

**Official Publication Afifi Shrine Tacoma, WA**

Shriners is a fraternity based on fun, fellowship and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief and truth with nearly 200 temples (chapters) in several countries and thousands of clubs around the world. Our fraternity is open to men of integrity from all walks of life.



**Potentate's Message**

Ill. Sirs, Nobles all:

Here is what has happened since our last newsletter.

(1) We had a presence at the Daffodil Parade with 2 vans and the World Famous Afifi clowns. The weather was cool but we did not get wet.

(2) The Loyalty Days Parade was a big hit, the World Famous Afifi Clowns and Southwest Washington Clowns provided entertainment for the kids parade in ILwaco. We had a very good turn out for breakfast before the kids parade at Occident lodge headed up by Ron Robbins, Potentate's Aid in the West, with help of three Shriners from Astoria Oregon. My count was 37 folks attending including Shriners' wives, families and kids. The current Queen, a past Queen and a friend from Daughters of the Nile were in attendance.

On Saturday's potluck at the Chautauqua Resort, by my count, there were 47 in attendance. Also, the kids had a good time swimming in the pool. Sunday was the big Loyalty Day parade, Some of the Shriners came down for the day but many stayed over the weekend.

Check out the pictures that were added to the AFIFI Facebook page and see the turn out. I was approached by a number of people who said that we put on a really good show for the spectators on the parade route. Sunday evening we were at the Lost Roo for some good food with 20 Shriners and families to cap off the weekend.

There are so many to thank I can't name them all. I would like to pour out a special thank you to my wife, Robin, Noble Ron Robbins for all their hard work, and to IS Edward Woods, PP, and others who took pictures and videos. Thanks to those that brought potluck Items to make this weekend a success.

Please remember, *Fun and Fellowship* is my concentration for this year and that will best happen when we come together.

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**Dates to Remember**

Tuesday, June 14th



Sunday, June 19th



Sunday, June 21st



Monday, July 4th



**POTENTATE'S  
SPECIAL CALL  
SPECIAL ELECTION**

**Assistant Raban**

**(and High Priest/Prophet & Oriental Guide, if Needed)**

**Date: Saturday, June 25, 2022**

**Time: 10:00 AM**

**Place: Centralia Lodge  
218 N. Peral St. Centralia, WA**

**Everyone is on their own for lunch.**

# News From Around Our Shrinedom

## Long Beach Loyalty Days Parade





Happy Birthday to our Nobles on behalf of the Officers and Members of AFIFI Shrine. May you have a blessed and enjoyable birthday.

## Help Needed from the Clubs & Units

We need to highlight the news from your Clubs and Units. We need information on who you are as a Club and Unit for our Nobles who have not yet joined one.

John C Taylor	6/2	Ryan R Wright	7/1
Todd Johnstone	6/4	Ken Kuronen	7/2
Toma Hawk S Pearson	6/6	Andrey Zarubin	
Donald J Williams		George L Hineman Jr.	7/6
Brown L Pelfrey	6/7	James A Anton	7/7
David W Colbeth	6/9	Lawrence T Newsham	
James A Franklin		Albin Boyse	7/8
Dean K Hindman		Jonathan R Gill	
John S Zindt	6/12	Donald E Otto	
Norman G Austen	6/13	Branden A Bede	7/10
Robert V Bagaason		Frank S Elliott III	7/12
James T Hallman	6/14	Frank A Lawler	
Douglas E Owen	6/16	Orval G Phillips	
Frederic W Sjoquist		David A Aponte	7/13
Donald G Varo		Gerald G Burg	7/14
Lawrence B Marks	6/17	Ronald W Angwood	7/15
Jack P Spiwak		David B Rhodes	7/17
Douglas G Edlich	6/18	Nils M Sortland	
Alpey Leavitt	6/21	Roderick S Mason	7/18
Albert L Olsen Jr.		Jeffrey B Bede	7/21
Paul G Waadevig	6/24	Robert E Carlson	7/23
Clinton T Cantrell P.P.	6/25	Edward A Cox	7/26
S. A Brinkley	6/26	Marvin L Colburn Jr.	7/27
Jason R Carlisle		Howard M Martin II	
A E Reames		Todd B Ellsworth	7/30
John W Sears		Chris E Nielsen	
James C Keller	6/27	Wesley I Odani	
Jerry Beckham	6/28		
Benjamin L Schatz	6/29		



## 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

Noble Gerald D. Campbell 3/18/2020

Noble Stephen E. Robecker 10/6/2020

Noble Glide "Snuffy" Smith 4/20/2022

## 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.

**Noble Shane Inman - Surgery**

## FUNRAISER

The Raffle Tickets are HERE!

This year's Afifi fundraiser is a series of one day raffles where the Club or Unit can make a whopping 47% of the net proceeds on every ticket they sell. Easy and simple 50/50 raffles and Quick raffles can earn your Club or Unit big bucks to support your group; and support Afifi Shrine as well.

The tickets are all printed and here, along with the Quick Raffle sheets. Pick up your supply at the Stated Meeting in Vancouver on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Then schedule your raffles at the same places you had the car raffles last year, or any venue that you can get a booth space (free).

Easy fundraiser that benefits us all!

Fraternally, Yours,  
Noble Ron Fryer





Affili 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 at 360-941-0861 or [slinman87@gmail.com](mailto:slinman87@gmail.com).

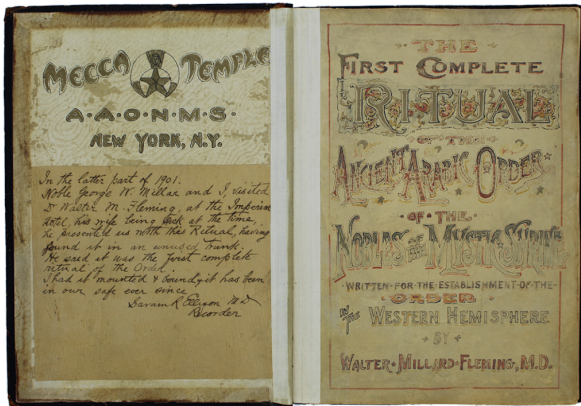
# VISIT TO PORTLAND'S SHRINERS' FOR CHILDREN

At our May Stated Meeting in Vancouver, WA, a group of Nobles and their Ladies visited our Shriners' for Children facilities in Portkand, Oregon. Let us continue to support our main charity, SHRINERS' FOR CHILDREN.



# ORIGINAL SHRINER'S RITUAL

Original A.A.O.N.M.S. Ritual Book, on the left.



In August of 1870, Walter Fleming, M.D., one of the original founders of the fraternity now known as Shriners International, penned the First Complete Ritual of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (A.A.O.N.M.S.). Written in Fleming's handwriting, it is a book of ceremonies for various functions, including initiation, installation of officers, and opening and closing business meetings.

In a meeting on January 12, 1974, Charles T. McClenachan, one of the original thirteen Shriners, proposed that a committee be formed to revise and perfect the ritual and facilitate the exemplification of the Order.

On the inside cover of the Ritual, there is a notation handwritten and signed by Dr. Saram R. Ellison, the second Recorder of Mecca Shriners, which says, "In the latter part of 1901, Noble George W. Millar and I visited Dr. Walter M. Fleming at the Imperial Hotel, his wife being sick at the time. He presented us with this Ritual, having found it in an unused trunk. He said it was the first complete Ritual of the Order. I had it mounted and bound, and has been in our safe ever since."

The book is now on display in the Memorabilia Room at Shriners International Headquarters in Tampa, Florida.

# WANTED

## Lodge Ambassadors

Do you attend your Blue Lodge regularly (or would you like to)? Would you like to stand up in your Blue Lodge and make Shrine announcements and presentations? Then you are exactly who we are looking for!!

The Shrine Lodge Ambassador Program is intended to create a communication stream between Afifi Shrine and the Masonic Lodges in our jurisdiction.

The Shrine Ambassador receives a name badge indicating his ambassadorship to be worn at Lodge, Shrine meetings and events. The Ambassadors will take the listing of Afifi Shrine events for the coming month from the Recorder, sort of like "talking points," to be mentioned at your Lodge's stated Meeting. You will be able to present the Potentate's congratulations to newly initiated Master Masons.

All you need to do to sign up is call or email one of the Nobles below with the following information. Your name, phone number, email address, and the Lodge name and number.

### MEMBERSHIP & PETITIONS

Nobles:

As you know, we have new initiation rates for our Potential Nobles. 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: 336**



There's something missing in this image.

# YOU

We missed you at our meetings and events. You are and always will be an important part and valuable member of Afifi Shrine. You say you don't feel comfortable after being away so long. Don't worry we have you covered. Check in with our Recorder. Give him a call at 253-565-2055.

### GREETERS NEWS



Noble Ashley Brinkley - President  
The Greeters were out in full force at the Long Beach Loyalty Days Parade. The Cannon was firing and the Dummy was sailing and being revived by our Afifi Medic Corps. The crowds were laughing and screaming for more. It was a lot of fun for the Greeters and our Afifi Helpers. The Cannon driver did not run over anyone and no one fell off the trailer. If you missed the parade, you missed a great time. We had a lot of fun and good fellowship. It could not have been any better. As you know, Shriners always want to have good food, fun, and fellowship. We had that all weekend long. If you missed this one, plan for next year and save the date. It's definitely time worth spending. In closing, I want to thank the Nobles who did the heavy lifting and hard work. It's Afifi teamwork like this that makes our parades and Temple so successful.



### *The Fez*

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# Love



# FUN



# BREAKFAST BEFORE CHILDREN'S PARADE AT LOYALTY DAYS



# GOOD FELLOWSHIP

# HEART



# EVENT SCHEDULE of JUNE AND JULY 2022

**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://afifishriners.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]

Wed Jun 1 / Jul 6	6:30 PM	<b>Gateway SC Executive Meeting</b> (Casual, \$) Pied Piper Pizza, 12300 NE Fourth Plan Blvd #E, Vancouver
Thu Jun 2 / Jul 7	6:30 PM	<b>Mt. Tahoma Shrine Club dinner</b> (BC,L,\$) Tower Lanes Entertainment Center, 6323 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Tacoma
Fri Jun 3 / Jul 1	3:00 PM	<b>Oriental Band monthly meeting/practice</b> (BC), Scottish Rite Center, 817 S Vassault, Tacoma
Mon Jun 6 / Jul 4?	5:30 PM	<b>Board of Directors Virtual Meeting</b> – Elected and Appointed Divan
Thu Jun 9 / Jul 14	4:00 PM	<b>Columbia River Club Executive meeting</b> , Kelso Masonic Lodge, 204 S Pacific Ave, Kelso
Thu Jun 9 / Jul 14	6:00 PM	<b>Lewis County Shrine Club dinner</b> (BC,L,\$) American Legion Post 17, 111 W Main St, Centralia
Thu Jun 9 / Jul 14	6:30 PM	<b>World Famous Afifi Shrine Clowns dinner</b> (BC,L,\$) location TBD
Sat Jun 18	1:00 PM	<b>Afifi Spring Ceremonial</b> (C&T, F, \$) Tacoma Events Center - Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 817 S Vassault St, Tacoma
Mon Jun 20 / Jul 18	6:00 PM	<b>Clowning Workshop and business meeting</b> (casual) – Jon Gill's office, Salmon Creek Law Offices, 1412 NE 134th St #130 Vancouver
Wed Jun 22 / Jul 27	6:30 PM	<b>Gateway Shrine Club Meeting/Dinner</b> (BC,L,\$,F) – Fiesta Bonita Mexican Grill and Cantina, 4708 NE Thurston Way, Vancouver
Thu Jun 23 / Jul 28	5:30 PM	<b>Columbia River Shrine Club dinner</b> (BC,L,K,\$,F) Peper's 49ER Restaurant, 916 Walsh Ave NE, Castle Rock
Thu Jun 23 / Jul 28	6:00 PM	<b>Afifi Greeters meeting</b> (BC,L,\$ - no fez) Ben Dews Clubhouse Grill, 6501 6th Ave, Tacoma
Fri Jun 24 / Jul 22	6:00 PM	<b>Thurston - Mason Shrine Club dinner</b> (BC,L,\$,F) Confirm location
Mon Jun 27 / Jul 25	7:30 AM	<b>SHC-Portland In-Person Board meeting</b> – Afifi Hospital Board members
Mon Jul 10		<b>Articles due</b> to Ray Zimmerman for The Fez
Jul 16	Time TBD	<b>Battle Ground Harvest Days Parade</b> (Gateway SC and SW WA Clowns)
Jul 16	Time TBD	<b>Olympia Lakefair Parade</b>
Jul 23	Time TBD	<b>Camas Parade</b> (Gateway SC and SW WA Clowns)
Aug 13	Time TBD	<b>Morton Loggers Jubilee Parade</b> , corner of 7 <sup>th</sup> and Adams Ave, Morton
Sep 10 (TBD)	Time TBD	<b>Hoquiam Loggers Playday Parade</b> , 420 7th St, Hoquiam
Sep (day TBD)	1:00 PM	<b>Afifi Stated Meeting</b> – Location TBD. Lunch at noon (C&T, F, \$)
Nov 5	11:00 PM	<b>Vancouver Veteran's Parade</b> (Gateway SC and SW WA Clowns)
Sat Dec 10	1:00 PM	<b>Afifi Stated Meeting</b> – Elections – Budget Vote – Scottish Rite Tacoma – Ladies attend – lunch at 11:30 AM (C&T, F, L, K, \$)

## 2021 Afifi Shriners Clubs & Units

## 2022 Afifi Shriners Elected Officers

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

### 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 Lipp  
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 Lipp  
Noble Shane Inman

### Membership

Noble Ashley Brinkley  
Noble Jeff Kant  
Noble Shane Inman  
Noble TomaHawk S. Pearson

### Marketing and Communications:

Noble David Aponte  
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

## 2022 Afifi Shriners Appointed Officers

1st Ceremonial Master: Noble Shane Inman  
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 - 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday  
Gateway Club - Exec 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday  
Dinner 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday  
Grays Harbor Club - 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday  
Lewis County Club - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday  
Mt. Tahoma Club - 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday  
Thurston-Mason Club - 4<sup>th</sup> Friday

### Unit Meetings

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

## Afifi Shrine

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