

# THE FEZ

December 2023 - January 2024

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**POTENTATE'S  
CALL**

## Afifi Christmas Party

**Date: Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Place: Loyal Order of Moose 1109**

**Chehalis, Washington 98532**

**Time: 5:00 to 10:00 PM**

**MENU:**

1) Entrée Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo served with garlic dinner toast and salad, or

2) Salisbury Steak w/brown gravy, served with a baked potato, steamed vegetable, dinner roll, and salad.

Dessert: 1) Apple Brioche or 2) Peach Cobbler with a cookie cake topping or Vanilla ice cream with a toasted coconut / pecan topping.

Drinks will be sold at there normal event rate of moose bar.

Dinner will be \$28.00 per person

**RSVP is required for dinner for number of dinners to be made up**

**Number for RSVP is 1 253-565-2055 before the December 1st**

## The Potentate's Message

IS Don Varo - Potentate 2023



Thanksgiving marks the beginning of the Holiday Season. I would like to wish you and yours a very Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas, and a Joyous and Prosperous New Year. May you and your family enjoy many blessings now and forever.

Hopefully you will all come to the Christmas Party on Saturday, December 16th at 5:00 PM. The party will be open to all masonic brothers out there so spread the word; RSVP is required for the meal numbers count 253-565-2055. Details are on the left of this column.

On Saturday, December 9th at 1:00 PM, we will have our Stated Meeting for the transaction of such business as may come before the Temple. This includes including voting on the 2024 budget and election of 2024 officers. Make your voice and vote be heard as a Noble. Then our January Annual Meeting and Installation of 2024 Officers will be on Saturday, January 13th.

As Shriners and Master Masons, we must find ways to move forward. Regardless of our political affiliation or beliefs, we must find a positive way to make our Temple better for future generations. Thank you for your confidence you all reposed in me. I've tried to continue to make the temple, an organization of fun and honor. Remember this is our Temple. We chose to wear the FEZ So try to live up to it.

Yours in faith and sincerely,

IS. Don Varo

## DECEMBER STATED MEETING

**Place:**  
**Tacoma Scottish Rite,**  
**817 S. Vassault St. Tacoma, WA**

**Date:**  
**Saturday, December 9, 2023**

**Time:**  
**1:00 PM**

Notice is given for the transaction of such regular business as may come before the Temple, including:

*Election of 2024 Officers  
Approval of 2024 Budget*

Lunch at 11:00 AM TBD. Call (253) 565-2055 to make a RSVP for lunch.  
Donation \$15.00

## ANNUAL MEETING

**Place:**  
**Tacoma Scottish Rite,**  
**817 S. Vassault St. Tacoma, WA**

**Date:**  
**Saturday, January 13, 2024**

**Time:**  
**10:00 AM**

Notice is given for the transaction of such regular business as may come before the Temple, including

*Installation of 2024 Officers*

Call (253) 565-2055 to make a  
RSVP for lunch.  
Donation \$20.00

## AFIFI NEWS FLASH

- At our November Special Meeting, the Nobles present voted to declare the \$35,000 vote done at our September meeting null and void. The monies approved at our September were placed back into our account. For more information, please contact the Potentate or the Recorder.

- Lewis County Shrine Club merged in November with Thurston-Mason Shrine Club.

- Mt. Tahoma Shrine Club handed in their charter.

- Please review the 2024 Proposed Budget on pages 5 & 6 as it has been revised. We will discuss it at our December meeting.

- The Chief Rabban's plan for 2024 is being presented on page 3. Please read and if you have an idea to contribute, please contact the Chief Rabban.



December



January

<u>David M Dugger</u>	<u>12/1</u>	<u>Edward C Kittel</u>	<u>1/1</u>
<u>Norell M Lopez</u>	<u>12/1</u>	<u>Donald W Hawkins</u>	<u>1/2</u>
<u>Edgardo E Tandoc</u>	<u>12/3</u>	<u>Alexander J Jordan</u>	<u>1/6</u>
<u>Richard W Snyder</u>	<u>12/5</u>	<u>Ernest W Shumate</u>	<u>1/7</u>
<u>Michael C Moore</u>	<u>12/5</u>	<u>Charles R Brockway</u>	<u>1/8</u>
<u>Joseph L Graul</u>	<u>12/6</u>	<u>Charles D Hansen</u>	<u>1/11</u>
<u>Jeffery Jackson</u>	<u>12/6</u>	<u>Steven E Bryant</u>	<u>1/12</u>
<u>Charles V Tenison</u>	<u>12/7</u>	<u>George H Powers Jr., P.P.</u>	<u>1/14</u>
<u>Harold A Lyons</u>	<u>12/8</u>	<u>Matt Martin</u>	<u>1/15</u>
<u>Joseph L McAlister PP</u>	<u>12/11</u>	<u>Donn J Brunson P.P.</u>	<u>1/15</u>
<u>John S Hutmacher</u>	<u>12/14</u>	<u>M P Hutson</u>	<u>1/20</u>
<u>Larry L Anderson</u>	<u>12/14</u>	<u>Raymond C Zimmerman P.P.</u>	<u>1/21</u>
<u>Steven W Livingston</u>	<u>12/14</u>	<u>Richard G Johnson</u>	<u>1/21</u>
<u>Albert E Bundt</u>	<u>12/16</u>	<u>Robert S Orcutt</u>	<u>1/22</u>
<u>Jerald A McDonald</u>	<u>12/16</u>	<u>John C Straub</u>	<u>1/25</u>
<u>Adrian R Berglund</u>	<u>12/19</u>	<u>Milton L Spillers</u>	<u>1/27</u>
<u>Arthur E Liss</u>	<u>12/19</u>	<u>Avery A Romine</u>	<u>1/28</u>
<u>John M Brett P.P.</u>	<u>12/19</u>	<u>Joseph B Gary III</u>	<u>1/28</u>
<u>Evaristo A Leviste</u>	<u>12/19</u>	<u>A. C. Sanjay Nair</u>	<u>1/31</u>
<u>Ronald Frye</u>	<u>12/20</u>		
<u>Muriel E Wright</u>	<u>12/21</u>		
<u>Lawrence M Byrd</u>	<u>12/21</u>		
<u>Graham G Kent</u>	<u>12/25</u>		
<u>Richard L Brosey</u>	<u>12/28</u>		
<u>Terance H Dawson</u>	<u>12/30</u>		
<u>Elzy P Edwards</u>	<u>12/31</u>		

### Sickness & Distress

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

**Noble Robert Royal**

**Noble Ben Schwartz**

### Black Camel

Nobles, let us remember and, cherish the memories of our Nobles that rode on the Black Camel since our last edition. Keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.

**Raymund G McDermott -**

**10/12/202**



## Info on Life Memberships

Your dues payment consists of three elements: Temple dues (\$125), Shriners International Per Capita fee (\$30), and Shriners Children's Hospital Assessment (\$5). Therefore, there are three Shrine Life Memberships, one for each. You can purchase one, two or all three. Here are the current costs to purchase a life membership:

- Temple (65 years old or over) \$1,250
- Temple (under 65) \$2,500
- Per Capita \$900
- Hospital Assessment \$150

**Nov. Nobles count:**  
**316**

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



**ONLINE PETITION**

## 2022-2023 Afifi Elected Officers

**Imperial Potentate**  
Imperial Sir  
James E. "Ed" Stolze Jr.

**Potentate**  
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### Afifi Recorder's Information

Office Phone: (253) 565-2055  
Monday-Friday 10:00 AM- 4:00 PM

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WA 98604-1433

### Afifi Shrine Meeting Place (unless otherwise indicated)

Tacoma Scottish Rite  
Masonic Center  
817 S. Vassault St.  
Tacoma, WA 98465

All sojourning Shriners are welcomed. Please contact our Recorder (see above) for more information.





Nobles,

Wishing you a joyous holiday season.....and PAY YOUR DUES!

See you at the December Stated meeting.

IS Ray

## BY-LAWS Corner Election Regulations

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.

## From the Desk of the Chief Rabban Noble David Aponte

Fraternal Greetings Nobles:

In this issue, I am resubmitting the draft of the 2024 budget. Please review, ask me questions. I do take seriously into consideration the input from our Nobles. I do have to advise that any comments with suggestions may changed the final 2024 Budget to be presented at the December.

As I indicated, my theme for next year, if elected, is **“This is the Way”**. For those who are Star Wars fans will appreciate the theme. However, let us ponder what is meant by the theme. Let us take a deep look at who we are as Afifi Shriners, the current circumstances we operate under, our commitment to the Temple, and our future. The main word here is Commitment. One thing you will expect is us as Potentate, Divan, and Temple to be committed, transparent and accountable to our nobility.

Here are the plans for 2024:

1. Regarding **membership**, we need to grow our membership by 10% by the end of 2024. This will need the effort of each Noble to reach out to a potential Nobles in our Blue Lodges and give a more positive view of who we are. This means we must be active in our Blue Lodges. Our action speak louder than words. We must strive for quality over quantity.
2. We traditionally indicated we are a fun organization. In order to hold to true to this, we will continue to do our parades. However, we will develop and have at least 3 events during the year to foster and fellowship among the Nobles. These events will be fun and family-friendly. **(Continue on page 7)**

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### Captain of the Guard

### Outer Guard

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# SCHEDULE of December 2023 & January 2024

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>

[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]

- Fri Dec 1 / Jan 5 6:00 PM** Oriental Band monthly meeting/practice (BC) Tacoma Scottish Rite , 817 S Vassault,
- Sun Dec 3 Noon** Greeters Ladies/Widows Dinner (BC,L,\$ - no fez) Tacoma Yacht Club, 5401 Yacht Club Rd, Tacoma
- Wed Dec 6 / Jan 3 6:00 PM** Gateway SC Executive Meeting (Casual, \$) Round Table Pizza, 13009 NE Hwy 99, Vancouver
- Thu Dec 14 / Jan 11 4:00 PM** Columbia River Club Executive meeting, Kelso Masonic Lodge, 204 S Pacific Ave, Kelso
- Thu Dec 14 / Jan 11 6:30 PM** World Famous Afifi Shrine Clowns dinner (BC,L,\$) Location TBD
- Mon Dec 18 / Jan 22 7:30 AM** Shriners Children's - Portland Board meeting Afifi Hospital Board member
- Mon Dec 18 / Jan 22 5:30 PM** Board of Directors Virtual Meeting Elected and Appointed Divan
- Thu Dec 28 / Jan 25 5:30 PM** Columbia River Shrine Club dinner (BC,L,K,\$,F) - Columbia Inn Rest, 698 NE Frontage Rd, Kalama
- Fri Dec 22 / Jan 26 6:00 PM** Thurston Mason Lewis County SC dinner (BC,L,\$,F) - Rivers Edge Rest at the Tumwater - Valley Golf Club, 4611 Tumwater Valley Dr SE, Olympia
- Mon Jan 8 6:00 PM** SW WA Afifi Shrine Clowns Workshop and Business meeting (casual) – location TBD
- Wed Jan 24 6:00 PM** Gateway Shrine Club Dinner (BC,L,\$,F) Vancouver WA (location to be announced Later)
- Thu Jan 25 6:00 PM** Afifi Greeters meeting (BC,L,\$ - no fez) Ben Dews Clubhouse Grill, 6501 6th Ave, Tacoma

## ONLINE PETITION



# SCHEDULE of 2023 Main Events

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- Sat Dec 9 1:00 PM**  
**Stated Meeting (C&T,L,\$,F) - Tacoma Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 817 S Vassault St, Tacoma**
- Sat Dec 16 5:00 PM**  
**Afifi Holiday Party (Tux/C&T,L,\$,F) – Centralia Moose Lodge 1400 Grand Ave, Centralia, WA 98531**
- Sat Jan 13 10:00 AM**  
**Afifi Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers (C&T,L,\$,F) Tacoma Scottish Rite Center, 817 S Vassault St, Tacoma**

## SEASON GREETINGS

On behalf of the Elected and Appointed Divan, we wish all our Nobles and their love ones a blessed, joyful and loving Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.



# 2024 PROPOSED AFIFI BUDGET

Income		
<b>01 - REVENUE</b>		
4000 Initiation		\$ 260.00
<b>4010 Membership dues &amp; PCT</b>		
4010 Current Year's Dues		\$ 29,750.00
4011 Dues in Arrears		\$ 1,060.00
4012 Per Capita		\$ 13,400.00
<b>Total Initiation &amp; Dues &amp; PCT</b>		<b>\$ 44,470.00</b>
<b>4040 &amp; 4050 Investment Income</b>		
4040 Interest Income		\$ -
* 4041 Investment Income from Morgan Stanley		\$ -
> 4042 Life Membership Interest		\$ 1,000.00
* 4043 Operating Income from Morgan Stanley		\$ 20,000.00
<b>Total Investment Income</b>		<b>\$ 21,000.00</b>
<b>4060 &amp; 4080 Miscellaneous Income</b>		
4060 Misc income		\$ -
4062 Stated Meeting Meals		\$ 3,200.00
4063 - Special Meeting Meals		\$ -
4064 Events, Entertainment & Social Activities		\$ 7,000.00
<b>Total Misc Income &amp; Meals</b>		<b>\$ 10,200.00</b>
<b>4090 Donations - Fraternal</b>		
4090 Donations - Fraternal		\$ -
40901 Gateway SC		\$ 100.00
40902 Lewis County		\$ -
40903 Thurston Mason Lewis County SC		\$ 100.00
40904 Mt. Tahoma SC		\$ -
40905 Columbia River SC		\$ 100.00
40906 SW Clowns		\$ 100.00
40910 Affi Clowns		\$ 100.00
40911 Greeters		\$ 100.00
40912 Legion		\$ 100.00
40913 Provo Guard		\$ 100.00
4091 Birthday Club		\$ -
4110 Suspended Members		\$ (1,500.00)
<b>Donations</b>		<b>\$ (700.00)</b>
<b>Total 01 - REVENUE</b>		<b>\$ 74,970.00</b>
<b>02 - FUNDRAISING REVENUES - CHARITABLE</b>		
4402 First Lady's Project		\$ 300.00
4403 First Ladies Raffle		\$ -
4404 SHC Food Caravan		\$ 500.00
<b>Total 02 - FUNDRAISING REVENUES - CHARITABLE</b>		<b>\$ 800.00</b>
<b>03 - FUNDRAISING REVENUES - FRATERNAL</b>		
<b>4600 Fundraising - Fraternal</b>		
4605 Primary fundraiser		\$ -
4606 Secondary fundraiser		\$ 600.00
4607 Tertiary Fundraiser		\$ 300.00
<b>Total 03 - FUNDRAISING REVENUES - FRATERNAL</b>		<b>\$ 900.00</b>
<b>04 - OTHER REVENUE - Net</b>		
4800 Fez Sales		\$ 500.00
4810 Fez Cost of Sales		\$ (500.00)
4820 Other Merchandise Sales		\$ 200.00
4830 Other Merchandise Cost of Sale		\$ (200.00)
4900 Advertising Income		\$ -
4920 Afifi News Subscriptions		\$ -
*** 4930 Afifi News Publication Costs		\$ (600.00)
<b>Total 04 - OTHER REVENUE - Net</b>		<b>\$ (600.00)</b>
<b>05 - CAPITAL DONATIONS</b>		
		\$ -
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$76,670.00</b>

Expenses		
<b>06 - SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL</b>		
6000 Per Capita Tax		\$ 13,400.00
6010 Initiation Fee		\$ 25.00
6011 Dues Cards/Notices		\$ 300.00
<b>Total 06 - SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL</b>		<b>\$ 13,725.00</b>
<b>07 - ADMINISTRATIVE</b>		
6100 Stipend - Recorder		\$ 2,400.00
6120 Accounting Software		\$ 1,000.00
6130 Travel and Allowances		\$ -
6140 Other Taxes		\$ -
6150 Printing / Stationary		\$ 100.00
6160 Postage		\$ 500.00
6170 Office Equipment Maint		\$ 300.00
6190 Telephone & Internet		\$ 1,500.00
6201 Bank Fee		\$ 100.00
6210 Office Supplies		\$ 400.00
6240 Electronic transaction fees		\$ 400.00
6290 Miscellaneous - Admin		\$ 400.00
6292 Video Telecom equipment (expense)		\$ -
6293 Business Licenses		\$ 250.00
<b>TOTAL 6110 Office/General Administrative Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 7,350.00</b>
<b>6180 Liability Insurance</b>		
6220 Dues and Subscriptions		\$ 400.00
<b>6231 Professional Services - Lawyer *****</b>		<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
<b>6232 Professional Services - CPA</b>		<b>\$ 5,500.00</b>
6233 Professional Services - Photographer		\$ -
<b>6250 Bad Debt</b>		
6291 Pote's Jewell/Fez/Badge		\$ 1,700.00
<b>TOTAL 6180-6291</b>		<b>\$ 29,600.00</b>
<b>6293 Vehicles</b>		
<b>6294 - Vehicle Registration</b>		
		<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>
<b>6295 - Vehicle fuel</b>		
General		
Gateway SC van fuel		\$ -
Lewis Co SC van fuel		\$ -
Mt. Tahoma SC van fuel		\$ -
T-M SC van fuel		\$ -
Vehicle Fuel Card Fees		\$ -
<b>Total 6295 - Vehicle fuel</b>		<b>\$ -</b>
<b>6296 - Vehicle Maintenance</b>		
6296.0 General		
6296.1 MM00002 - 2000 Chev van		\$ -
6296.2 BCS0922 - 2007 Chev van		\$ -
6296.3 C78991H - 2016 Ford Transit van		\$ -
6296.4 MM01949 - 2001 GMC Savana van		\$ -
6296.5 5484-YM - Cannon & trailer		\$ -
6296.6 1295YP - Calliope & trailer		\$ -
6296.7 2801-XN - vehicle flatbed trailer		\$ -
6296.8 MM90024 - Oriental Band trailer		\$ -
6296.9 9795-XN - Green Airplane & trailer		\$ -
6296.10 0199UV - Red Airplane & trailer		\$ -
6295.11 Toy Hauler		\$ -
<b>Total 6296 - Vehicle Maintenance</b>		<b>\$ -</b>
6297 - Divan expenses		\$ 500.00
<b>Total Divan Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE</b>		<b>\$ 38,950.00</b>

# 2024 PROPOSED AFIFI BUDGET

<b>08 - DIRECT FUNDRAISING EXPENSES</b>		
<b>6400 - Fraternal Raffles</b>		
6400.08 Primary fundraiser	\$	-
6400.09 Secondary Fundraiser	\$	-
6400.10 Tertiary Fundraiser	\$	-
<b>6410 - Charitable Raffles</b>		
6410.01 Unnamed	\$	-
<b>6430 - Charitable Fundraisers - other</b>		
6430.01 First Lady's Project	\$	-
6430.02 Food Caravan	\$	-
<b>Total 08 - DIRECT FUNDRAISING EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ -</b>
<b>09 - BUILDING OPERATIONS &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>		
6560 Bldg Repairs & Maintenance	\$	-
6590 Meetings Rental Space	\$	1,740.00
6591 Storage Rental	\$	4,000.00
<b>Total 09 - BUILDING OPERATIONS &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>		<b>\$ 5,740.00</b>
<b>10 - BUSINESS SESSIONS &amp; CEREMONIALS</b>		
6710 Stated Meetings - Meals	\$	2,400.00
6711 Dining Room Cleanup	\$	100.00
6712 Refreshments - bar drinks & cups	\$	300.00
6720 Special Meetings - Meals	\$	-
6800 First and Second Section	\$	500.00
** 6810 Entertainment - Ladies Program	\$	500.00
6820 Club/Unit/Appointed Officer Training	\$	100.00
6890 Misc - Business	\$	-
<b>Total 10 - BUSINESS SESSIONS &amp; CEREMONIALS</b>		<b>\$ 3,900.00</b>
<b>11 - ENTERTAINMENT &amp; SOCIAL ACTIVITIES</b>		
7000 Social Events	\$	1,700.00
7030 Banquets and Dinners	\$	900.00
7040 Ladies Parties	\$	300.00
7060 Christmas and Special Day Activities	\$	800.00
7070 Public Installation of Officers	\$	1,700.00
<b>Total 11 - ENTERTAINMENT &amp; SOCIAL ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>\$ 5,400.00</b>
<b>12 - VISITATIONS AND PILGRIMAGES</b>		
7200 Imperial Session	\$	500.00
7210 Shrine Associations - Director's	\$	-
7220 Shrine Associations - Winter PNSA	\$	5,000.00
***** 7221 Shrine Associations - Summer PNSA	\$	750.00
7222 Shrine Associations - Recorder (Train New Elected)	\$	2,000.00
7223 Shrine Associations - Shrine Fundraising	\$	-
7230 Shrine Clubs	\$	-
<b>Total Visitations</b>		<b>\$ 8,250.00</b>
<b>7240 Parades</b>		
X 7240.1 Daffodil Days	\$	50.00
X 7240.2 Long Beach	\$	50.00
X 7240.3 Hazel Dell	\$	25.00
X 7240.4 Mason County Loggers Festival	\$	25.00
X 7240.5 Morton	\$	50.00
X 7240.6 Grays Harbor	\$	25.00
X 7240.7 Capital Lakefair parade	\$	25.00
X 7240.8 Longview/Centralia 4th of July Parade	\$	-
X 7240.9 Vancouver/Auburn Veteran's Day Parade	\$	-
<b>Total Parades</b>		<b>\$ 250.00</b>
<b>7250 Training</b>		
7250 Imperial Training Seminars - AR	\$	1,600.00
7251 Imperial Training Seminars - OG	\$	1,600.00
7252 Imperial Membership Seminar	\$	-
<b>Total Training</b>		<b>\$ 3,200.00</b>
<b>Total 12 - VISITATIONS, PILGRIMAGES &amp; Training</b>		<b>\$ 11,700.00</b>

<b>08 - DIRECT FUNDRAISING EXPENSES</b>		
<b>6400 - Fraternal Raffles</b>		
6400.08 Primary fundraiser	\$	-
6400.09 Secondary Fundraiser	\$	-
6400.10 Tertiary Fundraiser	\$	-
<b>6410 - Charitable Raffles</b>		
6410.01 Unnamed	\$	-
<b>6430 - Charitable Fundraisers - other</b>		
6430.01 First Lady's Project	\$	-
6430.02 Food Caravan	\$	-
<b>Total 08 - DIRECT FUNDRAISING EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ -</b>
<b>09 - BUILDING OPERATIONS &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>		
6560 Bldg Repairs & Maintenance	\$	-
6590 Meetings Rental Space	\$	1,740.00
6591 Storage Rental	\$	4,000.00
<b>Total 09 - BUILDING OPERATIONS &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>		<b>\$ 5,740.00</b>
<b>10 - BUSINESS SESSIONS &amp; CEREMONIALS</b>		
6710 Stated Meetings - Meals	\$	2,400.00
6711 Dining Room Cleanup	\$	100.00
6712 Refreshments - bar drinks & cups	\$	300.00
6720 Special Meetings - Meals	\$	-
6800 First and Second Section	\$	500.00
** 6810 Entertainment - Ladies Program	\$	500.00
6820 Club/Unit/Appointed Officer Training	\$	100.00
6890 Misc - Business	\$	-
<b>Total 10 - BUSINESS SESSIONS &amp; CEREMONIALS</b>		<b>\$ 3,900.00</b>
<b>11 - ENTERTAINMENT &amp; SOCIAL ACTIVITIES</b>		
7000 Social Events	\$	1,700.00
7030 Banquets and Dinners	\$	900.00
7040 Ladies Parties	\$	300.00
7060 Christmas and Special Day Activities	\$	800.00
7070 Public Installation of Officers	\$	1,700.00
<b>Total 11 - ENTERTAINMENT &amp; SOCIAL ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>\$ 5,400.00</b>
<b>12 - VISITATIONS AND PILGRIMAGES</b>		
7200 Imperial Session	\$	500.00
7210 Shrine Associations - Director's	\$	-
7220 Shrine Associations - Winter PNSA	\$	5,000.00
***** 7221 Shrine Associations - Summer PNSA	\$	750.00
7222 Shrine Associations - Recorder (Train New Elected)	\$	2,000.00
7223 Shrine Associations - Shrine Fundraising	\$	-
7230 Shrine Clubs	\$	-
<b>Total Visitations</b>		<b>\$ 8,250.00</b>
<b>7240 Parades</b>		
X 7240.1 Daffodil Days	\$	50.00
X 7240.2 Long Beach	\$	50.00
X 7240.3 Hazel Dell	\$	25.00
X 7240.4 Mason County Loggers Festival	\$	25.00
X 7240.5 Morton	\$	50.00
X 7240.6 Grays Harbor	\$	25.00
X 7240.7 Capital Lakefair parade	\$	25.00
X 7240.8 Longview/Centralia 4th of July Parade	\$	-
X 7240.9 Vancouver/Auburn Veteran's Day Parade	\$	-
<b>Total Parades</b>		<b>\$ 250.00</b>
<b>7250 Training</b>		
7250 Imperial Training Seminars - AR	\$	1,600.00
7251 Imperial Training Seminars - OG	\$	1,600.00
7252 Imperial Membership Seminar	\$	-
<b>Total Training</b>		<b>\$ 3,200.00</b>
<b>Total 12 - VISITATIONS, PILGRIMAGES &amp; Training</b>		<b>\$ 11,700.00</b>
<b>13 - PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY</b>		
7420 Membership Committee	\$	300.00
7440 Public Relations - Marketing & Communications	\$	300.00
7440.1 - Hospitality Suites	\$	-
7441 Website & Social Media	\$	1,000.00
7442 Direct Advertising Costs	\$	-
7443 Grand Master to Imperial Session	\$	800.00
7450 Awards and Gifts - Potentate	\$	250.00
<b>Total 13 - PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY</b>		<b>\$ 2,650.00</b>
<b>15 - UNIT AND CLUB EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ -</b>
<b>16 - DONATIONS TO FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS</b>		<b>\$ -</b>
<b>17 - MEMBERS RELATIONS</b>		<b>\$ -</b>
<b>18 - CHARITABLE DONATIONS</b>		
7970 - Shriners Hospitals for Children	\$	-
7971 Food Caravan - Shriners Hospital for Children	\$	500.00
7980 Patient Transportation Fund	\$	-
<b>Total 18 - CHARITABLE DONATIONS</b>		<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 82,565.00</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>		<b>\$ (5,895.00)</b>

## From the Desk of the Chief Rabban

3. Our Stated Meetings will be in Tacoma. However, we will travel and hold special meetings in-between the Stated Meetings under the auspices of the Clubs in that area. Our objective is to reach out to our nobles, especially those that have not been to a meeting since they became Nobles. We will hold a town hall style meeting and ask the Nobles on recommendations to better our Temple, its membership, and finances.

4. We need to avoid and bring down the number of demits by having a special intervention by the Membership Committee from day one on those that have not paid their dues.

5. The Divan should develop a realistic 5-Year plan with core competencies affecting our Temple with objectives that are attainable and measurable. At the 2024 September meeting, the Divan should have a draft of the Plan. We should have a final draft of a 5-Year plan done for the 2024 December meeting. Our intentions are to get feedback from the nobility. We can obtain this with an annual questionnaire or through our special meetings with the nobility.

6. We do have a fragile financial outlook. If we do not engage in becoming excellent stewards of our funds, we are going to face dire financial consequences. We must rely only on 25 to 40% of our investments' gains. Our fundraising is in dire need of a change of mindset. That mindset change has to do with getting our membership motivated and involved in our fundraisers. The Temple needs a main fundraiser but at the same time a secondary or tertiary fundraising.

As a Divan, we need to be transparent and accountable for the finances of our Temple. The financial statements will be sent at least a week before our Divan Meeting and Stated Meetings. This will allow to read and discuss them appropriately. The Financial Committee need to participate at least every three months with a report with recommendations to the Divan. That is part of their responsibilities as such.

6. The Divan needs to lead by example. We need to give our Nobles a reason to come to our Stated Meetings. We need to improve our Stated Meetings with items that will make the meeting enjoyable and fun. We are missing the boat of giving our Nobles leadership information that we have acquired at the AR & OG schools in Tampa. This must be incorporated in our meetings as a short comprehensible educational talk using visual medium to enhance the learning.

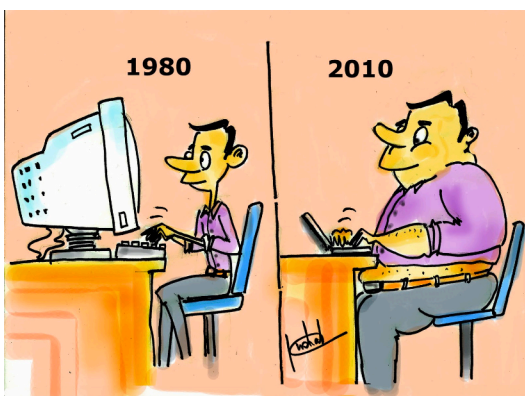
Regarding our appointed Officers, they should have written and clear responsibilities of their positions. They do have a commitment to attend our Stated, Special, and Divan meetings. After our September Stated Meeting, the Divan should evaluate each Appointed Officer. This will give the incoming Potentate an idea of who to appoint to the line. We should also involve the Past Potentates in doing a workshop for those interested in making themselves available for the elected line. This workshop needs to cover responsibilities going through the line, skills needed, expectations, etc.

We need to incorporate our Ceremonials within our Stated Meetings, if possible. This puts a big responsibility on the Elected and Appointed Divan to practice their degree position to deliver a better experience for our candidates.

If we are to attract potential Nobles who have a family, we should look to incorporate the ladies in the program of our Stated Meetings. If they have children, we should see if one of the Girls' Masonic Youth organizations can assist us with daycare.

Nobles these are just the main items that I want to work on during 2024. With your help, we can make it happen. This is the challenge for all of us not only the Divan. We need to be motivated not by just words but actions that give us results. **THIS IS THE WAY!!!!**

Finally nobles, may you and your love ones have an enjoyable Christmas, Hanukkah, and a Prosperous and Blessed New Year. May we all enjoy the blessings to bestow upon us from the Great Architect of the Universe for the ensuing year.



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# 2023 Afifi Shriners Clubs

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## Columbia River Shrine Club - Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday

President:	Noble Ron Horn Lady Debra ron.horn@edwardjones.com 360-936-5695
Secretary/ Treasurer:	Noble Vic Tenison Lady Sue vtenison@cni.net 360-430-4192

Columbia River SC Coordinator- Noble Will Lipp III

## Grays Harbor Shrine Club - Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday

President	Noble Louis Summers Lady Donna l.summers19@comcast.net 360-268-0769
Secretary/ Treasurer	IS Doug Bates Lady Diane dougates114@msn.com 360-581-1031

Grays Harbor SC Coordinator- IS Rory Johnson

### Greeters

<b>President</b> Noble Larry Newsham larriet@msn.com 253.777.2909	<b>Secretary/ Treasurer</b> Noble Al Leavitt alphetacoma@aol.com 253-209-2099
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Meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month

### COMMITTEES

**Photography:** Todd Johnstone, Rick McGann, and David Rice

**Leadership Search:** Elected Divan

**Financial Advisory:** Howard Cohen (Chair), Will Lipp III, IS Travis Cantrell, and Ken Hare

**Membership:** IS Rory Johnson (Chair), Shane Inman, and TomaHawk Pearson

## Thurston-Mason Lewis Shrine Club - Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Friday

President	Noble Dave Montonye drmontonye@hotmail.com 360-951-3039
Secretary	Noble Kenneth Hare Lady Susan kennethhare@msn.com 360-485-9673
Treasurer	IS Ed Woods Lady Karolyn IS_EdwardCWOods@comcast.net 360-490-6989

Thurston-Mason SC Coordinator- Noble Ross Retzlaff

## Gateway Shrine Club - 1<sup>st</sup> Wed ExO 4<sup>th</sup> Wed Dinner

President	Noble Ron Fryer Lady Rosemary rcfryer@gmail.com 360-608-4443
Secretary/ Treasurer	IS Raymond Zimmerman Lady Johanna Hyatt rayzimmerman2@comcast.net 360-773-8658
Club Mailing Address	PO Box 1433 Battle Ground, WA 98604-1433

Gateway SC Coordinator- IS Ray Zimmerman

## World Famous Afifi Shrine Clowns

<b>Director</b> Noble Daryl McLaughlin dlmtrim@aol.com 253-732-9728	<b>Secretary/Treasurer</b> Noble Lawrence Nelson lnelson@foxinternet.net 253-973-1124
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Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays of the month

## Southwest Washington Afifi Shrine Clowns

<b>Director</b> Dave Bryant (Bumps) (Lady Charlotte) bvryantdc@gmail.com 360-606-1490	<b>Secretary/Treasurer</b> IS Raymond C Zimmerman (Lady Johanna Hyatt) rayzimmerman2@comcast.net 360-773-8658
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Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays of the month

## Oriental Band

<b>President</b> IS John Brett (Lady Sandy) jmbrett99@yahoo.com 253-304-4884	<b>Secretary/Treasurer</b> Joe Morris bgmstory@q.com 253-845-7406
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Meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays of the month

## Legion of Honor

<b>Commander</b> Noble Shane Inman (Lady Melissa) slinman87@gmail.com 360-941-0861	<b>Secretary/Treasurer</b> IS Don E Varo (Lady Sheryl) dvyipyip@tds.net (503) 367-9396
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Meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays of the month

**Marketing and Communications:** Rick Johnson (Chair), David Aponte, and IS Ed Woods

**Fundraising:** David Aponte (Chair), Ron Fryer, and TomaHawk Pearson

**Insurance Advisory:** Greg Mohoric, David Rice, Jon Gill

**Transportation and Rolling Stock:** Shane Inman (Chair), TomaHawk Pearson, and Kenny Branch

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