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MARCH 2023



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MARCH 18TH 2023

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Notice of Stated Meeting of Alzafar Shriners

The following Stated Meeting of Alzafar Shriners will be on **April 13, 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

Alzafar

As I write this, we're nearly 2 months through this year. Like a flash, the first month of 2023 flew by. As fast as it's going, we still have so much to look forward to throughout the year. Amanda and I recently returned from the East-West Shrine Bowl in Las Vegas. We spent three days enjoying the sites and watching tomorrow's NFL stars fight to earn their spot on



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

a professional roster. We had such a fantastic time. If you have not attended an East-West game, I urge you to make every attempt to attend one.

As many of you know, Potentates have pins, and people want them. I truly love seeing our nobles and their ladies wear Our Pin as it shows pride in ownership of our brand, Alzafar. Mostly, I enjoy hearing the questions asked and the answers returned from our Alzafar family when a stranger asks what it means.

Quick story... While coming back from the East-West Shrine Bowl, sitting two rows behind me was a lady of one of our Shriners. I noticed that she had my Pin on her lapel as she walked past me on the plane. A short while later, amongst a sea of other travelers, I heard the flight attendant ask her what the lapel pin represented. This lady explained to the flight attendant who Alzafar was, what we were doing in Vegas, and most importantly, what we do for kids. The lady then took her Potentate's Pin off, handed it to the flight attendant, and let her know that she knew a guy and could get another. Throughout the rest of the flight, that attendant wore the Pin, which I'm sure led to many other passengers asking even more questions.



Now here's the kicker... just as we landed and following the disembarkation information, the flight attendant thanked all Shriners and let all the passengers know how much they "Love their Shriners!" To say I was inflated with pride would be an understatement. I want to send a massive shout-out to David and Belinda Hernandez. Belinda, because of your actions, our fraternity and philanthropy received fantastic advertisements for who we

are and what we do. You are a true treasure to our organization, and you honor us!

Up next, we have the Nobility Ball on tap for Alzafar. It will be held at the Shrine Auditorium on Saturday, March 18th. Tickets are \$35 or \$350 for a table of 10. It is a black and white themed ball. Don't worry if you don't have a tuxedo. We'll have folks in tuxedos and dark suits, and as today's societal norms dictate, wear your finest regardless of style or function. I hope you know that we would be honored to have you with us! This is an opportunity to acknowledge Alzafar's 107th year of optimism and service and to introduce your incoming officers to the community. We will have a great time celebrating what's to come.

Lastly, we will conduct our first officers call on Wednesday, March 29th, from 7-8pm in the conference room at the Shrine. We ask that all units provide at least one officer for the meeting. We will discuss the strategic direction for the remainder of the year and answer any questions you and the nobility may have. Remember, your voice is not heard if you don't have an officer there.



2023 Shriners International Fun & Fellowship Competition

Yes, you can submit proposed fun event, even if you have not contacted the Shrine Center for support.

There are no limitations to the number of entries, so long as each entry is unique. All nobles are encouraged to participate!

The entry submission period is Jan. 31 – March 17.

The voting period is from May 1 – June 23.

Winners will be announced at Imperial Session in Charlotte, North Carolina!

In the interim period, between March 18 and April 30, a team of impartial volunteers will review all submissions and decide on the top 5 in each category. These top 5 will be contacted and interviewed, and the voting collateral will be developed for the voting launch of the voting platform on May 1st.

For any questions contact Noble Jody Meguiar, Component Relations Manager, at jmeguiar@shrinenet.org.

Online form at:

<https://shrinenet.jotform.com/223393447860159>

Good day Nobles & Ladies!!!

February was a busy month! We started it off by attending the East/West Shrine Bowl in Vegas, then headed to midwinter in Granbury. We finished it up with a parade in Laredo then another quick parade in Galveston. It's always great to see everyone's support at each event.



Noble Marco Zuniga
Chief Rabban of Alzafar Shriners

We are in full gear for our 1st concert of the year. Alzafar Tejano Showcase is set for Saturday April 15th to be held at the Shrine Pavilion. If you know someone wanting to help sponsor this event please reach out as soon as possible. Any and all help to make this event a success will be greatly appreciated. As always Lady Lori & I thank you for your continued support and hope to make you proud.

Til next time,
Marco Zuniga
Speaking of Alzafar

This past weekend several of us from Alzafar made the trek to Las Vegas for the East/West Shrine game. There were about 30 of us in total. Generally, the hotels and admission tickets to the game are very reasonable. The hotel stay, airfare, and meals for two were less than \$1000.00 for a long weekend.



Noble Michael Long
Assistant Rabban of Alzafar Shriners

The Alzafar Shrine Feasibility Study will begin in the coming weeks. I'm going to Stop the question NOW. No, the building and property



will not be proposed for sale. Our Potentate Illustrious Rick Reyes appointed me to look into our financial situation if we need to draw money from

our accounts for much-needed repairs. There are major plumbing issues and air condition problems. Some rooftop A/C units are not working, the control system for the a/c is faulty, and the water pipes used for heating need attention.

Moreover, there are long pending roofing issues that have been delayed too long. Most recently, at our Divan meeting, our financial institution Broadway Bank gave us a quick rundown of our financial position and recommended from which accounts to pull money for capital expenditures. This Divan, Your Board of Directors, is working hard to keep our building trouble-free to serve you best and maintain our competitive edge in rentals. Alzafar is a typical Shrine Center with the Black Camel, and for Non-Payment of dues drawing away our dear members at a rate of 5% per annum. Frankly speaking, our membership dues and a World Class rental venue are counterintuitive. We will always need your input on how you would suggest that we spend our money. However, just as importantly, if not more so, we need your expertise to show us how to make more money.

And in other business!

Alzafar Shrine Hospital Gala, October 7th. The first committee meeting will be on March 15th at 6pm. We will hold this meeting in either the Nemnuf/AMC room. I will send a couple of emails within my Achbar article asking for your assistance with our main Hospital Fundraiser! The sponsorship forms and the purchase of tables will begin starting March 1st.



Membership, membership, membership, we are all involved in helping grow our fraternity of great Masons. The Shrine has so much to offer with the support of our outstanding philanthropy and masonic fraternity. This year we have many membership drives to attend, and it's something for everyone, from cigar membership mixers to baseball and football events, with info coming soon.



Noble Steve White
High Priest & Prophet of Alzafar Shriners

Thanks go out to Russel Brown and his team, who worked tirelessly to represent Alzafar Shrine. Congratulations on the Shivering Shriner Polar Plunge and the record amount of money raised. The proceeds benefit Alzafar's Transportation Fund. Fun can build members. So, talk to all your Masonic Lodges you belong to and invite them to all our events.

Looking forward to our Nobility Ball on March 18th, with it's guaranteed to be well attended with great food, fellowship, and fun. Please reserve your table; you will not be disappointed.

Morgans Wonderland volunteers are needed for Saturday, March 11th, from 8:00am to 10:00 am.

This is a great way to give back to our community and show what the Shrine is all about. The work is not hard, and Morgan's Wonderland is a great host. This will be our second year, and I want to thank everyone who has participated in 2022. We will meet in the parking lot at 7:45am at 5223 David Edwards Dr, San Antonio. Located off Wurzbach Parkway and Quarry Park Rd.



The work of your Divan is constant and challenging. Undertaking every aspect of what we do as one of the best nonprofits in San Antonio Central and South Texas. It's what we do to care for your fraternity and our small part of our philanthropy. Our potentate Rick Reyes is a fantastic visionary, and his leadership is impressive. Your Divan is working to represent Alzafar Shrine in all we do. I look forward to working with him and the other Divan Members and Nobility for years to come.

Thank you for placing your trust in me. I love any work that makes you proud of your Alzafar Shrine.

March, the third month of the year brings us many things to celebrate. We start off the month with Texas Independence Day on March 2nd, when we celebrate Texas' independence from Mexico. Then it is time to start thinking green as we celebrate St Patrick's Day on March 17th. Keep on thinking green as we officially enter Spring on March 20th. March is known for its ever-changing weather which reminds me of a quote from the famous Ralph Waldo Emerson - "Our life is March weather, savage and serene in one hour".

I would like to thank all the Units and Clubs that have supported me and Luly as we prepare for the Children's Easter party. We are planning for a great time at the Alzafar Pavilion. We will have games, bounce houses, easter egg hunts, cotton candy and food and drinks for all. I also heard that the Easter Bunny will be making a visit to us as well.

The event will be on Sunday, April 2 from 2 - 4pm. Please RSVP to the office by calling (210) 496-1625 so we can make sure we have plenty of food and drinks for everyone. Hello Alzafar!!

What a jammed packed February we all had. Hopefully, you could attend some of the events in which your Shrine participated. The Laredo parade was another great time, with the streets full of the locals cheering on the Shriners for being there.

Your Divan attended Midwinter in Granbury, Texas. It was a busy weekend sitting through various presentations. Much information was given by the leaders of our great fraternity about what's



Noble David Olivares
Oriental Guide of Alzafar Shriners



Illustrious Sir Robert M. Norman, II
Treasurer of Alzafar Shriners

coming up in the future. I can tell you we are in great hands moving forward.

If you or your unit has never attended TSA in the summer, consider attending this year. It is being held in Fort Worth, and they plan to have a great time there. On one of the nights there, they plan a trip to the world-famous Billy Bobs. The area the hotels are in is the stockyards. I've only been to Fort Worth once and had an opportunity to check out Billy Bobs, but that was during the day, and nothing was happening. The place is enormous, and I believe we will have a blast there.

Don't forget this month is the Nobility Ball. Our Illustrious Potentate Rick and First Lady Amanda have a great evening planned for all of us, and you don't want to miss out. So, plan to attend this party on March 18th.

Thank you all for your continued support for me and Lady Tiffany. We both look forward to seeing you all soon.

In writing this month's Achbar, I just returned from the TSA Divan Mid-Winter and spent time with my counterparts and other members of the Texas Shrine Temples. Also, in attendance were executives of Shriners International. I was very impressed with the knowledge and dedication of not only the current line but those that have an interest in running for Officers for 2023-2024. Some of the presentations focused on the status of the Hospitals as well as the future of the Fraternity with the decline in membership. We are in good hands!

As for our own Temple, we are looking at the improvements needed to maintain our building and increase our current income from rentals. Last year was a milestone in dollars that were generated from all the events and shows, and this year's budget is over \$800,000, while still being competitive with other venues in San Antonio area. With the size of our building, the expenses are just as large. Just an example is the utilities are over \$100,000 a year. Our insurance bill was \$162,000. Several of the areas that we have been reviewing are how to reduce the cost of running it. We are looking at all the expenses and seeing how we can cut costs by finding better prices, changing vendors, fixing it ourselves or even doing without. Feel confident that your Finance Com-



Noble Michael Barnes
Recorder of Alzafar Shriners

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



APRIL 2ND 2023
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
SHRINE AUDITORIUM
PAVILION

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

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mittee is reviewing what we spend and was it necessary.

March will be our “Spring Clean Up – Fix Up”. We will have a roll off dumpster in the back of the building. While touring the rooms and separate buildings, I noticed many items that are torn, damaged furniture, old unused equipment, and just items that have not been used or never will be. This is the time that all the Units, Clubs, Lodges and Ladies Organizations can clear out what they no longer need. Later this spring we will need help with the outside grounds area. Please come out and volunteer your time. I would see this as “Right Sizing” our assets. We will trash what has no value, recycle to other Units/Club, or sell what we just don’t need anymore and put the money towards other improvements.



Leo Bravo – Secretary
The scoop of the Month

As we enter March of the 2023 year, we are led by our officers: President Tim Horgan, VP Dion Reece, Mike Calloway as Treasurer, newcomer Leo Bravo serving as Secretary, and with the mentorship of our Past President, Chris Celis, for the future of the Unit.

We’re excited and preparing for the new year of parades! All of our members are anxiously waiting to load up their cars, tuck in their bellies, and squeeze into their seats to bring out those big, joyful smiles from the children in attendance, as we zoom on by.

Much like an any team in need of rebuilding, we are doing much of the same in our unit. From new ideas, new members, and rebuilding worn down roadsters; we embrace the challenge with a wrench in one hand and a beer in the other. We have a lot of work to do, and we could use a little help should anyone lend a hand, please don’t hesitate to give us some tips on growing a unit’s membership and funds.

Calling all Cars!!! The Red Roadsters Unit is calling on members past or present, in search of previous car owners, scrap cars, or barn finds. Where are all the hidden roadsters?!

We’re compiling a list of Roadsters looking for new ownership. Please, if you know someone or have seen one sitting in a flea market somewhere, send us an email at redroadsters.alzafar@gmail.com and we’ll do the rest. We do monitor a group on Facebook that lists cars in the surrounding areas, but most are out of state.

If you’ve read this far, I’m glad you find interest in our small by mighty unit. We hope to bring smiles and laughter to everyone we meet on the road or in the Shrine. If you see us taking photos and you’d like to jump in and get a portrait with your Fez, by all means, tuck in your belly, lather on some baby oil, and squeeze on in. I’d love to take your photo!

With Brotherly Love,
Leo Bravo and the Red Roadsters
(Kinda Cool Band Name)



*Could it be that this
One is calling for YOU!*

*You can be Held High in the Loving
Hearts and Minds of Every Child
Along Every parade Route!*



**ALZAFAR SHOTGUN UNIT
AKA SMOKIN' CLAYS**
By Secretary Bill Willis

I hope everyone made it through the February freezing temperatures unscathed. I know several of us had extended power outages, but March should bring warmer weather.

The Shotgun Unit is still gearing up and practicing hard for our upcoming Texas Shrine Shotgun Sports Association (TSSSA) Mid-Winter shoot. This is our first major competition of the year and will be held Saturday, March 18th at the Comal County Shooting Sports range right here in Spring Branch. Shooting starts at 9:00 a.m. and will feature teams competing from Temples all across Texas. The TSSSA President for 2023 is our own Noble Guillermo DeHoyos, Past President and current 2nd Vice President of the Alzafar Shotgun Unit. So come on out and bring your family and friends to support the Smokin' Clays. We're looking forward to seeing you all there. It should be a fun-filled day of shooting and fellowship.



Our final practice before Mid-Winter is scheduled for Saturday, March 11th, at Comal County Shooting Sports. Shooting starts at 9:00 a.m. and is open to anyone wanting to join us.

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 up a delicious meal around 6:15. And a special shout out to David for making William Lee Golden, a Shriner and member of the Oak Ridge Boys, an honorary Alzafar Shriner.

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



The Alzafar Highlanders joined with the San Antonio Scottish Rite Knights of Saint Andrew for an evening of celebrating the life and legacy of the Scottish poet and Freemason, Robert Burns. The night included the traditional "Address to a Haggis" and several toasts. The KSA provided an honor guard for the "Piping in of the Haggis". This was one of several planned joint events with the KSA. Thank you to Noble Ron Spahr for the pictures.



Join the Alzafar Highlanders on April 1st in the Parlors for an evening of whisky tasting. Tickets are \$30 each or \$50 for two and are good for five shots of high end Scotch and Irish Whisky. In addition to the tasting, we are raffling off a bottle of Glen Fohdry Speyside Single Malt Whisky 29 (a \$400 value) to raise money for the Alzafar Hospital Transportation Fund. Tickets for the raffle are \$20 each. For more information contact Jason Reichenberg, Chief at 256-457-0995 or jason.e.reichenberg@gmail.com.
Fraternally,

Jason E. Reichenberg, Chief
Alzafar Highlanders
Alzafar Shriners



**Alzafar Shrine Desert Knights
Jerry Granato, President**

We hope everyone was safe during the ice storm that came through our area causing many hazards. The Desert Knights are having February's meeting at The Barn Door to enjoy a nice meal with our ladies. There, we will discuss the upcoming parades and fun times ahead as we near springtime.

The Desert Knight officers were installed for 2023 by Chris Celis. We welcome anyone to come join our group. Our meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month in the Director's Room.

Happy Birthday wishes to Becky Granato and Chris Celis.



Well, as this is being written we are busy getting ready for another appearance in Laredo for one of the best parades of the year. This is a great way to start the year off. The weather is typically good, the participation is always outstanding and the crowds. The crowds just are amazing. Thousands of people lining the streets and showing their love for all Shriners! You really get to feel how your efforts

pay off when families are holding up signs thanking you for being a Shriner and having helped one of their family members. And even having one of the Shrine patients holding a sign and thanking you and smiling. Nothing compares.

We are also getting ready for our February Sweethearts dinner. It is one of our ways of recognizing all the wonderful ladies that help us keep the Motor Club rolling along.

President and P.P. Tom Young is looking to have some "just for fun" events this year. Lunch runs where we will just go cruise and hang out with each other and see something interesting along the way is one idea. We will get the word out so you can put it on your calendars and join us. We are also looking for ideas from you as to what you would like the Club to engage in.

As always we extend an open invite to anyone with an interest in vehicles of any kind to come join us. We park in Room (at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Shrine.



Hello everyone!

Our New Year started out well with our January golf tournament with the team of Studdard, Hamilton, Hernandez and Dailey beating out the other 2 teams by 4 strokes with a score of 74. Studdard had a gross 87 for best overall round and Hamilton edged out Grona on 1st hardest hole to win low net score of 65. In January we also had our 1st meeting with our significant others in attendance with a meal of brisket and sausage served up by brother Hernandez and sides by other members.

We played the Brackenridge GC on February 16 and as with all our events, we invite you to join us. Send us a note (Gary <txpal@yahoo.com>) so you can mark your calendars.

We will miss brother Umaming for the next 6 months as he's headed home to the Philippines to enjoy family and tropical weather leaving us behind to survive the end of winter, Safe travels friend.

Alzafar Highlanders Whisky Tasting
April 1st at 6:30 PM Alzafar Shrine Parlors 901 N Loop 1604
\$30pp or 2 for \$50

See one of the Highlanders for tickets
or contact Jason Reichenberg at
256-457-0995/jason.e.reichenberg@gmail.com



Charity Scotch Raffle

Hosted by the Alzafar Highlanders Drawing to be held at the Whisky Tasting
\$20.00/ticket

Glen Fohdry Speyside Single Malt Scotch Whisky
Aged 29 Years



Proceeds to benefit Shriners Children's a 501c3 charity. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent provided by law.

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Ruffians Unit

January saw the Ruffians enjoying a sunny day ride in the Hill Country once again. Ken Whited led the group on a nice cruise starting out from Camp Alzafar. The day was perfect, well maybe a little cool at the start. But, it ended up with miles of smiles once again.

The February ride is going to be the Ruffians first time participating in the George Washington Birthday Celebration Parade in Laredo. Everyone is looking forward to this and all fingers are crossed that the weather is favorable.

Plans for the March ride have been set with the Unit heading towards the east side of Canyon Lake and then winding back towards Blanco. As always, we invite anyone riding or driving anything to come out and enjoy some great fellowship with other Nobles. We even invite any and all Masons who are not Shriners (yet!) to join us. Pass the word in your Lodges if you know of brothers who have a motorcycle to check us out. As always, our rides and gatherings include Ladies and family as that's what we are all about! Third Sunday of the month at Camp Alzafar at 11:00 am you'll find us warming up our engines.



We have received a few messages from members. Our friend Ed Tuma writes to our newly minted Potentate, "Happy for your year a happy 1 for U 2" It must be Clown Code for Best Wishes to Illustrious Sir, Rick Reyes, III.

Bennett Feinsilber <muley@gvvc.com> writes with a capital idea! He asks if Alzafar would create a unit charged with checking in on members regarding their

health and welfare. Some might think this too simplistic but the importance of such a unit if charged properly could be dramatic. I remember some time ago the Shrine had commissioned a study to learn why Shriners drop out via non-payment of dues (NPD). Moreover, we have elderly members who have been members for multiple decades and due to the natural progression of things are not no longer engaged with us. We need not have them dropout for NPD. This same committee when they find an elderly Shrine would have the author-ity to waive the dues for a life as a Shriner well lived. If we really believe in promoting membership, let's show it.

In my last, And well within the length of my cable-tow Samuel Munoz, Sr. <belair3125@msn.com> writes, "(I) Wish one day I could join the motor club on a parade carrying a noble." He includes with images of a fine ride we should love to have in a parade. I bet even the Potentate would be honored to go in this beautiful Bucket-T. Samuel has one great looking ride. If Samuel isn't a Noble, he needs to be one, and if he is then why is he not in the Alzafar Motor Club, he should be. Look at his Rat Rod!





Alzafar Seniors

ALZAFAR SHRINE SENIORS

By: Daniel Coburn, Secretary, 2/02/23

The monthly meeting of the Alzafar Senior's was held in the Roustabouts room on February 2nd with 16 members and 2 guests attending. A delicious roast chicken dinner was provided by Yaeko Coburn with desserts by Ralph McLeod.

Our speakers for the month were from the Sojourners represented by Freddie Freeland, Joe Estlack, Nelson Dunn, and John Lorch. They gave a very informative and interesting program about the history of the American Flag since its creation at the birth of our Nation, from the original thirteen Colonies to the present, the meaning of the various parts, and how it has changed over the centuries. The Sojourners meet on the third Saturday of every month at the Salt Grass Steak House Restaurant. The Sojourner's events were impacted during the Pandemic but are resuming with a March encampment.

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 March 2nd. 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.



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

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

Congratulations to the newly elected officers of Nekodah Temple. I know 2023 will be a memorable year for all of you. Cherish the time as it goes by quickly!!

A huge thank you to all who have supported me the past few years. It has been so wonderful to be part of an organization that does so much for the children.

To all of the 2022 elected and appointed officers, thank you for all you have done to serve our temple. You have all worked hard and have made me so proud to represent you as your leader.

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

With Nile Love,

Queen Regina Beseth

Welcome to our New Princesses! Cheryl Cardenas and Frances Garcia.

March 26, 2023, Nekodah No.44 Public Installation of Officers at 2pm in the Alzafar Shrine Ballroom.

Friendly Reminder, if you haven't paid your 2022-2023 (\$52) dues you may send them to Pr Recorder Rita Young, her contact information is in the Roster.

Help us keep the household roster up to date. If you have new contact information such as mailing or email address or phone you may send it to the Nekodah group account:

nekodahtempleno44@gmail.com.

If you or someone you know would like to become a member of the Daughters of the Nile, Nekodah Temple No. 44, please contact any of our members or the Membership Team: PQ Carol Carpenter, PQ. Margie Flores, PQ. Peggy Songer, PQ. Barbara Wells, Pr. Cindy Garza.

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

We are Nekodah Strong



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

Our court year is coming to an end, and what a year it has been. We celebrated our 50th birthday as we hosted the Mid States Unit meet with all the sister courts here to help us celebrate. This was a great time for our court. I would also like to thank everyone who has supported us this year for our fundraisers. As you know it is all about the children. We have one fundraiser left for the year.

Our last event for this court year will be the 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 this great last event.

We would like to invite you to the Installation of Officers on Friday, March 24th, at 7 pm in the Parlors. This is a special event for our High Priestess elect Lisa Pharis.

Please join us for her special night.

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.



Note: Subject to Change!

DATE	PARADE	LOCATION	LINE-UP	START
Sat. Feb.18th	WBCA	Laredo	7:00AM	9:00AM
Sun. Feb 19th	Mardi Gras	Galveston	1:00AM	12:00PM
Sat. Apr. 15th	Strawberry Poteet		8:00AM	10:00AM
Sat. Apr. 29th	Fiesta	SATX	5:00PM	7:00PM
Sat. May 6th	Cornyval	Helotes	8:00AM	10:00AM
Sat. May 27th	Memorial	Bandera	9:00AM	11:00AM
Sat. June 17th	Berges Fest	Boerne	8:00AM	10:00AM
Tues. July 4th	July 4th	Seguin	8:00AM	10:00AM
Fri. Aug 25th (Optional)	Gillespie Co.	Frederickerg	8:00AM	10:00AM
Sat. Sept. 2nd	Kendall Co.	Boerne	8:00AM	10:00AM
Sat. Nov. 11th (Alzafar Ladies and Family)	Veterans	San Antonio	10:00AM	12:00PM
Sat. Nov. 18th	Glam Night	AH	3:30PM	5:30PM
Sat. Dec. 2rd	Christmas	Boerne	4:30PM.	6:00PM
Sat. Dec. 9th (Alzafar Ladies and Family)	Christmas Parade	Sattler	9:30AM	11:00AM



**ALZAFAR SHRINERS
LA PRIMAVERA
TEJANO SHOWCASE
DATE: SATURDAY APRIL 15, 2023
WHERE: SAN ANTONIO SHRINE AUDITORIUM
OUTDOOR PAVILION
TIME 12:00 NOON-11:00 PM
ALL DAY TICKETS: STARTING AT \$40**

**HEADLINERS
JAIME DE ANDA & DAVID FARIAS**

**ALSO FEATURING
KAMILA Y BELLA
MICK CRUZ
CONJUNTO CATS
THE BAND OF BROTHERS**



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 8
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
KERR KLOWNS	4 th Monday	7:00 P.M.	Room 11
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

BOERNE SC	3 rd Wednesday	6:30 P.M.	As Designated
CANYON LAKE	3 rd Thursday	TBD P.M.	Lakeside GC
FT. CLARK SPRINGS	4 th Saturday	6:30 P.M.	Ramada Inn
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 Holloway*
1931 Louis P. Hartung*	1985 E.C. "Bud" Jordan*
1932 Anton N. Moursund*	1986 Sidney D. Autry*
1933 G.G. Grebenheimer*	1987 Terry McGuire*
1934 Porter Loring*	1988 James Dockery, Jr.*
1935 P.D. Mathis*	1989 George J. Labinski*
1936 Geo. F. Dullnig*	1990 James W. Todd
1937 Willard E. Simpson*	1991 Ray Fuller*
1938 C. Baumberger, Jr.*	1992 Robert "Bob" Jett
1939 William Eifler*	1993 Emmett C. George*
1940 William H. Wallace*	1994 E.C. "Ed" Vest*
1941 Daniel O'Connell*	1995 Tom Boothe*
1942 O.J. Solcher*	1996 Jerry Krupp*
1943 Rennie Wright*	1997 Harry D. Rose*
1944 Albert A. Green*	1998 Robert D. "Bob" Green
1945 W.D. Turbeville*	1999 Robert "Bobby" Hunt
1946 Ted E. Poppe*	2000 Bob Stephens*
1947 Alfred W. Harlos*	2001 Loren Hayes*
1948 Sam A. Chapman*	2002 J. Philip Knight-Sheen
1949 Richard Adams*	2003 Wayne R. Duncan
1950 Roy Akers*	2004 Steve R. Molnar*
1951 Glen K. Schuepbach*	2005 Stuart H. Simms*
1952 W.C. "Pat" Welch*	2006 Frank B. Hunter*
1953 Elliot J. Bilhartz*	2007 Joseph Calvey
1954 Ray H. Trimmier*	2008 Paul F. McCombs
1955 T.M. McCormick*	2009 James "Jim" Strayer*
1956 H.S. Norman*	2010 Richard "Rick" Reyes II
1957 W.B. Jack Ball*	2011 Gregorio "G.I." Flores*
1958 Floyd J. Griffin*	2012 Robert "Bob" Jones
1959 Henry W. Eitt*	2013 Tom Young
1960 Harvey McDonald*	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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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

March 2023

6th	Divan/Finance Meeting	5:00 pm
9th	Shrine Stated Meeting	7:00 pm
25th	AMC Car Show	All Day

April 2023

2nd	Alzafar Children's Easter	2:00 to 4:00 pm
8th	Fiesta Flambeau	5:00 pm
10th	Divan/Finance Meeting	5:00 pm
13th	Shrine Stated Meeting	7:00 pm
15th	Primavera Tejano Showcase	All Day
22nd	Strawberry Festival Parade Poteet	8:00 am

May 2023

6th	Cornyval Parade - Helotes	8:00 am
8th	Divan/Finance Meeting	5:00 pm
11th	Shrine Stated Meeting	7:00 pm
27th	Memorial Day Parade - Bandera	9:00 am