



AFIFI NEWS

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Greetings Nobles,

December is near as is the end of the year. Our December stated meeting will be an important meeting as we have some important work to do. The first of which is the annual election of our Officers for the ensuing year, representatives for Imperial Session and the finance committee members. The second is the vote on whether Afifi Shriners should move the charter to Centralia effectively changing our meeting location from Tacoma to Centralia. The final decision of course will rest with Imperial.



The weekend at Edgefield went well and I believe those who were able to attend had a good time. By the time you read this edition of the Afifi News the Hospital Trek will certainly have taken place and hopefully we will have educated a few more potential Masons, Shriners, friends and family as to what Shriners Hospitals does for our kids.

Note that we will be drawing our raffle winner on December 8 as well. Any outstanding tickets for the raffle need to be sold and any ticket stubs and money turned in to Noble Chief Rabban Dale Vrsalovich as soon as possible as we must account for all monies and tickets in preparation for the drawing. The drawing will take place at 6 P.M. at Horace Tyler Lodge. (the previous time for our meeting was to be at 5 P.M. however this was recently changed to 1 P.M. The drawing must still however take place as stated on the tickets.)

I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday. Keep our soldiers who are in harm's way and who are far away from their families in your thoughts and prayers. Please stay warm and be safe in your travels as the weather will likely become wetter and colder over the next several weeks.

I look forward to seeing you at our stated meeting Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 1 P.M. at Horace Tyler Masonic Lodge in Tacoma – Lunch will be at 12 P.M. please RSVP (253-565-2055) so that we can ensure there will be sufficient food for all.

I.S. Edward C. Woods – Potentate Afifi Shriners

Sept Nobles count: **378**

OFFICIAL CALL OF THE POTENTATE

Notice is hereby given for the

December Stated Meeting of Afifi Shriners, Election of Officers and Vote to move the Charter

At the Horace W. Tyler Lodge, 2530 Grandview Dr W University Place

on **Saturday, December 8th at 1:00 PM**

for the transaction of such business as may come before the Temple

A **lunch** will be offered for \$10 at **noon** and is open to all family and friends

RSVP for lunch is a must by 12/1/18! at 253-565-2055 or afifishrine@gmail.com ladies and families will be entertained while we are in our meeting

OFFICIAL CALL OF THE POTENTATE

Notice is hereby given for the

Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers

At the Heathman Lodge, 7801 NE Greenwood Dr, Vancouver

on **Saturday, January 12th, at 11:00 AM**

for the transaction of such business as may come before the Temple

A **Lunch** will be offered for \$35 at **Noon** followed by the **Installation of Officers** and is open to all family and friends

RSVP for lunch is a must by 1/5/19! at 253-565-2055 or afifishrine@gmail.com ladies and families will be entertained while we are in our meeting



BLACK CAMEL

James R Green

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We now have a Membership Committee and Membership Communications Committee.

The members of the Membership Committee are:

Mike Clemenhagen James Nero IS Ray Zimmerman

The members of the Membership Communications Committee are:

Ross Retzlaff Mike Kreger Larry Marks Ron Fryer

Photo Project

As was mentioned in the previous Afifi News, we are collecting photos of our Nobles. If you have a "headshot" photo you would like us to include, email a .jpg image to afifishrine@gmail.com or paper photo to PO Box 1433, Battle Ground 98604

Paying your Dues

Imperial has introduced a new way to pay your dues. On your Webfez page (webfez.shrinenet.org), you can now select a "Pay My Bill" button to pay by credit card. The fee to Afifi for your transaction is significantly smaller than what PayPal was charging us, so there is **no** fee charged to you for using this feature. Also, I now have the ability to set up automatic monthly withdrawals so you can spread your payments over several months. Contact me if you want to set that up.

VOTE TO MOVE AFIFI'S CHARTER

A petition to move Afifi's charter to Centralia was presented at the September Stated Meeting. The Recorder and Potentate confirmed there were sufficient valid signatures to bring it to the vote of the nobles at the December Stated meeting. Per Imperial Bylaws, every Noble is to receive a written notice of this vote between 20 and 30 days prior to the meeting. Therefore, the official notice will be in the December/January Afifi News. Below is the text of the petition.

PETITION TO MOVE THE AFIFI SHRINE CENTER CHARTER TO CENTRALIA, WASHINGTON

Whereas, the Afifi Shrine Center no longer owns property in Tacoma and

Whereas, Tacoma is at the northern end of Afifi's jurisdiction and

Whereas, the furthest Afifi Nobles must travel up to 140 miles to a meeting and

Whereas, the Centralia Masonic Lodge has offered their space for \$100 per meeting plus secure storage and

Whereas, Centralia is centrally located in Afifi's jurisdiction, reducing the maximum traveling distance to about 90 miles

Therefore, we, the undersigned, petition the Potentate of Afifi Shriners to hold a vote of the Afifi Nobility to move the charter to the Centralia Masonic Lodge building.

Dear Nobles,

This year is winding down real quick and we have a lot to do before it's over. First, attend our next Stated Meeting as we have an important resolution to discuss and vote upon: moving the location of our charter.

Second: we have the raffle drawing taking place on Dec 8th and we need to keep selling tickets. A thousand more sold tickets would help tremendously. Have you sold any personally? If every member sold 10 tickets each, we would take in over \$37,000. It all comes down to that Shriner in the mirror. Have you sold 10? There is still time to sell 10 to anyone in your influence. Better yet, strangers! Remember, the prize is a Honda Pioneer 700, side by side off-road utility vehicle and the trailer goes with it. It's a \$14k value. Since we don't have as large a membership base as in the past, we need to rely more on fundraising to help cover our annual expenses.

Third: our membership goals have been met in 2016 and 17, and we're close this year, so don't stop sharing your involvement with Shrine to the world. We have public events that don't require membership in Shrine in order to participate. We've garnered new members through concerts, our Freedom Bowl, and various Hospital events along with BeaShrinerNow.com. Be the example of charity in your lodge, your community and family. Your good works will inspire others to ask about Shrine and join you. This has happened in my life and it's a great feeling to have brothers ask how to join so they too can help.

Take the time to read up on Shriner history, Masonic history and Hospital knowledge so that you can answer the public's question about how to join lodge, Shrine and explain our philanthropy. Know the "elevator" speech for membership. Finally, travel as a Shriner. Go to other clubs, Temples and lodges. We have a broad and wonderful world in Shrine philanthropy and fun. Next year's calendar will have many opportunities to broaden your Shrine life, make new friends and have fun! Bring your smiles and get ready for a whirlwind of a year.

My Lady and I just returned from a week of giving at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open in Las Vegas and it was a great experience giving our time to help the Hospitals and our fraternity. We volunteered at the Shriners Membership booth and the 18th Hole Hospitality. Our fraternity was on display all week on the PGA channel and on the local news stations. Also, the depth of the field was great this year and we had excellent attendance this year. I don't know how much money was made, but we sure had a ton of great publicity.

On the personal front, I just spent a week moving my Mother-in-Law from Idaho to Vancouver to be closer to our family. I just want to remind all of you that your families always come before Shrine and Lodge. We are all volunteers and our time is needed in Shrine, but the Divan will never ask you to forget your familial duties, your church or your job. They all come first. We all are brothers and should never hesitate to reach out to each other for help and advice. Love is first and foremost in our obligations. Remember that.

Yours in the Faith,

Dale Vrsalovich
Chief Rabban, Afifi Shriners



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Afifi Temple Officers - 2018

<p>Elected Officers</p> <p>Edward C. Woods Potentate Dale Vrsalovich Chief Rabban Joseph McAlister Assistant Rabban Rory Johnson High Priest and Prophet Ryan Wright Oriental Guide Ben Schatz (Appointed) Treasurer IS Raymond Zimmerman Recorder</p>	<p>Appointed Officers</p> <p>Director of Units Don Varo Chaplain IS Gary Norton Captain of the Guard IS Doug Bates Club Coordinator Ben Schatz Club Coordinator Glide (Snuffy) Smith</p>	<p>Afifi Board of Directors</p> <p>Edward Woods, Potentate/Chair Dale Vrsalovich Rory Johnson Joseph McAlister Ryan Wright Ben Schatz IS Raymond Zimmerman</p>
<p>Membership Chairman Joe McAlister Fundraising Chairman Dale Vrsalovich Public Relations Chairman Rory Johnson</p>	<p>Hospital Representatives / Portland Hospital Board of Governors</p> <p>Rory Johnson, Vice Chairman IS Keith Christensen IS Raymond Zimmerman</p> <p>Afifi Transportation Fund Administrator IS Raymond Zimmerman</p>	<p>Hospital Representatives Emeritus</p> <p>Hon. Richard Brosey George Mohoric, DDS IS W. Brandt Bede MD IS Douglas Baker IS Joe Devish IS Barry Bede Raymund McDermott Ambassador to Al Kader – Cord Anderson Ambassador to Elf Khurafeh – David "Dusty" Rhodes</p>
<p>Website: www.afifishriners.org Email: afifishrine@gmail.com Facebook: Afifi Shriners page and group Afifi News Publisher/Advertising Manager - I.S. Edward Woods Afifi News Editor – IS Ray Zimmerman Publishing Deadline: When submitting articles for the Afifi News, please adhere to our deadline of the 20th of the month preceding the publication month</p>	<p>Shrine Club Meetings</p> <p>Columbia River Shrine Club – 4th Thursday Gateway Shrine Club – 3rd Friday Grays Harbor Shrine Club – 2nd Friday Lewis County Shrine Club – 2nd Thursday Mt. Tahoma Shrine Club—1st Thursday Thurston-Mason Shrine Club – 4th Friday</p>	<p>Unit Meetings</p> <p>World Famous Afifi Clowns – 2nd Thursday SW WA Clowns – 1st Wednesday Greeters – 4th Thursday Oriental Band – 1st Friday Provo Guard – 2nd Tuesday</p>

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