

Lady Tiffany and I look forward to visiting with you all in the near future. Like always, if you have a suggestion on how to make something run a little smoother or how we can make something better, don't hesitate to reach out to us. Until we meet again, stay positive and test negative.



Richard A "Rick" Reyes, III
Assistant Rabban of Alzafar Shriners

Alzafar, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank y'all once again for allowing me to represent our organization on your behalf. It's been three months so far in 2021 and I've enjoyed every bit of it. From the DON installation, to the Car Show, and the LOS installation, this year has already ramped up in comparison to last year. I even had the opportunity to spend some time out at Camp Alzafar a couple of weeks ago and found

the grounds in great shape with many magnificent changes. Well done to those out at camp that have made the effort to turn it into a 5-star experience for all that have the opportunity to visit our fine establishment.

Throughout the last month, Amanda and I have been very busy behind the scenes preparing for our first ever

Alzafar Golf Tournament to be held in Laredo, TX. That's right Alzafar, we are headed south for an event you won't want to miss. We are scheduled for Friday, May the 28th with a shotgun start of 3:30pm. For more information, please call the office, myself, or take a look at our Facebook page. Many hands make for light work, so if you are able and willing, we'd love to have you down in Laredo helping out for our most glorious cause.



Beyond the first golf tournament, we are gearing up for our next golf tournament which will be held again in San Antonio. We are currently still on target for the last Thursday in September with an afternoon start time and a format similar to our tournament last year. More information will be coming out soon. As for the Gala, at this point in the year, we plan to have one. As we complete the planning and pre planning for the two golf tournaments, we'll then transition to our Gala planning with an expected date of October 2nd still being our goal.

Lastly, if you have ideas don't hesitate to bring them to our attention. That being said, please have a plan of how "you" plan to assist "Alzafar" with the plan. An idea is only an idea when good insight and shared planning come to a point. When an idea is presented without any direction, it then becomes a request and at times a demand. We want to welcome all ideas and limit request. Ideas will propel Alzafar into the future while requests tend to drag us back. If you have an idea, be prepared to present the idea to the nobility, provide insight as to how it will work, why you believe it will work, and what steps you plan to take as well as steps you need Alzafar to take in order for your idea to turn into yet another Alzafar Success.

Until next time
Rick Reyes III



David Olivares

Treasurer of Alzafar Shriners

What a great April we had to start our Spring. In April we had several positive things happening. We had our Annual Easter Party and we also participated in our first "Live" town parade in Poteet. Thank you to all that participated and thank you to Poteet for a great parade.

We now look at May and we continue to stay busy and know that we will continue to stay busy. WE have many thing to look forward to. Building rentals have been picking back up which is great for Alzafar. We are also seeing that we have more parades to attend this year. TSA in June, hosted by Alzafar and the President of TSA who is our own Illustrious Sir, Travis Elmendorf. We also have the 147th Imperial Session in July, which will be hosted by Imperial Sir Jim Smith in Houston, Texas. We as Shriner's from Alzafar have many things to look forward to and be thankful for. Let's keep it up!

Our Alzafar Restricted Funds have been performing well through March and the beginning of April which is great for Alzafar. We are also still getting the "Pennies from Heaven", as Tommy calls it. Alzafar is in a good place right now but let's not get complacent. Let's al do our part to keep Alzafar growing!

We are also doing our part as a Temple to move our children to and from the hospital. Most of it has been via some type of commercial transportation which puts a strain on our Hospital Transportation Fund. I urge any Unit that may have a few extra dollars in their coffers to make a donation to the Transportation Fund. It will always be put to good use!

Finally, I ask everyone to stay involved. Come participate in our Divan and Finance meetings especially if

you have any concerns or questions about any of our finances. This is Your Treasury, Your Divan and Your Temple!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
David Olivares
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- Make plans to come out early for the next Stated Meetings. We have a catered meal for only \$5.00. That is \$5.00 for everyone including the Divan and the Potentate. Please come out and eat a great dinner with your fellow Nobles and Unit and Club friends. The Salt will be waiting in the Hot Desert.

- Does your unit or club want to hold a "Fund Raiser"? Call me at or Alex at 210-496-1625 and get the right form. We have a form to raise money for the Hospitals and Transportation Fund and another for if the Unit wants raise money. The Unit / Club Forms are simply signed by the Potentate, but the Hospital fund-raisers are more difficult and require the Potentates signature and Imperial's signature. Any questions, call me.

- Our rental representative Joy Bonebrake is Rocking Rentals. She has booked \$542,809 for 2021. If your Unit or Club wants to hold an event try to have it during the week or on Sunday. Check with Joy well ahead of time to make sure the date is open.

- Please rally behind our Membership Director, Dennis Stevens and Russell Brown. When was the last time you attended your Blue Lodge. When the Worshipful Master ask if any member has anything for the benefit of the Lodge simply stand up and talk about what is happening at Alzafar Shrine. On April 10 we had our first parade in Poteet. Arrangements had been made to have a tail gate party at the Poteet Lodge. Two Lodge Brothers were sitting inside the Lodge and one asked Robert Norman II, our Chief Rabban, "How do you join the Shrine?". Robert gave him a petition to me and I turned it in to Maria in the office on Monday. Now we will have an Ambassador in the Poteet Masonic Lodge.

Come out and join us at the next event and find out why I say "Alzafar Rocks"!

PROVOST GUARD

Greeting my Brothers:

Please join us in congratulating our pistol team that returned from our Mid-Winter competition. Over 60 shooters participated, hosted by Suez, but held in Wichita Falls. Alzafar's D Team was short-handed but still managed to win a 1st Place team trophy (Michael Raymond, John Pendleton, and Daniel Dailey). Our 2 handed shooters also won individual awards (Boyd Scott 1st Place and Ken Propes 3rd Place). Our newest shooter, Daniel Dailey, finished 2nd in the new shooter category. We are currently preparing for TSA and are looking forward to a much larger shooter turnout for that event. Alzafar Provost Guard is also planning on a team of shooters attending Imperial in Houston in July. There's still time for YOU to join us and compete in both TSA and Imperial; we meet the first Wednesday of the month, 6:30 pm dinner and meeting starts at 7:00 pm, and Ladies are always welcome. We meet in the Provost Guard/Shotgun/Director's Room. Come and see what you're missing!

Michael Raymond,
2nd Assistant Marshal



Hospital Transportation



Shrine Driver Transportation Protocol
Updated March 2021

Attention: All Nobles

The following communication is an update to the Shrine Driver Transportation Protocol previously sent on June 26, 2020. The Shriners Hospitals For Children Reinstatement Task Force under the direction of Dr. Dean Blumberg, Chairman of the SHC Infection Prevention Advisory Council and Executive Leadership have determined essential patient vehicle transportation may commence based upon your temple's availability of drivers and ability to adhere to CDC and state and local guidelines.

We strongly encourage you and your loved ones be vaccinated against COVID-19 as recommended by the Centers for Disease and Control (CDC), as soon as a vaccine is available in your area. Vaccination will reduce transmission of the virus and protect those around you including our patients and families. Additionally, vaccinated persons should have their COVID vaccination card on their person in the event it may be requested (during travel).

The following requirements, previously outlined in the June 26 communication, must be followed to safeguard the health of Shrine drivers and our patients and families when transportation is provided.

Please note, Shriners Hospitals for Children (SHC) follows the most current public health CDC guidance and/or state and local guidance, whichever is stricter. In undertaking transportation of patients, you must do the same. Your local SHC facility is available if you have questions at any time regarding local public health guidance.

General Statements

1. Only SHC facility requests for transportation are to be accepted. If your temple receives a request directly from a parent/guardian, please check with the SHC location before agreeing to provide a Shrine driver to take the patient for an appointment. This is to ensure compliance with established criteria for everyone's safety. There may be other alternatives available for transportation.
2. The SHC location will review with the patient/guardian their role in a safe transport by the Shrine driver. Each SHC location will identify a contact person for your questions and any issues that may arise with regard to the patient transportation.
3. All patients and families will be given a list of screening questions (below) by SHC at the time their appointment is confirmed and when Shrine transportation is assigned. These questions are subject to change as recommended by CDC, state and local boards of health. Patients and families will be

asked these questions several times before and during the transportation process as well as upon arrival to Shriners Hospital for Children. The patients and families understand a positive answer to any of these questions will trigger a secondary screening process by SHC and may result in the transportation and appointment being cancelled or rescheduled. This step is necessary for the health and safety of all involved in the transport.

4. Only one adult parent or guardian may accompany the patient in the van. No siblings will be allowed. Van transportation is for a single patient and parent/guardian for each trip regardless of length of the trip.

First Transportation Conversation

5. When the Shrine driver contacts the parent/guardian to arrange transportation, the driver will ask if they have received and understand the screening questions from SHC. The driver should then ask the parent/guardian the screening questions again. If the reply to all questions is NO for the patient, parent/guardian, the travel arrangements should proceed as planned. If the answer is YES to any question, let the parent/guardian know you will be contacting the SHC location for further directions. Please contact the SHC point of contact for further instructions.
6. The Shrine driver and his co-pilot or companion should also confirm that they themselves have answered NO to all the screening questions. If the answer by the driver and/or companion is YES to any question, please contact your temple and notify them to arrange for another driver. If no other driver is available and the temple cannot provide a driver, please notify the SHC facility as quickly as possible so other options can be explored.

Day of Transport

7. The Shrine driver and his co-pilot or companion should answer the screening questions again regarding their own status. If the answer to any question is YES:
 - a. Contact your temple and the SHC location receiving the patient. The SHC contact will follow up with the parent/guardian to identify if there are other alternatives and if not, the appointment will be rescheduled.
 - b. Please contact your own PCP as soon as possible and provide your screening results.
8. Prior to transporting, clean high touch surfaces in the vehicle with disposable disinfectant wipes containing at least 70% alcohol.
 - a. Store brand wipes such as Walgreens, CVS as well as hospital grade wipes such as Pharma-C-Wipes, Paragon 70% Alcohol Cleanser Solution and Micro Care MCC-ML-CWR Alcohol Disinfecting Wipes are effective as well.
 - b. Examples of surfaces to be cleaned include vinyl seats, door handles, seatbelts and buckles, steering wheel, gearshift, radio, air vents adjustments, sun visor and car seats.
 - c. Soft and porous materials are generally not as easy to disinfect as hard and non-porous surfaces. Please consider purchasing vinyl seat coverings for ease of cleaning. However, if soft or porous seats are used, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) lists a limited number of products approved **(Continued on Page 7)**



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...disinfection for use on soft and porous materials.

9. When picking up the patient and parent/guardian ask if the screening questions are still negative. Ask the screening questions again. If the reply to all questions is NO, the ride should proceed as planned. If the answer is YES to any question, let the parent/guardian know you will be contacting the SHC location for further directions. Please contact the SHC point of contact for further instructions. If the point of contact is not available due to the time of day, request to speak to a nurse in charge.

10. Prior to entering the vehicle, all occupants including driver and co-pilot or companion must wear a face mask covering the nose and mouth and perform hand hygiene with either a liquid hand sanitizer or sanitizing hand wipe containing at least 70% alcohol. The mask must be worn during the entire duration of the trip. No mask, no transportation. Children under 2 years of age are not required to be masked.

11. During the ride, hand hygiene should be performed periodically and masks must remain in place. Airflow in the vehicle should be refreshed and not recycled for the comfort of the occupants.

While at SHC

12. Upon arrival, the patient and parent/guardian will be screened at the main entrance, instructed to perform hand hygiene, then directed to their appointment. Please note, some locations may request that patients and guardians remain in their vehicle until the staff is ready to receive the patient in order to minimize patients and guardians in the lobby or patient care area. This information will be communicated in advance. We ask you to be flexible and patient with these precautions.

13. Shrine drivers and their co-pilot or companion will be screened at the main entrance, perform hand hygiene and instructed to wear a mask at all times while in the facility, then directed to the Drivers Lounge. Waiting in the lobby is not permitted in order to ensure social distancing and patient flow. We ask that you not walk through the facility, respect social distancing and frequently conduct hand hygiene.

14. Prior to departing drivers should once again clean high touch surfaces in the vehicle. SHC will provide disposable gloves and approved disinfectant disposable wipes if you do not have the supplies.

After Transport

15. After the patient and parent/guardian have reached their destination, please thoroughly clean seats and high touch surfaces in the vehicle.

16. In the event SHC is notified of a COVID positive patient or accompanying parent/guardian you have transported, the Shrine driver and his co-pilot or companion will be notified directly in accordance with local and state public health contact tracing guidance.

17. In the event the Shrine driver and his co-pilot or companion test positive for COVID-19 the administrator of the SHC location is to be notified.

Shrine Driver COVID-19 Screening Questions Updated | March 19 2021

1. In the past 14 days, have you had close contact with someone with confirmed COVID-19 (without wearing a face mask, eye protection and/or N-95 respirator or equivalent)?
2. Have you had a positive COVID test (*Continued on Page 8*)

...for active virus in the past 10 days?

3. In the past 24 hours have you had a fever of 100F°/37.8C° or greater or have you taken any medications to reduce a fever?

4. Have you experienced any of the following symptoms within the past 48 hours?

Fever or feeling feverish (100F°/37.8C° or greater) or chills

- Cough (not due to a chronic or known condition)
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of smell or taste
- Sore throat
- New nasal congestion or new runny nose (not related to seasonal allergies)
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Questions may be directed to: marketing@shrinenet.org



**ALZAFAR SHOTGUN UNIT
AKA SMOKIN CLAYS
BY BILL WILLIS**

Greetings to all. The Shotgun Unit recently competed in our first major tournament of 2021 as the Texas Shrine Shotgun Sports Association (TSSSA) hosted its Mid-Winter Shoot on March 27th at the Comal County Shooting Sports Range here in San Antonio. Well, actually Spring Branch, but close enough. Jerry Smitha, the TSSSA President (and ASGU Treasurer) and his Lady Gay put on an event to remember. There were four Temples competing with nine teams of five shooters. Alzafar had a great turnout fielding five of the nine teams, and we brought home some trophies to present to our Potentate, Illustrious Sir Travis Elmendorf. Thanks to all the Divan that showed up to support this great event. And a special thanks to all the Nobles, Ladies, and family members that pitched in to make this event such a great success. We couldn't have done it without you.

The Alzafar "Smokin' Clays" brought home 1st and 3rd place trophies for the Hybrid event (Skeet and Five Stand combined) in class B, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies in class C. In the Trap event, Alzafar took 2nd and 3rd place in Class B, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in class C. And Past President Bill Willis was the 3rd place High Overall shooter for the tournament.

We'll be practicing hard over the next couple of months as our biggest tournament of the year is just around the corner. The TSA shoot will be held right here in San Antonio at the National Shooting Complex on

Thursday, June 3rd starting at 8:00 a.m. The discipline will change for this event as we'll be shooting 100 Sporting Clays. Hope to see many of you out there to cheer us on as the President's Cup will be on the line. We'll also be holding a drawing at the shoot for a Beretta Silver Pigeon 12 gauge over and under shotgun. And there's still time to purchase tickets for the drawing, so, if you're interested in a chance to go home with this beautiful shotgun, contact any member of the Shotgun Unit. And, if you're interested in shooting with us, either just for fun, or even competing with us, give us a holler. We'd love to see you out on the range. As a reminder, our stated meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Director's Staff room. And come early as our Honorary Third Vice and Chief Chef, Noble David Hadley, always serves a fine dinner starting at 6:30.

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



**ALZAFAR SHRINE SENIORS
By: Daniel Coburn, Secretary, 4/01/21**

The monthly meeting of the Alzafar Senior's with 18 people attending was held in the Parlors room on April 1st at noon. The meeting was opened by President, Albert Pike. Chaplain Donald Garrido, PP, gave the invocation. Honors to the American flag were presented. Masonic and Shrine organization members, Past Potentates, and Past and current Masonic Lodge Masters were recognized.

The members enjoyed meal of roast chicken provided by Dan Coburn and dessert provided by Ralph McLeod. Following the meal Brother Jerry Notwonty gave an informative talk about the impact of our actions on those surrounding us even when we are not aware that we are being watched.

The Shrine Seniors Club meets at noon on the first Thursday of every month, usually in the Alzafar Shrine Parlors Room. All senior Shrine Members and their Ladies are welcome to join us for a good lunch and stimulating conversation. Our next meeting will be held on May 6th, 2021. As an exception our May meeting will be held in the Roustabout's room.

For more information, or to RSVP, contact Secretary Daniel Coburn at 830-832-5513 or at dycoburn@gmail.com. We look forward to having you join us.

Poteet Strawberry Festival Parade



Photo by Art Loera

Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

Here is a quick recap of our awesome outing to Poteet. This was a great kick off to the parade season!

To begin with I am going to try and mention those from the Motor Club that participated, if I don't mention you, please forgive me as I'm still trying to learn the names and faces. I'll bring a notebook in the future and make sure to get everyone's name written down and not try to rely on an aging memory.

- Vice-President Eric Whited drove Lady Tanja's highly customized Honda
- Treasurer James Hoyo brought his 1974 Chevrolet Pickup
- Secretary (yours truly) drove his 1953 Chevrolet Pickup
- Oscar Flores and his BEEEuatifully shined 1956 Chevrolet Bel Air
- Stuart Leinen customized 2010 Ford 150 and Noble Don from the Motor Patrol Unit joined us with his very nicely done Polaris Slingshot

The Shriners were in the 40th spot and we rolled on time at 10:00 am. The Honor Guard was lead followed by the Motor Club and members of the Divan accompanying us. Here's a shout out to Illustrious Sir L. Travis Elmendorf, I thoroughly enjoyed your company and conversation along the route.

I couldn't see much behind me, but I know the Mini-Wheels, Red Roadsters, and Clowns were in line back there also.

The route was about a mile and a half or maybe even a little more. The people turned out in



Photo by Art Loera



droves all along the way. The waves, smiles and shouts of enthusiasm were absolutely uplifting for the soul. This kind of reception inspires me to want to do the best I can as a Noble.

After we completed the route many of us joined for fellowship and food at Poteet Lodge #1074. Many thanks to the Brothers there for extending their hospitality and camaraderie. From there it was a return ride home with memories to last a lifetime.



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**Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America
Lady Ann Teague, High Priestess**

Well, we did it this year; we were able to hold an open installation of officers on Mar 27th at 2 pm. Please enjoy the pictures from the beautiful installation. Finally, we see the light at the end of this pandemic tunnel; what a change from last year. We are all still working extremely hard for our members and on behalf of Children. It is a labor of love with many fundraisers planned for this year, and God willing, we will be able to do them as scheduled. Here is the list for this year.

Mason Jar Art is on Jun 19th, in the Parlors from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, with a cost of \$15.00 which will include the art supplies and finger foods. To ensure enough supplies, please contact Lady Jeanetta Davis, Princess, at jeanetta@gvvc.com by Jun 12th.

Mad Hatter's Tea is on Aug 21st, in the Terrace Room at 1 pm.

Putin' on the Glitz is Sept 18th, in the Terrace Room.

Mystery Theater is on for Nov 6th in the Parlors, where Christmas decorations (gently used and new) will be available for a silent auction.

Ugly Sweater Party will happen on Dec 17th.

More information will follow as we approach the dates. So, please mark your calendar with all these fantastic opportunities. Join us for fun and fellowship and always for a noble purpose to raise money so that we may help others in need.

Did You Know

The Ladies' Oriental Shrine of North America (LOSNA) was founded over 110 years ago. The aim and goals of the Ladies' Oriental Shrine, as





set forth at the organizational meeting in 1903, are to promote sociability, good fellowship and the betterment of all Ladies connected with the organization. When the Shriners founded the Shrine Hospitals for Children and the first hospital was built in 1922, the Ladies committed to supporting the Shrine's official philanthropy. The Shrine's 22 hospitals offer treatment in orthopedics, burn care, cleft lip & palate, and spinal cord injury. These treatments are provided regardless of the patient's or family's ability to pay.

Today the Courts across North America continue to support the hospitals through sewing projects, research projects and other areas of interest. Each Court not only raises funds for the hospitals, but they donate clothing, stuffed animals, purchase equipment, staff the information desk in the various hospitals and serve as office personnel on a voluntary basis. The LOSNA contributes well over a half million dollars yearly to the Shrine Hospitals.



While the LOSNA is not an auxiliary of Shriners International but a separate and distinct Order, we are passionate about helping Shriners help kids.

We have a great court here in San Antonio. We raise money to donate to the Shriners' Hospitals and other Shrine organizations. It is all about the kids. Come see why and become a member. Email us at Altrui.Court@gmail.com if you or anyone you know wants to join us, someone will contact you. As a member if you have any updates to your contact information, please send the updates to our email address at Altrui.court@gmail.com.

Until next time, stay safe,

Ann Teague
High Priestess



DONATIONS

There are several options to make donations to LOSNA and/or Shriners Hospitals for Children:

Contact the Grand Council of Ladies' Oriental Shrine of North America by email to grjester@gmail.com

Through a local Court – find the location closest to you by going to the Local Court page. Sending a tax-free donation to the Grand Council LOSNA Foundation – more information at info@ladiesorientalshrinefound.org

Happy Mother's Day

“Only mothers can think of the future because they give birth to it in their children.”

—Maxim Grosky

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Nekodah Temple No. 44
Daughters of the Nile
Queen Linda Purcell

We are having our annual Sewing Room Birthday luncheon on April 27, 2021 in the Alzafar Dining room 11-1. Tickets are \$12.00 each. You may contact Sherry Jackson for tickets and information.

The Daughters of the Nile - 105th Annual Supreme Session - Calgary, Alberta, Canada on June 20-24, 2021 has been cancelled due to the Covid pandemic.

Save the date for the following upcoming fun events:

June 29, 2021
Loteria night
6:30pm -
9:30pm in the
Alzafar
Parlors

August 06,
2021 Annual
Picnic
6:30pm -
9:00pm in the
Alzafar Terrace
room

Friendly Re-
minder, if you
have not paid
your 2021-
2022 (\$52) dues you may send them to Pr Recorder
Rita Young, her contact information is in the Roster or
you can email her at nekodahrecorder@gmail.com for
questions.

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 Tem-
ple No. 44, please contact any of our members or
the Membership Team: PQ. Margie Flores, PQ. Peggy
Songer, PQ. Charlie Bedgood, PQ Carol Carpenter, Pr.
Rita Young and Pr. Regina Beseth.



The Alzafar Motor Club meets on the 3rd Tuesday's of
each month, usually in our unit meeting room number
9. We are a social unit and enjoy the occasional Ladies
Night and sometimes we hold our unit meetings at a
restaurant and it works out well because the ladies
usually join us. You do not have to have a special vehi-
cle of interest in order to be a member, just profess to
be an enthusiast and enjoy hanging out with like-mind-
ed people. Gavel drops at 7pm.

If you missed it, the car show was a huge success and
we had over 200 registrations, and well over 500 hun-
dred spectators. We raised some monies for the Alzafar
Hospital Transportation Fund to be voted on and
presented to the Divan at our next meeting. Very spe-
cial thanks go out to the Rick & Amanda Reyes
Family for carrying on the tradition of selling the 50/50
raffle tickets. They picked up a trainee and received
some extra help from Lady Samantha of the Whited
Family.

Many thanks to young Mike and Mike Calloway, Steve
Fisk, Ken, Lady Tanja and Eric Whited, the Zuniga Fam-
ily, George Garza, Ill Sirs Tom Young and Travis Elmen-
dorf and any, many others for all of the hard work put
in.

Please talk about all we do to anyone who will listen;
you never know when it may SPARK "THE QUESTION"
or help the children in our hospitals. We pray the chil-
dren have a speedy recovery! Until next time, May the
Great Architect Bless us All!



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

UNIT MEETING SCHEDULE

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

CLUB MEETINGS

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

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS MEETINGS

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



Former Potentates of Alzafar Shriners

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

Alzafar Shriners Who Are Former Potentates of Other Shrine Centers

1964 Roy Reynolds*	(El Bekal Shriners)
1970-71 Eldon O. Wesner*	(Anezeh Shriners)
1979 Ray Robinson	(Suez)
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**

In Memoriam

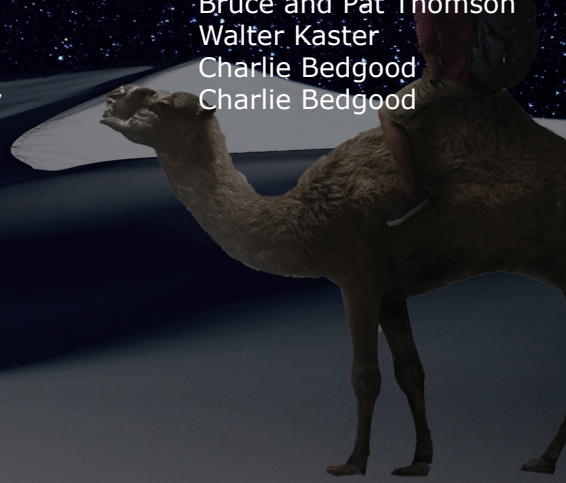
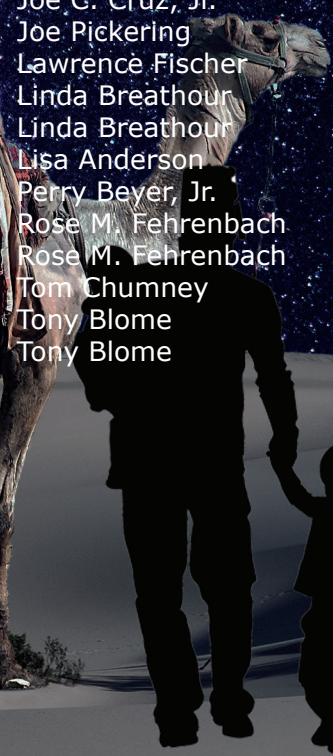
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2021 Master Calendar

As we continue to move through the year will look to have days added or subtracted. Please send in your unit event ASAP:

April

5th Finance/Divan Meeting
8th Stated Meeting
10th TSA OG Seminar
15th-25th Fiesta (TBD)

May

1st Local Corn Hole Tournament/ Cornyval Parade(TBD)
8th Bike Race
10th Finance/Divan Meeting
13th Stated Meeting

June

7th Finance/Divan Meeting
10th Stated Meeting
19th Burgess Fest Parade
Ladies and Family(TBD)

July

6th Imperial Parade(Imperial Session)
4th-8th Imperial Session Houston

(Dark)Alzafar Shrine Center

August

9th Finance/Divan
12th Stated Meeting

September

4th Kendall Parade- Boerne
6th Finance/Divan Meeting
9th Stated Meeting
10th - 12 Alzafar Shrine Circus

October

11th Finance/Divan Meeting
14th Stated Meeting
23rd Medina Co Parade- Hondo

November

8th Finance/Divan Meeting
11th Stated Meeting
13th Veteran's Day Parade

December

6th Finance /Divan Meeting
9th Stated Meeting (Election of Officers)
11th Christmas Parade - Sattler