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Potentate	Robert M. Norman, II
Chief Rabban	Richard A. "Rick" Reyes, III
Asst. Rabban	Marco Zuniga
High Priest & Prophet	Mike Long
Oriental Guide	Steve White
Treasurer	David Olivares
Recorder	Thomas D. Leverett

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P.P. Robert L. Jett	. Emeritus Representative
Daniel M. Hutchison III	. Emeritus Representative
P.P. Robert W. Hunt	.Elected Representative
P.P. Eric DeWalt	.Elected Representative

2021 FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Notice of Stated Meeting of Alzafar Shriners

The following Stated Meeting of Alzafar Shriners will be on January 12, 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 2022 DUES CARD WILL BE REQUIRED FOR AD-MITTANCE 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.

Recorder: Thomas D. Leverett

Potentate: Illustrious Sir, Robert M. Norman, II



Illustriuous Sir Robert M. Norman, II Potentate of Alzafar Shriners

Hello Alzafar!! Where do I start? It was once said,

"All good things must come to an end," and that couldn't be truer than right now. It is hard to believe this is my last article written to you as your Potentate of AlzafarShriners. What a ride the last five years have been. I think back to 2017 when I came before the membership and asked for your support and confidence in my ability to lead Alzafar into the future. That December,



Illustrious Sir Robert and Lady Tiffany Norman at Fiesta 2022

you all allowed me to lead this organization. To say I am humbled and honored that you all to gave me that opportunity is an understatement. At the beginning of this year, I said we would be open, honest, and transparent. I believe I have kept that promise. And the memories will last a lifetime.

As I sit here, I am thinking about all the things Lady Tiffany and I got to experience while serving this great organization. We started our relationship as I was running for the board of directors. We were engaged at the Nobility Ball of 2019 and married in October 2020. Our relationship has blossomed in front of you all. We have excelled and grown stronger through the ups and downs, the good times, and the challenging ones.

One of my many memories was of our first event in 2018 as Oriental Guide. We had to host the Children's Easter Party. So, Tiffany and I figured out what we would do, asked many people for their help, planned the day, and then executed it. What a day it was; so many people and things were going on. After the event, the rest of the

Divan said, "You guys did great, and the best part about it is we never saw you two argue, fuss or fight with one another." That was a huge success. I can never repay Lady Tiffany and each of our four children for their sacrifices, missed events, and the time gave up. I know that they have all done for me, allowing me to serve as a member of the Divan. Tiffany agreed to allow me to serve Alzafar, and I am so grateful to her and all four of the children.

To try and sum up five years into one article is tough. I think back to all the events, Nobility Balls, Galas,

Parades, Children's Easter, Halloween and Christmas parties, Masonic Installations, Camp parties, birthdays, and even weddings. The countless dinners out, golf tournaments, Christmas parties, meetings, phone calls, and



Noble Robert Norman and Lady Tiffany Galindo December 2018 (Christmas Party)

text messages. The list goes on, but I'm sure you all get the picture. Looking back and thinking, dang, we did all that is a victory in itself. We really enjoyed the time.

I've told the following story and would like to share it again. When I served my lodge as Junior Warden, I accompanied my then, Worshipful Master to the York Rite College, Masters Reception for new Worshipful Masters. The guest speaker, a brother mason, said to the Worshipful Masters, "I challenge you, new Worshipful Masters, to be a stepping stone, not a stumbling block." I took this to heart. The year I was honored to serve my lodge as the Worshipful Master, I promised the members that I would be a stepping stone for them. I made the same promise when elected to your Divan in 2018. I said I would continue to lay stepping stones while on this journey and leave behind

me something better for the future. This year I believe, we have done just that. As we navigated this year as Alzafar's Potentate and First Lady, we hopefully have continued to lay stepping stones. We can only hope that the membership will not regret the opportunity they have given us to lead Alzafar.

Every year so far, we have made a promise: we will do our best to not let you down as we will not let ourselves down. I hope you all are proud of the work we have done.

THANK YOU ALL FOR ALLOWING US TO SERVE YOU!!!



Madame Tiffany Galindo Norman First Lady of Alzafar Shriners

First Lady's Feature

Surprise! I thought December would be when I said my goodbyes, but my good ole friend, Past Potentate Rick Reyes II, convinced me to write one more. Here is where I go out with a bang! There are many words I'd like to share and many people I'd like to thank! This one isn't about what I'm doing but what you did for US! Please join me in praising a handful of absolutely amazing people!

Amanda: for four years, you've been my right-hand girl; the life of the party; the smiles and positivity; the radiating light. For four years, we have become close, our girls growing up as best friends, and so many memories to look back on. I couldn't have had a better person to spend these several years with than you. You will do so many amazing things and will be sure to compete with the absolute best First Ladies of Alzafar. In fact, you are going to be the BFFL!! I can't wait to be your hype-woman this year!

Hilde: To the best OG Lady. You and Steve stepped out of your comfort zone and made magic happen this year. It was so awesome watching you guys in action. I look forward to seeing you blossom as you progress through the Divan.

Mandy: Driven by Movement was absolutely successful because of you. Alzafar brought back a project for the first lady after 10 years, and it raised \$8,752.89. You put so much effort into such a fantastic department: Motion Analysis Center @ Shriners Children's, Galveston. You were such an amazing Brand Ambassador. Thank you for all you did! You have been a Godsend, and I'm so blessed to have you as a friend.

Juana and Fallon: No matter what we needed, you

were there. No matter the ask, you were the first to step up! Thank you, two, for the effort, the meeting progression, and your friendship this year!

Illustrious Rick Reyes II: You were nothing but patient and courteous with the submission and huge asks with the Achbar. The fulfillment of the Achbar, its amazing contributions, and its attractive presentation are due, in large part, to you. Thank you for your efforts, talent, and willingness to go above and beyond.

PFL Martha, Rita, and Val: Your encouragement, words of advice, and friendship are equally worth noting. In trying times, in happy times, and all in between – you were always there as a guiding hand, a friend, and a mentor that was much needed in a foreign position that I found myself in. I know that you'll always be there without a shadow of a doubt!

Carlos, Doug, Tommy, and Dennis: Thank you for being Roberts' dudes. I know that he counted on you for endless tasks, and without question, you were there... ready for the task. Ready to make magic happen. I am so blessed to call you friends and my big bro (Carlos).

Robert: I am so incredibly proud of you. I had no doubt that you would do amazing things when you stepped into the Divan line. Every year, you amazed me even more with your willingness to lead, your ability to lead, and the success you found in your leadership. You gave everything to the Shrine, and I believe it has reaped the rewards!

I've said it many times, and I'll repeat it, you are amazing. It was an exciting ride – sometimes challenging, many times enjoyable, and equally an experience to remember. We shared many incredible memories with one another, our family, and our friends. I'll forever be thankful for the opportunity to learn and lead alongside you. I can't wait to see where you go from here. Keep reaching!





Noble Richard A. "Rick" Reyes, III Potentate-Elect of Alzafar Shrine

Alzafar,

As we turn the page of another completed chapter, we start the first page of our last chapter as an Alzafar Board member. Amanda and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this last year and your continued support in the coming year. We've had so much fun over the previous few years, and we can't wait to see what 2023 has in store. Alzafar's most recent success occurred right at home, within our own Alzafar hallways.





The BBQ cook-off, vendor fair, and concert went off without a hitch. Last week, we completed our "start, stop, continue" meeting and gathered the much-needed feedback to help our newly elected Chief Rabban as he attempts to build on our initial success.

I thank those who attended the three budget planning meetings over the last two months. Due to your

efforts, we passed a well-thought-out budget and can start the year ahead of schedule. Our first significant event of 2023 will be in conjunction with Laredo's Washington Birthday Celebration Parade on Saturday, February 18th, followed by the Laredo Shrine Club party that evening. Hotel



reservations for both the 17th and 18th of February are now available. Please make sure you tell them you are with Alzafar when you call. We will be at the same hotel we have been in for years. The Springhill Suites by Marriott. We tried and tried to get the Courtyard Marriott but to no avail. That being said, our excellent partners in Laredo are anxiously awaiting our arrival as they have plans to ensure another successful year on the border.

Finally, we will cap off the first quarter of 2023 with our nobility ball. The ball will be formal with a "Black and White" themed event that will take place on Saturday, March 18th, in the ballroom at the San Antonio Shrine Auditorium from 6-11pm. We hope you can attend.

Lastly, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate our 2022 Potentate and my best friend Robert Norman and his lady Tiffany on a very successful year. They superseded every challenge brought before them. Their sincere and honest efforts and sustained and forward-thinking leadership ability provided Alzafar with much success at every turn. They were unmatched as a team and noted throughout the realm we Shriners serve. by no other for our philanthropy and fraternity. May this next chapter be one of continued success for you both.



Noble Marco Zuniga Chief Rabban-Elect of Alzafar Shrine Happy New Year Nobles & Ladies!!!

Here we are, the start of a new year. First and foremost I want to thank you for giving me the honor and opportunity to serve you for another year. I will continue to do my best for Alzafar.

As we start this new there is no doubt in my mind 2023 will be successful, we have a great team and will not let you down. Congrats to our newly elected Nobles, Oriental Guide David Olivares and his Lady Luly and our Recorder Mike Barnes and his Lady Jenny. We are excited to have them on board. There is already so many things

gearing up for the year so keep your eyes and ears open so you don't miss out.

Illustrious sir Rick Reyes and Lady Amanda we look forward to following your leadership and are here to support you and all other Divan members and units to make this a Rocking year!

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



Noble Mike Long Assit. Rabban-Elect of Alzafar

Thank you for your vote of confidence, and allowing me to continue my journey to the next position of Assistant Rabban. There will be plenty of fundraisers for our hospitals, in the upcoming year. We will need to raise plenty of money, since our out going hospital chairman Steve White worked hard to have a clinic open here in San Antonio. Your asked to participate in any fundraising for our Hospitals, since the epidemic is now behind us. I've been told we will need to ramp up our transportation efforts. If you can't make the event, you can still call our office and donate to the cause. Just because we pay our \$85 dues, we are in the clear. We need to raise money for both fraternal, and our hospitals to do what we do as Shriners.

I also want to thank Robert Norman. I've learned a different approach on many different items. I'm glad to have served the nobility with you, and continue to serve in the years to come. Rick Reyes III, congrats on your new position to Potentate of Alzafar. I'm excited to see what's in store for Alzafar in the ensuing year. You will also be a great leader, and honored to serve with you as well. Mike Barnes, welcome to the Divan line. You will do great things for Alzafar. We appreciate you taking the leap.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Years!





Noble Steve White High Priest-Elect of Alzafar

Thank you for a great golf tournament that netted \$60,000.00 for the hospital transportation fund. We could have done this without our great sponsors and volunteers. We had a fantastic Easter Party, Halloween party and Christmas party. By the time you read this, we will be finished with the year.

I am finished with a nine-year run on your Shriners Hospitals for Children Texas Board of Governors. It was the most rewarding adventure I have been on. Making a difference in a child's life. For the past two years, I was your Chairman of the Board. Many ask if I would do it again? No doubt I would.

For the past nine months, I have worked hard at establishing a Shriners Hospitals for Children (Shriners Children's) clinic in San Antonio. We have great news, it will happen in July of 2023! The San Antonio Clinic will see children whose lives are challenged due to Burns, Orthopedic disorders, and cleft lip and cleft palate. I envision that, in San Antonio, all core hospital functions will be

much in demand. The clinic will be a significant positive impact on our hospital and all of South-Central Texas.

In other news, our Galveston Hospital broke ground last month on a new parking garage and, importantly, in new family housing. Hospital tours have resumed, and you will be very excited to see all the recent renovations.

A big thanks to First Lady Tiffany Norman and Mandy Anderson for the hard work they put into selling earrings. Alzafar's First Lady, accompanied by Ms. Anderson, presented a check for \$8,750.00. The money is directed in support of our motion analysis Lab.

I look forward to next year and working on membership for Alzafar Shrine. I am sure you will see many Divan officers and me visiting lodges to inform Masons about what the Shrine is all about.

Editors Update:

While the Golf Tournament raised \$58,000 plus dollars, at the Last Stated Meeting Alzafar Chief of Staff Nobles Dennis Stevens and Carlos Staniger offered to have their heads shaved if we could raise the total contribution to over \$60,000.

DONE!

While the Potentate shaved their locks it was announced that Noble Dennis Stevens had won the \$1,200.00 attendance raffle!

WHAT LUCK?



Noble David Olivares Oriental Guide-Elect of Alzafar

This month marks the start of a new year for everyone, personally and for our Shrine. We are all looking forward to another great year, with a new slate of officers serving you and our Shrine. As we start this year, we ask The Grand Architect to watch over each of us as we live our lives with our family and our Shrine family.

Thank you again for your support over the last three years as your Treasurer and for your support in electing me to serve again this year. As I start my new journey as YOUR Oriental Guide, I promise to continue putting YOU and YOUR Shrine first. I am looking forward to serving you while I serve on the Board of Directors, and I know each member of the Board is here for YOU and will continue to strive to make each year a success.

Congratulations to our Illustrious Sir, Rick Reyes III and his Lady Amanda. Luly and I look forward to serving with you this year as you lead our Shrine. I know we will continue to see great thing from you. Congratulations to our new Recorder, Mike Barnes, and his Lady Jenny. I know you will do great, and we really look forward to working with you as we serve our Shrine. Congratulations to the rest of the Board, I really look forward to working with each of you as we work together to make each year a success.

I would also like to thank Tommy and his lady Lisa for your years of service that you gave to our Shrine. I would say we are going to miss you (we will) but I know you will still be around, being active in the several units that you are actively supporting.

It is ever too early to let you know about our next Shrine Children's Party. Please mark your calendar for Saturday, April 1, 2023, which is the date for the 2023 edition of the Alzafar Shrine Children's Easter Party. We are planning a great party and would love to see everyone out there with your kids and grandkids. Stay tuned for more details.



Recorders Corner:
Tee-Bone Tommy Leverett
Recorder to the Stars

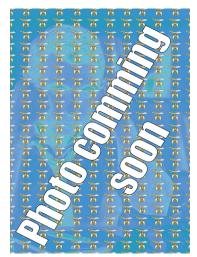
The time has arrived for me to step down as your Alzafar Recorder. At the next Stated Meeting my friend Mike Barns will officially take over. When you elected my in 2016, I was in charge of everything. Business and Fra-

ternity. Today we have a new Office Manager, Gozde De La Rosa, who will run the business side and the Recorder will run the fraternal side. If you don't know Gozde, or "G" as I call her or you don't know Mike stop by the office and say hello. They are both wonderful people that have the best interest in our fraternity.

For me I am I have been blessed to get to know so many of the leaders in our fraternity, so many Divan, Finance members and so many Past Potentates. After 20 years of work on the Finance and Divan I am looking forward to just being a good member. I have come to love our staff as family and I will dearly miss seeing their smiling face everyday.

2023 will mark my 40 year as a Shriner. After starting in Houston at Araba in 1983 I joined Alzafar in 1986 after my company transferred me to San Antonio. I grow up in San Antonio so I was able to come home after leaving in 1975. I once thought that a Noble should only belong to one Unit. My first Unit was the Motor Patrol. Now I belong to the Motorcycle Unit, the Golf Unit and now my new Unit is the Hospital Corp. As you know Ed Tuma was presented the Shrine of the month at the December Stated Meeting. I know I will never get close to his record of over 3,000 accident-free miles moving our Shrine Kids, but I will give it my best shot.

Thank you again for giving me the privilege of serving you for 20 years.



Noble Mike Barnes Recorder-Elect of Alzafar Shriners

Excitement. That is how I feel about taking the position as your new Recorder. First, I want to thank everyone for their support for having the confidence in me to do the job. I am looking forward to working with your Divan for 2023. The term I would use to express how Alzafar Shrine has done over the last few years is "constant improvement". Every year gets better than the year before. The members of the Divan for this year have a focus on making more improvements again.

Second, I would like to appreciate Tommy

"T-Bone". He has been the Recorder for 7 years and on the finance committee for 13. That is 20 years he has worked to support our Shrine. My concern is that I will have to quickly learn all the knowledge he has in a short time to make sure I don't miss anything. He will definitely be on my speed dial.

Lastly, I would like to share my experience in management that I feel I bring to the job. I have 45 years in management and have run some high-volume operations with hundreds of employees. The buildings I ran were the same size as our building. I have been a Shriner for only 25 years. I say "only" because of some of the older Shriners make me look like a new guy. My wife, Jenny, has been active with the ladies Shrine groups and been a Queen with the Daughters of the Nile. I want to thank her dad, Bill Hoover, for getting me into the Shrine. As I have gotten older and since retired, it has given me more time to participate in many clubs and units.

Thank you again to all that made it possible for me to help with the "constant improvement" of our Shrine. Mike Barnes

Recorder Elect

EDITORIAL

By; Rick Reyes, Sr.

When the Going Gets Tough

I can no longer attend many Shrine functions, but I know a great Potentate when I see one. Illustrious Sir Robert Norman was one. I met our Illustrious Sir for the very first time at a Circus as I lounged in



Clown Alley. There, I learned of this Noble's service as a US Marine. I used my best jarhead jokes with him, which he took in the spirit that they were offered in jest. Along with a few other clowns, I distinctly remember thinking that this man would serve us well if he took up the calling. He did, and we are all, as Alzafar Shriners, better for having had his service.

Robert was elected Oriental Guide in December 2017, just in time to help steward us through the worst pandemic in one hundred years. We are a non-profit whose budget is so very dependent on rentals. I congratulate the Divan for those hard-felt years and for keeping our Capital Assets strong through this public woe. Have you taken the time to thank Robert, we all should. How Robert juggled his time between supervisory efforts for Homeland Security, being a single dad, and his duties on the Divan

amazed me and others. Can anyone forget his show-stopping act of proposal? Right in the middle of then Potentate, Eric DeWalt's Nobility Fiesta, he asked for the hand of his lovely lady and now wife, Tiffany Galindo.

As a dynamic duo, Robert's remaining term on the Divan became a labor of love for us all. I cannot recall a first lady of Alzafar Shriners raising as many funds for our philanthropy, Shriners Children's (Shriners Hospitals for Children), singularly as much money as Tiffany. While the final number has yet to be announced, we will find almost \$10,000.00 deposited for the children's use via the mobility Clinic.

I recall a short article reciting the qualifications of a Shrine Center first lady. As promoted by our Imperial Council, the point of this article was that a Shrine Center's First Lady should be seen as our representative of first impressions. Tiffany is impeccably a perfect fit in that role and, in fact, carried this torch head and shoulders above her peers. Robert and Tiffany have made us look great. I have enjoyed my time working for them both while laboring on this publication. I want them both to stick around, for we are greater with them everywhere we go. And I enjoy seeing younger leaders coming forward; they all make us look good.

Robert and Tiffany, as I am writing this letter, I would like to think it is written on behalf of the entirety of Alzafar Shriners. I want to believe I know their heart as they know mine. Congratulations to you both on your recognized success! You have always been dedicated, respected, and essential to Alzafar. You both have left a legacy that will be cherished by the nobles and Ladys in your shadow and by Alzafar's extended family. So, it is with mixed feelings I convey our best wishes to you for a happier, healthier, and blissful respite.

I wish you all the best for your time away from our headquarters. I will surely miss your sage advice, suggestions, youthful presence, and boundless energy. I do beg you to please stick around.

With lots of regards and best wishes to you, and in the faith, I remain,

Sincerely,

Richard A. "Rick" Reyes, II - Editor

Post Script:

To my surprise and glee, Illustrious Sir Robert M. Norman II was elected Treasurer of Alzafar Shriners and an Alzafar Imperial Representative. I can joyfully say that Robert and Tiffany will be gracing us with their presence for the foreseeable future.

ACHBAR ARTICLESIncoming Presiding Officers and Scribes

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email programs compress everything in the body, making them too small for us to use. Our commercial print line is 300 dpi (Dots Per Inch). Looking at a picture online requires that the image only be 72dpi or about one-fourth of the image or graphic size we need.



Over the years, I have created logos for all but a couple of units and clubs. Feel free to submit another if you prefer, but please make sure it's as stylish as the one in current use. If you would like a logo with other detail, ask, and we'll try to make it happen.

The following is provided so that you can help complete the Achbar. Many of you have been getting very crea-tive and adding artwork to your input. As paragraph one explains, please understand that all art, including pictures, should be attached to your email and not within the body of an article. Please do not format your article. The Achbar uses Adobe InDesign software to create the Achbar. While we appreciate the effort, formatting often adds additional work for us, and we lament that your pictures are often too small to use.

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Above all, think about this; a Mason just picked up the Achbar that is mailed to his Lodge; he opens it and lands on your unit article. Tell him why he should join the Shrine or your unit.



It has been my honor to serve as your President this past year. I appreciate all my support and hope you will support the incoming officers as you did me. Thanks to all who attended the Christmas Party last night; we had an excellent time and some outstanding food.

I miss my Brother and Mentor; he was part of my family. Have a good evening, and I will see you soon.

Again Thanks for your Support,

Yours in the Faith,

Jerry Hockman

Mike Jaeger writes: It has been a great year that ended on a sad note as our beloved Illustrious Past Po-tentate and Honor Guard Member Gregorio "G.I." Flores laid down his working tools. He will be missed by many, as he touched many people's hearts. The Alzafar Honor Guard had the privilege of showing our love and respect for him at his funeral mass, where we presented him the final salute with a Scimitar arch. He was also in our thoughts and prayers during our Christmas party installation with a memorial missing man table.

The Past Potentate, Bobby Hunt; the current Potentate, Robert Norman; Chief Rabban (elect), Marco Zuniga; and the Assistant Rabban (elect), Michael Long, were on hand to install the ensuing years' Honor Guard officers in their respective stations and places. They are Mike Allen as President, Leo Bravo as Vice President, Walter Kaster as Secretary/Recorder, and Mike Jaeger as the Drill commander. At the same time, Tim Horgan was installed as President of the Red Roadsters. An outstanding party was then conducted in true Honor Guard Fashion. This was the end of a long day after we led the Alzafar Shriners parade contingent for the City of Sattler.

The Honor Guard would like to ensure the Outgoing President, Jerry Hockman, is aware of our thanks for his wise and gentle council all year which led to increased membership and peace and harmony. We look forward to another great year with Mike Allen and Leo Bravo leading the way. We are already planning the Laredo trip.



Highland Hills Masonic Lodge# 1373 A 2023 Gun Raffle Fundraiser



First Prize: Henry .22 WMR Lever Action Magnum Express



2nd Prize: Rossi Rio Bravo Gold Plated Lever Action .22LR



1 Ticket-\$10

3Tickets-\$25

7Tickets-\$50

15 Tickcts-\$100



ONLY 600 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD



Drawing: February 16, 2023 • Need Not Be Present to Win

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Darrell Dixon, Immediate Past President Alzafar Faris Unit

Merry Christmas fellow Nobles. This has been a fun year having the honor of serving as President of the Alazafar Faris Unit. Our unit is growing fast with a current membership of 18. We are blessed to have been able to donate \$1200.00 to the Hospital Transportation Fund for the 2022 year.

Last Saturday we held our Faris Christmas party at the Camp Alzafar club house and installed the new Faris officers for the for upcoming 2023 year. Illustrious Sir, Jay Dee Thomas was gracious enough to facilitate the swearing in and installing of the new officers.... A huge shout out to you, Illustrious Sir, Thomas.

The new officers are as follows... President- Noble Glynn Praesel, Vice President- Noble Luis Cardenas, 2nd VP- Noble Tony Leonard, Treasurer- Noble David Hernandez, and Secretary- Noble Shelby Herber. I would like to wish each and every one of my fellow Nobles a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.









Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America Lady Jeanetta Davis, High Priestess

It is a new year and time to refresh and enjoy our upcoming fundraiser for the rest of this court year.

OLD BAG BRUNCH January 7th, 2023 @ 11:30 in the Parlors It's Our Biggest Fundraiser of the Year!!!

Ladies Oriental Shrine is Happy to Deal you an Invitation to our "Go Western Casino Night" for a Fun filled evening of Dancing, Roulette, Blackjack, Texas HoldEm, & Craps at the Alzafar Shrine Terrace Room, Friday February 10th, 2023, at 7:00 PM. Heavy Hors d'oeuvres provided, BYOB, Cash bar for Set-ups, Country Music provided by William Castro. Western Casual attire. Call Lisa for tickets or to reserve a table. 210-334-5207

Dillard's Spring Style Show & Luncheon

Come enjoy our Spring Style Show presented by Dillard's on March 11th in the Parlor Room at Alzafar. There will be a wonderful lunch served with a cash wine bar. Dillard's will also bring some items for Shopping while you attend. Last year they bought jewelry, perfume, handbags. Door Prizes and Opportunities to Win available. Tickets \$20. Contact Lisa Pharis for more information 210-334-5207.

Please come join us for these wonderful events. 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 Altrui.Court@gmail.com and someone will contact you.

I wish to take this time to wish everyone a joyful and prosperous 2023. I would like to thank everyone who so diligently supported Altrui over the last year. It is through you ladies that we can support Shriners Children's Hospitals. I am looking forward to our upcoming year and the wonderful projects our Princess has to raise more money for the hospitals.



Nekodah Temple No. 44 Daughters of the Nile Queen Regina Beseth

Happy New Year

Brush away old heartaches. Learn from our mistakes. Another year is finally over. A new dawn awakes.

Let the old year out.
Welcome the new one in.
Bury the bad things of the past
As a new year now begins.

Make your New Year wishes
As simple as you can.
Pray for peace and love,
Not for wealth or fame.

Pray for health and happiness.
Pray for your fellow man.
Pray for all the ones you love.
Pray for those who've lost their way.

As the midnight hour chimes, We leave the old and embrace the new. I wish the things you wish for yourself, And may God's love stay with you

Author: John P. Read

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

We are Nekodah Strong



We received a note from Jim Yantis and were pleased he's finally able to catch a breath. Jim Said, "Unfortunately for

the past several years a restoration project of my grandfathers home has taken all of my time; but I finally finished and the Lodge is one the top of my list to get active with again. Thanks for reminding me that my lodge is checking in on my status. Thanks,



Jim at jamesyantis@sbcglobal.net

A Shrine Lady sent this all the while wanting to remain anonymous:

Robert Anson Heinlein ~ Born July 7, 1907, Died May 8,

1988 - American science fiction author, aeronautical engineer, and naval officer. Sometimes called the "dean of science fiction writers", he was among the first to emphasize scientific accuracy in his fiction and was thus a pioneer of the sub-genre of hard science fiction. He also



was fond of sarcasm and here are a few of his best!

"There ain't no such thing as a free lunch".

"Never underestimate the power of human stupidity."

"Don't cripple your kids by making life too easy for them."

"You have attributed conditions to villainy that simply result from stupidity."

"Progress isn't made by early risers. It's made by lazy men trying to find easier ways to do something." (My personal favorite)

"There is no worse tyranny than to force a man to pay for what he does not want merely because you think it would be good for him."

"Specialization is for insects."

"Service men are not brighter than civilians. In many cases civilians are much more intelligent."

2023 Election Returns

Potentate
Chief Rabban
Assistant Rabban
High Priest
Oriental Guide
Treasurer
Recorder

Richard A. "Rick" Reyes, III Marco Zuniga Mike Long Steve White David Olivares IIIus. Sir Robert Norman, II Michael Barnes

Imperial Representatives Richard A. "Rick" Reyes, III Marco Zuniga IIIus. Sir Eric DeWalt IIIus. Sir Robert M. Norman. II

Finance Officers
Gary Bausell to 4-Year Term



ed to win the \$1200 prize.









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Happy New Year from the Desert Knights! **Jerry Granato**

We hope everyone had a blessed holiday season with family and friends. The Desert Knights are saddened at the loss of a dear member and one of the founders of our group, the Illustrious G.I. Flores. GI was a past president and current chaplain for our group. He brought much knowledge and contributions to our group and will be dearly missed. Our prayers remain with G.I.'s entire family, including his Lady Margie Flores, their daughter Lady Regina Beseth and son-in-law Noble Brad Beseth, also members of our group.

Plans for The Desert Knights Installation have been postponed until January 2023. The Desert Knights participated in the traditional Weihnachts Christmas Night Parade in Boerne and the CLNL Christmas Parade in Sattler, with an invitation to the Sattler VFW afterward to enjoy Chili and desserts. Both parades had five riders, George Garza, Chris Celis, Ken Wilson, Pete Granato, and Jerry Granato. The Damsels were there to cheer us on.

The Desert Knights and our Ladys meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the Director's Room at 6:30pm. Nobles are always welcome to come and join us

any time.

We want to send Happy January Birthday Wishes to Madame **Margie Flores** and Madame Gerianne Hockman.









ALZAFAR SHOTGUN UNIT AKA SMOKIN' CLAYS By Secretary Bill Willis

Happy 2023 to all! I hope everyone had a happy, healthy and joyful holiday season. And speaking of the holidays, the Alzafar Shotgun Unit held its Annual Installation of Officers and Christmas Party at the Barn Door restaurant on December 3rd. We had a great turnout with over 50 attendees. The party included dinner, drinks, raffles and of course the installation of the 2023 unit officers. A special thanks to the members of the Divan and their Ladies that attended. We were honored to have you there. And also a special thanks to Noble Tom Jackson, our outgoing unit president for 2022. Your leadership made 2022 a huge suc-

cess for the unit and raised the bar for those following behind you. Congratulations to our newly elected President for 2023, Noble Brian Niday and his Lady Kim. We know we are in great hands for the year ahead. Oh, and one last item regarding the Christmas Party. We raffled off several items throughout the evening with the last item being a Beretta over and under shotgun. Congratulations to the winner. Yes, you guessed it, Noble David Hadley.

Looking forward into 2023, we have several events on the calendar to share with you. Our first practice for the new year will be held Saturday, January 28th at the Comal County Shooting Sports range in Spring Branch, TX. All Nobles (whether a member of the unit or not), friends and family members are invited to join us. Shooting starts at 9:00 a.m. We'll be brushing up on our skills for the first big competition of the season, the Texas Shrine Shotgun Sports Association (TSSSA) Mid-Winter shoot. The event will be held on Saturday, March 18th, right here locally at the same range we'll be practicing at in January. We hope to see you all there supporting the Smokin' Clays, and the 2023 President of the TSSSA, our own Past President and current 2nd Vice President of the Alzafar Shotgun Unit, Noble Guillermo DeHoyos and his Lady Mayra. We're expecting a great turnout as Shrine shotgun units from all over Texas will be competing.

Our stated meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Roustabout Room. Ladies are always welcome. Be sure to come early as our Honorary Third Vice and Chief Chef, Noble David Hadley, always serves a fine dinner around 6:15.

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



ALZAFAR MOTOR CLUB Adios 2022 and Helloooo 2023! Steven Fisk, Secretary

Does time seem to go faster each year or are we all just busier and can't fit everything in each day?

The Motor Club is gearing up with another great year ahead of us. With our newly installed President P.P. Tom Young heading the group, we will be busy as usual. We are looking forward to a full parade schedule and our annual Spring and Fall Car Shows.

I recently came back from a 3,000 mile road trip. During that excursion I encountered some dense fog for

several hours one day and on another day it rained hard almost the entire time. I put on a pair of yellow shooting safety glasses that you can find inexpensively at a lot of stores. A friend was with me and asked why I wore those. I let him try them and see how much better they improved your ability to see. They actually make the road and other vehicles clearer and reduce your eye strain. When we stopped to fuel up he went into a nearby store and bought a pair for himself. It's a trick I learned years back driving in Alaska during adverse winter conditions. A cheap pair in the glove box can make for a safer and easier day driving in bad weather.

We have some more motor fun in the works and invite anyone that wants to try something different to come on by on the third Tuesday each month at 7:00 pm to check us out. There is always space on the course for you. We have vehicles over 100 years old to nearly brand new, so everything is welcomed.

Stay safe and keep on motoring.



Provost Guard Andrew Libby, Secretary/Treasurer

Provost Guard provided assistance during the Giovanni and Kevin Fowler concerts to supplement law enforcement to ensure the safety of participants.

On December 2, 2022 the PG held our annual Christmas Party with catering by Noble Dale Curry and music by Hal Glitzer. The event was visited by our Potentate and several Divan members. All present enjoyed the occasion.

We in the Provost Guard wish that all newly elected Divan members and unit leadership will continue to move Alzafar forward during 2023. We are obligated to a mission we will continue to serve.

All Nobles are invited to come by and check out all the fun. There is NO requirement to be a current or former peace officer to join PG. We meet the first Wednesday of the month, social hour at 6:00pm, great meal at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:00 pm. and all Ladies are welcome.



ALZAFAR SHRINE SENIORS

By: Daniel Coburn, Secretary, 12/01/22

The monthly meeting of the Alzafar Senior's was held in the Roustabouts room on December 1st. 20 members and guests attended. A Christmas themed turkey dinner with Christmas desserts was provided Yaeko Coburn and Lydia Garrido.

Installation of our 2023 Officers was held. The officers for 2023 are Roger Cockrell, President, Nelson Dunn Vice President, Ralph McLeod Chaplin, Joe and Margie Estlack, Treasurer and Daniel Coburn, Secretary.

Our speaker for the month was Ron Spahr of the Alzafar Clown Unit. He explained the start of the Clown Units and the background of some members. The Clowns attend competitions during the year and Ron explained some of the judging criteria. The Clown activities were restricted during the pandemic, but they are staring to become active again as restrictions ease. The Shrine Hospitals are once again open to visits from Shriners and Clowns. Ron explained some of the cultural differences they run into during events and how they are trained to minimize adverse reactions to their attire from children or parents. Recently some of the hobo clowns with sad face personas have been asked to change to happy face make up to reduce possible anxiety from children. The Clown Unit meets every second Tuesday and visitors are welcome.

Under sickness and distress, it was noted that Rose May's funeral and interment was held on a rainy and cold November 21st at the Fort Sam Houston Cemetery. John Lorch has recovered from his surgery and is back with us.

The Shrine Seniors Club meets at noon on the first Thursday of every month in the Shrine Roustabouts Room. All senior Shrine Members 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 January 5th. 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.



The Alzafar Highlanders installed their officers for 2023 at Mako's on the Creek on December 3rd by Past Potentate Jason Triggs. We are very excited for the coming year and have a lot planned. We meet every Wednesday at 6:30 PM for chanter practice at the Highlanders Room. The officers this year are:

Chief – Jason Reichenberg Scribe – Russell Ross Treasurer – Gordon McKinnie Pipe Major – Robert Chalk Executive Officer – Dan MacDonald Executive Officer – Tom Kopcho

Our first big event will be our Robert Burns Night dinner on January 28th at 7:00 PM in the Director's Staff Room. The cost will be \$20. Please RSVP with our Scribe, Russell Ross, at russelltaylor.ross@gmail.com. Come out and celebrate a great poet and Mason.

Fraternally,

Jason E. Reichenberg, Chief Alzafar Highlanders Alzafar Shriners jason.e.reichenberg@gmail.com 256-457-0995



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

ALZAFAR UNIT MEETING SCHEDULE

BAND **BREWS BROTHERS BURNING SUN** CABIRI CAMP ALZAFAR

CHAPARRAL **DE-MOLAY** DESERT KNIGHTS DIRECTORS STAFF DRUM CORPS **FARIS GOLF UNIT** HIGHLANDERS BAND

HILLBILLY CLAN

HONOR GUARD HOSPITAL CORPS HOT SANDS BBQ KERR KLOWNS LEGION OF HONOR MINI-WHEELS MOTOR CLUB MOTOR PATROL NEMNUF ORIENTAL BAND PATROL PROVOST GUARD RED ROADSTERS **RUFFINAS RV CLUB SENIORS** SHOTGUN SONS OF HIRAM SASIRNOS CLOWNS

Each Thursday 4th Wednesday 2nd Wednesday Wed. 2nd Thru. Memorial Day

7:30 P.M. Room 5 7:00 P.M. Room 5 12:00 N As Designated 12:00 N Camp Pavilion July 4th & Labor Day 7:30 P.M. Room 4

1st Monday 2nd Thursday 3rd Wednesday 2nd Tuesday Each Thursday As Called 2nd Tuesday Each Thursday

7:30 P.M. Directors Rm. 7:30 P.M. Room 8 Camp Alzafar 7:00 P.M. Room 8 6:30 P.M. Room 9 2nd Sun Feb., Apr. 5:00 P.M. Roustabout June, Aug., Oct., Dec.

6:00 P.M. As Designated

7:00 PM Directors Rm.

6:30 P.M. Room 7

1st Monday 3rd Tuesday 4th Monday 4th Thursday 2nd Tuesday 3rd Tuesday

3rd Monday 2nd Monday Each Wednesday 4th Monday 1st Wednesday 1st Tuesday 2nd Sunday

4th Weekend 1st Thursday 2nd Monday 1st Monday 1st Wednesday

7:30 P.M. Room 12 7:00 P.M. Room 6 Wed. before stated 7:00 P.M Pavilion 7:00 P.M. Room 11 7:00 P.M. Room 4 7:00 P.M. Room 10 7:00 P.M. Room 9 7:00 P.M. Room 5 7:30 P.M. Room 11 7:00 P.M. Room 8 7:00 P.M. Room 6 7:00 P.M. Provost Gd. 7:00 P.M. Room 10 Camp Alzafar As Designated

12:00 N Roustabout

7:00 P.M. Parlors

7:00 P.M. Directors Rm

7:00 P.M. As Designated

SHRINE CLUB MEETINGS

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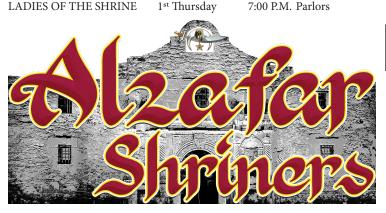
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6:30 P.M. As Designated 6:30 P.M. Lakeside GC 6:30 P.M. Ramada Inn 6:00 P.M. As Designated 11:30A.M. Inn o/t Hills 7:00 P.M. As Designated

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS MEETINGS

ANCHOR MASONIC LODGE 2nd+4th Thurs. CIBOLO MASONIC LODGE 4th Monday KELLY MASONIC LODGE 1st Tuesday VICTORY MASONIC LDG. 2nd Tuesday DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE 2nd Thursday LADIES OF THE SHRINE

7:00P.M. Alzafar rear 7:00 P.M. Alzafar rear 7:30 P.M. Alzafar rear 7:00 P.M. Alzafar rear 7:30 P.M. Parlors 7:00 P.M. Parlors



Former Potentates of Alzafar Shriners

1969 Keith Gerstner*

1971 Bruce Waitz*

1970 Jack W. Cones, Jr.*

1976 W.H. "Bill" Elmore*

1977 Thurman Barrett, Jr.*

1979 Reese L. Harrison, Jr.

1978 Floyd O. Schneider*

1980 Burdit W. McCoy*

1982 Joseph M. Clark*

1981 James V. Gullette*

1984 Joe Rov Hollawav*

1985 E.C. "Bud" Jordan*

1988 James Dockery, Jr.*

1989 George J. Labinski*

1986 Sidney D. Autry*

1987 Terry McGuire*

1990 James W. Todd

1994 E.C. "Ed" Vest*

1997 Harry D. Rose*

2000 Bob Stephens*

2001 Loren Hayes*

1995 Tom Boothe*

1996 Jerry Krupp*

1992 Robert "Bob" Jett

1993 Emmett C. George*

1998 Robert D. "Bob" Green

1999 Robert "Bobby" Hunt

2002 J. Philip Knight-Sheen

2003 Wavne R. Duncan

2004 Steve R. Molnar*

2005 Stuart H. Simms*

2006 Frank B. Hunter* 2007 Joseph Calvey

2008 Paul F. McCombs

2009 James "Jim" Strayer* 2010 Richard "Rick" Reyes II

2011 Gregorio "G.I." Flores

2012 Robert "Bob" Jones

2015 Jay Dee Thomas

2017 Gary Radvansky

2013 Tom Young

2016 John Dunn

2014 Expelled

1991 Ray Fuller*

1983 George D. Vann, Jr.*

1972 Floyd F. Graham*

1973 Drue H. Flovd*

1974 Jack O. Dietz*

1975 H.C. Kopplow*

1916 Frank R. Newton Sr* 1917 Ted Millburn* 1918 J. A. Patterson* 1919 Henry Rabe* 1920 Robert Burne* 1921 Sylvan Lang* 1922 Robert S. Michael* 1923 Nathan K. Tracy* 1924 H. W. Weber* 1925 Herman Horner* 1926 Charles D. Hall* 1927 S. X. Callahan* 1928 John Lomax* 1929 Henry A. Hirschberg* 1930 A.J. McKenzie* 1931 Louis P. Hartung* 1932 Anton N. Moursund* 1933 G.G. Grebenheimer* 1934 Porter Loring* 1935 P.D. Mathis* 1936 Geo. F. Dullnig* 1937 Willard E. Simpson* 1938 C. Baumberger, Jr.* 1939 William Eifler* 1940 William H. Wallace* 1941 Daniel O'Connell* 1942 O.J. Solcher* 1943 Rennie Wright* 1944 Albert A. Green* 1945 W.D. Turbeville* 1946 Ted E. Poppe* 1947 Alfred W. Harlos* 1948 Sam A. Chapman* 1949 Richard Adams* 1950 Rov Akers* 1951 Glen K. Schuepbach* 1952 W.C. "Pat" Welch* 1953 Elliot J. Bilhartz* 1954 Ray H. Trimmier* 1955 T.M. McCormick* 1956 H.S. Norman* 1957 W.B. Jack Ball* 1958 Floyd J. Griffin* 1959 Henry W. Eitt*

1964 Jack B. Lee* 1965 Robert B. O'Connor* 1966 E. Jeff Ashcraft, Jr.* 1967 D. Neal Tallev* 1968 Wm. H. Ferguson*

1960 Harvey McDonald*

1962 George W. Henry*

1961 L.L. Woodman*

1963 Barney Norris*

2018 Jason Triggs 2019 Eric DeWalt 2020 Marty Bartlett

2021 L. Travis Elmendorf

Alzafar Shriners Who Are Former Potentates of Other Shrine Centers

1964 Roy Reynolds* 1970-71 Eldon O. Wesner* 1979 Rav Robinson 1981 Donald Garrido* 1983 David Martin 1998 Terry Zittle 2012 Rick Oberg

(El Bekal Shriners) (Anezeh Shriners) (Suez Shriners) (Abou Saad Shriners) (Suez Shriners) (Abou Saad Shriners) (El Zagal Shriners)

* An Asterisk Denotes the Passing of Our Illustrious Sir

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

2023 Master Calendar January 2023 10th Divan/Finance Meeting 5:00 pm Shrine Stated Meeting 12th 7:00 pm Installation of Officers February 2023 6th Divan/Finance Meeting 5:00 pm 8th Wednesday Shrine Stated Meeting 7:00 pm 9th-12th Divan Midwinter Granbury, Texas (Moslah) 12:00 Registration WBCA Events Laredo 17th-19th 18th Washington Birthday Parade 9:00 am March 2023 Divan/Finance Meeting 6th 5:00 pm 9th Shrine Stated Meeting 7:00 pm