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Happy Valentine's Day



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**Notice of Stated Meeting of Alzafar Shriners** The following Stated Meeting of Alzafar Shriners will be on February 7, 2024 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 2024 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,  
Mike Barnes

*Marco Zuniga*

Potentate: Illustrious Sir,  
Marco Zuniga

**The Past 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*	2015 Jay Dee Thomas
1961 L.L. Woodman*	2016 John Dunn
1962 George W. Henry*	2017 Gary Radvansky
1963 Barney Norris*	2018 Jason Triggs
1964 Jack B. Lee*	2019 Eric A. DeWalt
1965 Robert B. O'Connor*	2020 Marty Bartlett
1966 E. Jeff Ashcraft, Jr.*	2021 L. Travis Elmendorf
1967 D. Neal Talley*	2022 Robert M. Norman, II
1968 Wm. H. Ferguson*	2023 Richard "Rick" Reyes III
1969 Keith Gerstner*	

**Alzafar Shriners Formally 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)

\*The passing of Our Illustrious Sir

## Good Day Nobles & Ladies!!!

Here we are...already in February, and we certainly have a lot going on. I invite you to come to our next stated meeting on February 7th to hear about Lady Lori's Texas First Lady's project. She will give a short presentation and talk about ways you can help. Come find out what she and her Texas counterparts ladies have planned for patients of Shriners Children's Texas.

On February 1st, Shriners Children's will be hosting the East/West Shrine Bowl in Frisco Texas. Your divan will start February off by heading to San Angelo for our annual midwinter. Some of us will finish the weekend in Galveston at the Shriners Children's Texas Mardi Gras Parade on Sunday February 11th. Jumping into the following weekend, February 16th & 17th, we have the annual George Washington Parade in Laredo. On Friday evening, you can enjoy food and drinks at the Marriott Springhill Suites followed by the parade on Saturday morning. Later that evening, our Laredo Shrine Club will host their annual Gala "Arabian Night", a great time you don't want to miss.

Phew, are we tired yet?? Not in the least. There is so much more coming up in March to look forward to. Your monthly calendar of events is on the back of the Achbar. Participate where and when you can. You can find the 2024 Parade Schedule on the Alzafar website. Success doesn't come from what we do occasionally, it comes from what you do consistently.



**"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." – Henry Ford**

Until next time, Illustrious Sir

*Marco Zuniga*

Alzafar Shrine 2024 Potentate

# The Philosophical Musings of Mr. McButterpants

## Greetings and Salutations!!!

Hope the New Year is treating everyone well!! As we finish up January here we go flying into February and all things LOVE!! Here are a few bits to share with your Sweetie on that glorious Hallmark Day!! Valentine's Day!!

- "What did the paper clip say to the magnet?" **"I find you very attractive."**
- "Do you have a date for Valentine's Day?" **"Yes, it's February 14."**
- "Why did the husband get his wife a kitten for Valentine's Day?"

**"He thought it was the purrfect present."**

- What did the stamp say to the envelope on Valentine's Day?" **"I'm stuck on you!"**
- "Why didn't the skeleton want to send any Valentine's Day cards?" **"His heart wasn't in it."**

- What's Cupid's favorite band?" **"Kiss!"**

- Knock knock. **"Who's there?" "Olive." "Olive who?" "Olive you!"**
- Knock, knock. **"Who's there?" "Peas." "Peas who?" "Peas be mine!"**
- "Knock, knock. **"Who's there?" "Butch, Jimmy and Joe."**

**"Butch, Jimmy, and Joe who?"**  
**"Butch your arms around me, Jimmy a kiss, and let's Joe."**

- Knock, knock. **"Who's there?" "Disguise." "Disguise who?" "Disguise is your boyfriend!"**
- "Knock, knock. **"Who's there?" "Howard." "Howard who?" "Howard you like a big kiss?"**
- Knock, knock. **"Who's there?" "Bea." "Bea who?" "Bea my Valentine!"**
- "How can you tell when a squirrel is in love?" **"It goes nuts!"**
- "What do you call sweets that can keep a beat?" **"Candy rappers."**



Here for your pleasure another classic recipe that is sure to be a crowd pleaser!! This one comes directly from the old NemNuf Cook Book Published way back in 1977!!

## Liver Pate

*From the Kitchen of Hortense Amols*

1. 1Lb Fresh calves' liver
2. 8 Hardboiled eggs
3. 1 Med sized onion
4. Chicken fat that has been rendered with cut-up fresh onion and then strained. Salt, and Pepper and Garlic powder to taste.

Bake solid piece of Liver (skinned) in dry pan, uncovered, in medium oven until done. Peel onion and hardboiled eggs and cut them up. Grind cut-up liver, onions, and eggs. Add seasonings and mix well. Blend in enough chicken fat to make a smooth pate.

Folks I don't come up with these recipes. I write them how they are in the cook book.

A wonderful side note that the amazing Mrs. Amols added, is this dish is one that was enjoyed by all on the bus trips to the Shriners Hospitals!!

**Alzafar,**

There have been numerous inquiries regarding the current status of the building and why there has been no update on the potential sale. Before we can proceed with putting the property on the market, there are several tasks that need to be completed. The listing agent has requested that we obtain a survey of the property, including an appraisal and other necessary surveys.

Of utmost importance is the ALTA Survey, which is a specialized Boundary Survey that adheres to the strict standards set by the American Land Title Association (ALTA) and the National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS). This survey is crucial in legally establishing the boundaries of the property, taking into account any easements, public right-of-way, or any changes made to the property over time. By clearly defining the boundaries, we can avoid any disputes regarding neighboring parcels. An ALTA/NSPS Land Title Survey is an essential component of the real estate due diligence process and is required to obtain comprehensive Title Insurance for the property, whether you are a buyer, seller, or owner.



Regarding the appraisal, we are still awaiting its completion. Commercial appraisers typically take longer than residential appraisers due to the additional considerations involved. One such consideration is the income approach, which assesses the potential income the property can generate in the future. Another is the cost approach, which calculates the cost of construction in relation to the return on investment. Lastly, other values surrounding the property are taken into account. All these factors are carefully evaluated to determine the property's actual value. Given the complexity of this sale, we can expect to receive a precise valuation of our property in the near future.

On a different note, I recently obtained a report from WebFez, and it reveals concerning news about dues payments. We currently have 23 pages of nobles who have not paid their dues to Alzafar. While I understand that the holiday season can be financially challenging, it is crucial for Alzafar to receive these payments in order to cover our expenses. If you have simply forgotten, please take a moment to log in to WebFez or contact our office to settle your dues. Currently, we are facing nearly \$40,000 in non-payment dues.

Fraternally yours,

Alzafar Shrine 2024 Chief Rabban



**Greetings Nobles, now that we have 2023 behind us let us look to the future.** We are on track for remarkable things to happen this year. To start off, First Lady Lori has a wonderful program in store for us. She has all the First Ladies of Texas working together on GROWING THE MINDS OF TOMORROW TODAY. This project will support the learning center at your Texas Hospital in Galveston. I hope we all pitch in and make this the best project ever.

My next project is the Hospital Gala scheduled for May 4th. I guarantee you it will be different than any functions we have had in the past. With great food stations, open bars, live and silent auctions and The Spazmatics to end the evening. Get your ticket at the office for all VIP tables. Everyone will be getting a flier in the mail with all the details so sign up and reserve your tables.

Your building location committee has two properties to look at soon. I hope this will give us an opportunity to see what is available. If someone spots a building or location, please let me know. I have spoken many times on the new San Antonio clinic. As of last month, our plans have changed. The location we had hoped for is not available because of contract differences. The game plan now is the Marketing Director is going to do another market study then move forward from there. Shriners Hospital system is still interested in San Antonio area. I will try to keep everyone up to date on progress.

Something new at the January meeting we presented Cheryl Jones with the Volunteer of the year. Cheryl works tirelessly on all projects she is involved with. She and her team never give up on a project. Cheryl is a fantastic leader, organizer and thinker with an attitude that is surpassed by none. Congratulations Cheryl, you truly deserve this recognition. This award ties you up to work on all my projects with that impressive attitude. I also promise you and Bob not to take over your dining room with all the auction items.

Until next month, enjoy your family and spread the word about our fraternity and philanthropy. If you know someone who would make a good Shriner, please let us know.

Fraternally yours,

Alzafar Shrine 2024 Assistant Rabban

**We are off to a great start with the new slate of officers in place.** We anticipate another busy and productive year at Alzafar, and we look forward to sharing some fun and fellowship with everyone. If it has been a while since you have participated, please know you are always welcome. There is something to do for everyone, all you have to do is ask!

February is a busy month and starts off with your Divan heading to their midwinter meeting in San Angelo and then immediately following that we head to Galveston to participate in the Shriners Children's parade. Then the very next weekend we will be in Laredo to participate in the Washington Birthday Celebration and parade. Then there is the Laredo Shrine Club Gala on February 17th and finally the Alamo Observance on February 24th at the Alamo. Yes, it starts off busy and will stay busy, but when you're with your Brothers, Nobles, and families it is a fun and enjoyable busy! With everything else that is Shrine related going on let us not forget to honor our loved ones on February 14th for Valentines Day!

Noble's, do you know a brother and fellow Mason that is not a Shriner? Please get out there and let them know about us and the fun and fellowship that we enjoy at Alzafar. We are always looking for great Masons to come join Alzafar. Who better to have join our great philanthropy and fraternity than someone you enjoy being with! Have them contact me, Russ Brown our Temple Membership Chairman, or call our office at 210-496-1625

It was great to see some new faces at our last Finance and Divan meeting. Please remember that these meetings are open to the Nobility, and it is a great time to see and hear what is going on in YOUR Temple. Our next Finance and Divan meeting will be on February 5th starting at 5:00pm. Our next Stated meeting will be on February 7th starting at 7:00pm.

We look forward to seeing you at our next event!

Sincerely and Fraternaly yours,



Alzafar Shrine 2024 High Priest and Prophet



**Greetings Alzafar!** First and foremost, I want to thank the Nobility for placing your trust in me to fulfill the role of Oriental Guide. I am honored and humbled to serve Alzafar along with my Lady Misty. Over the last three years, and especially the last six months, we have made many new friends and great memories. I personally want to thank everyone that whispered good counsel in my ear and provided encouragement and support along the way. I also want to thank Luis and Dyanna Cardenas for their graciousness as we each sought to provide the Nobility with information for making their decision on election night. I also want to thank them for their commitment to Alzafar and hard work on many projects over the years. I look forward to working with them.

January was a busy month with our installation and many meetings of the Divan as we work to form a cohesive team and plan for the upcoming year and beyond. As your Oriental Guide I will be responsible for the Easter, Halloween, and Christmas parties for the children along with the golf tournament and a car show. I have already started reaching out to clubs and units asking for support for these events and I am very pleased with the support I am receiving! Please mark your calendars for these events:

- Easter party, March 24th from Noon to 3PM at the Pavilion
- Halloween party, October 26th from 2PM to 5PM in the ballroom
- Annual Alzafar Shrine Golf Tournament, October 30th, 10AM to 7PM, Canyon Springs Golf Course
- Car show and toy drive, November 29th from 7AM to 4PM in the Terrace Room
- Christmas party, December 22nd from 2PM to 5PM in the ballroom

More information on these events will be provided as we get closer to the dates. Misty and I are looking forward to a fun-filled year in 2024 serving the Nobility and Alzafar Shrine.

Fraternaly yours,



Alzafar Shrine 2024 Oriental Guide



**Hello Alzafar!** Here we are already into February can you believe it?!! This year is already starting to pick up steam. We have two parades this month both out of town. One is in Galveston and the other in Laredo. Both are going to be a great time.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support and for entrusting me as your Treasurer and Imperial Representative. We, your board will continue to do the best we can to oversee your money, especially with how the market and economy are moving. We understand we have been allowed to lead this fraternity into the future, and we don't take that lightly.

Congratulations to our newly installed Potentate Illustrious Sir Marco Zuniga. I look forward to seeing him in action this year. To the rest of the Divan, congratulations on moving up the ladder and welcome to the board Dan Dailey our Oriental Guide. You will do amazing things for Alzafar.

Lady Tiffany and I would like to thank you once again. We look forward to seeing you soon. Until then, take care.

*Robert M. Norman II, P.P.*

Alzafar Shrine 2024 Treasurer

**We are off to a busy year.** Your new leadership has made their plans for an event-filled year of various functions and fundraisers. The good news is that the events are spread out better over the entire year so there are not several in back-to-back months. The first big one is the Gala that Assistant Rabban Steve White is planning for May, and then more functions every quarter.

Our rental business is also off to a good start. We had over \$800,000 in revenue last year and this year we already have \$550,000 on the books with more being scheduled every month. Without this income we wouldn't have the money to pay for the many expenses of maintaining the building. Our membership dues barely pay the utility bills. At \$50 a year it only comes to around \$60,000. Our Shrine dues are some of the lowest of many other Shrines. The Fraternal Fundraisers help with additional income, one of the highest is the Circus which is being worked on for this year. The others that the Units and Clubs do are a welcome addition to our revenue. Communicating more of our income and expenses will be a goal this year.

We are planning a Spring Clean Up day this first quarter. There are many areas that need to be cleared out and re-organized, getting things fixed and getting rid of old and unused equipment and supplies. More details will come soon.

If you have been to the office lately you will see some new faces. I'm excited about having a full staff again. Marilyn is our Fraternal Relations employee and is taking her forty years as a teacher to benefit our operations. She deals with everything our Nobles need, from taking dues payments, updating our membership information, everything with Camp Alzafar and other tasks the Divan needs. Our newest employee is Irma Alvarez who handles our hospital/patient transportation program getting the kids to the Galveston Hospital and Clinics, at no cost to them. She will also handle our new prospects and candidates. And of course, we still have Lisa that has been doing our accounting books for almost a full year and has done a great job.



**Doing more in '24!**

*Mike Barnes*

Alzafar Shrine 2024 Recorder

# Alzafar Band

## Brad Paisley

*From the Grand Lodge of Ohio website*

**"Masonry is, without equal in terms of a belief system, in that no one can be told what to believe, especially in terms of the very personal nature of belief in a higher power."**

– Brad Paisley



Brad Paisley performing live in Jacksonville, Florida, August, 2007

In 1999, country singer Brad Paisley released his first album, *Who Needs Pictures*. It was quickly met with critical acclaim, and Paisley was well on his way to stardom, receiving numerous accolades that year. He has created compelling country music for over two decades that has redefined the genre, earning him several Grammy Awards, dozens of chart-topping singles, and selling over 11 million albums. His rapid rise to fame came seemingly from nowhere but was, in truth, the result of relentless study, practice, and experience that began when Paisley was a young boy.

As a Freemason, Paisley has been an ambassador for DeMolay International. Due to his position as a modern pop culture icon, his advocacy for the virtues of the craft is significant, and Brethren country-wide value his commitment to Masonic principles. Brother Paisley continues the lineage of great men and creative minds that have devoted themselves to the tenets of *Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth*.

### The Young Star

Brad Paisley was born on October 28, 1972 in Glen Dale, West Virginia, to parents Douglas Edward "Doug" Paisley and Sandra Jean "Sandy" (née Jarvis) Paisley. He was an only child who, thanks to the influence of his grandfather, Warren Jarvis, gained a passion for country music while still young. Warren, who worked at the railroad, was a bluegrass acoustic guitarist and gave young Brad his first guitar, a Danelectro Silvertone, when he was eight years old.

"Born on Christmas Day" was the first song Brad wrote when he was just 13 years old, and it later made it onto his album *Brad Paisley Christmas*. While still in junior high school, Brad's principal invited him to perform at a Rotary Club meeting after hearing him perform. The Rotary Club performance impressed Tom Miller, the program director of a radio station in Wheeling, West Virginia, that he asked Brad to guest star on *Jamboree USA*. His appearance was such a hit that he spent the next eight years returning to *Jamboree USA*, opening for country singers such as The Judds, Ricky Skaggs, and George Jones.

### College and Early Career

In 1991, Paisley graduated from John Marshall High School in Glen Dale and went on to attend West Liberty State College in West Liberty, West Virginia for two years. From there, he received a full scholarship from the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) to attend Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee. Paisley majored in music business and received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1995.

By the time Brad graduated in 1995, he had already completed internships with ASCAP, Atlantic Records, and Fitzgerald-Hartley Management. Not only did these positions help him build foundational experience and knowledge of the music industry, but they also allowed him to network and foster relationships with contacts in the business, including scouts from EMI Music Publishing.

Within days of graduating, Brad signed a songwriting deal with EMI and soon recorded a demo of his song, "I'm Gonna Miss Her." During this time, he wrote David Kersh's hit song, "Another You," and co-wrote David Ball's 1999 single, "Watching My Baby Not Come Back." The success of his songs quickly earned Brad a recording contract with Arista Records, and in 1998 he began work on his first record.

### Rise to Stardom

By the time Brad began writing *Who Needs Pictures*, he had already written enough songs to fill several albums. Despite limited experience in studios, Brad relied on his tour band to help record the album and played all the guitar parts himself. He invited his college friend, Frank Rogers, to produce the album despite having no experience working on a major record.

Trusting his instinct proved the right decision, and Brad's first major album was released on June 1, 1999. The record sold more than one million copies and earned Paisley several chart-topping hits, including, "He Didn't Have to Be," "Me Neither," and, "We Danced." Brad was an instant sensation, and the following year, the Academy of Country Music (ACM) named him the Best New Male Vocalist. He received the Horizon Award from the Country Music Association (CMA), and the album went certified platinum in less than two years.

As the accolades poured in, Paisley secured his place as a national icon, appearing at Nashville's legendary Grand Ole Opry for the first time. In 2001, he was nominated for a Grammy Award for Best New Artist. Later that year, pulling from his massive collection of pre-written songs, Brad returned with his second record: *Part II*. The album included several guest appearances from celebrities and saw several hit singles, including, "I'm Gonna Miss Her (The Fishin' Song)," "I Wish You'd Stay," "Wrapped Around," and, "Two People Fell in Love." *Part II* enjoyed over 70 weeks on the national music charts and was certified platinum the following year.

### Country Royalty

In the last 20 years, Paisley has released ten more albums to wide-ranging appeal and acclaim. He has received praise for steadily releasing a diverse array of music, from his instrumental, "Throttleneck" to the mournful, "Whiskey Lullaby," written in collaboration with critically acclaimed bluegrass singer Alison Krauss. He has written and performed with countless artists, including Dolly Parton, Carrie Underwood, Mick Jagger, Demi Lovato, and LL Cool J.

He has toured the country nearly 20 times as a headliner and opening act. Brad has also written songs for Pixar's *Cars* franchise, including "Behind the Clouds," "Find Yourself," "Collision of Worlds," "Nobody's Fool," and more. Paisley has also written two books, including the 2003 release *Jug Fishing for Greazy and Other Brad Paisley Fishing Stories*. In 2011, he published his autobiography *Diary of a Player: How My Musical Heroes Made a Guitar Man Out of Me*, which catalogues his early life and career in music.



A shot of Paisley with his fellow Shriners

### In Freemasonry

Brother Brad Paisley, 32°, is an active Freemason, and member of Hiram Lodge #7 in Franklin, Tennessee. Paisley has made our fraternity proud for years, demonstrating our Masonic values through more than just his artistic contributions. Even as a young emerging artist in 2000, Paisley used his influence to help those most in need when he secured a sponsorship deal with USA Meats. With this sponsorship, the Brad Paisley Foundation used the funding to benefit the Children's Miracle Network, St. Jude's Research Hospital, the Opry Trust Fund, and the American Cancer Society.

Bro. Paisley is also a Noble of the AAONMS, also known as Shriners, and a member of the Scottish Rite Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction. When he was inducted into the Scottish Rite on October 28, 2006, he was accompanied by his father, Douglas Paisley, 33° at the House of the Temple in Washington D.C. Brad's keyboardist Kendall Marcy joined the Scottish Rite that day. Scottish Rite brethren from Marcy's Blue Lodge in

in Tennessee and West Virginia took part in the ceremony with both new brothers. They participated in the 4th, 14th, 18th, 30th, and 32nd Degrees during the proceedings.

During his time in the craft, Brad has developed recordings supporting the virtues of Freemasonry and DeMolay International. He has been instrumental in helping the fraternity maintain a positive reputation in the modern world, emphasizing the helpful impact Masons have in our communities.

### Personal Life

Brother Paisley is married to Kimberly Williams, who he began dating in 2001. Several years earlier, Brad saw Williams in her feature film debut, *Father of the Bride*, remarking, "she seems like a great girl — smart and funny and all those things that are so hard to find." After releasing *Part II*, Paisley cast her to perform in the music video for, "I'm Gonna Miss Her (The Fishin' Song)."

The two began dating soon after and were married on March 15, 2003, at Stauffer Chapel on the campus of Pepperdine University after a nine-month engagement. They live in Franklin, Tennessee, and have two sons. Their eldest son, William Huckleberry, was born on February 22, 2007, and their second son, Jasper Warren, named after Brad's grandfather, was born on April 17, 2009.

# Brews Brothers

by P.P. Link T. Elmendorf

Many moons ago, several members of your Alzafar Shrine Brewers embarked upon an ambitious enterprise. While enjoying a few sudsy libations, they dared each other to jump into a pool, mind you, this was deep into our winter months. What could happen...

We are now into our 7th annual Brews Brothers' Polar Plunge. This small dare has grown each year since. Through this fundraising effort we have been able to assist with the Shrine's mission of assisting our hospital's operation, by providing funds to Alzafar's Transportation Fund.

Our effort continues with small additions every year, we look to improve and grow this chilly fun event. We have partnered with our friends from a local homebrew club, the Cevesaros. They have not only been instrumental in helping with fundraising and marketing, but they are also participants in the plunge. This friendship has been a boon to the Brews Brothers, we are ever grateful. We have had members of family groups participate, yes that is correct; we have ladies daring the frigid waters of Camp Alzafar. One of our goals is to have enough adventurous folks to ring the whole pool. This year we had 17 plungers. Though you may have missed this year's glacial dip, there is always next year. **If you need a little motivation, have a small sudsy libation or two.**



# Burning Sun

by Noble Doug Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer

The Burning Sun had our monthly meeting on Wednesday January 10th in room 5. The plans have been made and we are ready to execute those plans. On February 16th we will travel to Laredo for the George Washington Day Parade and celebration. If you haven't already attended this parade weekend you are missing out! This kickstarts the 2024 Parade Season will tons of fun, excitement and fellowship. A couple of our members have not experienced this awesome event. We will have a 50/50 raffle where someone will walk away with a little folding money in their pocket or purse. Our newly installed Colonel James Stimson will lead the charge south. We welcome any Noble to come by to any of our meetings, we meet the second Wednesday of each month in room 5 or at the transportation building. Come on by, take a spin on the fastest carts at Alzafar and see if this is a fit for you. **We are looking forward to seeing all of you in Laredo.**







# Desert Knights

by Noble Jerry Granato

Happy Valentines Day from the Desert Knights! With the wonderful Holiday season behind us, it's time to get the new year fun started. The President's Day parade in Laredo is coming up, and that means it's time for that weekend get away with a great group of Nobles and their ladies. There's always plenty of good food, fun and

fellowship enjoyed by all. Be sure to make your hotel reservation soon and be safe! Any Nobles interested in joining our group are encouraged to visit a Desert Knights unit meeting. We meet in the Director's Room on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. The ladies are always welcome at our meetings. If you arrive at 6:30pm, you can join us for some fellowship and a delicious meal provided by our Damsels.

**Happy Birthday wishes to Silvia Fisk and Jerry Granato!**

## 2024 Alzafar Officers

### Potentate Marco A. Zuniga



**Chief Rabban  
Michael Long**



**Asst. Rabban  
Steve White**



**High Priest and Prophet  
David Olivares**



**Recorder  
Mike Barnes**



**Oriental Guide  
Dan Dailey**



**Treasurer  
Robert M. Norman II P.P.**



# Directors Staff

by Noble Christopher Celis

First off I want to congratulate the 2024 Elected Divan as well as the new OG Dan Dailey and his Lady Misty. The Directors Staff is looking forward to a great year working along with yall.

January is in the books, we are setting our sights on February now. Our first meeting for the year set out a small plan of whats to come, parades , shrine events and much more. The Fire truck was represented at the Rodeo BBQ cook off once again. This is not only a BBQ competition for the Hot Sands unit but it's a membership drive event for the shrine. So having the fire truck front and center is a huge "look over here" attraction to have on site! we were glad to have helped out with this event.

Speaking of the fire truck ,while going through some paperwork I stumbled upon a history of the truck written by Charley. It was an interesting read and I plan on going into more detail in the next months. Currently everyone sees the big white ford with flames and bright red gooseneck, but who remembers the grease rack trailer pulled by the brown truck ?

February has two events, the Shrine Galveston Mardi Gras Parade on the 11th and Laredo on the 17th. The Galveston parade seems to be growing every year. I spoke to Brad Corely from El Mina this past August and he encourages as many units to attend as this is a time to show your shrine pride.

There is plenty more to do in the new year, as it rolls out I will keep y'all informed. **We are always looking for new members so if you're not busy on the second Tuesday of the month , stop on by the Directors Staff building at 6:30 for dinner with a meeting to follow at 7.**



## Riding into a Promising 2024 Year: The Alzafar Faris Unit Journey Ahead

By Noble Luis Cardenas Sr., Alzafar Faris President

As we gallop into the start of this year, the Alzafar Faris Unit stands at the precipice of exciting opportunities and endeavors.

It's the perfect time to reflect on our past triumphs, embrace our present strengths, and eagerly anticipate the adventures that await us in the months to come.

### Celebrating Achievements:

- The Horsemen of the Alzafar Shrine have always exemplified dedication and excellence. Throughout the past years, our unit commitment to charitable endeavors, camaraderie, and the preservation of tradition has continued to shine brightly. From fundraisers that have made a significant impact on our community to proudly lent support to our Masonic Lodges riding our horses at tiling at Degrees, adding a touch of grandeur and tradition that captures the hearts and admiration of all in attendance. Our participation in the Masonic Degrees is not merely a display of skill and pageantry but a testament to our commitment to preserving and honoring our shared heritage. It reinforces the importance of unity, camaraderie, and the mutual respect that unites different orders and organizations in our community.

### Looking Ahead:

- As we embark on this new chapter, our focus remains steadfast on our core values: unity, service, and fellowship. The year ahead holds promises of fresh initiatives that will further our philanthropic efforts, strengthen our bonds, and infuse our activities with renewed vigor.

### Philanthropy:

- Our commitment to serving our community remains resolute to continue making a tangible difference in the lives of our Shriners Hospitals little patients and their families.

### Preservation of Tradition:

- At the heart of our unit lies a rich tapestry of tradition and heritage. We will continue to honor and celebrate these customs, ensuring that the legacy we pass on to future generations remains vibrant and meaningful.

### Unit Camaraderie:

- The bonds that unite us as Horsemen run deep. We aspire to foster an even stronger sense of camaraderie and belonging within our unit. Through social gatherings, collaborative projects, Trail Rides, Cabalgatas and shared experiences, we will strengthen the fabric of our Shrine and Masonic community.

### In Conclusion:

- As the pages of the calendar turn, let us ride forward with unwavering determination and enthusiasm. The Alzafar Faris Unit stands poised on the brink of greatness, ready to make a lasting impact and continue our legacy of service and camaraderie.

**Here's to a year filled with prosperity, purpose, and unparalleled achievements. Together, as Horsemen of the Alzafar Shrine, let us make 2024 an unforgettable chapter in our storied history.**

# JANUARY Rewind







**Laredo Shrine Club**  
 Invite you to their  
**Shrine Gala**  
**Arabian Night**  
**Saturday, February 17, 2024**  
 Laredo Police Association Unity Hall  
 8:00 PM to Midnight  
 doors open at 7:00 PM  
 6426 Polaris Dr. Laredo, TX

**\$50 Per Person**

Limited seating available. Funds raised will benefit the transportation fund

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RSVP  
 Ruben Bazan : rbazan2@gmail.com  
 Chris Turner : ctturner2692@gmail.com



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*2024 Alzafar Officers*

*A Social Affair Nobility Ball*

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# Alzafar Highlanders

by Noble Mike Jaeger

The Alzafar Highlanders held their Christmas Party and Officer Installation on December 9th. The following officers were installed by High Priest and Prophet David Olivares:

- Chief: Russell Ross
- Pipe Major: Robert Chalk
- Scribe: Jason Reichenberg
- Executive Officer: Tom Kopcho



The unit is looking forward to a great 2024. Some upcoming events:

- January 20th – Robert Burns Night
- April 13th – Whiskey Tasting and Scotch Raffle

We have raffle tickets available now for \$20 featuring a limited edition bottle of The Sassenach signed by Sam Heughan, star of the TV show “Outlander”. **Proceeds benefit the Hospital Transportation Fund.**



# HillBilly Club News

Well the hillbilly cuzzins all got together at Christmas and had a great potluck meal with the roadkill cooked by Hadley and his workin crew. Lots of fun presents in the exchange and awesome conversations.

Next up for us is to host our big fundraiser for the year which is Sadie Hawkins. Girls can ask, Guys can ask – don’t really matter – it’s just that EVERYBODY needs to be there for this awesome party. By the end of the night, think’n that you’ll want to be one of the cuzzins. And join up with us.

## SADIE HAWKINS

**Food, Fun, Friends, Silent Auction, Crowning of the Possum Queen, Games, and lots yet to be planned.**

**Cuzzins you’ve met and many that you haven’t – don’t miss it Saturday, February 10 in the Terrace Room at Social -- 6:00 with Dinner – 6:30**

**\$25 or \$40/couple – available from Hillbilly members or at the door.**

**Early sales are most welcome for planning purposes.**

**If all cuzzins come, we might need the ballroom.**

**All Shriners and guests welcome**





# Honor Guard

by Noble Mike Jaeger



This is only the second month of the new year and already we are off and running. From the new potentate Marco Zunica to the newest new member of the Alzafar Divan, the Oriental Guide – Dan Dailey, the Honor Guard is here to serve at your pleasure and wish each of you a year filled with wise decisions and increased fellowship. All you must do is ask for our assistance so we can comply with your desires and wishes. As usual the Laredo Trip and Parade are a big deal with Alzafar and the Honor Guard, and as I was saying in the last month’s article, our new officers have new ideas to kick up the presence and fun that the honor Guard has, our President of Vice, Socrates is from Laredo and showed us a fabulous time interacting with the Laredo Lodge, Shrine club, and the Lodge members from Mexico. Now not all of us spoke the same language but many barriers are overcome with genuine friendship, good food, and lots of libations, soon everyone understands each other. We are going to have to find a way to top this next year.

Since many of the Honor Guard members are members of other Alzafar units, mainly the Red Roadsters among others. I was chagrined to learn many Nobles still think you must be a US military veteran (one of our Honor Guard nobles is a veteran of the Mexican Air Force, he is also an operative Mason) or retired military to join the Honor Guard! That is NOT true, if you are in good standing in your Lodge and Alzafar Shrine, have the desire to represent not only Alzafar but the Country, you can join the Honor Guard. We meet on the first Monday of the month, unless it is a holiday, in room 12. The formal meeting starts at 1900 and happy hour and fellowship starts about 1800, come on out and see what we do, how we do it, and what we have planned. If you really want to be aware you must show up for our lively meetings so you will have a say and know the real deal.

One of the next Honor Guard outings, with families, is a private movie screening and dinner where we have our own party room, choice of movie just for us, and dinner to include movie snacks- stand by for details. More such events are on the horizon- as the new leadership team says, “Do more in 24!” **We are looking forward to the Potentate’s Ball and Hospital Gala were the Fourth may be with you.**

## Smoke Signals

From the Hot Sands BBQ Unit

Greetings from the sizzling pits of the Hot Sands BBQ Unit! As we dive into 2024, we are excited to share some of the smokin' highlights from recent events and a sneak peek into the mouthwatering activities lined up for the upcoming months.

Firstly, we want to extend a hearty congratulations to all the entrants of the recent rib cook-off held in conjunction with the annual Polar Plunge. We were proud to have four of our very own Unit members participate, showcasing their culinary prowess. Special recognition goes out to Noble Michael Ethridge, who has once again emerged as the undefeated "Rib King of Alzafar." His dedication and skill on the grill continue to impress, earning him well-deserved accolades.

As of the publication of this newsletter, we will have recently competed at the San Antonio Rodeo BBQ Cook-off, where we had a blast representing Shrinedom to 40,000 of our closest friends. The camaraderie, the flavors, and the competitive spirit were all on full display, making it an unforgettable experience for our team.

Looking ahead, we are thrilled to announce our upcoming Hot Sands Old Tyme Barn Dance on June 1st at the Alzafar Shrine Pavilion. Mark your calendars and get ready to put on your dancin' boots because this is an event you won't want to miss! Join us for an evening of fantastic BBQ, entertaining activities, and live music that will have you groovin' all night long. It's a perfect opportunity to showcase your dance moves, indulge in some delicious barbecue, and enjoy the vibrant spirit of our Hot Sands BBQ Unit.

In the true spirit of Shrinedom, we invite all Shriners to come and join us for an evening of good times, great company, and, of course, mouthwatering BBQ. Let's make this Old Tyme Barn Dance a memorable event and celebrate the bonds that make us a unique and spirited community.

Stay tuned for more updates on our BBQ adventures, and we look forward to seeing everyone on the dance floor on June 1st!

**Be sure to follow “Hot Sands BBQ Unit – Alzafar Shriners” on Facebook!**



# Motor Club

by Noble Steven Fisk, AMC President



Since these articles are composed a month before being printed, the Motor Club does not want to be remiss in giving a big Thank You to Illustrious Sir and now Past Potentate Rick Reyes III. You did an outstanding job during your tenure. We also want to say Congratulations to our new Potentate Marco Zuniga and look forward to 2024 and being ready to assist you in your reign at the head of this organization.

It is the month to acknowledge our Ladies and Sweethearts more especially since Hallmark says so, though we do it throughout the year. We will have a special day reserved for the members to bring their Ladies out for a trip to parts yet to be decided as of this time, but sure to provide a scenic ride coupled with a delicious meal.

We are moving away from staid meetings to head into a new realm of trying some things differently than we have. More adventures to share with our Ladies and families and any others who care to join in as well as seeing some interesting and fun places in and around the San Antonio area.

We are having another Car Show on March 16 and if the past is any indication, it should be a great success. I am creating a new and special category for Clubs and Units of Alzar. The Club or Unit that enters at least 1 vehicle and also has the most members attend that day will receive a special trophy. If your Club or Unit uses a vehicle of any kind, bring 1, if you don't then bring a member's personal vehicle. Bring your Fez and Unit or Club shirt or jacket and wear them all day. I want the public to see what the Shrine has to offer.

February starts Parade season. We'll be kicking off in Galveston and then a week later down to Laredo. **The Motor Club is ready to get out and make people smile and ooh and ahh at some of our rides.**



## NEMNUF CLOWNS

by Noble Dale "Cookie" Clark, 2nd VP 2024

The month of December was a busy productive time for the NEMNUF Clowns. After taking the month of January off, our Parade Season kicks off with 2 biggies:

- Galveston on Sunday, February 11, 2024
- Laredo on Saturday, February 17, 2024

While the North is buried in snow and cold, we are blessed to be able to perform in much nicer warmer weather in South Texas. We are looking for a great turn out of clowns!

January's NEMNUF meeting was well attended. Clown President Robert "Y Not" Norman laid out his plans for the unit for the coming year with a special emphasis on reconnecting with members and their families that we haven't seen in awhile at the monthly meetings. Remember our monthly NEMNUF meeting is the 2nd Monday of every month at 7:30 pm. Arrive starting at 6pm for food and fellowship. If transportation is an issue, reach out to a unit officer. We're here to assist. We currently have 9 Novice Clowns who are working toward meeting our bylaw requirements to become full members. We hope to see each one advance quickly. To become a full member, participation is the key. Come and have fun at our parades, circus performances, and Children's Hospital visits.

Speaking of having fun at performances, a question is asked of all Master Masons and Nobles of the Shrine, "Have you ever considered becoming a Shrine Clown?" We are always looking for new members. Did you ever think about running away with the circus as a kid? Were you the guy in class who got called out for being a "Class Clown"? We could use someone like you. Talk to any NEMNUF Clown to learn how you can be our next "Emmett Kelly" or "Red Skelton".

In January's Achbar, the question was asked, "How many clown types are there?" The answer is 4. The Whiteface, the Auguste, the Tramp, and the Hobo. Learn about the Whiteface in next months Achbar. **See you then!**



# Provost Guard

*by Noble Tom Hirte, Secretary/Treasurer*



Nobles and Ladies,

The Provost Guard Unit held its monthly meeting on January 3rd, 2024 with a good showing of members, ladies and guests. We had a delicious meal of smoked sausages prepared by our unit chef, David Hadley. This year's 2nd Assistant Mike Gollahon was installed by Illustrious Sir Terry Zittle. All of our 2024 officers have now been installed. The unit is preparing for our Mid-Winter competition in Corpus Christi on March 23rd. 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 6:30pm and our meeting starting at 7:00pm. Your Lady is ALWAYS welcome to attend.**

## Red Roadsters

*by Noble Ruben Galvan, Treasurer*

Roadsters start the year off with a Sunday afternoon work group wrenching on our cars. With 11 members showing up to roll up their sleeves and get dirty, it continues to build new energy within the Unit. That being said, Brother Daniel Gonzalez from Army Lodge #1105 has joined our unit and has already obtained a car to participate in shenanigans ahead. Brother Don Rubalcava brought out his new car, which he traveled all the way up to the boondocks of Oklahoma to purchase, for us to get new ideas as we try modernizing our engine setups.



It's a sweet ride for sure. Even Illustrious Sir Marco Zuniga's car made an appearance!! Can't wait to see that thing back in action. We look forward to TSMMPA/TSA competition this year, the check was sent in, and now we prepare for a shot at the trophy. We look forward to making a strong presence at the Laredo parade continuing to make those everlasting memories for the kids. **See ya'll out there.**





# Ruffians

*by Noble Steven Fisk, Vice-President*

Here's hoping the cold is behind us and warmer days are ahead. When the wind chill on a bike makes your extra hot coffee an iced cafe latte, it's just not riding weather. SO we are looking to get back in the saddle and start rolling on the miles. A Valentine's Day (or somewhere thereabouts) will find us treating the Ladies to a fun ride and day of family and fellowship.

Lady Sylvia Fisk took on a challenge and joined in the Annual Polar Plunge at Camp Alzafar. She managed to come out of the 52 degree pool still smiling. Since last year's representative Lady Crystal Barron was not able to join in, it might have been suggested that Sylvia had to fill in to keep the tradition going. We're still married and she had a good time. The BBQ Rib cookoff afterwards helped make it a fun filled and full day of being a part of Alzafar Shrine.

**Here's hoping everyone has a great year in 2024**

# Alzafar Seniors

*by Noble Daniel Coburn, Secretary*

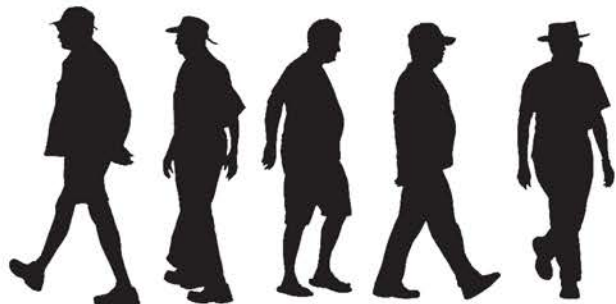
The Alzafar Senior's monthly meeting was held at noon in the Roustabouts room on January 4th with twelve members and guests attending. Ralph McLeod provided chicken salad croissants and a fresh salad and Mary Sue Cox homemade chocolate chip cookies for dessert.

Albert Pike is recovering from a heart attack and Lydia Garrido has moved into a retirement facility. Steve Fisk's heel is gradually improving.

Alzafar Potentate Rick Reyes attended our meeting and performed the installation ceremony for our 2024 officers and while visiting gave us an update on the progress of selling the Alzafar property.

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 sixty can become honorary members and those one hundred or older eat for free. Our next meeting will be on February 1st. Please RSVP to join us so that we have enough food. Until then we wish everyone safe travels in the new year.

**For more information, or to RSVP, contact Senior's Secretary Daniel Coburn at 830-832-5513 or at [dycoburn@gmail.com](mailto:dycoburn@gmail.com).**





# Shotgun AKA Smokin' Clays



by Noble Bill Willis, Secretary

2024 started out with a bang, so to speak, for the "Smokin' Clays". We held our first stated meeting of the new year January 8th with our new line of officers presiding. We had a great turnout with over 25 members and Ladies in attendance. Noble David Hadley, our Chief Chef and Honorary Third Vice, served up a delicious meal of smoked sausage, with sides provided by our members. Our President, Noble Chip Myre, shared his vision for the year, presented his proposed budget (approved unanimously by vote of the members), and set our practice/fun shoot schedule leading up to our first competition of the year, the TSSSA Mid-Winter Shoot. This year the Mid-Winter Shoot will be held in Lubbock, Texas on Saturday, March 16th, with lead going down range starting at 9:00 a.m. The venue is Hub City Clays where we'll be shooting 100 sporting clays. We already have 19 shooters signed up to participate including 4 of our Ladies. It looks like Alzarfar will, once again, lead the way with the most shooters of all the Temples competing.

Our next two practice/fun shoots leading up to Mid-Winter will held at the National Shooting Complex here in San Antonio on Saturday, February 24th and Saturday, March 2nd at 8:30 a.m. The unit will provide breakfast tacos prior to shooting. You don't need to be a member of the unit to come out and shoot with us, so, if you, your Lady, or a friend would like to join us, everyone is welcome. A good time is sure to be had by all.

A quick reminder to our members. If you're planning on shooting at Mid-Winter in Lubbock, and you haven't yet signed up, contact me or our Treasurer, Noble Jerry Smitha ASAP as we must turn in our roster of shooters after our February stated meeting. And to all non-members, you and your Lady are invited to join us at our stated meetings held on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Shotgun Unit Meeting Room. And be sure to come early as the meal is served at 6:30. Until next time, **"Keep your powder dry, and remember, as long as there is lead in the air, there is always hope!"**

## Laredo Shrine Club

by Noble Chris Turner, President



Laredo Shrine Club is having a Arabian night themed Gala on February 17th, 2024. Doors open at 7, dinner at 8:30, dancing and other surprises until midnight. A silent auction will take place with original art, knives and some other cool stuff.

Please prepay tickets through PayPal at [PayPal@laredoshrineclub](mailto:PayPal@laredoshrineclub) or send a check or money order to Laredo Shrine Club, PO Box 451265, Laredo, Texas 78045.

Tickets are \$50 per person. You can pay at the door but please RSVP to [cturner2692@gmail.com](mailto:cturner2692@gmail.com) or [rbazan2@gmail.com](mailto:rbazan2@gmail.com) or directly call Chris Turner, President, Laredo Shrine Club at 956/754-0661 or Memo Salinas, Secretary, 956/337-8325 or Joe Rios, Vice President, 956-744-3231



## Shriners

**Nobles, please help us keep  
our records updated!!**

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210.496.1625 if you:**

- **Change mailing address**
- **Change phone number**
- **Change email address**
- **Have Knowledge of the passing of a Noble**

# Daughters of The Nile Nekodah Temple No.44

by Queen Wanda Rincover

Congratulations to the newly Installed Divan Officers! We look forward to another year of working together for the children.

- February 8th, 7:00pm Session in the Alzafar Shrine parlors.
- February 20, 10:00am – 1:00pm Sewing room – Alzafar Shrine parlors. You do not have to know how to sew there are other activities you can assist with, contact the chairs for more information on how you can help. Chair – PQ Peggy Songer 210-771-0098 and Co-Chair PQ Margie Flores 210-213-1853
- March 17, 2:00pm – 4:00pm - Alzafar Shrine Terrace room - Nekodah Public Installation of Officers Reception to follow in the Alzafar Shrine Parlors

Friendly Reminder, 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**



## Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America

by Lisa Pharis, High Priestess

What A Great Year our LOS ladies have had. It is with pleasure that we Welcome our newest members!!!

- Misty Dailey
- Teresa Sullivan
- Lizeth Carreon
- Marlene Woods - Dual Member of Al Manarah Ct # 50

Congratulations Ladies!!!! We are so excited to have you!!!

**If anyone would like more information, and interested in becoming a member, please contact us at [altrui.court@gmail.com](mailto:altrui.court@gmail.com)**



## My Best Decision

by Cheryl Jones, 2012 1st Lady

The best decision I ever made was to marry my Shriner husband Bob, 57 years ago. He followed in his father's footsteps from his start as a Mason in South Dakota, to his transfer to Bahia Temple in Florida and then to Alzafar in 1978. It was through his journey that I was able to accompany him through many life changing events. Who would not love the excitement of parades, TSA competitions, travels to Imperial and membership in our wonderful ladies' organizations. There is however, one calling that became dear to my heart, and that is the wonderful philanthropy of Shriners Childrens'.

From our visits to several different Shrine hospitals, I realized how powerful an impact our volunteerism made in the lives of so many needy patients. Through our years on the Divan, we worked for many Gala/Golf fundraisers and raised thousands of dollars for our charity. The year Bob became potentate, I was motivated by 1st Imperial Lady, Cheryl Sowder to have my own local ladies' project. We decided on one that would celebrate our love of music, and, help the Galveston Hospital which was ravaged by hurricane Ike. So, from that seed was born the First Lady Project of funding a Music Therapy Teacher who would come in twice a week for a year and be part of the OT team.

I am especially proud of the many Divan ladies that work untold hours behind the scenes. You have cooked, decorated, supported your nobles and kept the flame alive. To that end, I extend my thanks to the incredible Nobles that have shown great leadership and encouraged us all to follow in the way of giving of our time, our gifts and our prayers.

One never knows what road we will follow but be assured that one look at our hospital kids will definitely impact your life. Thank you, so much dear Shriners and Ladies, for all you do. It has truly been a blessing to follow in great footsteps and hopefully be able to engage the next generation of volunteers.



Please come out to the  
Stated Meeting

February 7th at 6:30

for a brief presentation on this  
year's First Ladies project!

We are excited to work with  
Shriners Children's Texas.

Come out and find out how you  
can help with the  
Education of patients at the  
Galveston hospital!

**Where & When our Shrine Units,  
Clubs, Masonic Lodges Meet**

**ALZAFAR UNIT MEETING SCHEDULE**

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

**SHRINE CLUB MEETINGS**

<u>CAYNON LAKE</u>	3rd Thursday	6:30 P.M	TBD
<u>GUADALUPE VALLEY</u>	3rd Monday	6:00 P.M	As Designated
<u>HILL COUNTRY</u>	2nd Monday	11:30 A.M	Inn of the Hills
<u>LAREDO SC</u>	1st Wednesday	7:00 P.M	As Designated

**AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS MEETINGS**

<u>ANCHOR MASONIC LODGE</u>	1st & 3rd Thursday	7:00 P.M	Alzafar Rear
<u>CIBOLO MASONIC LODGE</u>	4th Monday	7:00 P.M	Alzafar Rear
<u>VICTORY MASONIC LODGE</u>	2nd & 4th Tuesday	7:00 P.M	Alzafar Rear
<u>DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE</u>	2nd Thursday	7:30 P.M	Parlors Room
<u>LADIES OF THE SHRINE</u>	1st Thursday	7:00 P.M	Parlors Room
<u>ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR</u>	1st Monday	6:00 P.M	Alzafar Rear



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## EVENTS TO LOOK OUT FOR

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thur Fri Sat

					1 Band Drum Corps Ladies of the Shrine	2	3
4	5 Divan Meeting Honor Guard	6 Red Roadsters	7 Stated Meeting	8 Daughters of the Nile	9	10 Sadie Hawkins Dance	
11 Galveston Parade	12 NEMNUF Shotgun	13 Directors Staff Golf Unit Mini-Wheels	14 Valentine's Day Burning Sun Highlanders Band Hot Sands BBQ Oriental Band	15 Band Drum Corps	16	17 George Washington Parade LOS Fashion Show Lardeo Shrine Gala	
18	19 Presidents Day Motor Patrol	20 Hospital Corps Motor Club	21 Desert Knights Highlanders Band Oriental Band	22 Band Drum Corps	23	24	
25	26 Patrol	27	28 Brews Brothers Highlanders Band Oriental Band	29 Band Drum Corps			

● Events   ● National Holidays   ● Unit Meeting   ● Stated Meeting

