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CORVID-19 and Afifi Shrine

The Coronavirus (CORVID-19) has given us a blow we didn't expect. From cancellation of meetings to the "Stay At Home" policy, our lives have changed. We will follow the directive from the State authorities, Imperial Shrine and Grand Lodge. Due to this national epidemic, our Shrine, club and unit activities for April are canceled. Our May meeting is still in question. We will be sending emails with information to our membership on our May meeting.

For those that didn't receive or read the email regarding the cancellation of our March meeting, we ask your forgiveness and our commitment to better our communication with you.

We also request that each Noble and their love ones follow the guidelines from the Center for Diseases Control (CDC) and our State Health Authority.

Don't forget, your Masonic obligations go beyond the fraternity as every human being may require your assistance in one or another. Don't forget the most vulnerable of our fraternity and society. Stay safe and keep the faith. We are in this together and together we shall overcome this emergency.

Illustrious Sirs and Nobles,

Our number to grow this year is going to be 37. It really takes 10 percent to grow the Temple. We did great last year at 7.67% new creations, but that was too close. As the Membership Chair and Regional Membership Chair, I'm asking every Club, Unit and Shrine Center to set their sights at 10% of your membership. If your temple has 370 Nobles, then go out and create 37 this year. If your club has 35 Nobles, add 4 this year. It's simple math, but doable. If your Club or Unit isn't adding new members, then you're the cause of your own decay! Grow or die. Plan membership parties in your club or units. Start close to home. Ask your fellow lodge brothers to join. All it takes is everybody just asking for one petition. We have over 360 Nobles in Afifi. Why not have 360 petitions? Do your part. We'll all have more fun.

Tip of the day: if someone mentions how their Grandpa or Dad or great uncle was a Mason or Shriner, instead of asking them why they aren't a member also, ask instead if you can research their relative's Masonic background for them. Get the lodge and years and honors. It's a backdoor way to pique their interest without being pushy about joining.

Yours in Service,

IS Dale Vrsalovich, PP
Region 1 Membership Director

AFIFI EVENTS APRIL & MAY 2020

No Events during April*

Fri - May 1 Oriental Band Meeting & Practice (BC) 3:00 PM - Tacoma Scottish Rite Center 817 S Vassault, Tacoma

Wed May 6 Gateway SC & Freedom Bowl Meeting (casual, L, \$) 6:00 PM - Pied Piper Pizza 12300 NE Fourth Plain Blvd #E Vancouver

Thu - May 7 Mt. Tahoma Shrine Club Meeting (BC,L,\$) 6:30 PM - Moctezuma's Mexican Restaurant & Catering, 4102 S 56th St, Tacoma

Thu - May 14 Columbia River Shrine Club Meeting 4:00 PM - Kelso Masonic Lodge 204 S Pacific Ave, Kelso

Thu - Mar 14 Lewis County Shrine Club Meeting (BC,L,\$) 6:00 PM - American Legion Post 17 111 W Main St, Centralia

Thu - May 14 World Famous Afifi Shrine Clowns (BC,L,\$) 6:30 PM - TBA

Fri - May 15 Pacific County Shrine Club Meeting (BC, L, K, \$, F) - 6:00 PM Ilwaco Masonic Lodge 205 Spruce St E, Ilwaco

Mon - May 18 Clowning Workshop & Meeting (Casual) 6:00 PM - Jon Gill's Office, Salmon Creek Law Office, 1412 NE 134th St, Suite 130, Vancouver, WA

Thurs - May 21 Divan Meeting Elected & Appointed Officers 7:00 PM - Via Zoom

Fri - May 22 Thurston-Mason Shrine Club Dinner (BC, L, \$, F) - 6:00 PM Olympia Elks Lodge 1818 4th Ave E, Olympia

Thurs - May 25 Divan Meeting with Elected and Club & Unit Leaders 7:00 PM Via Zoom

Wed - May 27 Southwest Clowns Visit to PDX Hospital (clown costume or BC, F) - 1:00 PM meet & carpool at Who Song & Larry's Parking Lot. You don't have to be a clown to join us. All are welcome.

Wed - May 27 Gateway Shrine Club Dinner (BC, L, \$) 6:00 PM - Mill Creek Pub, 1710 SW 9th Ave #101, Battle Ground

Thurs - May 28 Columbia River Shrine Club Dinner (BC, L, \$, F) 6:00 PM - Peper's 49er Restaurant 916 Walsh Ave NE, Castle Rock

Thurs - May 28 Afifi Greeters Meeting (BC, L, \$, No Fez) 6:00 PM - Ben Dews Clubhouse Grill 6501 6th Ave, Tacoma

Legend: BC = business casual dress, C&T = coat and tie, F = wear your fez, L = ladies are welcome, \$ = buy your meal from a menu or purchase a meal ticket]. Confirm date/time & location prior to attending.

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**NEXT AFIFI SHRINE MEETING
Saturday, May 9, 2020 (Tentative)**



Happy Birthday to our Nobles during April & May 2020 from the Officers and Members of AFIFI Shrine. May you have a blessed year.

JOHN H HARRISON	4/1	LEONARD N JONES	5/1
WARREN R MCLEOD	4/1	FREDERICK M MCPHERSON	5/1
DUANE W REXFORD	4/1	OWEN D MOONEY	5/3
DOUGLAS A BAKER P.P.	4/2	DONALD A BULLOCH	5/4
DAVID W FOSKETTE	4/2	KELLY B DAVIDSON	5/4
TADARIAN A HARRELL	4/3	FRANK A HARJU	5/4
ROBERT H PICKETT	4/3	BENJAMIN RUELAS JR.	5/7
SCOTT A CARROLL	4/4	ANTHONY J ANNABLE	5/8
DAMIEN J KOLB	4/4	JAMES R SHARPLES	5/8
PAUL DAILEY	4/5	JACK F LAKE	5/10
HUGH D FORD	4/5	RAYMOND L HYYTINEN	5/11
WILLIAM R COX	4/7	EDWYN B JONES	5/12
RICHARD D TRAVIS	4/8	JONATHON D ANDERSON	5/13
LEN R WILSON	4/8	DAVID L FIELDS	5/14
RANDOL K BROOKSHIER	4/9	JOSEPH D SOEL	5/14
RICHARD E GOOD	4/9	DONALD L BREWER	5/15
MARK J PETERS	4/10	FRED OLNESS	5/16
ARTHUR E BROWN	4/14	GEORGE W INGLE JR	5/17
DONALD E FARRAR	4/15	ARTHUR L TIBBITS	5/19
JOSE M PEREZ	4/18	ALFRED L ANDERSON	5/22
CARL R HOGAN	4/20	RONALD C JOUBERT	5/23
CHARLES R HOGAN	4/20	RAYMUND G MCDERMOTT	5/23
STANLEY J DAVIS	4/22	ROBERT A MACDONALD	5/24
EDWARD L EISENSEN	4/24	CHARLES I MCCLURE	5/24
JAMES A COBB	4/25	CHARLES T HEBERLE III	5/25
ALLEN E FINE	4/25	M DOUGLAS TWIBELL	5/26
HAROLD R COOPER	4/28	RONALD R MCCALLISTER	5/28
JACK W DAVIS	4/28		
MICHAEL A SMITSON	4/28		
ARNOLD W DULANEY	4/29		
LOUIS C SUMMERS	4/29		



BLACK CAMEL

Nobles, let us remember and , cherish the memories of our Nobles that passed on to the Temple above. Keep their families in your thoughts and prayers

Kenneth Dahl7/30/2019

2020

Jesse B McGuire1/18
Billy M Perkins2/9
Robert A Haggbloom2/26
IS M Dean Parsons3/1

MEMBERSHIP & PETITIONS



Afifi is a 2019 Membership Hall of Fame Gold Award Temple

New Petitions

We are now prorating our initiation fees based on time of year. Here are the initiation fees for candidates based on when they plan on getting initiated:

January thru March—\$150.00

April thru June—\$127.75

July thru September—\$105.50

October—\$83.25

November thru December—\$48.25

March Nobles count: **373**

SECRETARY'S CORNER

IS Ray Zimmerman, PP

Nobles,

By the urging of the Imperial Potentate, Afifi Shrine will follow the Washington Grand Master's edict that all Masonic functions cease until May 1st. Therefore, our Potentate has declared that there will be NO meetings or gatherings of Afifi Shriners through May 1st. In mid-April, the Divan will decide whether to hold the May Stated meeting. We still have some local nobles who do not have email, so club and unit presidents, please let them know.

Because so many of the venues and events where we had planned to sell raffle tickets are closed or postponed and our nobles' inability to leave home due to the pandemic, The Divan has decided to cancel the Sportsman's Raffle for this year. Since all the groundwork has been laid, we are confident we can get an early jump on it this fall.

OFFICIAL CALL OF THE POTENTATE



Notice is hereby given for the **(Tentative) May Stated Meeting of Afifi Shriners**

At the Tacoma Valley Scottish Rite, 817 South Vassault Street, Tacoma on **Saturday, May 9th 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 5/2/20!** at 253-565-2055 or affishrine@gmail.com ladies and families will be entertained while we are in our meeting



During these trying and extraordinary times, we are all together in this fight against COVID-19. Remember your Masonic obligations. Your family, your lodge and your community depend on you to further the light on truth, love, hope, and charity. This is your duty as a Mason and a Shriner. God bless us all.

Other Events*

Postponed to September

Pacific County SC Charity Golf Tournament – (BC, L, \$) – Peninsula Golf Course, Long Beach - \$70 per player. Registration opens at 7:30 AM. They have 14 rooms reserved at the **Chautauqua Lodge** for the weekend. First come, first served. More info coming.

Postponed to September

Ilwaco Children's Parade (Clowns, F, L, K) corner of Spruce St W and 2nd Ave SW

Postponed to September

Long Beach Loyalty Days Parade (BC/costume, F, L, K) corner of Washington Ave N & 7th St N, Long Beach

Sat May 9 1:00 PM

Afifi Shrine Stated Meeting 817 S. Vassault St, Tacoma (Tacoma Scottish Rite) Lunch at noon.

Sat May 16 11:00 AM

Hazel Dell Battle of the Bands Parade (BC/costume, F, L, K) – Hazel Dell – near Target on 8801 NE Hazel Dell Ave, Vancouver

Sat Jun 6 Noon

Shelton Parade (BC/costume, F, L, K)

Sat Sep 12 1:00 PM

Afifi Stated Meeting (C&T,L,\$,F) – The Tacoma Scottish Rite, 817 S Vassault St, Tacoma (lunch at noon)

Jun 11-14 all evening

Grand Lodge Annual Communication Afifi Hospitality Suite (BC, F, L) – still working on this

Sat Jul 11 7:00 PM

Freedom Bowl Classic Football Games (BC, F, L, K) – Battle Ground High School stadium - 300 W Main St, Battle Ground. Clark County Youth Football games at 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM. Graduated HS Seniors' game at 7:00 PM. Charitable fundraiser for SHC. Volunteers needed.

Fri Jul 17 5:00 PM

Foreigner Concert CD Sales (BC, F, L) – Sunlight Supply Amphitheater – next to Clark County Fairground, 17200 NE Delfel Rd, Ridgefield. Lots of volunteers needed.

Sat Jul 18 11:00 AM

Gateway SC Family Picnic (BC, F, L, K) – Captain William Clark Park, 3333 Index St, Washougal

Sat Jul 18 5:00 PM

Foreigner Concert CD Sales (BC, F, L) – White River Amphitheater, 40601 Auburn Enumclaw Rd SE, Auburn. Lots of volunteers needed.

Aug 7-16 all day **Gateway SC Food Booth at the Clark County Fair** (Casual, L) – Clark County Fairgrounds. Go here to sign up for a shift (no experience needed): <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094caaa72fa6fc1-fair1https>

Sat Dec 12 1:00 PM

Afifi Stated Meeting (C&T,L,\$,F) – The Tacoma Scottish Rite, 817 S Vassault St, Tacoma (lunch at noon)

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2020 ELECTED OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

IS Joseph McAlister Potentate / Chair
 Noble Rory Johnson Chief Rabban
 Noble Ryan Wright Assistant Rabban
 Noble Don Varo High Priest & Prophet
 Nobel Ashley Brinkley Oriental Guide
 Noble (Vacant)..... Treasurer
 IS Raymond Zimmerman Recorder

2020 APPOINTED OFFICERS

1st Ceremonial Master Noble David A. Aponte
 2nd Ceremonial Master Noble Rob Pickett
 Director of Units Noble Larry Byrd
 Marshall Noble Tony Anabelle
 Chaplain Noble Julius Mason
 Captain Of the Guard Nobel Fred Sjoquist
 Outer Guard Noble Howard Cohen
 Potentate Aide Noble Dwain Jarman
 Potentate Aide Noble James Nero
 Potentate Aide Noble Ron Robbins

Membership, Marketing & Communications Chairman
 IS Dale Vrsalovich, PP

Fundraising Chairman
 Noble Rory Johnson

Ambassador to Al Kader
 Noble Cord Anderson

Afifi Transportation Fund Administrator
 Noble Rory Johnson

Hospital Representatives / Portland Hospital Board of Governors

Noble Rory Johnson, Chairman
 IS Keith Christensen, Secretary
 IS Raymond Zimmerman

Hospital Representatives Emeritus
 Hon. Richard Brosey
 IS W. Brandt Bede, M.D.
 IS Douglas Baker
 IS Joe Devish
 IS Barry Bede

Divan Meetings
 Via Zoom

Executive Board Meetings
 3rd Thursday

Clubs/Units Officers Meeting
 4th Thursday



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Noble David A. Aponte

Publishing Deadline:
Submit articles for The Fez by our deadline of the **10th of the month preceding the publication month.**
 Thank you.

Shrine Club Meetings

Columbia River Club - 4th Thursday
 Gateway Club - 3rd Friday
 Grays Harbor Club - 2nd Friday
 Lewis County Club - 2nd Thursday
 Mt. Tahoma Club - 1st Thursday
 Pacific County Club - 4th Friday
 Thurston-Mason Club - 4th Friday

Unit Meetings

World Famous Afifi Clowns - 2nd Tues.
 SW WA Clowns - 4th Monday
 Greeters - 4th Thursday
 Oriental Band - 1st Friday

Afifi Club & Unit Presidents

Columbia River Club Noble Ron Horn
 Gateway Club Noble William Field
 Lewis County Club Noble Warren McLeod
 Mt Tahoma Club Noble James Nero
 Pacific County Club Noble Dwain Jarman
 Thurston-Mason Club Noble Larry Byrd

Greeters Noble Don Hawkins
 Legion of Honor IS Joseph McAlister
 Oriental Band IS John Brett
 Southwest Clowns Noble Dave Bryant

World Famous Clowns
 Noble Daryl McLaughlin

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