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Notice of Stated Meeting of Alzafar Shriners

The following Stated Meeting of Alzafar Shriners will be on **September 14, 2023 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 2023 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: Michael Barnes

Rick Reyes
Potentate: Illustrious Sir, Richard A. "Rick" Reyes, III

As I write this article, we are about three days from the Shriners International Imperial Session. Over the last week, your Alzafar Shriners spent hours supporting our fraternity and philanthropy in Charlotte, North Carolina.



Illustrious Sir Richard A. "Rick" Reyes, II
Potentate of Alzafar Shriners

Amanda and I would be remiss if we didn't thank everyone for all their hard work and efforts. This last week was an amazing success because of each of you. For those of

you who have not had the opportunity to attend an Imperial Session, I urge you to make every effort to participate in next year's Imperial Session in Reno, NV. Two notable events took place at Imperial Session this year.

First and most importantly, after three years of attempts, the temple per capita increase finally happened. Our per capita dues which we remit to Shriners International each year, went from \$30 per member to \$50 per member. There is no need to worry about it, as we made the necessary changes last year when we voted to increase Alzafar's dues. Second, something that should serve as a reminder is that we should never engage a protesting individual if possible. As a reminder, other organizations may not agree with the practices of our organization. It is never our intent to actively engage anyone in protest. It is their right to peacefully protest, and we must, as an organization, respect their right. Should you find yourself in a situation whereby you may disagree with someone in protest of our organization, please turn around and do not engage them. Potestaztions and arguments are far beneath us.

We have some major events coming up, which we are excited to announce soon. We are still working on a few minor touches for a couple of major events, so keep your eyes and ears open, as I'm sure you won't want to miss what we have on our agenda. Finally, as a reminder, it's never too early to start planning your Christmas parties. I've already received RSVPs from two units on their Christmas party. I can assure you that they will have representation at their party. I hope you will too. We are continuously encouraged by all your efforts and anxiously awaiting the next successful event at Alzafar.

Fraternally yours,
Rick Reyes, Alzafar Potentate 2023

JOIN OUR MISSION IN MOTION

Help Us Provide Mobility and Joy! Donate to Our Mission in Motion Wheelchair Fundraiser Today!

Shriners Hospitals for Children believes that every child deserves the freedom to move, explore, and experience the world around them. Unfortunately, many children in our

pediatric hospital face physical challenges that restrict their mobility. In developing countries we also face economic challenges, but with your generous support, we can change their lives and bring smiles to their faces!

We are thrilled to launch our Wheelchair Fundraiser to provide state-of-the-art wheelchairs to our young patients at our Mexico City Hospital. These specialized wheelchairs will enable children with limited mobility to participate in activities, attend school, and engage in daily adventures alongside their friends and loved ones.



each child. Whether a lightweight, maneuverable wheelchair for a young athlete or a specially designed chair with adjustable supports for a child with complex medical conditions, your support will significantly impact.

Here's how you can contribute:

- **Make a monetary donation:** Every dollar you donate brings us closer to our goal of enhancing the lives of these courageous young patients. Your contribution, no matter the size, will make a difference.
- **Sponsor a wheelchair:** By directly sponsoring a wheelchair, you can provide a child with the gift of mobility. Your sponsorship will be acknowledged with a personalized plaque, and you'll receive updates on your donation's impact.
- **Share our cause:** Help us spread the word about our Wheelchair Fundraiser by sharing our campaign on social media platforms, within your community, and with friends and family. Together, we can raise awareness and inspire others to make a meaningful difference in these children's lives.



Imagine the delight on a child's face as they roll through the hallways, feeling a newfound sense of independence and empowerment. With your contribution, we can make this dream a reality for countless children in need. Your donation will help us acquire a diverse range of wheelchairs tailored to the unique needs of

Let's come together as a compassionate community and ensure that every child in our pediatric hospital can explore, play, and experience the joy of movement. Your support will not only transform their lives but also provide comfort to their families.

Donate today and be a part of this incredible journey toward freedom, joy, and limitless possibilities for children in need. Together, we can make a lasting impact!



THE 2ND ANNUAL ALZAFAR BBQ COOK-OFF



Sanctioned by
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GUARANTEED \$7,500 IN PAYOUTS!

September 15&16, 2023

901 N Loop 1604 W, San Antonio, TX 78232

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- Friday, Sept 15th:
 - 8:00pm: Cooks Choice Turn in
- Saturday, Sept 16th:
 - 11:00am Beans Turn in
 - 12:00pm Chicken Turn in
 - 1:30pm Pork Spareribs Turn in
 - 3:00pm Brisket Turn in
 - 5:30pm AWARDS
 - 7:00pm MUSIC

Proceeds from this event benefit Alzafar Shriners operational accounts.
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Good day
Nobles & Ladies!!!

Here we are a little over ½ the year already gone and there's still so much going on. Your Divan just came back from Imperial which was held in Charlotte NC. First, congratulations to our very own Illustrious Rick "Tater" Reyes for competing in the clown competition and bringing home a few awards. Another win for our temple was in the cornhole competition which Alzafar came home with 1st place. Congratulation Eddy Bowers for showing his skills and bringing home the win. Everyone represented Alzafar well. Imperial session was very informative and can't wait to share all the great things coming up in the next year. If you were unable to attend this year, start your plans for next year. Imperial session will be held in Reno, NV and you definitely don't want to miss it.



Noble Marco Zuniga
Chief Rabban of Alzafar Shriners

Upcoming events will be our ceremonial to be held Saturday, August 19th. Let's show support to our new nobles. September will be our 2nd Annual BBQ Cook-Off. There is still time to sign up your team and spread the word. You can sign up on Eventbrite.com to participate as either a cook-off team or as a vendor.

As always Lady Lori & I thank you for your continued support and hope to make you proud.

Til next time,
Marco Zuniga



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Dear Alzafar Members,

I am thrilled to share the incredible experiences and achievements of Imperial Session 2023. It was truly a remarkable year, from attending meetings and the Imperial Session to connecting with fellow Nobles who tirelessly work to raise funds for our fraternity and Hospital system. Our dedication to growth and success was evident as Alzafar received a gold award and was among the 31 temples to achieve this honor. Congratulations, Alzafar! Let's continue our great work and strive for even more success. Don't forget to engage with your appendant bodies and blue lodges.



Noble Michael Long
Assistant Rabban of Alzafar Shriners

If you ever get the opportunity to attend Imperial Session and participate in the competitions, I highly recommend it. The joy and camaraderie shared by brothers worldwide is truly heartwarming. Each unit may have unique techniques and opinions, but witnessing the happiness it brings them is truly special.

The actual session itself is also worth attending. You get a sneak peek at upcoming Imperial Session locations and receive committee reports on various topics. I enjoy sports events like the East/West Shrine Bowl, NCAA basketball, Golf Tournaments, Baseball Classics, and NASCAR. These events provide significant exposure for Shriners Hospitals for Children. On the fraternal side, we had a major discussion about per capita, which increased to \$50 per year. This decision took several hours of debate and explanation. Still, it was necessary to support our Imperial Endowment and prevent further strain on our fraternity's finances. Kudos to all the gentlemen involved in getting this approved and safeguarding our fraternity's future.

Let's shift our focus to the Alzafar Annual Hospital Gala, my most important task this year. Save the date for October 7th! I'm sure you've seen the announcements on social media and received a letter from our office. Tables are available for purchase on EVENTBRITE, and they are selling fast. I encourage everyone who wants to attend to secure their seats or tables. Suppose you have any issues with online purchasing. In that case, I will hold monthly and weekly meetings leading up to the gala (unless it's sold out). Please refer to the Potentate's weekly communication for specific dates and times.

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I will also have my laptop during unit meetings if you want to purchase tickets. In September, I will provide more details as the event approaches.

We need high-quality auction items for the gala. This might also include new Shriner's and Shriner's Children's clothing for both men and women. If you own a vacation rental, whether short or long-term, a donation or discounted fee would make an excellent live auction item. Additionally, jewelry stores, gift cards, booze baskets, and quality wine are all welcome contributions. Please let me know if you know of a gun shop willing to offer Alzafar a deep discount.

Fraternally yours,
Michael Long

Charlotte was awesome and very educational. We raised the per capita to \$50.00 per year, which I supported and was much needed. We elected David Hamm to the Imperial Outer Guard. On The Colorado Corporation, we elected Dr. Stewart and Dr. Guidera for an additional three-year term Tim Ludwig was selected for a new three-year period.

But most of all, I am very Proud of our Potentate Rick Reyes; he represented Alzafar better than I have ever been part of. Nothing but professionalism from him. He Chooses his words wisely while addressing all Shriners at the Imperial Session. He is well respected by all Shriners across the United States, Canada, and Mexico, and you should thank him when you see him for all his dedicated hard work.

If you like BBQ, get ready for fun at Alzafar Shrine. The cook-off is on tap for September 15th and 16th. Last year was a great success, and this year will be even better.

So come out and get a belly full of food, fun, and laughter. Coming up is our Shrine Gala guaranteed to be a great time. Please buy your tables before they sell out. The Gala is on October 7, 2023. Shortly after is our annual golf



Noble Steve White
High Priest & Prophet of Alzafar Shriners

tournament scheduled for November 1, 2023. Last year we reached our goal and netted over 60K, and this year's goal is to earn over 100k. With this money, we move children to our hospitals from all over the world. So put your team together or be a sponsor to help make a difference in a child's life.

Just around the corner is our Shrine Ceremonial set for August 19. What a great way to bring in our new Nobles and their families. Dinner will be provided with an open bar and dancing after dinner. All units, please set up to show off what you do to all the new Nobles.

Until next month enjoy your time with your family and friends.

Steve White
High Priest & Prophet

August marks the middle of Summer, so we have several more weeks of heat here in South and Central Texas! Within the first couple of weeks, many will be returning to school. Please enjoy the summer that is left with your families.

This summer has been busy with Texas Shrine Association and the 149th Imperial Session. Many attended both and brought home some trophies.

Congratulations to all that competed. One clown I wanted to point out is our own Illustrious Sir Rick "Tater" Reyes, who competed at the International Shrine Clown Association at Imperial and came home with a ton of Hardware! I know of at least 5 trophies he won. Congrats, Illustrious Sir!

This month, we have the Ceremonial on Saturday, August 19. One event just before the Ceremonial is a fundraiser called Dishes, Divas, and Darlings. Please get in touch with the office for more info. After that, our High Priest and Prophet, Steve White, planned a great Ceremonial. The whole day is sure to be fun, so let us know you are coming!

Congratulations to our Imperial Sir Marty Bartlett, who was installed last month as our Imperial Second Ceremonial Master. We are proud to have you and Martha representing Alazar on the Imperial line. Yeah, Martha!!



Noble David Olivares
Oriental Guide of Alzafar Shriners





Alzafar Shriners



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July 10, 2023

Dear Noble and Brother:

The Alzafar Shrine in San Antonio is planning a fabulous event to raise money for and increase awareness of Shriners Children's Texas. Our "Great Gatsby Jazz Gala" will be held at the San Antonio Shrine Auditorium on Saturday, October 7, 2023. The event promises an unforgettable experience starting with a delightful cocktail reception accompanied by hors d'oeuvres and a chance to peruse our incredible selection of silent auction items generously donated by our supporters. The schedule continues with an entertaining live auction led by a professional auctioneer. Guests will then indulge in a gourmet feast before concluding the night with a joyful celebration of music, dance, and camaraderie.

As the San Antonio, Central, and South Texas division of Shriners International, Alzafar Shriners is proud to support Shriners Hospitals for Children, newly rebranded as Shriners Children's, our world-class specialty pediatric healthcare hospitals and clinical system. In addition to our hospitals, we operate a transportation and fundraising arm dedicated to assisting Shriners Children's. The annual "Gala" plays a crucial role in raising funds to support these outstanding centers, ensuring that every child, regardless of their ability to pay, receives the best possible medical care through our centers for pediatric medical excellence.

The success of the evening is exclusive to the generous in-kind contribution or via a cash grant from your business, both emblematical of your love of children. The net proceeds from this event benefit Shriners Children's, a 501c(3) charity. All contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent provided by law and are much appreciated.

Ways you can help:

- **In-Kind Auction Items:** We kindly request your donation of high-quality items or experiences that can be auctioned during our event. These can include unique artworks, vacation packages, exclusive event tickets, luxury goods, gift certificates, and other exciting items that will captivate our bidders and help raise funds. Your in-kind donation will generate financial support and create an unforgettable experience for our event attendees.
- **Cash Contributions:** If you prefer to make a cash donation, rest assured that your contribution will be used strategically to address the immediate needs of our pediatric healthcare goals. Your generosity will help us bridge the funding gap, ensuring that every child receives the care they deserve, regardless of their ability to pay. We sincerely appreciate any amount you can contribute, as it will directly impact the lives of these young patients and families.

The next page and following form will assist in a proper listing of your gift. And, with your kind permission, it provides us with sufficient information to formally thank you in print, social, online, and electronic roadside advertising. We thank you for your consideration and look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially,

Noble Michael "Mike" Long
Assistant Rabban and Event Chairman
Phone: (210) 387-0025



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Alzafar Shriners Annual Hospital Gala

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“Great Gatsby Gala”

Saturday, October 7, 2023

Business/Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Description of Item(s)

Special Instructions: _____

*Estimated Retail Value: \$ _____

Gala Committee Member Contact: _____

____ Item(s) given to committee member.

____ Item(s) to be picked up by committee member (will call to schedule)

____ Item(s) attached.

____ You may use our name as appropriate.

Please contact/mail items to:

Shriners Children’s Gala

C/O Alzafar Shriners

901 North Loop 1604 West

San Antonio, TX 78258-1040

Or Call (210) 387-0025

Email: mikelong.alzafar@gmail.com

Contributions should be received by Friday, September 29th, 2023

Thank you for your generous contribution!

Proceeds will benefit Shriners Children’s Texas a 501c (3) Charity. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

For more information on the “Great Gatsby Jazz Gala” please go to: www.alzafar.org

*Please provide the fair market or an estimated retail value of your contribution for IRS tax-deduction purposes.



Do not forget our Divan and Finance Meetings on Monday, August 7, starting at 5:00pm with the Finance Meeting followed by our Divan Meeting. Then on Thursday, August 10, we will have our stated meeting. If you know of a Shriner that has not been to a meeting in a while, please call them to remind them to come and join us. We would love to see them.

Sincerely and fraternally,
David A. Olivares
Oriental Guide
David.Olivares@alzafar.org



The Achbar, on behalf of our Illustrious Potentate Rick Reyes, the members of Alzafar Divan, The Cabiri, and the entire nobility of Alzafar Shriners, extend our deepest condolences to you, Illustrious Sir Robert Norman, on the tragic loss of your beloved mother, Connie Norman. It is with heavy hearts that we offer our sympathies during this difficult time.

Losing a loved one is an immense sorrow that words alone cannot fully express. We understand the pain and grief accompanying such a loss, and we want you to know that we stand by your side, offering our support and love.

May the knowledge that you are not alone provide solace as you navigate this veil of tears. We hope that the cherished memories of your mother bring you comfort and strength in the days ahead. Remember that our extended family, the members of Alzafar Shriners, are here for you, ready to offer a listening ear, a helping hand, or a shoulder upon which to lean.

During this period of mourning, please take care of yourself and find comfort in the embrace of family, friends, and loved ones. Together, we can help each other through the pain and find moments of healing and peace.

Illustrious Sir, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May you find the strength to endure this difficult time, and may your mother's spirit shine brightly in your heart as you do in ours.

Just five more months in this year. It seems like it's going fast with all the events and some Nobles traveling to Texas Shrine Association and Imperial Session. Shriners International is getting bigger and more in-ternational. They have added Shrine Temples in Lebanon, another in Brazil, and one in Africa, the first on that continent. In some of the many meetings at Imperial Session, we learned about how the hospital system is performing now and the plans for the next five years. One interesting item shared is that one reason for the name change to Shriners Children's is that we are much more than just hospitals. There are dozens of clinics that help support the hospitals for the many pa-tients that need outpatient follow-up.



Noble Michael Barnes
Recorder of Alzafar Shriners

For me, it's been an interesting seven months. I feel better with what I have learned on the job and the leadership and support of the other Divan members. I still have a long list of projects I would like to achieve and are only limited by time and money. We have a long list of repairs needed for the building covered in the May Stated Meeting by the building committee that spent months inspecting the building and get-ting bids. When we get the bids in weekly, I must see where the mon-ey will come from. Thank goodness for the rentals, and this last quarter should be great. I am always open to suggestions on how we can save money.

We have dozens of fezs and other Shrine accessories available in the office. If you need fez, we have many in great condition that are slight-ly used and at a much lower price. We also have some used fez cases to keep your fez in good shape. They will be available at the stated meetings or check with the office.





ALZAFAR SHRINE CEREMONIAL

NOBLES, ALL UNITS, DON, LOS.

THE CEREMONIAL IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 19, 2023. PLEASE ARRIVE AT 1:00 PM AND PLEASE BE PROMPT. I AM REACHING OUT TO NOBILITY TODAY TO GET AN ACCURATE AS POSSIBLE HEADCOUNT. WE NEED THIS FOR THE FOOD, TABLE SETUP, AND ADULT BEVERAGES. I AM ASKING YOU TO JOIN US IN CELEBRATING OUR NEW NOBLES OF ALZAFAR SHRINE. PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW IF YOU WILL NEED A 3'X6' TABLE TO SET UP ON THE PERIMETERS OF THE AUDITORIUM TO SHOW OFF YOUR UNIT AND MEMBERSHIP DRIVE. PLEASE CALL MARIA AT OUR OFFICE TO RSVP YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THIS GREAT EVENT. YOU MAY ALSO RESERVE A TABLE FOR DINNER WITH YOUR NAME OR UNIT ON THE TABLE. FOR RESERVATION, PLEASE CALL 210-496-1625. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN MAKING ALZAFAR ONE OF THE PREMIERE SHRINES IN NORTH AMERICA.

SOMETHING NEW AND EXCITING FOR THE LADIES

IN ADDITION TO THE CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES, WE ALSO HAVE A NEW FUND RAISER FOR ALZAFAR SHRINE HOSPITAL TRANSPORTATION FUND FOR YOUR SHRINE LADIES TO CONSIDER ATTENDING. IT WILL BE A TABLE DU JUR BRUNCH BEGINNING AT 10:30 AM ON SATURDAY AUGUST 16TH. LADY LAURIE OBERG WILL BE SENDING A PERSONAL INVITE WITH MORE DETAILS TO YOUR LADY.



EVENT TIMELINE

**1:00 ALL NOBLES TO PARTICIPATE IN FULL CEREMONIAL MEET IN SHRINE OFFICE.
1:30 ALL CANDIDATES REPORT TO THE BAND ROOM FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS (PLEASE BE PROMPT).
2:00 TO 3:00 IN PARLORS TO BEGIN THE 1ST SECTION. LADIES AND FAMILY WELCOME
3:00 LADIES AND FAMILIES IN THE CONFERENCE/CABIRI ROOM. THE DIVAN LADIES & DON & LOS WILL TALK TO THE NEW SHRINE LADIES. (ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME)
3:00 NEW SHRINERS 2ND SECTION. SHRINERS ONLY IN TERRACE ROOM.
4:00 NEW SHRINERS RETURN TO PARLORS. (SHRINERS ONLY)
4:30 EVERYONE ADJOURNS TO THE BALL ROOM FOR SOCIAL TIME AND MEET UNITS THAT REPRESENT OUR SHRINE.
5:00 HONOR GUARD PRESENT COLORS.
5:15 ARCH DEGREE
6:30 DINNER IS SERVED.
7:30 FEZZING AND PHOTOS
8:00 DJ FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT.
10:00 EVENING ENDS.**

Honor Guard

As you get this TSA and Imperial are over and a great big shout out to all that attended and participated, Alazar was well represented. We are now in the Dog Days of Summer. Has anyone ever thought where did term comes from?

The dog days of summer are the hottest and most uncomfortable days of the season. They occur from July 3 to August 11 each year in the Northern Hemisphere. The term originated from the ancient observation that the star system Sirius, also known as the Dog Star, rose with the sun during this period, which was associated with heat, drought, storms, and bad luck.

Another interesting fact about August is the - Star-Spangled Banner author Francis Scott Key (1779-1843) was born in Frederick County, Maryland. After witnessing the British bombardment of Fort McHenry on the night of September 13-14, 1814, he was enthralled to see the American flag still flying over the fort at daybreak. He then wrote the poem originally entitled Defense of Fort McHenry which became the U.S. National Anthem in 1931.

The Honor guard was very pleased with the Second Session that was held 19 Aug. We sincerely hope that the upcoming fund raisers do well, and we are able to get lots of OPM to support our operating costs and keeping the Children in mind by supporting the Texas Shriners Hospital. Our Divan has stepped up the game and really thought out of the box this year and this helps us get more members. Thank you for your effort so far.



By Tom Hirte Secretary/Treasurer

Nobles and Ladies,

The Provost Guard Unit had its monthly meeting on July 5th, 2023 with a good showing of members and

ladies. We had a delicious meal of tube steaks (hot dogs) prepared by our unit chef, David Hadley.

We competed on June 9th at TSA in Fort Worth and earned some nice hardware. We will announce the results and display the hardware at the August Alzaraf stated meeting. The unit also participated in the Imperial Provost Guard Association shoot in Charlotte on July 2nd. Alzaraf had the largest contingent of 5 shooters out of the 15 that competed. We placed 1st and 2nd in the mixed team 22lr competition.

In September we will be hosting the Fall Invitational shoot here in San Antonio. 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 6:30 pm and our meeting starting at 7:00 pm. Your Lady is ALWAYS welcome to attend.



**Ruffian Unit
By: S. Fisk**

Alzaraf Ruffians and Ladies had our first weekend trip to Galveston in June. We had a hot ride from San Antonio to Crystal Beach but it was great to get some miles on the road. Our first night, we worked to get all the necessary supplies to all Shriners and had a fun dinner after. The second day was spent walking on the beach and just spending time together as a Family Unit.

On that Monday, we worked with our current Hospital Board members to have a tour of the new facilities that have been added to the existing Galveston Hospital. Mark, our guide, did a great job taking us floor to floor showing us all the departments that help our Shriners Children. We met the nurses from multiple departments on each floor. What an outstanding group of people that work at the Hospital!

In prosthetics, they showed us how they customize not just the child's first device, but also as they grow and develop. On another floor, we

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were shown equipment like what you would find on a movie set that helps children learn to walk again. The music therapy room was fun with all the instruments to play. We also were shown how new skin is grown and developed.

The children we meet were just awesome - their outgoing personalities make our world a better place. They asked about our vest and wanted to go see the motorcycles as soon as they saw us. After the tour we were all humbled by what the hospitals do for all children. This made us even more proud to ride, spreading the word on the road and at every stop we make having the Alzafar Ruffian Patch on our back. There is nothing like being around these kids and their positive attitudes that won't make you feel so glad to be a Shriner.

FAQ:

What do you ride for? The Hospitals; we have an opportunity to talk about the hospitals and free services available to all children.

When do you meet? Our Scheduled Stated meeting is on the 3rd Sunday but we sometimes change the day so it does not conflict with family time or Alzafar events. And we have Wednesday dinners we call Mid-Week Break when anyone is available to come. This is a great time for families to get together and enjoy fellowship and a meal. We try to go to a different place each week to explore the area and all the different foods in our community.

Why is the Unit name Ruffians? Since all Masons are familiar with the Ruffians from their degree work, it is a great way to be recognized by Brother Masons. It also keeps us aware of our Masonic Obligations.

Do I have to have a Bike to be in the Unit? No, we are a family Unit that rides and we have several members who do not even own a bike. All Nobles of Alzafar are welcome to join us and are encouraged to check us out.



Alzafar Seniors



ALZAFAR SHRINE SENIORS

By: Daniel Coburn, Secretary, 7/6/23

The monthly meeting of the Alzafar Senior's was held at noon in the Roustabouts room on July 6th with 16 members and guests attending. A lunch of selected sandwiches and salads was provided by Daniel Coburn with dessert by Margie Estlack.

Our speaker for the month was Charles Eads who reviewed progress toward establishing classes and training at the Shrine for members and guests. The classes will be open to everyone and will be held in the Roustabouts Room starting at about 1:00 PM immediately following the Senior's Unit meeting and will last about 3 hours. The first proposed class is an AARP conducted Drivers Education session which attendees might use to obtain car insurance discounts. Cost of the session is minimal depending on membership status. Charles Eads will coordinate the sessions with initial startup targeting September 3rd, 2023.

For our August speaker, Nelson Dunn has arranged for Sichan Siv to give a talk. As a young man Sichan escaped Cambodia's killing fields to become a refugee in Connecticut in 1976. From that trying start he rose to become Deputy Assistant to President George Bush and an Ambassador to the United Nations.

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 60 can become honorary members and those 100 or older eat for free. Our next meeting is scheduled for August 3rd. Please RSVP to join us so that we have enough food. Until then we wish everyone safe travels.

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





CANYON SPRINGS
GOLF CLUB

ALZAFAR SHRINERS

CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

DATE: NOVEMBER 1ST 2023

TIME: CHECK-IN AT 10:00 A.M.

**WHERE: CANYON SPRINGS GC
24405 WILDERNESS OAK
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

DRIVING RANGE AND PUTTING

PRACTICE AVAILABLE AT 10:00 A.M.

FORMAT: FOUR-MAN SCRAMBLE

SHOTGUN START AT 12:00 NOON

TEAM \$500.00 (4-MAN SCRAMBLE)

INDIVIDUAL \$150.00

GOLF, LUNCH AND DINNER, GREEN FEE, SCORING AND AWARDS CEREMONY, CART FEE, DRIVING RANGE, PRACTICE PUTTING, HOLE IN ONE GIVEAWAY. AND HAVE MORE FUN WITH A STRAIGHTEST DRIVE, AND CLOSEST TO THE PIN (TWO HOLES) COMPETITION.

SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

EVERY DAY OF EVERY YEAR CHILDREN NEED URGENT MEDICAL CARE AT OUR SHRINERS HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN-TEXAS. NOW NAMED SHRINERS CHILDREN'S THIS EVENT IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE. SHRINERS CHILDREN'S IS A 501C3 CHARITY PAYMENTS ARE TAX EXEMPT TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY LAW

TITANIUM SPONSOR \$10,000.00

TWO TEAMS (8 PLAYERS), RECOGNITION AT SHRINE AUDITORIUM DIGITAL 1604 SIGNAGE, RECOGNITION AT AWARDS DINNER, SIGNAGE AT REGISTRATION, SIGNAGE ON GOLF COURSE, NAME ON SPONSOR BANNER, APPRECIATION GIFTS FOR EACH GOLFER AND 8 ROUNDS OF GOLF.

PLATINUM SPONSOR \$5,000.00

ONE TEAM (4 PLAYERS), RECOGNITION AT SHRINE AUDITORIUM DIGITAL 1604 SIGNAGE, RECOGNITION AT AWARDS DINNER, SIGNAGE AT REGISTRATION, SIGNAGE ON GOLF COURSE, NAME ON SPONSOR BANNER AND 4 ROUNDS OF GOLF

GOLD SPONSOR \$2,000.00

ONE TEAM (4 PLAYERS) PLAYERS, RECOGNITION AT AWARDS DINNER, SIGNAGE AT REGISTRATION, SIGNAGE ON GOLF COURSE, NAME ON SPONSOR BANNER.

SIGN ONLY SPONSOR \$1,000.00

SIGNAGE ON GOLF COURSE, DURING EVENT, RECOGNITION ON SPONSOR BANNER, SPONSOR SETUP AT HOLE ON GOLF COURSE.

HOLE SPONSOR \$100.00

YOUR NAME OR COMPANY AT TEE BOX

DEADLINE FOR SPONSOR AND GOLF REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT IS NOVEMBER 1ST. PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD, CHECK OR CASH. PLEASE MAIL PAYMENT TO

ALZAFAR SHRINE 901 N LOOP 1604 W ; SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78232-1040.

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE SHRINERS CHILDREN'S A 501C3 CHARITY



Dear Potential Sponsor,

We invite you to be part of an extraordinary philanthropic initiative that will create a profound and lasting impact on the lives of children in need. The Alzafar Shriners' Charity Golf Tournament, dedicated to supporting Shriners Children's (formerly known as Shriners Hospitals for Children-Texas), presents an unparalleled opportunity to make a significant difference in the lives of countless young individuals. By sponsoring this event, you can actively contribute to the admirable mission of Shriners Children's as a dedicated 501(c)(3) charity, providing vital medical care to children each and every day of the year.

As a compassionate and socially responsible organization, you understand the importance of supporting initiatives that address critical needs in our society. By sponsoring the Alzafar Shriners' Charity Golf Tournament, you align your company's values with a cause that profoundly impacts the lives of children facing significant health challenges. Shriners Children's is renowned for its unwavering commitment to delivering urgent medical care, regardless of a family's ability to pay. By supporting this tournament, you help ensure these life-changing services remain accessible to children who need them the most.

The Alzafar Shriners' Charity Golf Tournament offers an exceptional platform for your company to showcase its commitment to corporate social responsibility and community involvement. As a sponsor, you will be prominently recognized among distinguished individuals and organizations dedicated to making a positive change. Your brand will be associated with an event that combines the joy of golf with the fulfillment of supporting a worthy cause. This unique combination of sportsmanship and philanthropy will leave a lasting impression on participants and attendees alike.

Moreover, your sponsorship goes beyond the tournament itself. By supporting Shriners Children's, you become an integral part of an extensive network of healthcare professionals, researchers, and advocates working tirelessly to improve the lives of children in need. Your partnership will enable Shriners Children's to continue providing critical medical care, conducting groundbreaking research, and offering comprehensive rehabilitation programs to ensure every child receives the best possible chance at a healthy and fulfilling future.

Join us in this extraordinary endeavor to make a tangible and lasting impact on the lives of children who depend on the compassionate care of Shriners Children's. Your sponsorship of the Charity Golf Tournament will not only benefit the children directly. Still, it will also serve as a testament to your company's commitment to making a difference in our community. We kindly request your support as a sponsor for this remarkable event. Together, we can create a brighter future for children in need, one swing at a time. Please get in touch with us at your earliest convenience to discuss sponsorship opportunities or any questions you may have.

We look forward to your favorable response and the opportunity to collaborate in this meaningful cause.
Sincerely,

Stephen White

Mr. Stephen White
Shriners Children's Event Coordinator



August already?! I think I'm going to have my calendar re-calibrated, this year seems to be speeding by too fast.

Like many others, the Motor Club takes it easy during the heat of the summer. We wrapped up our Car Show in June with a great turnout of participants. Trophies were handed out to the majority of car and truck owners that attended. We are going to do it again on September 30 and will be getting information out soon.

The big Red Wagon "Alzafar Flyer" made it to the Imperial Session to represent us in grand style. A big shout out to Noble Bert Gonzales for taking care of this eye popping parade vehicle.

Y'all be safe and stay cool and enjoy your summer plans. If you want to hang out with motor kinds of guys we meet the third Tuesday each month in Room #9 at 7:00 PM.



Hello Alzafar,

The Burning Sun is growing !!!! in the past few months we have added two new members, Jessie Wallace and Mike Swanson. The group is practicing for TSMFA in Tyler the first weekend of August. If any Noble of Alzafar would like to come ride with us at obstacle let us know, who knows....you might just like it.

Our meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month in room 5 or at the transportation building, stop by and enjoy some fellowship with us. We will keep you posted on who will be the fastest man at obstacle.

YIF Doug Anderson



AKA SMOKIN' CLAYS

By Secretary Bill Willis

This month I want to talk a little bit about increasing membership in your unit, and therefore, Alzafar, by sharing your unit activities with friends and family that may, or may not (yet), be Shriners, or even Masons. The Shotgun Unit has always maintained a very active membership. Just stop by one of our stated meetings, practices, or organized shoots. There's always a good sized crowd attending. And attendance and support by the Ladies plays a big part in our success. Here's how it works for us. Each month, usually on the last Saturday, the Shotgun Unit meets up at one of the local San Antonio ranges for a practice/fun shoot, accompanied by many of the Ladies. Either breakfast is provided prior to shooting, or someone grills up a fine lunch to serve after shooting. Members are invited to bring a guest to shoot along side us and share the fraternity. Many times they are already avid clay shooters, but sometimes they may be interested in trying out shotgun sports for the first time. This often leads to the guests attending more fun shoots and eventually asking how they can become a member.

That's exactly how I became a Master Mason, Shriner, and member of the Shotgun Unit. When I first moved to San Antonio many years ago as an active military member, I shared an elevator ride at the Headquarters of a local Army unit with two long time ASGU members, PP (Abou Saad) Terry Zittle and Past President Dave Jackson. They were discussing shooting skeet at a local range the following Saturday. Being an avid shooter already, my interest piqued, and I inquired about the local clay shooting community. They were kind enough to invite me to their practice/fun shoot. After attending several of their fun shoots I knew I wanted to be part of this fun, close knit organization so I finally asked the question, "How do I become a Mason and Shriner?" The rest is history.

If you'd like to find out more about the Shotgun Unit, our stated meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Shotgun Room (formerly the Roustabout Room). Ladies are always welcome. Be sure to come early as our Honorary Third Vice and Chief Chef, David Hadley, always serves up a delicious meal around 6:30. Until then, "Keep your powder dry!"



Alzafar Shrine Desert Knights
By: Jerry Granato

Hello everyone! With the hot days of summer upon us, it is important we stay hydrated while enjoying outdoor activities. Start each day with a tall glass of water to give your body a boost of fluids it needs to keep you going. It's recommended we drink water (16oz) every hour during the day and stay in shaded areas as much as possible. We are under a heat advisory warning, so take care of yourselves. Don't forget to maintain your a/c units too, as they are working extra hard to keep us cool. Have a safe and joyful summer.

The Desert Knights would like to invite you to our unit meetings which are held on the third Wednesday of each month in the Director's Room at 7:00pm. The ladies are always welcome at our meetings. If you arrive at 6:30pm, you can join us for a delicious meal provided by our Damsels.

Happy Birthday wishes to Jerry Hockman.



Desert Knights share the Directors Staff Room at The Shrine Auditorium Rear Access



Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America
Lady Lisa Pharis, High Priestess

Want to make a difference in the life of a child and the entire family?

Want to volunteer at the Shriners Hospitals for Children?

Want to participate in parades, performing units, and clubs?

Want to have fun while helping others?

The Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America (LOSNA) may be what you are looking for!

Here is a little bit about our history that we want to share:

The Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America (LOSNA) was founded in Wheeling, West Virginia, in 1903, when the Ladies of Osiris Shriners were invited to attend the social events and festivities surrounding the Osiris Spring Ceremony of Initiation. When the Shriners departed for their ceremony, the ladies had so much fun they didn't want to stop. They surveyed the McClure Hotel and began to parade through the halls in a joyous mood. They eventually arrived at one of the hotel's conference rooms. The doors were closed, a guard was set, and within that room, with dignity and sincerity and without a ritual or prepared paraphernalia, the first session of the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America was held. Isis Court No. 1 came into being. They would subsequently conduct their own affairs, even while continuing to support the Nobles with their Shrine activities.

LOSNA is not an auxiliary of Shriners International. We are a separate and distinct Order.

Initially, membership in the LOSNA was restricted to the families of Osiris Shriners. Still, when the reputation of Court No. 1 reached the ladies in Pittsburgh, PA, and Parkersburg, WV, they wanted to be a part of the fun, and thus Court No. 2 and Court No. 3 were formed.

The Ladies soon realized the need for a Grand Body. Representatives from the three existing Courts met

on June 24, 1914, to organize the Grand Council. The top official of the Grand Council is known as the Grand High Priestess, and the Executive Office in a local Court is known as the High Priestess. All members are addressed as "Lady."

Today, LOSNA has nearly 8,000 members in 64 Courts across North America and even members in Japan and Taiwan.

The goal of the Ladies Oriental Shrine, as set forth at the organizational meeting in 1903, is to promote sociability, good fellowship, and the betterment of all Ladies connected with the organization. Our Ladies participate in parades, mini-clinics, Shrine Circuses, and more. Ladies may be active in various special interest Units within each local Court, such as Oriental Bands, Patrols, Clowns, or Dance Units. Our Ladies are always ready to display their pageantry and glamour to show the public how much they enjoy their activities.

Within the past few years, LOSNA has expanded our membership requirements to be more inclusive to those without a Masonic connection. All Ladies, at least 18 years of age, interested in our mission and philanthropy, are encouraged to join and become part of our legacy.

The summer months will be hectic for LOS; as you can tell, we have many fundraisers planned and look forward to seeing all of you this summer. Please make a note of these events and join us in raising the money to help with our year-end donations to help the children. Please see any LOS member for tickets or on our Facebook page.

- August 5, 2023 – Summer Social at 11 am in the Parlors
- August 19, 2023 - Membership Table @ Ceremonial
- August 20, 2023 – Bunco at 2 pm in the Parlors; Mexican Buffet and Margaritas for just \$15.00.
- September 2023 – Painting with a Twist
- October 14, 2023 – Old Bag Luncheon in Parlors
- October 25, 2023 - Grand High Priestess Dinner
- November 18 – Fashion Show in Parlors
- January 20, 2024 – Casino Night in the Terrace Room
- February 17, 2024 – Fashion Show in the Parlors
- March 2023 Golf Tournament

Also note that on August 19, the LOS ladies will share our wonderful history with the new ladies of Alzafar as their men join our men. Please see the article in last month's Achbar about the Men's Ceremonial. LOS will have a table for those of you who are attending.

If you have any updates to your contact information, 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 at Altrui.Court@gmail.com, and someone will contact you.



**Nekodah Temple No. 44
Daughters of the Nile
Queen Wanda Rincover**

Once again Nekodah No. 44 has received several Supreme Temple Appointments and it is with great pride. Please join me in honoring and congratulating these special Ladies.

SUPREME TEMPLE APPOINTMENT:

Supreme International Development Committee - Margie Flores, PQ Mexico City
Supreme Goodwill Ambassadors – Central South Area Peggy Songer, PQ
Supreme Temple American Flag Escorts Carol Carpenter, PQ and Deborah N. McGinnis, PQ
Supreme Temple Brazilian Flag Escorts Amanda Brown, PQ and Barbara K. Wells, PQ
Supreme Temple Banner Escorts Gerry Williams, PQ

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Supreme Red Roses - Princess Yolie Jeager
August 13, 2023, 2:00pm – 4:00pm Ceremonial in the Alzafar Shrine Parlors.
August 13, 2023, 5:00pm – 7:00pm Spaghetti for a cause – the Galveston Hospital in the Alzafar Shrine Terrace or Dining room. Ticket Price is \$25.00. Tickets will be available from PQ Peggy Songer, PQ Margie Flores, Pr Susan Bartlett, Pr Sherry Jackson, Pr Rita Young, PQ Barbara Wells, and Pr Marti Amos. A Charitable Giving fundraiser.
August 27, 2023, 2-4pm Bag Luncheon in the Alzafar Terrace room Chair – Pr Tirzah Geri-anne Hockman Cell- 210 373-3898 A Ways and Means fundraiser.
August 29, 2023, 6:30pm-9:00pm Bunco in the Alzafar Shrine parlors. \$10 per person and an appetizer Event Chair – Pr Badoura Gini Hockman Cell- 210-274-8257. A Charitable Giving fundraiser.

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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 June, July, and December.

We are Nekodah Strong

CABIN FOR SALE

Cabin For SALE

#12 Alzafar \$25000*

Window unit

Not furnished

Big covered patio

Call Glynn Praesel

210-413-1809

*Personal Property Only with Lease of Alzafar Shriners Real Property. Contact Shrine Center Office for Rules and regulations regarding Lease Standards.

MEMORIALS HONOR DONOR

Davy K Griffin

Darcie & Bill Pellerin

Connie Norman

The Reyes Family



You could win **\$100** by just showing up to Our Next Meeting

~~\$400.00~~

If you Know Noble **Miguel Rodriguez** Tell him, that his Name was Called!

You Could Win

\$500.00
"Holy Moley!"

WE HAVE A WINNER

Alzafar Shriners
San Antonio Shrine Auditorium
901 North Loop 1604 West
San Antonio, Texas 78258-1040

PAY TO THE ORDER OF **Miguel Rodriguez**

FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ \$500.00

Attendance Raffle

Rick Reyes
RICK REYES POTENTATE

* That means Folding Money, US Cash, Benjamins



Black Camel Notices May Our Dearly Departed Rest in Peace

David Fernandez Jr 04/2023

Roger Pena 12/2022

Jay P. Inman 07/2023

ALZAFAR SHRINERS
SHRINER
OF THE MONTH



CARLOS STANIGAR
CONGRATULATIONS



Dear Achbar Readers,

We are thrilled to introduce you to a novel, captivating and exhilarating fundraiser that is sure to ignite your excitement. Allow us to present "Dishes, Divas, & Darlings," an extraordinary event hosted by none other than Laurie Oberg the aspiring possum queen of our exuberant Hillbilly Clan 152.



What are the **DISHES**?

The dishes are crafted and a plated gourmet brunch offered you by our creatively themed designers on a unique tablescape.

Who are the **DIVAS**?

YOU are our unique Diva, who will be attending this inaugural event and making special memories.

Who are the **DARLINGS**?

Darlings are the extraordinary men in formal attire waiting on us, hand and foot. Yes, attending to our every need, including valet parking individual table service, and beverage attendant.

Please join us on **Saturday, August 19th**, at 10:30 am in the Alzafar Shine Dining Room to participate in the event that will surely **WOW** your senses.

The Price is **RIGHT!**

A table for eight is priced at \$400, with individual seating at \$50. Sponsorships are welcome, as well as individual donations. Funds as net proceeds from this event will go directly to the Alzafar Transportation fund, benefiting Shriners Hospitals for Children.

This event also takes place the morning of the **Shine Ceremonial**. We want to extend our welcome to the new ladies of Alzafar's initiates as our guests so that they might witness the great fun and fellowship we enjoy.

Table space is limited, so don't hesitate to contact **Laurie Oberg** (701) 388.4898 or **Cheryl Jones** (210) 710.8281 for reserved seating and ticket information.



Attention, Gentlemen of Noble Birth!

We are calling upon the power of our Alzafar community, and we need your extraordinary skills and unwavering support. We are embarking on an incredible journey to organize a groundbreaking fundraising event, and we are counting on your dedication, passion, and willingness to make a difference. Join us as we come together to create an unforgettable experience for a noble cause; "Dishes, Darlings, and Divas."

Gentlemen, your involvement is instrumental in making this event a resounding success. This is an event never attempted before. With your help, we expect it to be a new direction in raising funds for our beloved philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children, and its unique clinical outreach right here in San Antonio. Step forward, take the lead, and show the world the power of men united in a shared vision. We can create change, uplift lives, and build a stronger, more compassionate community. Volunteer today, and let your actions speak louder than words.



Can you cover this?

We need 25 Darling Male Volunteers to help our Lady Divas enjoy a truly pampered experience at our fundraising brunch on Saturday, August 19th, at 10 am. Your special duties will include some of the following opportunities:

- ★ Valet Parking (5 Total) We will need 3 of you darlings to park the cars and another 2 to escort our Divas to their table in the Alzafar Dining Room.
- ★ Food and Beverage Service (20 Total) We must have one darling per table to attend upon our lovely donors.
- ★ After Brunch Clean-up (5 Total), We will need assistance to clear the space for the next renter. Joy insists we be done by 2 pm. (Dress is casual)

Attire: Our preference for this event is a tuxedo or dark dress suit.

We hope to have one meeting before the event to update everyone on the final details and to conduct a short rehearsal. Those wishing to participate, please send us your contact information to Cherlyjones04@gmail.com or text your message to 210.710.8281

Fraternal Fundraisers

No noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of nobles, or affiliated or appendant corporations shall engage in any fundraising activity without the expressed written consent of the Potentate of Alzafar Shriners as having jurisdiction thereof. There can be no representation, expressed or implied, that the proceeds will benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children.

The Potentate of Alzafar Shriners shall carefully examine all phases of the advertising, promotion, and solicitation to determine that it complies with §335.3 and §503.11 of the fraternal and charitable bylaws and that there is no representation, expressed or implied, that would lead a reasonably prudent person to believe that the proceeds will be for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children. If the Potentate is in doubt, he must receive the opinion of the Imperial Potentate, who, after consultation with the director of temple accounting, shall make the final determination.

When the Potentate gives his written consent for a fraternal fundraising activity, a copy of the same shall be mailed to the Executive Vice President – Shriners International. Further, any printed materials pertaining to the fundraising activity shall be sent to the Executive Vice President – Shriners International if so requested.

All promotional material, tickets, programs, and documents must contain a Statement of Purpose and Disclosure. [i.e.; The net proceeds from this event benefit Alzafar Shriners operational accounts. Payments are not charitable contributions]. This statement shall not be construed to mean that the monies will be used specifically for Shrine Center Operations. The monies raised can be used exclusively by the unit raising the same. By notice to Alzafar's Potentate.

Information about our health care system may be used in programs for fraternal fundraisers provided that each contains the appropriate Statement of Purpose and Disclosure.

This information must appear in a conspicuous location using lettering bold enough to be easily read. Programs and other 'booklet' type materials must include the Statement of Purpose and Disclosure on the front cover or the first page. The Statement of Purpose and Disclosure should also be included in each fundraising activity advertised in Alzafar publications.

Alzafar shall maintain detailed financial records of all fundraising activities involving nobles, clubs, units, organizations of nobles, or affiliated or appendant corporations for seven years. Details of all revenues and expenditures shall be maintained in such financial records.

Charitable Fundraisers

It should be emphasized that no Alzafar noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of nobles, or affiliated or appendant corporations shall engage in any charitable fundraising activity other than for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

When deciding to conduct a charitable fundraiser, the responsible noble (club/unit president, committee chair, etc.) must submit a written request to the Potentate of Alzafar Shriners. If he approves, the Potentate must obtain written permission from the chairmen of the board of directors and trustees. This request for written authorization shall be sent to the Executive Vice President – Shriners International, Shriners International Headquarters, P.O. Box 31356, Tampa, FL 33631- 3356.

Final approval for a charitable fundraising activity is effective upon Alzafar's receipt of a Charity Activity Form. If a request is denied, Alzafar will receive an explanation. One hundred percent of the net proceeds from charitable fundraisers must be given to Shriners Hospitals for Children. Expenses for operating the event must be actual, and no labor charges can be made for volunteer work by Shriners and/or their families.

Under specific requirements, under General Order No. 1, a portion of funds raised for the hospitals may be used for the temple's Shriners Hospital Patient Transportation Fund. [See "Special Purpose Funds" section of General Order No. 1 for complete details.] If approved no special wording need be made on solicitation material. The use of Special Purpose Funds for patient transportation is for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

All solicitation materials, tickets, programs, and documents, including all electronically transmitted materials, must include factual information (Statement of Purpose) regarding the use of the proceeds. Information about our health care system (obtainable from the marketing and communications department), such as patient success stories, facts, figures, photos, or other appropriate material, may be used in programs for charitable fundraisers.



WHERE & WHEN OUR SHRINE UNITS, CLUBS, & MASONIC LODGES MEET

ALZAFAR UNIT MEETING SCHEDULE

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

SHRINE CLUB MEETINGS

CANYON LAKE	3 rd Thursday	6:30 P.M.	TBD
GUADALUPE VALLEY	3 rd Monday	6:00 P.M.	As Designated
HILL COUNTRY	2 nd Wednesday	11:30A.M.	Inn o/t Hills
LAREDO SC	1 st Wednesday	7:00 P.M.	As Designated

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS MEETINGS

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



FORMER POTENTATES OF ALZAFAR SHRINERS

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*
1921 Sylvan Lang*	1975 H.C. Kopplow*
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 Hollaway*
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*	2014 Expelled
1961 L.L. Woodman*	2015 Jay Dee Thomas
1962 George W. Henry*	2016 John Dunn
1963 Barney Norris*	2017 Gary Radvansky
1964 Jack B. Lee*	2018 Jason Triggs
1965 Robert B. O'Connor*	2019 Eric DeWalt
1966 E. Jeff Ashcraft, Jr.*	2020 Marty Bartlett
1967 D. Neal Talley*	2021 L. Travis Elmendorf
1968 Wm. H. Ferguson*	2022 Robert M. Norman, II
1969 Keith Gerstner*	

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 Shriners)
1981 Donald Garrido*	(Abou Saad Shriners)
1983 David Martin	(Suez Shriners)
1998 Terry Zittle	(Abou Saad Shriners)
2012 Rick Oberg	(El Zagal Shriners)

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2023 Master Calendar

AUGUST

August 7th	Divan/Finance meeting	5:00 PM-8:30 PM
August 10th	Shrine Stated meeting	7:00 PM
August 19th	Shrine Ceremonial See Page 15 Ad For Detail	1:00 PM-10:00 PM

SEPTEMBER

September 2nd	Kendal County Parade - Boerne	8:00 to 10:00 AM
September 4th	Divan/Finance meeting	5:00 PM-8:30 PM
September 14th	Shrine Stated meeting	7:00 PM
September 15th & 16th	Annual BBQ Classic	12 Noon 15th at SASA
September 30th	AMC Fall Car Show	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM SASA

OCTOBER

October 12th	Shrine Stated meeting	7:00 PM
October 14th	Masonic Picnic Chili Cookoff	Camp Alzafar All-Day
October 28th	Medina County Fair & Parade	10:00 AM
“	Children’s Halloween Party	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Pavilion