

The Potentate's Message

IS Ryan Wright - Potentate 2022

Hello Nobles

The holiday season is rapidly approaching, and for many of us, things are going to get quite busy including our Shrine Temple. We will be having our Stated Meeting Dec 10th.

Three important items on the agenda will be the Election of 2023 Officers, the 2023 Budget, and, hopefully, 7 new candidates to go through the Coldsands. Our First Lady, Lady Robin, has received another donation of \$500 which has allowed her to order more things for the kids at the Portland Hospital. We are truly grateful and appreciative of all the Clubs, Units, and Nobles, who helped with this effort. Let us always remember the reason for this season. Also, mark your calendars to join us at the Holiday Party hosted by Lewis County Shrine Club on Saturday, December 17th at Centralia Square Ballroom. You must get your RSVP in immediately.

Eventhough the holidays may be different for everyone, Lady Robin and I wish all our Afifi Nobles a blessed and wonderful, Hannukah, Christmas, Holidays, and a prosperous New Year.

Bye for now until we meet again.

IS *Ryan Wright*

❄️ a very ❄️ merry ❄️ christmas ❄️



CALLING ALL SHRINERS

**POTENTATE'S
CALL**

DECEMBER Stated Meeting

Place:

**Tacoma Scottish Rite
817 South Vassault Street**

Date & Time:

**Saturday, Dec 10, 2022
1:00 PM**

Notice is given for the transaction of such business as may come before the Temple. This will be Elections of 2023 Officers and the Budget.

Lunch will be offered for \$15 at 11:00 AM and is open to all family and friends **RSVP for lunch is a must by 12/5/2022 Noon** at 253-565-2055 or afifishrine@gmail.

Everyone is to meet in Tacoma.

ANNUAL MEETING & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Date:

Saturday, January 14th at 10:00 AM

Place:

Gibson House Event Center at O'Blarney's Pub—221 N Tower Ave #311, Centralia

Time:

- 10:00 AM Annual Meeting of AFIFI Shriners
- 11:00 AM Installation of Officers
- 12:00 Noon Ill. Ryan Wright's Remarks
- 12:20 PM Remarks from Installed Potentate
- 12:30 PM \$25 Lunch and no host Bar Open

Times are Approximate

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RSVP to the Recorder by December 31st

253-565-2055 or
afifishrine@gmail.com

Recorder's Corner

IS Ray Zimmerman

Nobles,

For the last five years I've had the privilege of serving five Potentates and their Divans. As we come to the end of the 2022 year, I'd like to reflect on this time. Every fraternal (and maternal) organization I'm aware of is shrinking and have been for decades. The desire to physically belong to a group is being replaced by joining like-minded groups online. It's well documented that social media is affecting people's ability to interact with each other. We can be anonymous online which removes all traditional limits on civility and discourse. That can lead to radicalization. Masonry offers a way to learn about others, humanize them and force us to "subdue our passions" for the sake of harmony. Shrine offers us an opportunity to participate in philanthropy while

enjoying constructive time with our friends.

So, what does this have to do with our leadership? Our leaders are in a never-ending struggle to keep Afifi alive. After 133 years of incredible history and accomplishments, Afifi is at risk. They are struggling to figure out what will motivate our members and what will motivate other men to join Masonry and Shrine. Without new "blood", without consistent participation by existing nobles, there is no hope to succeed. Almost every Lodge I know is living off the labors of long-deceased brothers (and so are we). Very few do any kind of fundraising. They are content to either scale their activities to match their "annual income off investments" or draw down their funds to zero (figuring they will be dead before that happens). Neither choice grows our Fraternity. The frustration of our leaders is now an annual occurrence. Understandably, with a median age of our nobles at 76, time is against us. Regardless your age, you cannot stand by and leave

it up to others to do the heavy lifting. Excuses are plentiful. Our resources are not.

I recently joined the Imperial Noble Academy, which provides four virtual training sessions covering all aspects of organizational management. I attended the first session on November 3rd and was very impressed. I know of at least one other Divan member that attended. Every noble (and lodge brother) should sign up for these sessions. They are free and if you can't attend online in person, they record the sessions for later viewing. Check it out and mention it in lodge.

I have been working with Don to prepare for his year as Potentate. I am excited at what he has planned. There will be many opportunities to have fun, but we must also work within our clubs to support the Temple both financially and through participation. If you plan next year to be the same as past years, than we will have failed before we even began.

Afifi Recorder's Information

Office Phone: (253) 565-2055

Monday-Friday 10:00 AM- 4:00 PM

Mailing Address:

PO Box 1433 Battle Ground, WA 98604-1433

LEWIS COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

CHRISTMAS PARTY



Saturday, December 17, 2022 Centralia Square Hotel & Ballroom

RSVP NEEDED COST: \$50.00

NOBLE:

REMEMBER CONTINUE TO ATTEND, WORK, AND BE A VISIBLE FORCE IN YOUR BLUE LODGE.

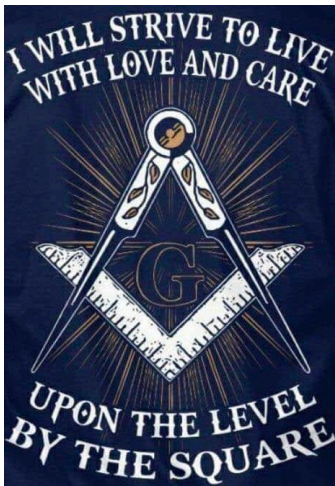
A SHRINER IS ALWAYS FIRST A MASTER MASON.

This party will be open to all Masons and the other coordinate bodies. Spread the word. Please mark this date down on your calendar as we are still in the planning stages and will provide a formal invitation with details and menu. The hotel and ballroom is breathtaking and has been completely remodeled. We look forward to working on this event and having some fun and fellowship and possibly bringing in some new Nobles.

Contact Noble Jeff Kant, President of Lewis County Shrine Club:

Email: jeff_kant@yahoo.com

Phone: 714-261-8182



SCHEDULE of December 2022 / January 2023

Stated Meeting: Second Saturday January, March, May, September, December
Lunch 11:30 AM, Meeting 1:00 PM Dark June, July and August
 Temple web site: <http://afifshriners.org>



Afifi Nobles – Divan – Clubs/Units – Other [Calendar Legend: BC = business casual dress, C&T = coat and tie, F = wear your fez, L = ladies are welcome, K = kids are welcome, \$ = buy your meal from a menu or purchase a meal ticket]

Thu Dec 1 / Jan 5	6:30 PM	Mt. Tahoma Shrine Club dinner (BC,L,\$) – location TBD
Fri Dec 2 / Jan 6	3:00 PM	Oriental Band monthly meeting/practice (BC), Scottish Rite Center, 817 S Vassault, Tacoma
Wed Dec 7 / Jan 4	6:00 PM	Gateway SC Executive Meeting (Casual, \$) location TBD
Thu Dec 8 / Jan 12	4:00 PM	Columbia River Club Executive meeting , Kelso Masonic Lodge, 204 S Pacific Ave, Kelso
Thu Dec 8 / Jan 12	6:00 PM	Lewis County Shrine Club dinner (BC,L,\$) location TBD
Thu Dec 8 / Jan 12	6:30 PM	World Famous Afifi Shrine Clowns dinner (BC,L,\$) location TBD
Sat Dec 10	1:00 PM	Afifi Stated Meeting – Elections – Budget Vote – Scottish Rite Tacoma – Ladies attend – lunch at 11:30 AM (C&T, F, L, K, \$)
Fri Dec 16	5:00 PM	Gateway SC Holiday Party/Toy Drive Collection/Dist. 19 COB – IS Dale Vrsalovich home: 18002 NW 41st Ave, Ridgefield
Mon Dec 19 / Jan 16	6:00 PM	Clowning Workshop and business meeting (casual) – location TBD
Wed 28 / Jan 25	6:30 PM	Gateway Shrine Club Dinner (BC,L,\$,F) – Location TBD
Wed Dec 19 / Jan 23	7:30 AM	SHC-Portland Virtual Board meeting – Afifi Hospital Board members
Thu Dec 22 / Jan 26	6:00 PM	Afifi Greeters meeting (BC,L,\$ - no fez) Ben Dews Clubhouse Grill, 6501 6th Ave, Tacoma
Thu Dec 22 / Jan 26	5:30 PM	Columbia River Shrine Club dinner (BC,L,K,\$,F) Peper's 49ER Restaurant, 916 Walsh Ave NE, Castle Rock
Fri Dec 23 / Jan 27	6:00 PM	Thurston - Mason Shrine Club dinner (BC,L,\$,F) location TBD
Mon Dec 26 / Jan 23	5:30 PM	Board of Directors Virtual Meeting – Elected and Appointed Divan
Mon Jan 10		Articles due to Ray Zimmerman for The Fez
Sat Jan 14	1:00 PM	Afifi Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers – Gibson House Event Center, 221 N Tower Ave, Centralia (C&T, F, L, K, \$)

Nobles, let us remember and cherish the memories of our Nobles that passed on to the Celestial Temple above. Keep their families in your thoughts and prayers. The following were reported since our previous issue:

Russell J Hall, Jr. 3/27/22
 Nils M Sortland 11/24/21
 George L Hineman, Jr. 3/30/22



Sickness & Distress

Nobles, let us keep in our prayers for their recovery and health the following Nobles and family members. Our love and thoughts are with them.

None Reported



MEMBERSHIP & PETITIONS

New Petition

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—\$186.00
 April thru June—\$154.40
 July thru September—\$123.50
 October—\$92.60
 November – \$46.83
 December—\$26.00

November Nobles count:
330



If you want Nobles to join your Club and /or Unit, you need to communicate what you do. Send us your local news and events to be published in The Fez. That's one way to spread the word on your Club and/or Unit.

Deadline : the 10th of the following months:

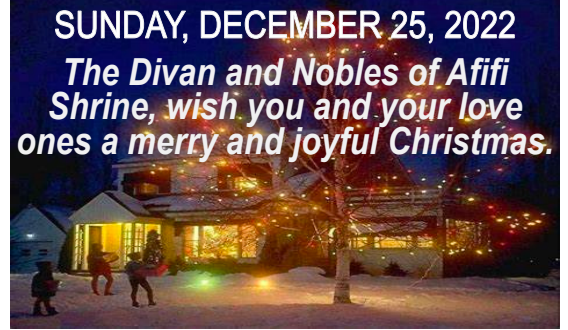
January March May July September & November.

ⒹIVAN MEETINGS VIA ZOOM
 Executive Board Meetings - 4th Monday of each month.
 Contact Recorder for information.



DECEMBER

David M Dugger	12/1	Jerald A McDonald	12/16
Norell M Lopez	12/1	Adrian R Berglund	12/19
Edgardo E Tandoc	12/3	John M Brett P.P.	12/19
Richard W Snyder	12/5	Arthur E Liss	12/19
Michael C Moore	12/5	Evaristo A Leviste	12/19
Joseph L Graul	12/6	Ronald Frye	12/20
Charles V Tenison	12/7	Muriel E Wright	12/21
Harold A Lyons	12/8	Lawrence M Byrd	12/21
Joseph L McAlister PP	12/11	George S Schuyler	12/22
John S Hutmacher	12/14	Graham G Kent	12/25
Larry L Anderson	12/14	Richard L Brosey	12/28
Steven W Livingston	12/14	Terance H Dawson	12/30
James H Bleasdell	12/15	Elzy P Edwards	12/31
Albert E Bundt	12/16		



JANUARY

Edward C Kittel	1/1	M P Hutson	1/20
Donald W Hawkins	1/2	Sherman G Richmond	1/20
Alexander J Jordan	1/6	Tracy R Wiese	1/20
Ernest W Shumate	1/7	Raymond C Zimmerman P.P.	1/21
Charles R Brockway	1/8	Richard G Johnson	1/21
Charles D Hansen	1/11	Robert S Orcutt	1/22
Michael D Kean	1/12	John C Straub	1/25
Steven E Bryant	1/12	Milton L Spillers	1/27
George H Powers Jr., P.P.	1/14	Avery A Romine	1/28
Matt Martin	1/15	Joseph B Gary III	1/28
Donn J Brunson P.P.	1/15	A. C. Sanjay Nair	1/31



The Shriner's Children - Portland 2021 Outcome Report is now available on-line:
<https://shriners.cld.bz/SCHP-Outcomes2021>

It's a must-read!

AFIFI ORIENTAL BAND

IS Rory Johnson, PP



HEAR YEE HEAR YEE! ALL AFIFI NOBLES!

The Nobles of **Afifi Oriental Band** invite you to take advantage of a singular opportunity to **JOIN** us in **Fellowship** and Merriment (aka-FUN) playing and performing a unique brand of music heard over the last 150 years emanating from many a Shrine Parade or Ceremonial. If you love to entertain people while having copious amounts of exuberant frivolity, this is the **UNIT for YOU**.

The Afifi band has quite a storied past. At one time, its membership was over 60 members and it was well known for its musical prowess and showmanship. As their ranks ebbed in the late 20th century, they, for a few years, ceased to exist. Fortunately, in 2010, a handful of Nobles, seeking further sound in music, seized the opportunity to perform the Oriental style of music by resurrecting the band. It is still performing to this day and is the only Afifi band of any type. It consists of a horn section that blows tunes on a Musette. This instrument looks much like a snake charmer's flute and fingers like a recorder. Easy to learn. A percussion section that bangs out tunes on a bass, conga and quad drum, cymbals, tambourine, gong and sometimes temple blocks. If you can keep a beat, you can play a percussion instrument. All this translates to a tremendous amount of **FUN**. We are a small group so there is plenty of room to add **YOU** to our ensemble. We would love to have **YOU JOIN our Unit**. Please contact our Director Rory Johnson at 253 732-1324 (texts welcome) or our President John Brett at 253-265-3870.



Legion of Honor

Afifi Nobles:



If you have served our great country in the Armed Forces and are interested in becoming a member of the Legion of Honor.

We are trying to build our team back to the way it was some time ago.

Feel free to reach out to Noble Shane Inman for more information or how to join.

Phone: 360-941-0861

Email: slinman87@gmail.com

Gateway Shrine Club Events



October Dinner

NOBLE ACADEMY MEMBERSHIP & MARKETING CONFERENCE AND MASTERS CLASS

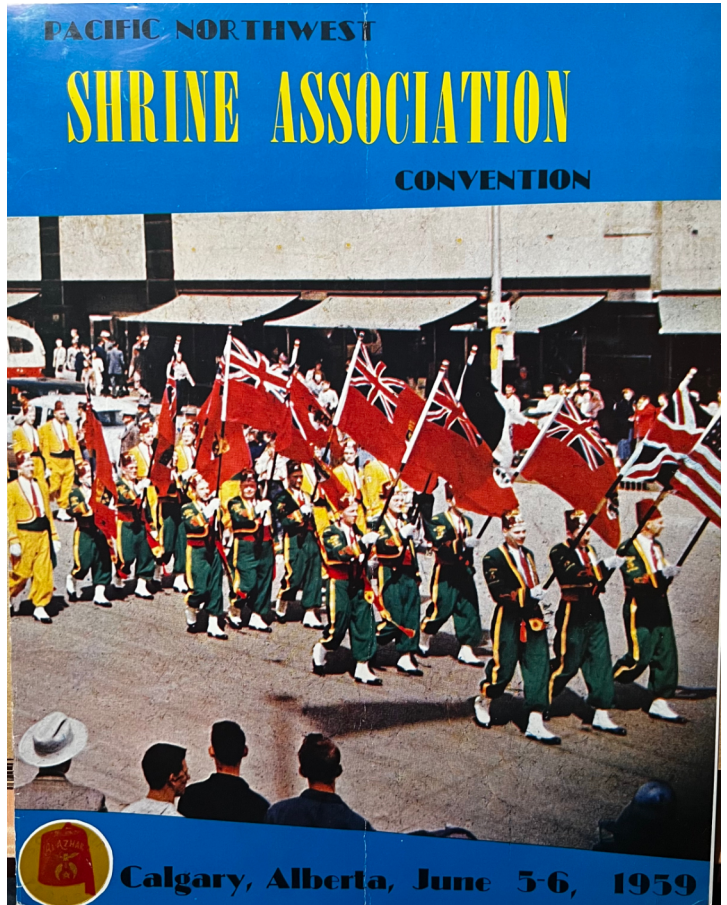
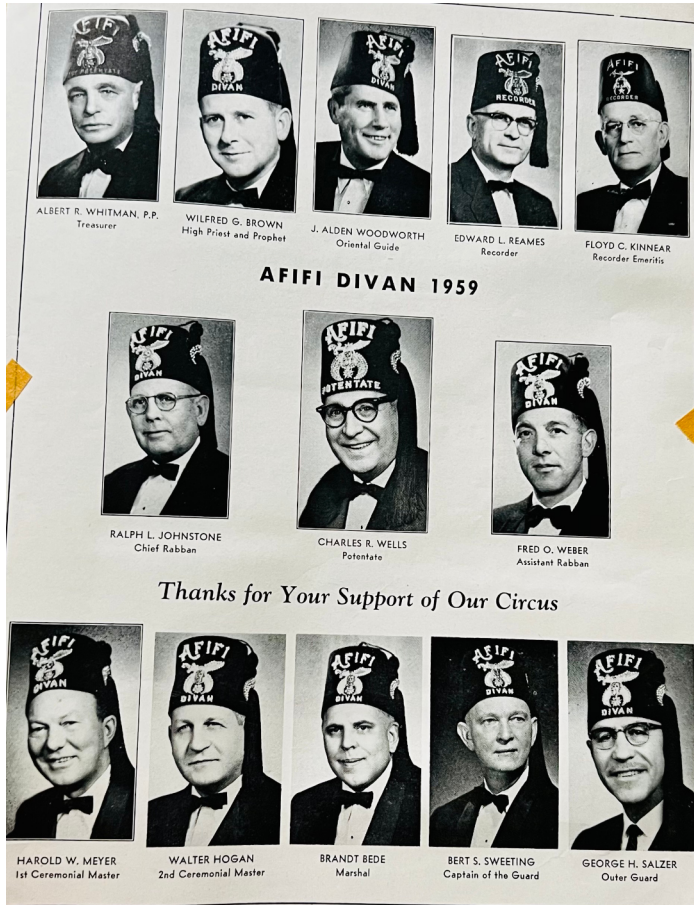
The Membership & Marketing Conference and Masters Class is composed of an in-person conference plus four virtual events that take place throughout the year. Students have the option to enroll in one or two certificate programs, each representing a different learning level, allowing students to select the learning path that corresponds with their level of experience.

<https://www.shrinersinternational.org/en/education/membership-and-marketing>

Vancouver Veteran's Parade



Afifi History



Gateway to the

Hosted by:
Gateway Shrine Club



Heart

Formal Attire

February 11, 2023
The Hilton Hotel
Pine/Spruce Ballroom
301W. 6th Street
Vancouver, WA 98660
6:30pm to 10:00pm

Live Music by
Ridge Gilmore and Company



Tickets are \$75 each and includes dinner and appetizers.

Choice of:

1. Rosemary Chianti Grilled Sirloin Medallions, Gruyere potato gratin, seasonal vegetables, espagnole sauce.
2. Grilled Salmon, fingerling potatoes, seasonal vegetables, pickled lemon garnish
3. Seared Chicken Breast, roasted Yukon Gold potatoes, Parmesan demiglace, creamed Brie, applewood smoked bacon, mushroom compote

No-Host Bar



2022 Afifi Shriners Elected Officers

Potentate: Ill. Ryan R Wright
Chief Rabban: Noble Don E Varo
Assistant Rabban: Noble David Aponte
High Priest and Prophet: Noble Rick Johnson
Oriental Guide: Noble Shane Inman
Treasurer: Noble Ron Fryer
Recorder: IS Raymond C Zimmerman, PP

2022 Afifi Shriners Appointed Officers

1st Ceremonial Master: TBA
2nd Ceremonial Master: Noble Anthony (Tony) Annable
Director of Units: Noble TomaHawk Pearson
Marshal: Noble Ken Hare
Chaplain: Noble Jeff Kant
Captain of the Guard: Noble Fred Sjoquist
Outer Guard: Noble Lawrence Byrd
Chaplain: Noble Jeff Kant
Director: Noble TBA
Temple Attorney: Noble Jon Gill
Executive Aide: IS Keith Christensen, PP
Chief Aide: IS Doug Baker, PP
Aide-W: Noble Ron Robbins

Shrine Club Meeting

Columbia River Club - 4th Thursday
Gateway Club - Exec 1st Wednesday
Dinner 4th Wednesday
Grays Harbor Club - 2nd Friday
Lewis County Club - 2nd Thursday
Mt. Tahoma Club - 1st Thursday
Thurston-Mason Club - 4th Friday

Unit Meetings

World Famous Afifi Clowns - 2nd Tuesday
SW WA Clowns - 3rd Monday
Greeters - 4th Thursday
Oriental Band - 1st Friday

Afifi Shrine
Shrines International
817 S. Vassault St
Tacoma, WA 98465

2022 Afifi Shriners Clubs & Units

Columbia River Shrine Club
President: Noble Ron Horn
1st Vice President: Noble Marvin Colburn Jr.
Treasurer/Secretary: Noble Vic Tenison
Trustee: Noble Eldon Strange
Trustee: Noble Raymund McDermott

Gateway Shrine Club
President: Noble Will Lippl
1st Vice President: Noble Todd Ellsworth
2nd Vice President: Noble Elsy "Pat" Edwards
Secretary: IS Raymond C Zimmerman, PP
Treasurer: Noble Charles Cortez
Trustee: Noble William Field (1 year)
Trustee: Noble Richard Johnson (2 years)
Trustee: IS Dale R Vrsalovich, PP (3 years)

Thurston-Mason Shrine Club
President: Noble Ross Retzlaff
1st Vice President: Noble Larry Williams
2nd Vice President: Noble Kenneth Hare
Secretary: Noble Roderick Mason
Treasurer: IS Ed Woods, PP

Lewis County Shrine Club
President: Noble Jeff Kant
1st Vice President: Noble Shane Inman
2nd Vice President: Noble Marvin Colburn
Secretary/Treasurer: Noble Everett Macomber
Trustee: Noble Rolly Badavinac
Trustee: IS Dick Frombgen, PP
Trustee: Noble Steve Livingston

Mt. Tahoma Shrine Club
President: IS John Brett, PP
1st Vice President: Noble James Nero
Secretary/Treasurer: Noble Howard Cohen

Greeters
President: Noble Ashley Brinkley
1st Vice President: Noble Richard Serpe Jr.
Secretary/ Treasurer: Noble Al Leavitt

Legion of Honor
President: Noble Shane Inman
Vice President: Noble Tony Annable
Secretary/Treasurer: Noble Don E. Varo

Oriental Band
President: IS John Brett, PP
Vice President: Noble David Aponte
Secretary/Treasurer: Noble Joe Morris
Director: IS Rory Johnson, PP

Southwest Washington Afifi Shrine Clowns
Director: Noble Dave Bryant (Bumps)
Vice President: Noble TBA
Secretary/Treasurer: IS Raymond C Zimmerman

World Famous Afifi Shrine Clowns
Director: Noble Daryl McLaughlin
Asst. Director: Noble Roy Pidcock
Secretary/Treasurer: Noble Lawrence Nelson

Afifi Shrine COMMITTEES

Photography:
Noble Todd Johnstone
Noble David Rice
Noble Rick McGann

Leadership Search:
Elected Divan

Financial Advisory:
Noble Howard Cohen (Chairman)
Noble Ken Hare
Noble Will Lippl
Noble Shane Inman

Membership
Noble Ashley Brinkley
Noble Jeff Kant
Noble Shane Inman (Chairman)
Noble TomaHawk S. Pearson

Marketing and Communications:

Noble David Aponte (Chairman)
Noble TomaHawk S. Pearson
Noble Rick Johnson
IS Ed Woods, PP
IS Ray Zimmerman, PP

Fundraising:
Noble Don Varo
Noble Ron Fryer
Noble Ryan Wright
Noble TomaHawk S. Pearson

Insurance Advisory:
Noble Ashley Brinkley
Noble Greg Mahoric
Noble David Rice
Noble Jon Gill

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