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AFIFI EVENTS JUNE & JULY

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June Is Shrine Legacy Month

Pass along the Shriners tradition in your family – develop a legacy. Shriners International will continue to grow from one generation to the next when you share the tradition and join the Shriners Legacy program. By joining the program, you will show your pride in being a Shriner and benefit from the camaraderie and brotherhood that is such a large part of the program.

To help promote the program, any new Shriners legacy is eligible to receive a free pin for himself and up to two of his Shrine legacies. To recognize nobles who became Shriners legacies prior to January 1, 2012, we thank you for continuing the tradition and encourage you to become part of our Shriners Legacy Program. You can order a legacy pin and certificate for you and your legacies for a contribution* of \$5 or more per pin.

Go to Shriners Village for more information and to register.

Shriners Village

For our new members, Imperial has a website for members called Shriners Village. Go to shrinersvillage.com to sign-up.

Potentate's Message



Ill. Joseph McAlister

There's no better way to describe the current events we are living than the words from a "Tale of Two Cities" by Charles Dickens: "...it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us..." Even with these words, as human beings we are endowed by our Creator to survive. In order to survive, we must take care of ourselves, our family, our extended family and friends. In addition, we must take all necessary precautions to be safe. I hope each of you are staying safe and taking care of yourselves and your most important treasure: your family.

We had a virtual stated meeting on May 11th due to COVID-19. Unfortunately, not all nobles attended. We hope and pray to meet in September, God willing at the Tacoma Scottish Rite. Until then, our activities and events will be determined by the State's health guidelines, the Grand Master's edicts, the decision of the towns where we participate, the Governor's plans to reopen, and the decisions of our Divan. Let us not be forget, we will take all necessary precautions to keep us all safe even if it means not to participate if the circumstances merit it.

In the meantime, don't forget to keep supporting your Clubs, Units and Shrine by meeting through Zoom or any other means which are not in conflict with the Grand Master's directives. Your support means our Shrine Temple becomes stronger. Until we meet again in September, keep the Faith, stay strong, stay safe and take care of yourselves and your love ones. God bless.

Wed Jun 3 / Jul 1 Gateway SC Business Meeting

6:30 PM – to be announced

Thu Jun 4 / Jul 2 Mt. Tahoma Shrine Club Dinner

6:30 PM (BC,L,\$) Tower Lanes, 6323 6th Ave, Tacoma

Fri Jun 5 / Jul 3 Oriental Band monthly meeting/practice

3:00 PM (BC), Scottish Rite Center, 817 S Vassault, Tacoma

Thu Jun 11 / Jul 9 Columbia River Shrine Club Business meeting

4:00 PM Kelso Masonic Lodge 204 S Pacific Ave, Kelso

Thu Jun 11 / Jul 9 Lewis County Shrine Club Dinner

6:00 PM (BC,L,\$) American Legion Post 17, 111 W Main St, Centralia

Thu Jun 11 / Jul 9 World Famous Afifi Shrine Clowns Dinner

6:30 PM (BC,L,\$) Cloverleaf Pizza, 6430 6th Ave, Tacoma

Mon Jun 15 / Jul 20 Clowning Workshop & Business Meeting

6:00 PM (casual) to be announced

Thu Jun 18 / Jul 16 Divan Zoom.com Meeting

7:00 PM Divan Elected and Appointed officers

Fri Jun 19 / Jul 17 Pacific County Shrine Club Meeting & Dinner

6:00 PM (BC,L,K,\$,F) Ilwaco Masonic Lodge building, 205 Spruce St E, Ilwaco.

Thu Jun 22 / Jul 27 Divan Zoom.com Meeting

Divan Elected and Club/Unit Leaders 7:00 PM

Wed Jun 24 / Jul 22 Southwest WA Clowns Visit to PDX Hospital

(clown costume or BC,F) carpool at Who Song and Larry's parking lot at 1:00 PM. You don't have to be a clown to join us. All are welcome.

Wed Jun 24 / Jul 22 Gateway Shrine Club Dinner

6:00 PM (BC,L,\$), to be announced

Thu Jun 25 / Jul 23 Columbia River Shrine Club Dinner

5:30 PM (BC,L,K,\$,F) Peper's 49ER Restaurant, 916 Walsh Ave NE, Castle Rock

Thu Jun 25 / Jul 23 Afifi Greeters Meeting

6:00 PM (BC,L,\$ -no fez) Ben Dews Clubhouse Grill, 6501 6th Ave, Tacoma

Fri Jun 26 / Jul 24 Thurston - Mason Shrine Club Dinner

6:00 PM (BC,L,\$,F) Olympia Elks Lodge, 1818 4th Ave E, Olympia

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.



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



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

Ill. Joe R. Devish (Past Potentate 1986)
.....5/18/2020

John C Taylor	6/2	Ryan R Wright	7/1
Todd Johnstone	6/4	Ken Kuronen	7/2
Arthur H Forsyth Jr.	6/6	Andrey Zarubin	7/2
TomaHawk S Pearson	6/6	George L Hineman Jr.	7/6
Donald J Williams	6/6	James A Anton	7/7
Brown L Pelfrey	6/7	Lawrence T Newsham	7/7
David W Colbeth	6/9	Albin Boyse	7/8
Dean K Hindman	6/9	Jonathan R Gill	7/8
Skip A Hash	6/11	Donald E Otto	7/8
Frank A Lawler	6/12	Billy J Wolfe	7/9
John S Zindt	6/12	Branden A Bede	7/10
Norman G Austen	6/13	Wilkie E Dunn	7/11
Robert V Bagaason	6/13	Frank S Elliott III	7/12
James T Hallman	6/14	Orval G Phillips	7/12
Douglas E Owen	6/16	David A Aponte	7/13
Frederic W Sjoquist	6/16	Gerald G Burg	7/14
Donald G Varo	6/16	Ronald W Angwood	7/15
Lawrence B Marks	6/17	Fred O Walden	7/16
Jack P Spiwak	6/17	David B Rhodes	7/17
Douglas G Edlich	6/18	Nils M Sortland	7/17
Lynn H Stewart	6/19	Roderick S Mason	7/18
Alphey Leavitt	6/21	Jeffrey B Bede	7/21
Albert L Olsen Jr.	6/21	Robert E Carlson	7/23
Francis Waskom	6/22	Murray Falk	7/24
Paul G Waadevig	6/24	Felix Aldahondo	7/25
Clinton T Cantrell P.P.	6/25	Dwight B Hamilton	7/25
Paul E Eaves	6/25	Edward A Cox	7/26
S. A Brinkley	6/26	Marvin L Colburn Jr.	7/27
A E Reames	6/26	Howard M Martin II	7/27
John W Sears	6/26	Todd B Ellsworth	7/30
James C Keller	6/27	Chris E Nielsen	7/30
Jerry Beckham	6/28	Wesley I Odani	7/30
Benjamin L Schatz	6/29	Thomas Phillips	7/30

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

May Nobles count: **373**

IMPERIAL BYLAWS CORNER

IS Ray Zimmerman, PP

Nobles,

With each issue, I will include an excerpt from the Imperial Bylaws. If there is a question about anything in the bylaws, I'll put it here to share.

This is not necessarily a Bylaws issue, but while I was at the Shrine Recorders Association seminar in Austin, Texas, earlier this month, I learned a couple of things about temple budgets. First, there is no mention in the Bylaws concerning budget line items. Matt Noell, Director of Temple Accounting, said that it is OK to go over on an individual line item as long as the main accounts don't go over. We have 12 main expense accounts and dozens of sub-accounts. He also suggested that the reports to the members only include the main accounts ("no need to get into the weeds"), although the full report is available to any member that asks. I also asked about budgeting for items that will get some form of reimbursement (ie: Imperial Session where we have upfront costs for airfare and hotel, which Imperial later reimburses some of those costs). He said the budget should show the "net" costs. Finally, I asked about those pesky expense items listed under the Revenue section. He said they are "counter—income" expenses that reduce the value of that income item, resulting in a 'net' total.

Other Events*

With the COVID-19 pandemic, we don't know how long we have to 'self quarantine', so many of these events may be canceled.

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)
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)

SECRETARY'S CORNER IS Ray Zimmerman, PP

Nobles:

On May 9th we held the first Afifi Virtual Stated Meeting. Unfortunately, we only had 17 nobles log or phone into the Zoom platform. However, we were able to conduct business and have a couple "lively" discussions. We elected 4 candidates to be initiated. The nobles approved the revised 2020 budget. We approved extending honorary Afifi members to all the other current Pacific Northwest Shrine Association Potentates (17 in total). We also approved designating IS Ed Woods and IS Dale Vrsalovich as Temple Life Members. Finally, we were informed that, per the Imperial Vice-President, the DeMolay boys can NOT perform (cannon dummy catchers) with us in parades.

June 21, 2020

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY**

**TO ALL OUR NOBLES AND
MASONIC BRETHREN**

From Ill. Joseph McAlister, Divan Officers and all the Nobles of Afifi Shrine



Report of the Afifi By-Law Amendments

Afifi's By-laws Committee will present the following by-laws amendments at our September Stated Meeting. The process for the discussion and approval for these amendments is as follows:

1. Publication of the by-law amendments in our June newsletter.
2. Deadline to submit questions and suggested changes to the by-law amendments on or before **the 45th day from June 1st**.
3. Presentation of the Amendments at the September Stated Meeting.
4. Discussion and Vote on the Amendments at the December Stated Meeting.

In the past, Nobles have indicated they never received nor had knowledge of any amendments presented. This will be the first medium for our Nobles to have the opportunity to read, ask questions to the Committee, and even, offer suggested changes to the proposed amendments. Your submitted questions will be answered. Any suggested changes to the proposed by-law amendments will be discussed by the Committee and decided upon. If you cannot reach us by email, please call the Secretary, for our mailing addresses and write us your questions or suggested changes.

It is the hope of the By-Laws Committee that this process will allow all Nobles to read these amendments, ponder upon them, be prepared to discuss them, to offer suggested changes, and to vote on the amendments at our December Stated Meeting.

Pages 4 through 7 contains the amendments. Words in bold blue are proposed addition to the by-laws. Words in bold red are to be deleted.

Thank you for taking the time to read the amendments and providing the opportunity to the Committee any ideas, suggestions to facilitate our mission to the benefit of our Temple, in particular, and Shrine, in general.

CONTACT INFORMATION BY-LAWS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Noble Rory Johnson Email: roryjhnsn@msn.com
2. Noble Ryan Wright Email: ryanwrightsr@gmail.com
3. Noble David Aponte Email: regc2011@live.com

Note on the Amendments: Red letters are words to be deleted; Blue Letters are words to be added.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AFIFI BYLAWS

ARTICLE 3

Temple Meetings & Ceremonials

§3.10 Order of Business. The order of business shall be as follows:

- (a) Opening ceremony
- (b) Reading of minutes of previous session
- (c) Reading of communications
- (d) Reading financial statements
- (e) Reading of petitions for membership
- (f) Balloting on candidates
- (g) Reports of standing and special committees
- (h) Unfinished business
- (i) New business
- (j) Conferring the ceremonial
- (k) Closing ceremony

The order of business may be changed or suspended by the Potentate whenever it is in the best interest of the temple.

ARTICLE 5

Initiation Fees, Dues, Per Capita, Hospital Levy

§5.1 Initiation Fee. The initiation fee shall be determined by approval of a majority of the members in attendance at a stated or special meeting of the temple after notice has been given to each member stating the proposed amount of the initiation fee. It must be paid in full prior to initiation.

ARTICLE 6

Fiscal

§6.3 Investment Fund. This temple will create and maintain an investment fund from ~~a majority of 82% of~~ the proceeds of the 2016 sale of the Tacoma Shrine Temple. The Board of Directors, as fiduciaries of these funds, will select an investment advisor to manage the fund with the approval of the membership at a Stated meeting. ~~18% of the initial sale proceeds will be placed into the general fund. The remainder will be placed in the investment account.~~

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~~Up to 50 % of the fund's annual income (calculated on September 30th of each calendar year) may be transferred to the Temple's General Fund. The remaining 50 % is to remain for the growth of the fund.~~

The ~~principle~~ original investment amount of \$802,953.51 of ~~this fund~~ the Investment Fund may be used to purchase a new building or the renovation of space used by the Temple, or for operational funds if needed, that shall be approved by a majority of the nobility present at an announced stated or special meeting. ~~Notice of the meeting will be handled~~ per section 3.6 of the AFIFI Bylaws. ~~A 75% approval of the members present at the announced special or stated meeting is required for approval. This can occur only once per calendar year.~~

The Board of Directors will inform the nobility of the status of the Temple's investments at the Temple Stated meeting. When the annual budget is presented, the Board of Directors will inform the nobility if any of the investment earnings of the Fund is to be used for the Temple operational expenses.

§6.4 Review. This temple is required to have its financial statements and those of its affiliated and appendant corporations, including Shrine club holding companies, reviewed by a certified or chartered public accountant, or the equivalent in the state of Washington, unless an audit is required pursuant to Shrine law., ~~by a certified or chartered public accountant, or the equivalent in the state in which the temple is located,~~ The certified accountant shall be selected by a majority vote of the nobles in attendance at the December meeting each year. ~~selected by the temple at the close of each year.~~ A copy of the accountant's report and accompanying financial statements must be filed with the Imperial Recorder.

§6.5 Personal Benefit. No part of the assets or funds may inure to the personal benefit of individuals ~~personally~~ except in payment for services ~~actually~~ received or performed.

ARTICLE 7 Committees

§7.3 Finance Advisory Committee. This temple shall have a Finance Advisory Committee.

- (a) Composition. It shall consist of ~~four~~ five at-large (non-elected) members of this temple. ~~Two of the four five~~ Initially, two of the five members will be elected to a one-year term. The other three to a two-year term. Every year thereafter, the at-large members whose terms have expired will be replaced by new members ~~are to be~~ elected by the membership each year at the annual meeting for a term of two years. No member can serve

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concurrent terms. They can, however, reapply after 2 years. A maximum of one past potentate can serve on the committee at any given time.

(b) Duties. It shall:

(1) Analyze and make recommendations as to the financial affairs of the temple.

~~(2) Examine the proposed major financial obligations and expenditures before such obligations or expenditures are incurred or made.~~

~~(3) Review all necessary current expenses.~~

(4) Examine whether any officer, department, committee, organization, unit or individual having authority incurs expenditures that exceed the appropriations set out in the budget.

~~(5) Examine the system under which the financial affairs of the temple, and every subordinate body thereof, are administered and make such recommendations from time to time as may be deemed for the good of the temple or any subordinate body thereof.~~

~~(6) Review any bill for travel, hotel or entertainment expense of any officer or representative to determine if it is reasonable and necessary and within the budget.~~

(7) Have access to all financial books, papers and accounts of the **officers** Temple and review them on a periodic basis, and recommend certified public accountants for examination and audit.

~~(8) Review the financial institutions in which the funds of the temple are to be, or already are, deposited.~~

(9) Investigate suitable investments and investment institutions for the funds of the temple.

(10) Evaluate the proper coverage and limits of the bonds for the treasurer and recorder, and any other officers required to be bonded.

(c) Reports. This committee shall issue its findings, recommendations and reports to the board of directors of this temple as needed but at a minimum on a quarterly basis.

(d) Quorum. Three members of this committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

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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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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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