

ALZAFAR ACHBAR

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE

*109th Inaugural &
Presentation of the
2024 Alzafar Officers
A Social Affair Nobility Ball*

April 6th, 2024

Doors open at 5:30pm

Presentation of Officers at 6:00pm

Buffet Dinner by Spice of Life at 7:00pm

Open Bar

Followed by Music Entertainment & Dancing by
Mario Flores and The Soda Creek Band

Alzafar Shrine Temple

901 N Loop 1604 W, 78232 San Antonio, Texas

Cocktail Attire

\$35 per person or \$350 a table

(Contribution is Suggested)

RSVP (210)496-1625



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Imperial Sir Marty Bartlett - Imperial Divan & Representative

2024 ELECTIVE DIVAN

Potentate..... Marco Zuniga
Chief Rabban..... Mike Long
Asst. Rabban..... Steve White
High Priest & Prophet..... David Olivares
Oriental Guide..... Dan Dailey
Treasurer..... Robert M. Norman, II
Recorder..... Michael Barnes

2024 APPOINTED OFFICERS

1st Ceremonial Master..... Russell Brown
2nd Ceremonial Master..... Bobby Miller
Director..... Chris Celis
Marshall..... Michael Raymond
Captain of the Guard..... Paul Dawson
Outer Guard..... David Hadley
Temple Photographer..... Art Loera
Chaplain..... William Peche

IMPERIAL REPRESENTATIVES

Potentate..... Marco Zuniga
Chief Rabban.....Mike Long
P.P. Reese L. Harrison, Jr.....Emeritus Representative
P.P. Robert L. Jett.....Emeritus Representative
Daniel M. Hutchison III.....Emeritus Representative
P.P. Robert W. Hunt.....Emeritus Representative
P.P. Eric A. DeWalt.....Elected Representative
P.P. Robert M. Norman, II.....Elected Representative

2024 FINANCE COMMITTEE

Potentate.....Marco Zuniga
Chief Rabban.....Mike Long
Asst. Rabban.....Steve White
4 years.....Garrett Ethridge
3 years.....Gary Bausell
2 years.....Kyle Jackson
1 year.....Fabien Galindo

Notice of Stated Meeting of Alzafar Shriners The following Stated Meeting of Alzafar Shriners will be on April 11, 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.



Recorder,
Mike Barnes



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, Past 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!!!

First quarter of the year already done. Time sure does fly by when you're having fun. I'd like to first congratulate the LOS & Nile on their new installation of officers, DeeDee Kintigh and Brandy Reyes. We know it will be an exciting year and are happy to work with you both.

AMC hosted their first car show of the year, and your OG hosted his first Childrens event. March was not as busy a month, but there was a lot of planning and many events coming up.

To start of April, we hope to see you all at your Nobility Ball, "A Social Affair." A wonderful night to be spent with food, music, and fellowship. See you there! Parades, parades, parades!! We have three parades coming up this month. Gather up your units and get them out there. The first parade this month will be on April 13th, Strawberry Festival in Poteet. Then we are in our hometown for two parades for Fiesta this year. Alzafar will be represented in the Battle of Flowers parade on April 26th as well as the Fiesta Flambeau parade on April 27th. Keep your eye out for details on those parades coming up later in the month.

You still have time to purchase tickets for the Annual Hospital Gala to be held at Blue Bonnet Palace scheduled for May 4th. You don't want to be the one who missed out on a great time. As always, Lady Lori and I appreciate your support not just for us, but for Alzafar.

"If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change" – Wayne Dyer

Until next time, Illustrious Sir



Alzafar Shrine 2024 Potentate



Alzafar,

I hope this message finds you well. It's that time of year again when we start gearing up for our annual fraternal fundraiser. As we discussed during the recent unit/club meetings, I will be reaching out to each of you for assistance in selling ads, buck a lines, banners, and everything else related to the circus. This year's fundraiser will follow a similar format to last year, with only the dates being different. The clubs/units will have the same rooms as they've had in the past.

To accommodate our hardworking volunteers, we have arranged for 10 RV spots for onsite sleeping. Additionally, we have obtained 100 parking permits that will allow working volunteers to enter through the west gate. Please make sure to distribute these permits accordingly.

In order to make this event a success, we are actively seeking a large advertising sponsorship that will enable us to print the Nobility tickets. As soon as we secure this sponsorship, we will proceed with printing the tickets. The sponsor will receive two banners in the coliseum, the full outside back page of the program, and their logo will be featured on the

back of all Nobility tickets. If you know of anyone who might be interested in this advertising opportunity, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Membership is a crucial aspect of our fraternity, and it is something that I am deeply passionate about. Unfortunately, I have noticed a rapid decline in our membership numbers. As you may be aware, Alzafar is currently close to the 1000 mark. Once we fall below this magic number, we will lose one of our voting representatives at the Imperial Session. Our High Priest and Prophet, along with our membership team, are actively working to address this issue.

Recently, David proposed a new approach to our membership team. Instead of having just one or two individuals on the team, he suggested having five. However, this responsibility does not solely rest on the shoulders of these designated individuals. In reality, each and every one of us is a member of the membership team. We all need to contribute in our own way to ensure the survival of our wonderful fraternity for another 150+ years.

I would like to present a challenge to all of you. Instead of holding all your meetings at Alzafar, consider getting dispensation from our Potentate and holding some of your meetings in public places. By wearing your Alzafar, Hospital, club, or unit shirts, we can raise awareness about our fraternity and potentially attract new members. While this may not instantly make someone a Shriner, it could inspire them to join Freemasonry. Together, we can make a difference and secure the future of our fraternity. Let's work hand in hand to boost membership, promote our noble cause, and continue the legacy that has spanned over 150 years.

If you have any ideas, suggestions, or potential leads for advertising sponsorships or new members, please do not hesitate to contact me. Your support and dedication are invaluable.

This month I do not have much for the fraternal fundraiser just yet. I will ask you for some assistance in our upcoming events. First off max participation at our Children's Easter Party. Dan and Misty will need assistance setting up, and breaking down. Remember this event is not just for Shriners, this is opened up to your Masonic lodge, friends, neighbors, and family. Come out and enjoy a wonderful time!

Our Assistant Rabban has thought outside the box and is holding our hospital fundraiser off Alzafar's campus. This will be a bit different event than what we have been accustomed to, a gala held at Alzafar. This is still a themed event, Star Wars. You may dress up in your favorite characters gear, we will still hold a live and silent auction. Even better than one choice the divan member has made for food. You have four different, delicious all you can eat food choices. You can never go wrong with Texas BBQ, Mexican food, Cajun, or German.

Fraternally yours,



Alzafar Shrine 2024 Chief Rabban

SPONSORSHIPS & VIP TICKETS

 TITANIUM	 PLATINUM	 GOLD	 SILVER	 VIP SPONSOR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two VIP tables (16 people) • Food stations (4) • Open bar with a server (6PM-11PM) • Recognition at San Antonio Shrine Auditorium 1604 sign • Recognition at awards dinner, signage at registration and name on sponsor banner • Appreciation gifts for each participant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One VIP table (8 people) • Food stations (4) • Open bar with a server (6PM-11PM) • Recognition at San Antonio Shrine Auditorium 1604 sign • Recognition at awards dinner, signage at registration and name on sponsor banner • Appreciation gifts for each participant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One VIP table (8 people) • Food stations (4) • Open bar (6PM-11PM) • Recognition at awards dinner and signage at registration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One VIP table (8 people) • Food stations (4) • Open bar during the event (6PM-9PM) • Recognition on sponsor banner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One VIP table (4 people) • Food stations (4) • Open bar during the event (6PM-9PM) • Recognition on sponsor banner
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">\$10,000</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">\$5,000</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">\$2,000</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">\$1,600</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">\$1,000</div>

INDIVIDUAL TICKET

\$100

- Access to all four food stations
- Two drink tickets

Scan QR code to purchase **INDIVIDUAL TICKETS**
(See below for more purchasing options)



LET'S PARTY THE NIGHT AWAY WITH

THE SPAZMATICS

UNFORGETTABLE LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT

JOIN US IN RAISING MONEY FOR THE KIDS!
LIVE & SILENT Auctions



ACT TODAY, AS PRIME SPOTS ARE LIMITED.



Registration deadline is March 24, 2024

Payment must be received prior to the Gala to confirm the details of your reservation

Name _____ Company _____

Phone# _____ Email _____

Today's Date _____ For more information call (210) 496-1625 or go to www.alzafar.org/gala

Make checks payable to: Shriners Hospital Gala

Mail to: Alzafar Shriners; 901 N Loop 1604 West; San Antonio, Texas 78232-1040

We welcome your participation with us. The net proceeds from the Alzafar Shrine Gala benefits Shriners Hospitals for Children a 501(c)(3) charity. Payments are charitable contributions and are tax deductible to the extent provided by law.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

ALZAFAR'S 15th ANNUAL

SHRINERS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL GALA

FOOD STATIONS | DRINKS | LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 4TH 2024

TIME: 6:00PM UNTIL CLOSING

WHERE: BLUE BONNET PALACE

**17630 LOOKOUT RD.
SELMA, TEXAS 78154**



The Food Stations

TX BLU BAYOU

Southern Fried Catfish
Chicken & Sausage Gumbo
White Rice / Beans
Tartar Sauce / Lemons / Hot Sauce
Bread Pudding

BLUE PIT SMOKEHOUSE

Hand Crafted Beef Brisket
Shiner Pinto Beans
Potato Salad
Sliced Bread / BBQ Sauce
Pickles / Onions / Jalapeños
Peach Cobbler

FAJITAS & MARGARITAS

Chicken Fajitas / Tortillas
Grilled Onions & Peppers
Shiner Pinto Beans
Spanish Rice
Salsa / Pico de Gallo / Sour Cream
Tres Leches

JOHN HAUS GERMAN

Pork Schnitzel
Mushroom Gravy / Lemons
Hot Potato Salad
Red Cabbage / Sauerkraut
Sliced French Bread
Apple Strudel



Hello Nobles,

I encourage all nobles to visit Camp Alzafar. I had a great visit, and the caretaker Dickey gave me the grand tour. Many things I had no idea about and found interesting. My hat goes off to the Faris unit and what they have done to the property. This area was immaculate and well kept. I do not know anything about horses, but they looked happy and well taken care of. Keep up the excellent work, it was very impressive.

Big events coming soon, Nobility Ball gives everyone a chance to relax, enjoy great food, and music. The Easter party will be at the pavilion, and I am sure like past years we will see three hundred people attend.

As your Assistant Rabban I am responsible for the Hospital Gala. Get ready because it will be one to remember with four food stations, seven bars, two live bands, silent and live auction, and a chance to win \$10,000.00 for the people who bought tickets. The bands will be The Boys from Alzafar Shrine and The Spazmatics. The boys will open then hang out because the world famous Spazmatics will perform starting at 9:19 pm. Tickets are only \$100.00 per person, which will include buffet stations and two drink tickets. You can always upgrade to VIP package to include open bars all night. Reservations can be made by phone or in person at Alzafar Shrine office. The Gala will be a fun time to bring potential Masons and Shriners so they can witness firsthand what an impressive fraternity we have and learn about our philanthropy.

Last month, Gordon and I drove two children to the clinic in Missouri City. We had lunch with the kids and parents then off to two hours of play time at a Bounce House close to the clinic. You should have seen Gordon doing back flips with the kids. What a fun time to be part of such a great fraternity. I am looking forward to my next trip April 17th. I believe Gordon pawned me off on to someone else.

Until next time, I see you have a great month and think Gala, Gala, Gala.

Fraternally yours,

Alzafar Shrine 2024 Assistant Rabban

April is such a beautiful time of year, and it is also a busy time for Alzafar. Hopefully we get some good rain for this season as the flowers bloom. I just pray we do not have rain during our parades and activities.

Shrine activities for April we begin with our Annual Presentation of officers on April 6. I hope you are planning to be there as it is sure to be a good time. Although not a Shrine activity, do not forget about the total solar eclipse that will occur on Monday, March 8. San Antonio and surrounding areas will be in the path of totality. On April 13th we will be in Poteet for the Annual Poteet Strawberry Festival Parade. We are really excited this year because we are going to be in both Fiesta Parades. On Friday, April 26 we will be in the Battle of Flowers Parade and then on Saturday, April 27 we will be in the Fiesta Flambeau Parade. Whew, what a busy Month!

Please remember that we are always looking for Great Masons to come join our ranks. If your lodge is looking for a speaker for a lodge program and wants to know more about our Shrine and our Philanthropy, please let us know. You can contact me or reach out to Russ Brown who is our Membership Chairman. Over the last couple of months, we have assembled a team for Membership. Our Assistant Membership Chairman is Fabien Galindo, and the rest of our team consists of Ruben Galvan, Scott Stefick, our Laredo Representative Ruben Bazan and our Oriental Guide Dan Dailey. Our team is excited to see what this year brings and could use your help. If you would like to join our team, please reach out to one of us. Membership is one of our most important areas in the Shrine, second only to helping children.

One question, we on the Divan hears is, "Where are we on the sale of the Temple?". Please know we are working with our realtor to make sure we have everything in line for a profitable sale. Some of the hold ups were the holidays. It took our appraisal company longer than expected to get our appraisal done which was one of the key pieces we needed for a proper valuation. We had a few things to do to make sure we are properly set up for successful and profitable sale. Please note we are probably the most desirable pieces of property on the market at his time and probably one of the most desirable that has been put on the market in a long time. There are many items to complete prior to putting a piece of property such as ours on the market. If we just list it without proper research, we could be leaving a large sum of money on the table. It is our duty as YOUR board of directors to make sure we do what is right for the Nobility and make sure we set up our Shrine for a great future. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

As always, remember that our Finance and Divan meetings are open to the Nobility. Come join us to see and hear what is going on in YOUR Temple. Our next Finance and Divan meeting will be on April 8th starting at 5:00pm. Our next Stated meeting will be on April 11th starting at 7:00pm.



Sincerely and Fraternaly yours,

Alzafar Shrine 2024 High Priest and Prophet



Greetings Alzafar! March was a busy month for Misty and me. In addition to the normal meeting and planning sessions we attended the Oriental Guide school in Tampa and hosted the Easter party on March 24th. The Divan attended the annual walk to the Alamo to memorialize those Masons who fought and died to give us the freedoms we enjoy today.

April will see us attending the Potentate's Nobility ball on April 6th, the Parade of Flowers and Flambeau parades on the 26th and 27th.

As a thank you for providing Circus tickets to their kids, Boysville provided Alzafar with 40 tickets to see Josh Abbott in concert at the Boeing Center on March 23rd. This is a great partnership for us, as one of our own, Paul "Wrongway" Dawson lived at Boysville in his late teens. Thank you Boysville!

Don't forget to purchase your tickets to the Hospital Gala on May 4th.

Fraternally yours,

Dan Bailey

Alzafar Shrine 2024 Oriental Guide



Hello Alzafar!! What a busy month we had in March. We got to attend the Alamo observance ceremony followed by the Grand Masters conference. The OG and his Lady hosted an Easter egg stuffing party to get ready for the Shrines Easter party for the children. There was a car show and both ladies' organizations had their installation of officers. Oh and camp Alzafar even hosted a children's party. WOW, when you write it all down that makes for a jam-packed month.

We are heading into April getting ready for Fiesta!! What an exciting time for San Antonio. This year we have an opportunity to be in the Battle of Flowers parade and then the next night have an opportunity to participate in the Vanguard, Flambeau parade. That is two parades in two days. We also have our

Nobility Ball and public installation of officers. We are totally in need of a party and I'm sure Illustrious Sir Marco and Lady Lori will have one heck of a party for us all to enjoy. Make sure you call the office and reserve your spot.

Once again, I would like to thank you all for allowing me to continue to serve and be a part of your Divan. I really appreciate the confidence you all have in me and with trusting me with the responsibility to do the best for the organization. Until we meet again, thank you all.



Robert M. Norman III, P.P

Alzafar Shrine 2024 Treasurer

Hospital Report: Our mission of helping Children is going strong. In February, we raised \$53,842, with the help of the ticket sales for the upcoming Hospital Gala on May 4th. Based on our bank balance after the event, the Assistant Rabban will decide how much money is needed for the Transportation Fund and how much we can give directly to the Galveston Hospital. The goal is to hopefully split the revenue 50/50. Our expenses for the month were \$24,402, as we transported 41 patients, each with a parent. We also helped with three air flights of burn patients to the Galveston Hospital. The Hospital Corps also had a busy month driving some of the patients to appointments in Houston.

Shriner Lounge: We have converted Room 4 into a Shrine Lounge. The Lounge is available to any Shriner or lady for meetings, games, parties, luncheons/dinners, or just relaxing. We

have moved some sofas, coffee tables, tables, and chairs in there to make it comfortable. While it is a work in progress, it is very usable. This will also be a great place to have a meeting if one of the other rooms is rented out as we cannot pass on any revenue. There is no cost to use the room. To reserve it, call Marilyn in the office to check its availability.

Clean-up date: With events almost every weekend in February and March, the earliest with nothing scheduled for our first Spring Clean Up date is April 20th. The building we will start on is the Transportation Garage. It is getting very crowded with vehicles, trucks, wagons, various trailers, and motorized units. The garage has been a dumping ground for old, unused supplies and equipment. It is getting so crowded it's hard to get some of the vehicles out. That is also a good date for many of the units to have their own clean-up date. This may be a good time to get rid of some stuff that has been collecting over the last 40 years. Plan on your unit garage sales or get items with no value donated. More details will come out on WebFez.

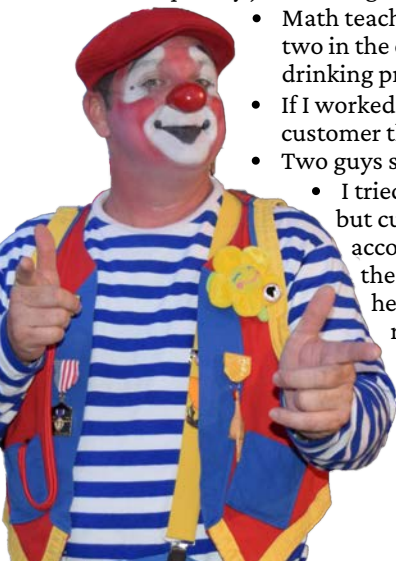


Mike Barnes
Alzafar Shrine 2024 Recorder

The Philosophical Musings of Mr. McButterpants

Hello once again from the funny bone Kitchen!! I hope this brightens your day and warms your belly!!

- A turtle is crossing the road when he's mugged by two snails. When the police show up, they ask him what happened. The shaken turtle replies, "I don't know. It all happened so fast."
- A highway patrolman pulled alongside a speeding car on the highway. Looking at the car, he was astounded to see that the elderly woman behind the wheel was knitting. The trooper cranked down his window and yelled to the driver, "Pull over!" "No!" the woman yelled back, "Cardigan!"
- I quit my job working for Nike. I just couldn't do it anymore.
 - Math teacher: If I have three bottles in one hand and two in the other hand, what do I have? Student: A drinking problem.
 - If I worked in a used record store, I would tell every customer that 'all sales are vinyl.'
 - Two guys stole a calendar. They got six months each.
 - I tried having my mother's phone disconnected but customer service told me that since the account was in my dad's name, he'd have to be the one to put in the request. The fact that he'd been dead for 40 years didn't sway the rep. Then a solution hit me: "If I stop paying the bill, you can turn off the service, right?" "Well, yes," she said reluctantly. "But that would ruin his credit."



The Recipe of the Month!! And once again from that now famous NEMNUF Cookbook from 1977!

German Beef Stew

From the Kitchen of the wonderful Hilda Ploetz!

- 1 1/2 Lbs. cut stew meat
- 1 Lg apple, peel and shred
- 1/2 onion, sliced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 sm bay leaf
- 4 Tbs cornstarch
- 1/4 tsp Kitchen Bouquet
- 2 Tbs cooking oil
- 1 med carrot shredded
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/3 cup dry red wine
- 2 beef bouillon cubes
- 1/8 tsp dried thyme
- 1/4 cup water

Brown meat in oil. Add carrots, apple, onion, 1/2 cup water, wine, garlic, bouillon cubes, bay leaf, and thyme. Cover and cook over low heat for 2 hours or until beef is tender. Remove bay leaf. Combine cornstarch and 1/4 cup of water, add to beef mixture. Cook and stir until thickened. Stir in kitchen bouquet. Serve over noodles, preferably Spaetzle!

Make about 4 servings



Brews Brothers

by P.P. Link T. Elmendorf

Greetings lovers of all things bubbly, Fall is here, the season of beginnings and rebirth. A time for all things bright and light, luscious and tasty and I thought I would give you a couple of options to look for on your outings.

Lagers- they are plentiful and refreshing. Lagers are a type of beer brewed and conditioned at low temperature. Lagers can be pale, amber, or dark. Pale lager is the most widely consumed and commercially available style of beer. Lagers go far beyond what is our typical domestic: Budweiser, Miller Lite, Coors and Lonestar.

Saison- Saison is a pale ale that is highly carbonated, fruity, spicy, and often bottle conditioned. It's a style that allows brewers to interpret and experiment, resulting in a diverse range of flavors and characteristics. Originally brewed on small farms, saison was meant to be enjoyed by farmhands during the summer months and last until harvest. These seasonal beers have a rustic flavor profile, reflecting their farmhouse origins. They varied from one brewer to the next, using whatever local ingredients were available.

IPA- now this category is all over the place with different taste profiles, flavors and ABV, depending on where it is brewed. Today's IPAs are certainly nothing like their predecessors, which would have originally been brewed with East Kent Goldings. Instead, today's creations are a marvel to behold, containing just about any imaginable hop available, grown anywhere they can survive. (American Craft Brewer)
Now these are just 3 styles to be on the look out for going into the Spring season, enjoy your experience in sampling new styles and flavors.

On another note, we are saddened by the closure of our great partner and brewery Second Pitch Brewery. Many friendships and memories were made, we love you Jim and family. Cheers to you and your future.

Prost!!!!



Cabiri

by P.P. Link T. Elmendorf

As-salam alaykum Alzafar,

Your Cabiri greets you. What is a Cabiri you ask? We are a motley band made up entirely of Past Potentates. Not all our members have been Potentates of Alzafar; we are lucky to have several from distant oases. The Cabiri serves as a platform for Past Potentates to connect and celebrate their shared experiences. We meet monthly for a congenial time over lunch, catching up with one another, telling stories and jokes, and passing on information about the health and goings on

within Alzafar and the larger Shrine abroad. There is a whole bunch of Alzafar's history seating down at the lunch table. We had great attendance at our March meeting, we held our election of Officers, and they were duly installed, by non-other than our very own Imperial Sir Marty Bartlett.

In attendance from Alzafar were '92,'99,'08,'12,'13,'16,'20,'21,'22.

From abroad we had El Zegal '12 and Abou Saad '98

Our officers for this year are:

- President '21
- VP '22
- Secretary '13
- Treasurer '99

May you have a grand year.

We wish to thank IS Rick Oberg for his tenure and leadership of the Cabiri. Enjoy your time of rest.

Desert Knights

by Noble Steven Fisk, Colonel of the Desert Knights

The parades have started and the rains came with them. Laredo was good, but in the interest of safety we elected not to ride, Of course having made that decision and finding a warm and dry place to watch it since it was shown locally on T.V. live, the rains stopped. Oh well, there is probably another parade coming up soon somewhere.

The ladies (Damsels as we refer to them) were treated by their Knights to a belated Valentine's supper. The Knights did all the planning and cooking for the meeting complete with deserts. Once again, no one left having a need to stop at a drive thru to satiate their hunger. We also surprised our Damsels with a special gift for each of them to let them know how special they are to us.

Since Alzafar is going to put together a cook book full of outstanding recipes, we are postponing sharing some of our special favorites this month. I'm sure in future articles we will slip one in here and there to keep your taste buds tantalized.

March's meeting we celebrated Chris Celis's birthday. 21 and change and still looking good! A not too painful to listen to song commemorating this occasion was performed by all those in attendance and cheers of many more (birthdays not singing) were bestowed upon Chris.

We meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Director's Staff room at 6:30 PM. Come out and enjoy some great food and friendship.

Directors Staff

by Noble Christopher Celis, Director

The March article talked about the Fire Truck history. For some reason beyond me the second half of the story didn't make it to print, so here is the conclusion of the story.

Since the new set-up the truck has been out of the state of Texas to many imperials. The most memorable for the staff was the trip to Daytona, Harry Kinsey and Walter Koehler drove it around Daytona International Speedway for one lap which was followed by the imperial parade.

A lot of miles have been put on since that trip. There has been many hands at the wheel of the fire truck, some are no longer with us and some are letting the younger crew take over. Some of the past drivers and caretakers where, Ed Balusek, Orville Wright, Ralph Cantu, Charley Davenport, Knuckles Gimbel, Ricky Hinton, Len Neeper, Harry Kinsey, and to date Walter Koehler and Bert Gonzales. I myself even have had time behind the wheel of the haul truck bringing it back from the 2023 rodeo BBQ cook off.

The Fire truck was also used to pull the calliope through the parades being played by Butch. It was a treat to hear it coming down the road, of course there was always ear plugs for those with sensitive ears. Its been a few years since we have pulled the calliope but work is being done to once again reunite them.

I hope you enjoyed my little story time , of course it was Charleys and I was just passing it on , but isn't that what we do here, keep the spirit alive and keep the tradition going ! The way I see it is, if that truck could talk im sure it would have some stories of its own !

February was an exciting month, we made the trek down to laredo tx . although mother nature had other plans the F350 pulled the fire truck through the parade in the steady mist that came down that morning. The rain didn't stop the crowds , they came out in force to see the parade and cheer the shrine on. This is one parade where you can see people appreciate the shrine. As we made our way down the route alot of people thanked us for what we do or they would point to their child and say thank you for your help!

March brings us the Eagle Pass parade and the Shrine children's Easter Party. April brings SDA and TSDA to town, Poteet and the flambeau night parade will be on the books for us, we don't have the number of where will be yet but that's to come. Let's not forget Bert Gonzales is our current TSDA president and we must support him at this years meeting.

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.

Alzafar Faris Unit

By Noble Luis Cardenas Sr., Alzafar Faris President

On Saturday, March 2nd, the Alzafar Faris, the horsemen of the Alzafar Shrine, convened for a very productive paddock workday. Our members of the unit dedicated their time and effort to enhancing the paddock environment, undertaking various tasks ranging from clearing fence lines to performing essential maintenance on round paddocks and waterlines. These improvements not only ensure the safety and well-being of the horses but also enhance the overall functionality of the facility.

Amidst the flurry of activities, the highlight of the day unfolded later during the unit's monthly meeting, where noble Arthur Olivares was honored for his unwavering dedication and commitment. Olivares was presented with the Faris Unit buckle, symbolizing his exemplary service and steadfast loyalty to the unit's noble cause.

In addition to celebrating achievements, the unit extends heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated ladies who provided the nourishing lunch during the paddock workday. Their support and contributions are always invaluable, enhancing the sense of community and camaraderie among all participants.

All and all, the day events served as a testament to the camaraderie and spirit of service ingrained within our unit and through our collective efforts and tireless devotion will continue to uphold the esteemed traditions of the Alzafar Shrine, leaving an indelible mark on both the organization and the community we serve.

The Alzafar Faris paddock area is always open to all, but please note that according to our unit bylaws, all visitors must be accompanied by an Active Faris Member and sign a liability waiver before gaining access to the area. Your safety is our priority! **Thank you for your cooperation.



FOUR Alzafar Golf Unit

by Noble Tee-Bone Tommy

I guess the President of the Golf Unit is like the Worshipful Master in a Blue Lodge. They are always right. That being said, our President, Dan Dailey, told me that the weather is great this time of year. You missed out on great weather and great brotherhood on the links if you missed the Alzafar Golf outings last month.

I really am bad at staying retired. I've tried it twice, and now I find myself working Monday-Friday with NEISD. I have been covering for

the Aerospace Engineering class all semester. Great program and very intelligent students. The other day I played Frank Sinatra, Fly Me to the Moon. They all loved the song, but unfortunately did not know Frank Sinatra. I need to plan and try to take a few days off each month so I can hit the links with my fellow Nobles. Each month, the Unit has three rounds of golf... two fun tournaments and one for the Unit Competition. The two fun tournaments are open to all Masons or just friends and business associates. Last month the Unit played Fort Sam Houston and Mission Del Lago. I think I hit my best golf shot at Mission Del Lago on # 18 just as the sun was setting. The ground crew were getting ready to call it a day and gathered around #18. As my ball rolled onto the green, they all shouted "Lee Travino."

Make plans now to join the Unit on the annual President's trip. This year, the guys are going back to Ruidoso, New Mexico. I am pretty sure God plays golf there on a regular basis. The Unit also helps organize an annual charity tournament that raises money for the Alzafar Transportation Fund. This year, the tournament will be held on October 20, 2024 at the Canyon Springs Golf Course.

Come out to our next Unit meeting. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 PM in room #8.

PS: Why do Golfers wear two pairs of pants? Answer: Just in case they get a hole in one!

TEXAS FIRST LADIES' PROJECT



BBQ

Fundraiser

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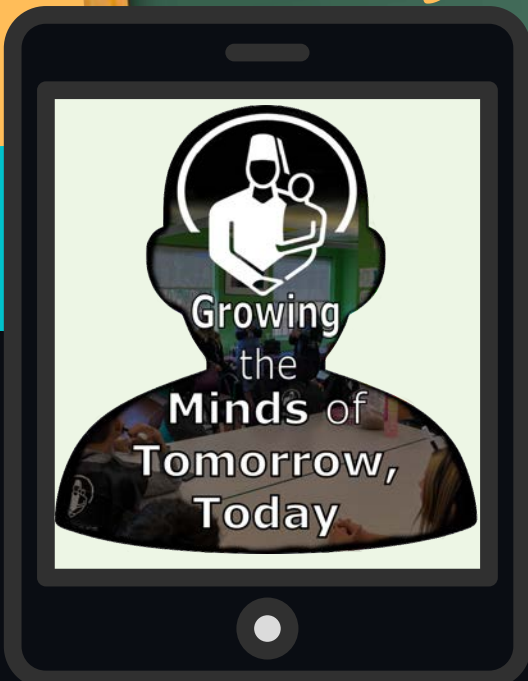
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Texas First Ladies' PROJECT

The Texas First Ladies' have come together with a goal of raising money to purchase iPads for the patients at the Shriners Children's Texas hospital. These items can and will be used as an essential part of the patients' continuing education, while they are receiving treatment at the Galveston hospital. We are asking for your help in a form of donation. These donations will be accepted throughout the year to purchase as many iPads as we can. Let's work together to make a difference....

Growing the Minds of Tomorrow, Today.



Code: TFL Project



Proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Children's Texas Hospital.



Highlanders Band

by Noble Russell Ross, Highlander's Chief

Madainn Mhath, Feasgar Math agus/no Oidhche Mhath...or to you non-Scottish Gaelic speakers; Good morning, good evening and/or good night. Halo to all you Shriner Laids and Ladies.

This month I thought I might take a brief moment to talk about a special little golden treasure near and dear to my palate and one you may fancy as well. I'm referring to that sweet bonnie treat birthed from the heart and soul of Scotland. Her given name is derived from another Gaelic term "uisge beatha" (ēskā bā-thà) which is a translation of the Latin term "aqua vitae" which simply means "water of life". A term that was later shortened to usqua or usky. Are you starting to hear it now? C'mon lad! Have you still not got it? Don't be a bampot, I'm referring to whisky!

From the courts of James IV in 1500, through its taxation in 1644 and thus its bootlegged distillation through out the hills of the Highlands into its more reformed

state by malt and grain in the late 19th century, Whisky is as much a part of Scotland to its people as the Lochs, bagpipes and tartan. The heavenly liquid has made itself-known worldwide as Scotland's national drink and shares a past as turbulent and colorful as Scotland and her people. Pour a dram and enjoy the taste of history and the spirit of Scotland. PUN intended. Don't swally too many a dram er you'd likely be guttered, bleezin, blootered, steamin or hammered.

By the way... from Scotland; whisky (sometimes known as Scotch) is spelled without the "e". If it's a "whiskey", it's not from Scotland. I wouldn't waste my time with that pish.

Speaking of whisky; next month, April 13 2024 the Alzafar Highlanders will hold their Third annual whisky tasting. The tasting will offer samples of whiskies from 5 different areas of the beautiful, majestic country of Scotland. During the tasting, attendants will be treated to a summation of each whisky by the very knowledgeable Heather Hawkins, a certified spirits expert and representative from Total Wine and More. She will deliver an in-depth description of each scotch to be poured that evening, verbally walking attendees through an appreciation of the rich taste waiting to pierce their lips. Tickets are 2 for \$50.00 or 1 for \$30.00.

We are also raffling off a signed bottle of whisky from the distillery belonging to Sam Heughan, who plays Jaime Fraser from the television show Outlander. (proceeds to the Hospital transportation fund) Look for a Highlander here at the shrine and ask him for a \$20.00 raffle ticket or two or ten. We would love all of you to join us and have a swally. C'mon, don't be a Jesse.

To learn more about Scotland, hear some bagpipe music, share in Fellowship and have some water of life, come join the Highlanders on a Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm in room 9. Also, new to our tradition we will be having a monthly Scottish social night. This will be held the last Wednesday of every month and is meant to be a night of sharing our love for Scotland. We will have a 20-30 minute lesson over something Scottish accompanied with snacks, libations and fellowship. Don't be a crabbit, come be a part of the celebration!! **Be BRAW, brothers.**

MARCH

REWIND



ALZAFAR



HONOR GUARD

Honor Guard

by Noble Mike Jaeger

Another month has gone by with lots of Shrine activities to include the Childrens Easter Party. We do wish everyone had a safe and satisfying Easter.

April really starts the parade schedule off full force. We went to Poteet for the Strawberry Festival and were in the van guard for the Fiesta Flambeau parade, since we do not have the cute small vehicles that the Battle of Flowers parade people asked for, we did not participate, as the honor Guard, many or out dual members did.

Now do not forget that the Honor Guard is collecting coloring books and crayons for the Mexico City Hospital, this is NOT in conflict with the First Ladies' project, they are looking for iPads, money to buy iPads and reading books in Spanish. We will have our doors open from about 5:30pm on stated meeting night and the first Monday of the month, which is our regular meeting night to allow you to come by and drop off the coloring books.

Save The Date! September 28,2024. The Honor Guard will host a Shrinetober fest, which has been deemed a membership event by the Potentate and Membership team. More information to follow, this will give you time to get in the right mood for good German food, thanks to Dennis Stevens, and the various brews of very own Brews Bothers will have on hand.

In addition to the coloring book drive, we plan a flag retirement ceremony on 14 June near the pavilion. If you have unserviceable COTTON flags, only no nylon or other material, you wish to retire properly, bring them by the Honor Guard room on Stated meeting or the first Monday of the month, same times, and location as the coloring book drive above.

As of now we are planning on doing something different for the Cornyval Parade and plan on marching the Memorial Day Parade in Bandera, you should have plenty of time to get in shape and come march with us.

Parade Marshall

BREAKING NEWS

by Noble Steven Fisk

Hi Nobles and Ladies,

I wanted to put some tidbits out about our parades. The year started off with Alzafar going to Galveston to join with many other Shrine Temples from around the State. It was Sunday morning and a parade of just Shriners was held as part of the week long Mardi Gras celebration that Galveston does, They have two parades a day for a week.

The crowds on a Sunday morning equaled crowds we see at nearly any other parade. The other Shrines that were there were well represented. Clowns, mini vehicles, floats, motorcycles and Fezzes galore. After seeing this, I strongly encourage all Units and Clubs to consider attending this parade in the future. I know last year it fell on the day after we did the Laredo parade, but this year it was the week before. Provided the schedule works out similar to this, we need to go down there and show off Alzafar.

Laredo – it rained! But, it stopped just as the parade started. It was still a little on the cool side as far as the temperature goes, but we did our part and paraded on. To everyone that participated I want to say Thank You! Thanks for showing up and sticking it out and improvising to overcome.

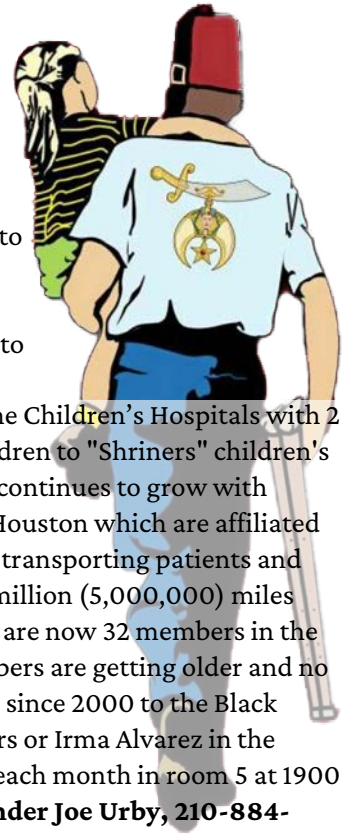
Some of Alzafar's Clubs and Units don't attend parades, why not? Showing the public your Unit even if it's just a sign on a vehicle helps to publicize what we have to offer. There is not a better way to promote the Shrine than to be a part of a parade in my thoughts. If you haven't been a part of a parade yet, think of joining in on one in the future.

Lastly, if you are looking for a rewarding and fulfilling way to be a part of Alzafar, I am looking for a replacement for the position of Parade Marshall at the end of this year. It comes with all the notes and information to make it as easy as possible to be successful. Additionally, I'm throwing in premier parking and placement at all parades. Seriously, this is my last year after doing it for three. If you think you might be interested, look me up and I'll give you all the info you need.

Alzafar Hospital Corp

by Noble Bob Ashely

Historically Alzafar Hospital Corps had its beginning in 1965. Robert O'Connor, Potentate delegated several Shriners to form appropriate committees to look into Shrinedom's True Work, the care of crippled; and burned children. The success of these committees in 1965 led to the formation, of Alzafar's Crippled and Burned Children Program. The Hospital Corps was born March 1, 1966 with 30 Charter members and one station wagon to transport children. A second station wagon was added June 1, 1966 to transport the increasing number of children to and from hospitals. The early vehicles were provided from proceeds of the Shrine Charity Horse Show and yearly a new van was provided for several years. Initially there were 22 Shrine Children's Hospitals with 2 of those being in Texas, Houston and Galveston. The name was changed from "crippled" children to "Shriners" children's hospitals and currently there remains one hospital in Galveston. The current Hospital Corps continues to grow with members and continues driving children to both Galveston Hospital and specialty clinics in Houston which are affiliated with the Shriners. We now have (3) 7 passenger vans and one 12 passenger van used for both transporting patients and pulling the Fez float in parades. As of 2016, Hospital Corps drivers have driven in excess of 5 million (5,000,000) miles with no significant accidents or injuries and these figures are currently being updated. There are now 32 members in the Hospital Corps but all members are not drivers. As is true with many organizations our members are getting older and no longer able to drive. A recent survey of our membership shows that we have lost 42 members since 2000 to the Black camel. If you have never been to a Shrine Children's Hospital, contact one of our unit members or Irma Alvarez in the office about riding on a trip or riding the Fez float in a parade. We meet the third Tuesday of each month in room 5 at 1900 hours. **The officers for 2024 are Commander Tom Leverett, 210-617-8977; Vice Commander Joe Urby, 210-884-9272, Bob Ashley, Secretary/Treasurer 210-415-5715.**



Mini Wheels

By Noble David Hernandez, Treasurer

Mini Wheels started off 2024 by arriving in Laredo for the Washington's Day Parade. Thank you, Illustrious Sir Marco Zuniga, Divan and Alzafar Host team, for the wonderful catered meal. If you've not attended this parade, we encourage you to do so next year. We arrive on Friday for this event filled with camaraderie, food, festivities and lots of laughter and enjoyment for everyone. We parade Saturday morning and then Laredo puts on a Gala on Saturday evening and fun is always on the agenda, this year was no exception. This parade was the debut of the 18-Wheeler driven by Noble Phil Harbarger. Mini Wheels had 9-unit members representing Alzafar in the Laredo Parade, David, Dion, Edwin, Edward, Gilbert, Phil, Scott, Tom and Tommy. Mother Nature was not very nice, but we were thankful for the rain.

Mini Wheels have 16 active members and several social members. 2024 should prove to be an exciting and eventful year for all unit members.

The unit has been busy getting cars ready for the 2024 parade season. We have gained a couple of "new to us" Tin Lizzies, adjusted and repairs as needed, and they are ready to roll out and help represent Alzafar and get more Mini Wheelers riding in the parades.

The Unit is excited to represent Alzafar in everything we do. You will see the unit participating in parades or find us cooking in the back of the pavilion for the children's parties. We have the following events on our agenda for April, more to follow:

- April 13th- Poteet Strawberry Festival Parade
- April 26th- Battle of Flowers Parade

If you feel the AHOOGA in you and want to find out more about our unit, we meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00, you are invited to join us for a meal at 6:30 before the meeting at Alzafar Shrine Room # 10.

"May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow. And may trouble avoid you wherever you go."

-Irish Blessing



Motor Club

by Noble Steven Fisk, AMC President



Here's hoping you enjoyed Easter, Day Light Savings time changing once more and Spring time in Texas. If all goes well I'm looking forward to the Blue Bonnet seeds my wife and I planted in our yard sprouting. According to all I've read, it takes a couple of years before they really start blooming, but hopefully we'll see sights of something. Otherwise I'm going back to cactus. They seem to grow with no care and effort.

It's just too early to say how our Spring Car Show fared. As I write this we are a week away from it. The weather forecast looks like it should be a great day and I'm keeping my fingers crossed that the turnout is good.

The Club had our first "Ride & Dine" at the end of February and the turn out was better than I expected. We enjoyed the back roads I know of that took us from the Shrine to Blanco. There we enjoyed really good food (big thumbs up to the Hacienda El Charro restaurant) and an even better time sitting around and sharing tales and generally catching up with each other. We meet some fellow gear heads that were out and about enjoying the weekend and shared talking cars and about the Shrine.

We will be doing another Ride & Dine in April and invite all y'all to come join us. Details will be sent out via our wonderful office staff once the plans are pot together. It's a family event and I think a great way to get away and relax, see some sights and enjoy fellowship with each other.

Some of us kicked off the parade season by going to Galveston for their Mardi Gras week of celebration and then down to Laredo. Galveston was fantastic. Shrine Temples from around Texas (I think 10 of the 13 were represented) participated in the Sunday morning Shrine Parade. Next year I'm hoping more of us can go and show off Alzafar in a big way. Laredo was not rained out as it stopped just as we stepped off. Up to that time, however, it did keep us from having all our best join in.

Later in March some of us will be off to Eagle Pass to roll along in their International Friendship Parade. It's been many years since Alzafar was there and the folks down there are really excited that we are coming back.

Until next time, enjoy life!

NEMNUF CLOWNS

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

Greetings from Room 11 "NEMNUF Clown Alley" of the Alzafar Shrine. March was a great time to be a clown! Your NEMNUF clowns participated at parades in Galveston and Laredo. The parade in Laredo started out a little wet, but by step off time the rain stopped, happiness and jocularly ensued. Laredo sure knows how to throw a Washington's Birthday Party.

The NEMNUF were able to put in an appearance at the Texas Shrine Clown Association Mid-Winter Conference in El Paso. We did not come home empty handed! Awards earned were:

Character:

1st Place: Viviano "Buttons" Pena

2nd Place: Bobby "Ice Bucket" Miller

White Face:

3rd Place: Paul "Wrong Way" Dawson

2 Man Skit:

2nd Place: Viviano "Buttons" Pena and Paul "Wrong Way" Dawson

April will be a busy time for us. Upcoming parades will be:

- Poteet Strawberry Festival Parade, April 13 from 8:00-10:00 A.M.
- Battle of Flowers Parade, April 26 from 8:00-10:00 A.M.
- Fiesta Flambeau Parade, April 27 from 5:00-7:00 P.M.

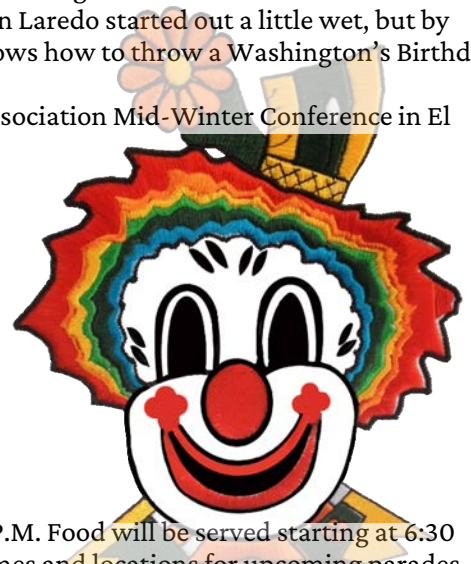
The monthly NEMNUF stated meeting will be April 8. Arrive starting at 6:00 P.M. Food will be served starting at 6:30 P.M. Meeting will follow at 7:30 P.M. Topics to be discussed will be assembly times and locations for upcoming parades, new rules for participation in the Battle of Flowers Parade and an update on our Shrine Circus performance. Our ladies are always welcome at our Stated Meeting. Any member who knows a Master Mason that is interested in becoming a NEMNUF Shrine Clown is encouraged to invite them to our Stated Meeting to find out more information on joining.

Shrine Clown car emblem discs are once again available. Purchase one from the Alzafar Office. Price is \$5.00.

This month's clown of the month is the Auguste Clown. The Auguste is the zaniest and clumsiest of the clowns. Auguste is a German slang term for "idiot". These clowns are known for their exaggerated expressions make up. Only white on an Auguste is around the eyes and mouth. The remainder of the face is flesh toned with added color for the mouth and eye brows. The Auguste is often the brunt of the Whiteface Clown's schemes. He is the most physical of the clowns as he takes pratfalls, along with blows to the head and body.

Next month's topic will be the Tramp/Hobo Clown.

Until we meet again, Keep Smiling!





Provost Guard

by Noble Tom Hirte, Secretary/Treasurer

Nobles and Ladies,

The Provost Guard Unit held its monthly meeting on March 6th, 2024 with a good showing of members, ladies and guests. We had a delicious meal of barbecued chicken prepared by our unit chef, David Hadley. The unit continued preparations for our Mid-Winter competition in Corpus Christi on March 23rd. We will have a good showing of nobles from our unit shooting in the competition. 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.

On February 25th, several of us from the unit went to Bill Mellon's community to celebrate his 101st birthday. What remarkable things he has accomplished in his life. Below is a summary of just some of his pistol shooting accomplishments:

Past Members of the USAF Shooting Teams

William H. Mellon (National/International Pistol) – 1958-1966

- #009 USAF Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge
- #020 USAF Distinguished Rifleman Badge
- #030 Distinguished International Badge (1963)
- President's Hundred
- 1957 - .45 Caliber National Champion, Camp Perry, OH, Texas State champion, Louisiana State champion
- 13 Mar 59 - Set NRA National Record for .45 Pistol Slow Fire, 50 yards - 198-5x, Set NRA National Service Record for .45 Pistol Slow Fire, 50 yards - 198-5x
- 28 Jun 59 - Set NRA National Record for .22 Pistol Timed Fire, 25 yards - 200-19x, Set NRA National Service Record for .22 Pistol Timed Fire, 25 yards - 200-19x
- 26 Nov 61 - Set NRA National Team Record (Mellon, Green, Merx, T.D. Smith, III) for .22 Pistol NMC - 1184-49x, Set NRA National Team Service Record (Mellon, Green, Merx, T.D. Smith, III) for .22 Pistol NMC - 1184-49x
- 21 Jan 62 - Set NRA National Team Record (Mellon, Green, Merx, T.D. Smith, III) for .22 Pistol Gallery Course - 1180
- 21 Jan 62 - Set NRA National Team Service Record (Mellon, Green, Merx, T.D. Smith, III) for .22 Pistol Gallery Course - 1180
- 1962 - USAF Pistol Champion
- 13 Jan 63 - Tied NRA Service Record for Center Fire Pistol Rapid Fire, 25 yards - 200-14x
- 9 Mar 63 - Set NRA National Team Record (Mellon, Green, Merx, T.D. Smith, III) for Center Fire Pistol NMC - 1181-55x, Set NRA National Team Service Record (Mellon, Green, Merx, T.D. Smith, III) for Center Fire Pistol NMC - 1181-55x
- 29 Mar 63 - Set NRA National Team Record (Mellon, Mahan, T.D. Smith, III, Merx) for Service Pistol NMC - 1152-46x, Set NRA National Team Service Record (Mellon, Mahan, T.D. Smith, III, Merx) for Service Pistol NMC - 1152-46x
- 1963 - USAF Pistol Champion



Alzafar Highlanders Whisky Tasting



April 13th at 6:30 PM
Alzafar Shrine Parlors
901 N Loop 1604
\$30 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

The Sassenach Scotch Whisky
Signed by Sam Heughan, star of "Outlander"

Proceeds to benefit the Alzafar Hospital Transportation Fund



Red Roadsters

by Noble Ruben Galvan, Treasurer

Get ready to rev your engines and roll with laughter because we're gearing up for some parade shenanigans! From the Strawberry Festival to Fiesta Day Parade, we're hitting the road in style, and we want YOU to join the convoy of fun.

Mark your calendars for April 7th and head on down to the Shrine's garage for a day of tinkering and laughter with the Red Roadsters. It's not just about fixing up cars; it's about swapping mechanic stories, enjoying a cold one (or two), and soaking up some good old-fashioned fellowship.

Whether you're a seasoned gearhead or just curious to see what all the buzz is about, there's something for everyone at our garage extravaganza. So dust off your overalls, grab your toolbox, and get ready for a day of sunshine, smiles, and silliness.

Don't miss out on the fun – join us for a wheelie good time at the Shrine's garage. See you there, gearheads!



Congratulations!





Ruffians

by Noble Steven Fisk, Vice-President

Riding season is back on! There is nothing better than getting out and enjoying the scenery, the friends and family, and the opportunity to represent Alzafar and what being a Shriner is all about.

We rode into Laredo before the rain came and on Saturday morning, prepared to ride in the parade expecting rain but were greeted with skies clearing up at step-off time. Brothers from Mexico and in Laredo joined, and we all rode together.

Trying to figure out who had the bigger smiles, us or the crowd, was a toss up. All of us enjoyed it tremendously.

Saturday night was another fun time. The Laredo Shrine Club did their usual best and put on a Gala themed Arabian Nights. They know how to do it down there! Food and libations and fellowship unites Shriners of all stripes. This event was no exception.

March brings us together with the Sharon Shrine Ruffians for a weekend get together. Dinner and hanging out with each other at Camp Alzafar on Saturday night and a ride with a lunch spot on Sunday was a great way to renew old friendships and make new ones.

As with the other Clubs and Units of Alzafar, we enjoy promoting the Shrine and what it stands for, fellowship with other Nobles and we cherish family time. So put all three together, stir vigorously and you have the Ruffians. If you like the ingredients, look us up. No bike is needed or turned away either. **Just a willingness to have fun and enjoy life is a basic requirement to join along.**

Alzafar Seniors

by Noble Daniel Coburn, Secretary

The Alzafar Senior's monthly meeting was held at noon in the Roustabouts room on March 7th with thirteen members and guests attending. Ralph McLeod provided a selection of sandwiches and salad with all the fixings while Karen Tilghman provided a delicious homemade dessert.

John Lorch celebrated his 92nd birthday with a rousing chorus of Happy Birthday Wishes from the Superlative Sanguine Senior's Singers.

Past Potentate John Dunn gave a very information talk and answered questions about the Shrine Hospital's consolidation and move toward clinics to increase accessibility and service. He also talked about the Galveston Hospital being considered for the Center of Excellence Award. John also went over the plans for the Shriner Children's Hospital Gals to be held on May 4th at the Blue Bonnet Palace.

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 fifty-five can become honorary members and those one hundred or older eat for free. Dues are \$5.00 for the year, or forty-two cents per month for those on a budget who would like to take advantage of our special Senior's only deferred payment plan.

Our next meeting will be on April 4th. 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.

Shotgun AKA Smokin' Clays

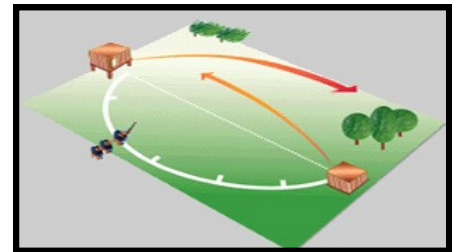
by Noble Bill Willis, Secretary

By the time you read this the Shotgun Unit will have already competed at the TSSSA Mid-Winter Shoot in Lubbock, TX. We took 21 shooters to the competition including a squad of 4 Ladies. A big shout out to Ladies Gay Smitha, Karen Myre, Mandy Anderson and Denise LaLoge. The way they were breakin' clays during our practices, I'm sure they'll be high up on the leaderboard in Lubbock. I'll be sure to provide all the results of the Mid-Winter Shoot in next month's Achbar. Our goal is to bring home some hardware for the unit trophy cabinet and be in the running for the President's Trophy which will be awarded at TSA to the best shooting Temple after combining the results of the Mid-Winter and TSA shoot in June.

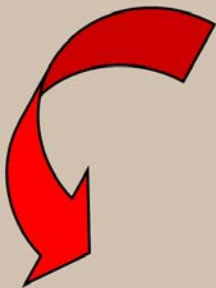
In a previous edition of the Achbar I explained the basics of sporting clays, one of the three major disciplines of competitive clay target shooting. The other two being skeet and trap. This month I'll explain the basics of skeet shooting which is also included in many of our competitions.

The game of skeet was invented to simulate the action of bird hunting. That's why the clay targets are also called clay pigeons. So, the firearm of choice is a good quality over and under or semi-automatic shotgun. Skeet uses the same clay targets as trap, and is usually shot in squads of five shooters. At its most basic, a round of skeet involves one box of 25 shotgun shells per shooter, which will be fired from eight positions, or stations, numbered consecutively from left to right in a semi-circle around the skeet field. Two trap houses are used in skeet to throw the clay targets, a "high house" at the left of the field and a "low house" at the right. High-house targets are thrown from about 10 feet above the ground, moving to the shooter's right. Low-house targets move in the opposite direction thrown from a point about three feet off the ground. The illustration shows the layout of typical skeet field.

The shooters begin a round at Station 1 in front of the High House and progress around the arc to Station 7 in front of the Low House, ending at Station 8 exactly at the middle between the two houses. Some stations require shooting single targets (one clay pigeon launched at a time), with other stations requiring you to shoot single targets as well as doubles where two targets are launched at the same time. A perfect round of skeet requires breaking all 25 targets presented during the round. And there is a long-standing tradition when a shooter completes his/her first perfect round, they must give their hat up to the team and allow them to throw it up in the air so everyone can take a shot at it. It's then returned to owner (with hundreds of holes through it) as another coveted item to be displayed in their trophy case.



The Shotgun Unit invites anyone interested in trying out the sport to join us at any of our practices or fun shoots. You can contact me or any one of our members for the time and place. Everyone is welcome.



SILENT AUCTION DONATION

We are in need of silent or live auction donations for our Hospital Gala and Charity Golf Tournament.

We will gratefully accept any new or gently used items for our temple fundraisers. Please bring your donation to the office or stated meeting by April 9th. Large or bulky items can be picked up at your home.

Thanks for your giving heart.



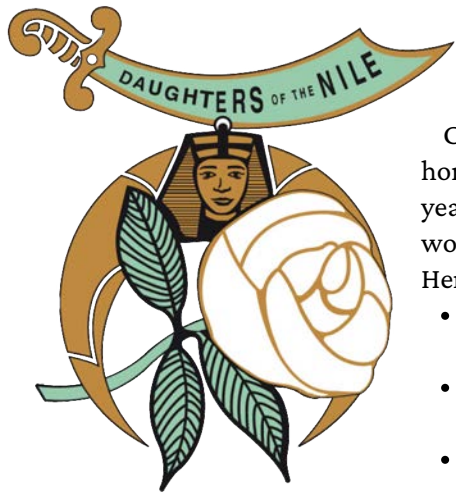
Black Camel Notices

May Our Dearly Departed Rest in Peace

Timothy Gressler, Sr.	DOD 2/12/2024
Charles H. Beckmann	DOD 2/15/2024
Charles E. Dyer	DOD 2/25/2024
Tomas D. Gonzalez, Sr.	DOD 2/27/2024



We are Nekodah Strong



Daughters of The Nile; Nekodah Temple No. 44

by Queen Brandy Reyes

Congratulations to our elected and appointed officers for this year. I am so honored and privileged in being Queen of Nekodah Temple No. 44 for this Nile year. I look forward to an exciting and successful year as Nekodah and Alzafar work together in support of the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Here's some fun events you are invited to:

- April 09, 2023, 11:30-2:00pm Nekodah birthday luncheon in the Alzafar Dining room. Event Chair Pr Yolie Jaeger
- April 28, 2024, 11:30 – 2:30pm Fiesta Luncheon in the Alzafar Shrine parlors. Event Chair Pr Cynthia Beck
- May 11, 2024, 11:30am – 2:00pm Mother's Day Fashion Show in the Alzafar Shrine parlors. Event Chair Pr Tirzah Gini Hockman

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 December, June and July.

Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America

by Lady DeeDee Kintight, High Priestess, PHP

First, I would like to apologize for the misprint in last month's Achbar, totally my fault. All fundraisers are in 2024 not 2023, other than the year the dates are correct. Below are the corrected dates.

List of events (Save the date for the new court year) Events located in the Parlors

- Sunday April 21st, 2024, Loteria/Parlor Games at 2:00 to 4:00 pm
- Saturday June 15th, 2024 Style show by Cavender's Boot City 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Saturday July 20th, 2024 Death by Chocolate Murder Mystery luncheon 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Saturday August 3rd, 2024 Garden Party by Helping Hands from 11 am to 2 pm
- Saturday September 21st, 2024 Annual Tea 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Saturday October 5th, 2024, Casino Night 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. (TERRACE ROOM)
- Saturday November 9th, 2024, Painting with a twist (TBA)

Please help this wonderful organization raise money for their philanthropy.

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Installation of officers. This was a great event.

We are now in a new court year and looking forward to a great year. We have new members that will be joining us soon.

The ladies are very busy helping the Divan ladies with the Shrine fundraiser as well and participated in the annual Easter Party. What a great time.

If you have any updates to your contact information or you are not receiving your emails, 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.





Shriners



Nobles, please help us keep our records updated!!

Call the Shrine office if you:

- Change mailing address
- Change phone number
- Change email address
- Have knowledge of a Noble passing

ALL UNITS AND CLUBS:

- If you are wanting your upcoming events flyer sent through webfez, we are asking that you please email the flyer in a .jpeg/photo format.
- **Reminder all Achbar articles need to be sent to the Achbar email, by the 10th of each month**

Office Phone # **210.496.1625**

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

ALZAFAR UNIT MEETING SCHEDULE

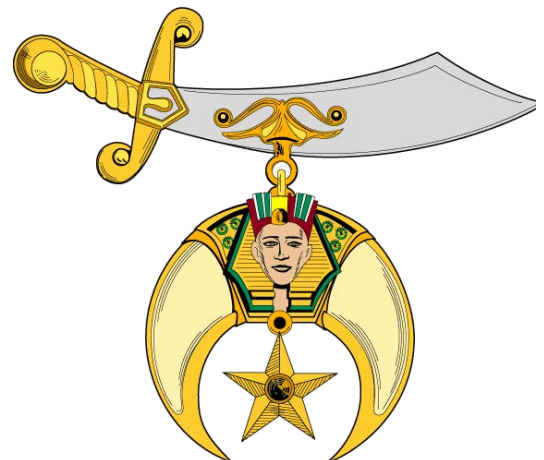
<u>BAND</u>	Each Thursday	6:30 P.M	Room 7
<u>BREWS BROTHERS</u>	4th Wednesday	7:30 P.M	Room 5
<u>BURNING SUN</u>	2nd Wednesday	7:00 P.M	Room 5
<u>CABIRI</u>	Wed. 2nd Thru.	12:00 N	As Designated
<u>CAMP ALZAFAR</u>	Memorial Day, July 4th & Labor Day	12:00 N	Camp Pavilion
<u>DESERT KNIGHTS</u>	3rd Wednesday	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>PARIS</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 CLUB</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>	As Called		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>DE-MOLAY</u>	2nd Thursday	6:00 P.M	As Designated
<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 Honor Guard	2 Red Roadsters	3 Highlanders Band Provost Guard Oriental Band	4 Band Drum Corps Ladies of the Shrine	5	6 Nobility Ball
7	8 Divan Meeting NEMNUF Shotgun Unit	9 Directors Staff Golf Unit Mini-Wheels	10 Burning Sun Highlanders Band Hot Sands BBQ Oriental Band Achbar Article Due	11 Stated Meeting Daughters of the Nile	12	13 Poteet Parade
14	15 Motor Patrol	16 Hospital Corps Motor Club	17 Desert Knights Highlanders Band Oriental Band	18 Band Drum Corps	19	20
21 Patrol	22	23	24 Brewh Brothers Highlanders Band Oriental Band	25 Band Drum Corps	26 Battle Of Flowers Parade	27 Flambeau Parade
28	29	30				



● Events ● National Holidays ● Unit Meeting ● Stated Meeting ● Achbar Article Due