

ALZAFAR ACHIBAR



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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 will be on **December 12, 2024** at 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.**



Pro tem Recorder,
Steve Fisk



Potentate Illustrious Sir,
Marco Zuniga

The Past Potentates of Alzafar Shriners

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 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) |
| 2023 Phil Neil | (Al Amin Shriners) |

***The passing of our Illustrious Sir**

A Heartfelt Thank You...

As I reflect on the past five years moving through the line, I am filled with gratitude for the remarkable individuals who have supported and encouraged me on this journey. This has been a tremendous adventure, one that I could never have undertaken alone, and I am deeply aware of the many people who have helped make this possible.

To all of you who have stood by me—thank you. You are the backbone of this organization, embodying the spirit of camaraderie, service, and dedication that drives us forward. Your support has been unwavering, and your commitment to our shared purpose has inspired me every step of the way.

I am also immensely grateful to my family, who has stood by me through every challenge and triumph. They have been a constant source of strength, love, and understanding, sacrificing time and making countless adjustments so that I could fulfill my responsibilities to this organization.

With the current Divan, I am confident the future of Alzafar is in great hands. The leadership, vision, and dedication of this team ensure that our cherished mission will continue to grow and thrive.

Finally, I want to thank the most important person in my life, my beautiful wife, Lori Zuniga. Lori, you have been my biggest cheerleader, my steady rock, and my partner in every sense of the word. Your love, patience, and commitment have carried me through this journey, and I could not have done it without you. Thank you for sharing this adventure with me, for always believing in me, and for being by my side every step of the way.

To everyone who has been a part of this journey—thank you. I am honored to serve alongside you and grateful for the incredible support that has carried me to this moment. Though this chapter may be closing, this is not goodbye—only a promise that I'll see you soon.



From First Lady Lori-

As the year and our journey ends, I want to personally thank you all for the immense support you have shown to Marco and me over the years. The joy, memories, and most importantly the friendships we have made will stay with us forever.

What started as a small idea of how I wanted to give back to the school at the Galveston Hospital, ended greater than I ever imagined. The Texas First Ladies project raised \$69,000 to help the education department at our hospital. We have started the purchase of IPADS but guarantee it won't stop there. From the funds YOU contributed along with the numerous Spanish books you have donated, we have made a HUGE difference in the patient's academic future. I can not thank you enough for the tremendous support you have shown me through this process. THANK YOU!!

This journey has so many people who played parts in our success, it's way too difficult to name you all but you know who you are. Thanks to our three daughters for all their support and understanding, and mostly to our baby girl Brittanie who has worked just as hard this year as us to make everything run so smoothly. To my right and left had for the past 5 years Robin Hooks and Doreen Bowers, you made me look like a rockstar!! To my current and past Divan ladies, thank you for always supporting me no matter how crazy of an idea I had, love you all. To every lady who has given their time and support, keep doing what you do, it does not go unnoticed.

To my husband Marco, I am so extremely proud of what you have accomplished and to see how much you've grown over the years. It has been such a privilege to be by your side every step of the way. Love and hugs to you all.

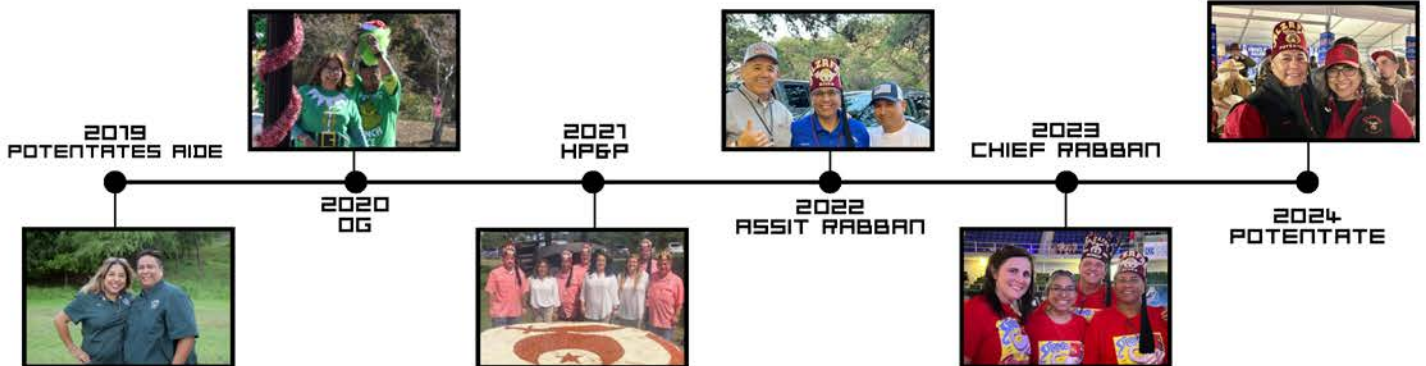
Have a wonderful holiday season with your loved ones, and hope to see you around.

Until next time, Illustrious Sir

Marco Zuniga

Alzafar Shrine 2024 Potentate

OUR YEARS IN DIVAN: 2019-2024





Dear Alzafar,

As members of the Alzafar membership committee, I want to take a moment to remind everyone of our important duties. With the age of our current membership on the rise, it's crucial that we actively seek new members who will enrich our community. Our focus should be on quality rather than quantity. I encourage each of you to return to your respective lodges and connect with newly initiated Masons. Wearing our Shrine, unit, or unit club attire, along with Masonic hats while in public, can help promote our organization. Ensuring the future and legacy of Alzafar relies on our commitment to expanding our membership.

As we move into December, my favorite month of the year, I look forward to our annual holiday gathering where Alzafar members come together to celebrate. It's a joy to reconnect with friends who have been caught up in their daily routines. I also cherish the quirky white elephant gift exchanges, where it's truly the thought that counts. And of course, it's wonderful to see family members we haven't had the chance to catch up with in a while.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah! Here's to a joyous New Year ahead!

Fraternally yours,

Alzafar Shrine 2024 Chief Rabban



Hello Nobles,

I am excited to let you know the first Life Happens program was a remarkable success. Kameo Littlepage did a wonderful presentation on Medicare and Medicaid plans. We had twenty-two people attend to receive a wealth of information. The November speaker was our own Noble Michael Jaegar who talked about the ins and outs of VA Benefits, survivor benefits, and disability compensation. We will not have a Speaker in December, but we will start again in January. Remember anyone can come to listen to our guest speakers and broaden your horizons. Please bring all your friends.

December is always an exciting month for Stated Meeting at Alzafar Shrine. I hope to be elected to Chief Rabban for 2025. Good luck, to all seeking the offices for 2025. Your Divan has amazing members and puts their effort into our fraternity and our philanthropy. Many changes are in our future, and you can be at ease knowing that your Divan will work extremely hard for the betterment of our Alzafar Shrine and the Nobility.

I personally want to thank Illustrious Sir Marco Zuniga, for his professional leadership throughout his time on the Divan. He has always set a notable example and thoughtfulness not to just Shriners but to anyone he encounters. I cannot say enough about our First Lady Lori. From the start, she has always had a cheerful outlook. She has done a fantastic job on her project for the year. Both have sacrificed for the betterment of the Shrine. I for one do not thank them enough for all the demanding work both have put into Alzafar. Life on the Divan is no kid's game. You miss many great family functions; vacations and many other events you wished you could have attended. However, we all knew going into this role we would have to dedicate much of our time and talents to Alzafar.

With the holidays upon us please be safe and spend valuable time with your family. May God bless everyone and Merry Christmas to all.

Fraternally yours,

Alzafar Shrine 2024 Assistant Rabban

We are now in the last month of the year, December! It is a time for celebration and a time for reflection as we reminisce about all the great times we had this year. I would like to personally thank each and every Noble for the support that they have given me and Luly through this year and we look forward to another great year. We promise to strive for another great year for Alzafar!

December also brings us another busy month. On December 7th we will be at the Boerne Weihnachts Night Parade. Then another important date to remember is December 12th when Alzafar will have its stated meeting and annual election of officers. On December 14th we have the Sattler Christmas Parade, and then we have the annual children's Christmas party on December 15th. Christmas falls on Wednesday the 25th and then we finish off the year with New Year's Eve as we will celebrate and ring in the new year! Please be safe and we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Our December Finance and Divan meetings will be held on Monday December 9th starting at 5:00 PM for Finance and the Divan meeting immediately following. Our Stated meeting and annual election of officers will be held on December 12 and starts at 7:00 PM. Hope to see you there!



Sincerely and Fraternally,

David O'Hearnes

Alzafar Shrine 2024 High Priest and Prophet

happy holidays



from our families to yours,

ALZAFAR DIVAN | 2024



The golf tournament results are in. After expenses, we raised about \$30,000 for the transportation fund! Thank you very much to everyone who played, contributed, or volunteered to make this event a success!

Misty and I, will host the children's Christmas party on December 15th in the ballroom from 2 to 5 PM. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there to hand out presents and take Christmas wishes from the kids! The food will be catered by Ay Chiwawa Mexican Restaurant. We welcome everyone to attend this event. As we are unable to hold a car show toy drive this year, we are asking clubs, units, and Shriners to donate new unwrapped toys that Santa can give to the kids. We will likely need around 300 toys to make sure no child leaves without a toy. Many thanks to the NEMNUF clowns for being the first unit to step up with a toy donation! There will be containers

available at the November and December stated meetings and in the office.

This event is open to Shriner's children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and any other child who could use some Christmas cheer. Please help make Christmas for our kids a success again this year. All we ask is that you call the office with your RSVP no later than December 10th with the number of adults and kids attending, along with the age and gender of the kids so we can make sure there are enough presents and food for all.

Misty and I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Fraternally yours,

Dan Dailey

Alzafar Shrine 2024 Oriental Guide

Hello Alzafar!!

Can you believe it? This year is coming to an end!! It seems like we just started the year and with a blink of an eye, it's almost over. I would like to thank you all for allowing me to continue serving you all once again as the Treasurer of Alzafar. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the verbal encouragement, suggestions, phone calls, texts, and willingness to assist me throughout this year as well. To say it's been an easy year would be a stretch. It's been a challenge both personal and professional but I had many of you to lean on and I can't thank you all enough.

One of the biggest and best changes we made as a board came a couple of years ago when the board decided to move away from Broadway Banks investment branch to Merrill Lynch's for our investments. Boy was that not one of the best decisions we made? If you were at November's meeting you would have heard where we stand financially. If you read my previous article about the pennies from heaven we are receiving at the moment and how we started receiving those pennies you would be happy to hear that we now have over half a million in that account. So that is truly a blessing!!

As we enter the holiday season, I want to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. If you are traveling during the holidays, I wish you safe travels. Remember our military during the holidays as some of them will be away from their families serving our great nation.

I look forward to having the opportunity to sit and visit with you all really soon. If there is something we can do for you or you have a suggestion for me please don't hesitate to stop and talk with me when you see me. Thank you again for allowing me to lead you.



Robert M. Norman III, P.P

Alzafar Shrine 2024 Treasurer

Nobles,

As the holiday season approaches, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks for your continued support and dedication to our mission of helping children this year. Collectively we have helped children far and wide receive life-changing care. Your care and efforts as well as the numerous hours you put in are what make this happen. Whether it be fundraisers you hosted or attended, parades you participated in, bringing a friend to join our great fraternity, or just showing up, without YOU, we could not be!

I also want to say thank you once again for your support you gave me in either words of encouragement or advice that helped me in the Recorder's office. Every day I have been in the office I think to myself "Am I doing what will make Alzafar better?" I am confident that we are on the right path to keep our future secure for many decades to come. As a new year approaches and a change in the Divan is about to occur, I recommend that you consider attending the Finance and Divan meetings. To have the opportunity to sit in and listen to items and decisions being made is something you should take advantage of. That is another privilege of living in this great country, being able to participate at all levels.

Many Clubs and Units will be in the midst of having their holiday parties and I'm sure I'll get the opportunity to attend a few. I'm looking forward to seeing and celebrating with you.

As the year comes to a close, we are also reaching out with a friendly reminder that dues for 2025 are now due. Please take a moment to ensure your dues are paid so that we can continue to grow and make a positive impact in the year ahead.

Looking forward, we are excited for the opportunities the new year will bring. I am hopeful that 2025 will be a year full of new memories, shared successes, and continued growth for us and the community we serve.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



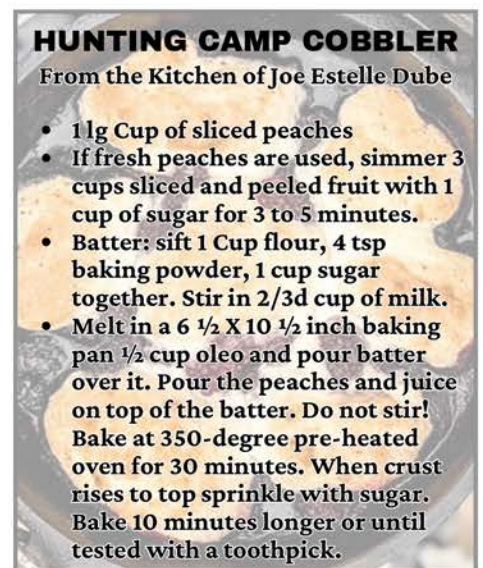
Pro tem Recorder
Steve Fisk

The Philosophical Musings of Mr. McButterpants

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

And once again from that now famous
NEMNUF Cookbook from 1977!

- A ship was traveling in a dangerous part of the sea. The captain saw a pirate ship approaching their vessel. The captain yells to his crew, "Bring me my red shirt!" The crew brings him his red shirt, he puts it on and leads the men in battle. They lose one man, but overall, it was a great victory. Everyone wonders what the deal is with the red shirt, but they just shrug it off.
 - A few days later, the captain sees 2 pirate ships in the distance. He again yells, "Bring me my red shirt!" The crew does so, and they fight off the pirates. They lose a few more men this time, but at least most of them are unscratched. However this time curiosity got the best of them, and they ask the Captain why he's asked for his red shirt during the battles. He answers, "Well crew, I know all of you look to me for support and morale. I knew there would be a good chance of me getting injured and I didn't want you to see me all bloody and fear that all is lost. Therefore, I put on a red shirt in order that my injuries will blend in with the shirt."
 - A few weeks later, the ship is traveling, and, in the distance, there are 10 pirate ships. The captain spots this and yells "Bring me my brown pants!"



HUNTING CAMP COBBLER
From the Kitchen of Joe Estelle Dube

- 1 lg Cup of sliced peaches
- If fresh peaches are used, simmer 3 cups sliced and peeled fruit with 1 cup of sugar for 3 to 5 minutes.
- Batter: sift 1 Cup flour, 4 tsp baking powder, 1 cup sugar together. Stir in 2/3d cup of milk.
- Melt in a 6 1/2 X 10 1/2 inch baking pan 1/2 cup oleo and pour batter over it. Pour the peaches and juice on top of the batter. Do not stir! Bake at 350-degree pre-heated oven for 30 minutes. When crust rises to top sprinkle with sugar. Bake 10 minutes longer or until tested with a toothpick.

That's all I have for this month! Always remember and never forget,
**Keep the Sun in your eyes!!
Smiley T. McButterpants!!**



Thank You to Brittanie Zuniga

As I look back on this year, I realize how much I have relied on my daughter, Brittanie Zuniga. Her unwavering support and help have been invaluable. Through every challenge and every step forward, Brittanie has been there, always willing to lend a hand, offer encouragement, and remind me why family is such a powerful source of strength.

This year, Brittanie truly stepped up, taking over the responsibilities of the Achbar. Her dedication and hard work ensured everything ran smoothly, showing her commitment to helping and making a difference. Without her taking on this role, the year would have been far more difficult.

Thank you, Brittanie. Your love and support mean the world to me, and I am endlessly grateful for all that you do. Love you always.

Marco Zuniga
Alzafar Shrine 2024 Potentate



Election of 2025 Alzafar Shrine Officers Thursday, December 12, 2024

§ 325.11 Election Regulations.

(a) **Electioneering.** A candidate for an elected office in a Shrine temple may print, publish and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a résumé consisting of his educational background, his vocational history, and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, email or other devices, by a unit, club, Noble, or group of Nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing, or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited.

(b) **Expenditures Prohibited.** The expenditure of money for gifts, favors, or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for elected office is prohibited.

(c) **Violation.** For any violation of (a) or (b), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of the officers void and order a new election.

Brews Brothers

by Noble Brandon Mical Curry

"We just got through Thanksgiving, and now on to Christmas and New Year! Shout out to everyone who came to our Thanksgiving Eve gathering at Freetail on 1604. Fantastic place with great beer, and highly recommended to everyone who loves a well-crafted local beer. What a busy season! The Brews Brothers wish your family and friends a Merry Christmas, Yuletide, Holidays, et al! Between all the gift gathering, parties, traveling, and family time, we would like to extend our invitation to Nobles and their families to the events we've got going on these next couple of months.

The Brews Bros. Christmas party will be at the home of James Vaughn, 1262 Phantom Valley St., 78232. Bring your favorite 6 pack, a side dish, and your preferred loved ones. Good fellowship and holiday cheer will be in abundance. Please RSVP our Secretary Russ Brown at Alzafarbrewers@gmail.com if you plan to attend so James and his lady can make sure they are well prepared.

The Polar Plunge is BACK! Again, we shall gather at Camp Alzafar to do the very intelligent thing of jumping into the pool there on February 1, 2025, at 1 PM. The minimum suggested donation is \$100 given towards seeing your favorite Noble plunge into the freezing depths, but please feel free to be generous: this money goes to the transportation fund! After the jump, it's Happy Hour until 2 PM. That's when the rib cook-off and potluck begins. Further info can be got to by emailing our secretary at the address listed above. It's sure to be a great time so come join us!

Old Man 2024 is on his way out, and we can't wait to see you all again in the new baby 2025.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!"



Directors Staff

by Noble Christopher Celis, Director

December is upon us, sorry for missing last month but the unit has been at a standstill. But fear not the month of December will be busy.

First off I need to let you know this year's Christmas party will be at the Barn Door at 8400 N New Braunfels on December the 15th which is a Sunday. The social hour will start at 6 pm. Installation of officers will take place that evening as well. As usual, the members of the unit are free and your spouse is 35 dollars. Please bring your check or cash to the next meetings so we can get a definite headcount to give to the restaurant. Unit dues are also due for the year. Please have them paid as soon as possible. Unit elections took place in October and the new officers are as follows.

- Chris Celis- Director
- David Petruska -Assistant Director
- Treasurer- Bert Gonzalez
- Secretary- still needs to be filled.

A few events have passed, the Trunk or Treat was a hit, the fish pond was well manned and kids kept us busy all day. Thank you to Misty Dailey for getting us the trinkets to hand out. We also had our truck that was decorated with some spooky skeletons and ghoulish gods! The unit also competed in the camp chili cook-off. We didn't place but I hear they had a good time.

The Fire Truck was not present at Halloween, it seems the starter had issues and Harry Kinsey has taken care of it. Harry's Hot Rods has also tackled a few other issues the truck had and He's taking care of a few other items while he has it. So, unfortunately, it's missed the Devine and Veterans Day parade. I'm sure when we get it back it's going to be in tip-top shape! thank you again to Harry for taking care of the ole gal!

We have a full schedule of night parades coming up so the uniform will be a parade shirt, khaki pants, fez, and a smile. Bert and I will be taking the truck to the parades as the year winds down. And I need to give Bert a huge thanks for tending to the fire truck and the Ford. It can be a full-time job and he handles it with ease! Please keep Steve McMahan in your prayers, seems he shattered his ankle and is on the mend.

Let's not forget TSDA will be in San Antonio in 2026, we need to attend TSDA in 2025 to get an idea of what we need to do for 2026. As hotel info comes out from Kareem I will get it out to the unit.

That's all for me right now, if you have any info you would like to pass on, get with me so I can get it into the article. If your looking to join us we meet on the 2nd Tuesday for dinner at 6:30 and meeting to follow at 7pm.



NOVEMBER

REWIND



DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 Fredricksburg Christmas Parade Provost	7 Jingle Mingle Boerne Christmas Parade Shotgun Unit
8 Burning Sun Hillbilly	9 Divan/ Finance	10 Achbar Article Due	11 Hot Sands	12 Stated Meeting Rv Rally	13 Golf Unit Honor Guard Mini Wheels Red Roadsters Rv Rally	14 Faris Highlanders Rv Rally
15 Directors Staff L.O.S	16 Motor Patrol Columbus Day	17	18	19 Band Drum Corps Oriental Band NILE	20	21 NEMNUF Camp Alzafar
22 Children's Christmas Party	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27	28
29	30	31 New Years Eve				

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

EVENTS TO LOOK OUT FOR

JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1 Highlanders Band Provost Guard Oriental Band Laredo S.C. New Year Day	2 Band Drum Corps Ladies Oriental Shrine Seniors	3	4 Devine Parade City of Devine Fall Festival
5	6 Divan/ Finance Honor Guard NEMNUF Shotgun Unit	7 Directors Staff Golf Unit Mini-Wheels Red Roadsters Hill Country SC	8 Hot Sands BBQ Burning Sun Highlanders Band Oriental Band	9 Stated Meeting Daughters of the Nile	10 N.O.T.V.L Achbar Article Due	11 LOS Loteria
12	13 Motor Patrol Guadalupe Valley	14 Hospital Corps Motor Club	15 Desert Knights Highlanders Band Oriental Band	16 Band Drum Corps Daughters of the Nile	17	18
19 Ruffians	20 Patrol Inauguration & MLK Day	21	22 Brews Brothers Highlanders Band Oriental Band	23 Band Drum Corps Canyon Lake	24 RV Rally	25 RV Rally
26 RV Rally	27	28	29 Highlanders Band Oriental Band	30 Band Drum Corps EAST WEST SHRINE BOWL	31	

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Alzafar Golf Unit

by Noble Tee-Bone Tommy

Please stand up and help me recognize the 2024 Dan Dailey, President of the Alzafar Golf Unit and Divan Oriental Guide, for an outstanding year. The highlight of the year had to be a very successful Alzafar Golf Tournament.

Meet our new 2025 Golf Unit President Gary Callison. We encourage anyone who is interested in golf to join the unit. We have all levels of golfers from low handicap players to new golfers.

I personally have not played Golf in years. I have tried to retire twice and I am not good at it. When I did have time to play on a regular basis, I got sick with cancer, but I tried to help the Unit every time we had a party for the youth. The golf unit is a rock and they serve the food to make sure the families have a wonderful event. My goal this year is to get back on the golf course with some of the best Nobles in Alzafar. I know I can not crush the ball anymore, so my game has probably improved greatly.

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

PS: "Golf is my real profession. Entertainment is just a sideline. I tell jokes to pay my green fees." Bob Hope
Tomorrow is National Skip Work and Play 18 Day. It's nothing official I made it up. Tell the others!



Honor Guard

by Noble Leo Bravo

The Alzafar Honor Guard Unit recently held the "Operación Libros para Colorear" Coloring Book Donation Drive 2024, where Unit members, led by President Leo Bravo, delivered children's coloring books and crayons to Shriners Children's Hospital – Mexico in Mexico City. On November 8, 2024, Unit members Leo Bravo, Jerry Hockman, Walter "Rango" Kaster, and Ruben Galvan, along with

their Ladies (Valerie, Gini, Linda, and Terri), were warmly welcomed by the hospital staff and Philanthropy Director, Fernanda Yong. The children in the waiting areas were delighted with the treat, and the remaining books will be put to good use by the hospital staff. This experience reminded everyone of the impact that Shriners make through their philanthropic efforts—bringing joy, comfort, and care to children and families in need. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated and supported this meaningful cause!

Later in the month, the Honor Guard Unit donated another round of books, notebooks, crayons, writing pens, and colored pencils to Shriners Children's Hospital in Galveston, where the First Lady hosted her tour alongside Shriners, Ladies, and supporters. Be on the lookout for photos of this memorable day in the December Achbar!



Alzafar Hospital Corp

When we say “We are Driving Kids to a Better Life” we really mean it!

by Noble Tee-Bone Tommy



In our last Achbar article we introduced you to Patrick Scoles. I am proud to say by the time you read this article Patrick will have been installed as the Commander of the Hospital Corps. Who is better prepared to lead this group of dedicated Nobles than someone who was once a Shrine Hospital patient? One of Patrick’s goals for 2025 is to address our membership at the Alzafar Stated meetings. With Patrick at the helm, I know our Unit will attract additional young members.

I will never forget when I asked Patrick what he would say to a new prospective member of our Unit he said “You will never find a more worthwhile endeavor than the Hospital Corps. Being your skills as a driver, your integrity as a Mason, your passion for our philanthropy as a Shrine and join us right now”.

Here are a few of the Nobles that have moved our kids in October & November:
Walter Koehler & Bert Gonzalez...Tim Horgan & Paul Dawson...Walter Koehler & Jose Echeverri...Gordon McKinnie & Tim Horgan...Paul Dawson & Tom Leverett

A big “Thank you” to have Irma Alvarez in the office who coordinates all the transportation needs. We could not do it without you Irma!

Come get your smile on Nobles. Alzafar Shrine Clinic and Hospital Drivers wanted. Please call Tee-Bone Tommy at 210-617-8977 or Patrick Scoles at 210-862-5533. Our meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday at 7 pm in Room #6.

Words to live by: I visited my doctor today, and he told me my sugar was too high. So when I got home, I moved it to a lower shelf!

DO YOU LIKE TO TAKE PICTURES OR WRITE?

The Alzafar Achbar is always looking for fresh ideas! If you like to take photos or write, give us a shout. Take part in Alzafar events and help document the fun and amazing things that the Nobility and their families do.

For over 100 years Alzafar has done so much and these things help to show the history of our journey. Be a part of Alzafar history by emailing: alzafarshrineachbar@gmail.com





A Heartfelt Thank You to the Hot Sands BBQ Family

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As we wrap up another sizzling year, I find myself filled with gratitude for the time I've spent as President of the Hot Sands BBQ Unit. Reflecting on everything we've cooked up together, I can't help but feel grilled to perfection with pride and appreciation for each of you who helped make this year smokin' unforgettable.

From our legendary BBQ events to our award-winning cookoffs, and all those countless hours spent planning, prepping, and serving,

it's been a team effort right off the bone. Each one of you brought something spicy and special to our mission, and thanks to your dedication and enthusiasm, we've made a smokin' hot impact in the community.

I also want to extend a sincere thank you to the entire Shrine family for their unwavering support. From sharing resources to cheering us on, you've been there every step of the way, adding that extra seasoning that makes being part of this organization so rewarding.

As we look toward next year, I'm fired up to see the new leadership bring fresh ideas to the table. I have no doubt that the Hot Sands BBQ Unit will continue to heat things up and make us all proud. Thank you again for an incredible year, and for allowing me the honor of serving as your President.

Let's keep those coals glowing bright and look forward to more great times, more success, and more fellowship in the year ahead. Here's to the future of the Hot Sands BBQ Unit—where we always bring the heat!

Warm regards,
Michael G Ethridge
President, 2024

What is Brotherhood ?

by Noble/Brother Carlos Stanigar

By definition, brotherhood is a central part of fraternity life that binds members together and encourages them to work toward common goals. It's a feeling of unity, companionship, and loyalty that can last a lifetime.

For some of us we look at this brotherhood as our family. We have men coming into the family and looking to the older generation for guidance and support as we handle the obstacles of life and the barriers we all as men face. The grand architect has a reason and purpose for everything he does. Just think about the time a brother came to you for advice about something. Did you ever think that this is because he felt safe and comfortable coming to you for that advice and what did you do with that confidence? The world is full of uncertainty and to have brothers that love you and care for you is one thing we can always count on from this family.

Do not ever forget the power each of you have to change the life of a brother. I can personally attest that several brothers have impacted my life and my family in a positive way. You all as brothers have the ability to change the world for another brother and impact his life. Do not waste that gift, brothers. Family is not always blood, it can also be brothers from different walks of life and different places that find the unity of love, friendship and respect for each other.

As iron sharpens iron, so one brother sharpens another. Proverbs 27:17



Mini Wheels

By Noble David Hernandez, Treasurer

Season's greeting from the Mini Wheels Unit members and their Ladies. It's now December and what a wonderful time to spend with family and friends. The unit is in overdrive with all the parades that started with the San Antonio Veteran's Parade and will end with the Sattler Christmas Parade.

As we drive around and see all the hustle and bustle and Christmas lights, it's time for us to decorate our Tin Lizzies with lights and tinsel and get ready for the Christmas parades.

It's a great feeling seeing all the lights and decorations everywhere we go. Nothing better than seeing the smiles and waves of all the children and hoping/knowing that someday one of them may grow up to be a Shriner and want to ride in one of our cars!!!

With the holidays approaching things are slowing down for the unit but we still have several parades and functions coming up to finish the year. Our Christmas Party will be held on December 13, in the Alzafar Golf Unit room. Social hour is 6:30 and the meal starts at 7:00.

We have the following events on our agenda and more to follow:

- Nov 30th – Comfort Parade (optional)
- Dec 13th- Unit Party
- Dec 14th – Sattler Parade

If you are interested in learning about our unit, meeting like-minded Shriners, and feel the AHOOGA in you, 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.

We wish everyone a safe and Joyous Holiday!



Provost Guard

by Noble Tom Hirte, Secretary/Treasurer

Nobles and Ladies,

The Provost Guard Unit held its monthly meeting on November 6th, 2024 with a good showing of members, ladies and guests. We had a delicious meal of Barbequed ribs prepared by our unit chef, David Hadley. The unit welcomed two new members, Bill Mitchell and David Connor. The unit decided to make a donation for the Alzafar Children's Holiday Party for gifts for the kids. Anyone interested in learning about our unit, bullseye pistol shooting and meeting like-minded Shriner's from around the Greatest State in the Union, come see us. We meet the 1st Wednesday of the month in the Director's Staff/Provost Guard room out back. Our meetings begin with a social time at 6:00pm, dinner at 6:30 pm and our meeting starting at 7:00 pm. Your Lady is ALWAYS welcome to attend.



Alzafar Seniors

by Noble Daniel Coburn, Secretary

The Alzafar Senior's monthly meeting was held at noon in the Roustabouts room on Thursday, November 7th with fifteen members and guests attending. Steve and Sylvia Fisk provided a delicious venison gumbo meal for lunch and John Lorch provided a 70th wedding anniversary cake for dessert.

The speaker this month was Irma Alvarez of Alzafar Shrine who talked about her work coordinating transportation for the Shrine Hospital patients and their families. She went over some of the issues she runs into with coordinating pickups, driver traffic delays, and trying to keep costs under control by efficient utilization of times and multiple coordinated transports. Steve Fisk described the Shrine's efforts to fully utilize the three dedicated Shrine transportation vans and the two Shrine fraternal vans. That includes rotating the vans usage and making sure maintenance is kept up to date. The Shrine transports about 50 patients per month.

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. Lunch is \$10.00. 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 December 5th when we will be installing our 2025 officers. Please RSVP to join us. 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.

Smokin' Clays Alzafar Shotgun Unit

by Noble Bill Willis, Secretary

As I write this article on Veterans Day weekend, I want to take the opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to all Veterans and their Families for the service and sacrifices you made for our Nation, the greatest Nation on earth. Thanks for keeping us safe and allowing us to enjoy the freedoms we have as Americans.

During our October stated meeting we elected the 2025 officers for the Shotgun Unit. The following officer-elects will be installed on December 7th during our annual Christmas Party and Officer Installation. Noble Tom Hirte, President, Noble Rich Kuehn, 1st Vice President, Noble Jason Barker, 2nd Vice President, Noble Jerry Smitha, Treasurer, Noble Bill Willis, Secretary, and Honorary 3rd Vice President and Chief Chef, Noble David Hadley. On behalf of all the members of the Shotgun Unit, we appreciate you volunteering for the leadership positions you are about to assume. With the responsibilities that go along with those positions, you have a great opportunity to grow the organization and have a positive impact on the success of the philanthropy, fellowship, and camaraderie of the unit. The future looks bright for the Smokin' Clays and the Alzafar Shrine. And a big thanks to all the Shotgun Unit Ladies for their continued tremendous support. We couldn't do it without you.

As a reminder, anyone is welcome to join us at our fun shoots, usually held on the last Saturday morning of the month, and at our stated meetings held on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. You'll want to arrive early as our Chief Chef Noble David Hadley will be serving up a fine meal starting at 6:30. And bring your Lady along. We always have a great turnout. Until next month, keep your powder dry remember to lead your targets.

The Impact We Make...

Time and again, our fraternity has united in hosting fundraisers for Shriners Children. New members are welcomed with information about our vital cause, while seasoned members occasionally need reminding of its significance.

Recently, Alzafar organized three groups for two inspiring trips to the hospitals we support. The Directors Staff and the Honor Guard visited the Shriners Hospital for Children in Mexico, while First Lady Lori led a group of dedicated ladies to Shriners Children's Texas. Every participant returned with incredible stories and life-changing experiences. A common sentiment was, "If you've never been, you need to make the trip." I wholeheartedly agree.

The Directors Staff proudly presented a generous donation of \$1,000, while the Honor Guard hosted their annual "Operación Libros para Colorear," collecting 300 packs of crayons, 144 Spanish coloring books, and 100 additional books for donation to Shriners Children's Texas. During their journey to Shriners Children in Mexico, they distributed many of these items to patients, witnessing the unrivaled joy and gratitude on the children's faces—a memory cherished by all nobles and ladies involved.

First Lady Lori and her counterparts from Ben Hur, El Mina, Hella, and Moslah demonstrated extraordinary commitment by raising \$69,000 for the school at Shriners Children's Texas. During their visit, they toured various departments, engaged joyfully with the children, and provided the hospital staff with a delightful pizza lunch and goody bags. As staff members received their goody bags or pizza, they were warmly thanked for their dedication to the children's welfare, responding with heartfelt, "We do it for the kids."

Isn't that our motivation as well? Every donation, big or small, is a testament to this spirit. Visiting the hospitals enriches our understanding of our mission. You will witness firsthand why we do it for the kids and meet inspiring staff members who were once patients themselves. Their stories of how past donations made a difference are a powerful reminder of the amazing cause we support together.



Black Camel Notices

May Our Dearly Departed Rest in Peace

Noble:

Thomas W. Bingham

DOD 07/2023

Herbert H. Johnson

DOD 2/17/2024

Donald D. Sharp

DOD 8/6/2024



We are Nekodah Strong



Daughters of The Nile; Nekodah Temple No. 44

by Queen Brandy Reyes

The holidays are a time to give thanks for the love and happiness around you and to be grateful for the blessings that surround you.

Nekodah friends and family enjoyed an amazingly delicious Thanksgiving Luncheon put on by our very own Princess Tirzah, Gini Hockman. And now we're finally in the last month of the year. It's hard to believe that 2024 is coming to a close. We wrap up the year with our annual holiday party and gear up for another amazing year of raising money for Shriners Hospitals through the Daughters of the Nile Foundation.

As I reflect on this past year, I can only hope and pray that 2025 be as joyful and graceful to you as it has been to me. We are thankful for this amazing organization

and Shriners Children's and the selfless acts we see day in and day out. May God bless the children of Shriners Hospitals. As Queen of Nekodah Temple No 44 Daughters of the Nile, I would like to wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In Nile Love,
Brandy Reyes

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 7:00 pm in the Alzafar Shrine Center Parlors except June, July, and December.

Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America

by Lady DeeDee Kintight, High Priestess, PHP

The November 7th meeting almost went as planned, unfortunately, two new members were unable to join us that night and will hopefully join us on Jan 18th at 10 am. For our members that can't join us on Thursday evenings, Jan 18th is a perfect time to come out for another ceremonial for the rest of our new ladies. We are now looking at another four ladies. Welcome Carol Carpenter and Savita Rai. Let's give these ladies a warm welcome from the court.

Our Christmas party will be December 15th. This year we will be give to Toys for Tots. Please let Wendy Sanders (210) 430-7360, know if you will be attending. Bring an unwrapped toy please. At the Christmas party we will be drawing for an opportunity to win two handguns, for more information and tickets please reach out to Doris Hoelscher at 210-400-6934.

Please help this wonderful organization raise money for their philanthropy.

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, as well as our Ways and Means fund. 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. For those ladies that have petitions to be submitted please do so as soon as possible.





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>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 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	As Designated
<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>N.O.T.V.L.</u>	2nd Friday	7:00P.M	As Designated
<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 Wednesday	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>PATTERSON MASONIC LODGE</u>	2nd & 4th Wed	7:00 P.M	Alzafar Rear
<u>VICTORY MASONIC LODGE</u>	2nd & 4th Tue	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 ORIENTAL 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

