

THE FEZ

August —September 2024



IS Dale Vrsalovich on being elected Imperial Outer Guard for Shriners International

POTENDATE'S MESSAGE

IS David A. Aponte Potentate 2024

Nobles, Es Salamu Alekium,

I begin my article with these thoughts. Our Lodges and Shrine Temples instruct us to the broad principles of Toleration, Respect, Charity, Benevolence, and unselfish Friendship. As Masons and Shriners, we support and practice integrity, virtue, and nobility of character. These tenets are our foundation, and nothing within our walls or outside has a place for hatred, intolerance, or discrimination based on race, color, or religious beliefs. This type of conduct is not what Masons nor Shriners are taught to do. It fails to meet the expected and required standards of conduct. We, as Masons, are taught to seek light. Truth and growth are the object and result of this lifelong search. The Great Light in Freemasonry specifically teaches that the forgiveness we seek is the forgiveness that we should provide. A brother who admits the error of his ways may be worthy of being given an opportunity to conform his conduct to the requirements of our gentle craft. Only his subsequent conduct will determine whether he proves himself worthy of the masonic forbearance provided. This brings us to the Trowel of Freemasonry. It is used to spread the cement of brotherly love and affection, that cement which unites us into one sacred band of Friends and Brothers, among whom no contention should ever exist except that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who can best work and best agree. I hope all of us will continue to use the Working Tools taught to us as Masons while we don the fez of a Shriner.

We enjoyed our days at Imperial Session in Reno. Thank you to those who participated in the Imperial Parade. I think we all enjoyed it. Congratulations to the new Imperial Outer Guard, Imperial Sir Dale Vrsalovich. May you enjoy and be blessed on your journey through the Imperial Line.

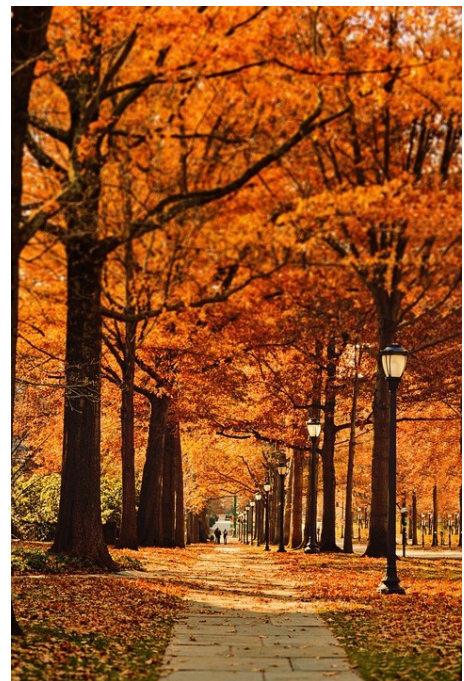
The Morton Loggers Jubilee will be in Morton, WA, on Saturday, August 10, 2024. The Hoquiam Parade

will be in Hoquiam, WA, on Saturday, September 8, 2024. All Afifi Nobles are invited to participate in these parades and enjoy the fun and fellowship. On Saturday, August 10 th , the fellowship will follow at IS Ryan Wright's house later that day. Our September Stated meeting will be on Saturday, September 14, 2024. We will have a Ceremonial at 10:30 AM, with the Second Section and lunch to follow. Our business meeting will begin at 1:00 PM. The 2025 Budget will be presented for further discussion and decision at our December meeting.

The Leadership Committee is interested in knowing if any Nobles are interested in joining the Elected Divan. If you are, they would like to receive your resume and the reason why you want to participate in the Elected Line. Please email the requested items to our Recorder, IS Keith Christensen, or me.

Thank you for your continued support.

Fraternally
IS David Aponte, Potentate



Fall is just around the corner

Our calendar changes quite often, so to see the most up-to-date listings, go to our website (affishriners.org)

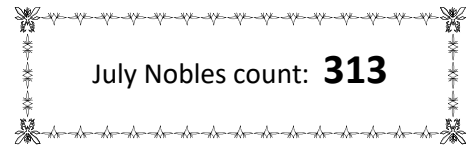
[Calendar Legend: BC = business casual dress, C&T = coat and tie, F = wear your fez, L = ladies are welcome, K = kids are welcome, \$ = buy your meal from a menu or purchase a meal ticket]

Club and Units CALENDAR

Wed Aug 14 / Sep 4	6:00 PM	Gateway SC Executive Meeting (Casual, \$) Round Table Pizza, 13009 NE Hwy 99, Vancouver
Wed Aug 14 / Sep 4	7:00 PM	SW WA Afifi Shrine Clowns Workshop and business meeting (casual) – after the Gateway SC meeting at Round Table Pizza
Fri Aug 2 / Sep 6	6:30 PM	Oriental Band monthly meeting/practice (BC), Scottish Rite Center, 817 S Vassault, Tacoma
Thu Aug 8 / Sep 12	4:00 PM	Columbia River Club Executive meeting , Kelso Masonic Lodge, 204 S Pacific Ave, Kelso
Thu Aug 8 / Sep 12	6:30 PM	World Famous Afifi Shrine Clowns dinner (BC,L,\$) location TBD
Mon Aug 19 / Sep 23	1:30 PM	Shriners Children’s - Portland Board - Afifi Hospital Board member
Mon Jun 24 / Jul 22	5:30 PM	Board of Directors (Divan) Virtual Meeting – Elected Appointed Divan
Wed Aug 28 / Sep 25	6:00 PM	Gateway Shrine Club Dinner (BC,L,\$,F) – location TBD
Thu Aug 22 / Sep 26	5:30 PM	Columbia River Shrine Club dinner (BC,L,K,\$,F) - Columbia Inn restaurant, 698 NE Frontage Rd, Kalama
Thu Aug 22 / Sep 26	6:00 PM	Afifi Greeters meeting (BC,L,\$ - no fez) Ben Dews Clubhouse Grill, 6501 6th Ave, Tacoma
Fri Aug 23 / Sep 27	6:00 PM	Thurston Mason Lewis County Shrine Club dinner (BC,L,\$,F) - Rivers Edge Restaurant at the Tumwater Valley Golf Club, 4611 Tumwater Valley Dr SE, Olympia
Sep 18th		Articles due to IS Ray Zimmerman for The Aug/Sep Fez

TEMPLE CALENDAR

Aug 2-11	All Day	Gateway SC Food Booth – Clark County Fair, Vancouver
Sat Aug 10	Noon	Morton Loggers Playday Parade - Morton
Sat Sep 7	Noon	Hoquiam Loggers Playday Parade —Hoquiam
Sat Sep 14	10:00 AM	Stated Meeting (C&T,L,\$,F) - Tacoma Scottish Rite Center, 817 S Vassault St, Tacoma
Sun Sep 29	2:00 – 6:00 PM	Afifi 1st Annual Crab, Beer & Wine Party – American Legion Hall - 4607 Northeast Saint James Road Vancouver
Sat Nov 9		Veteran’s Day Parades in Vancouver and Auburn
Sat Dec 14	1:00 PM	Stated Meeting (C&T,L,\$,F) - Tacoma Scottish Rite Center, 817 S Vassault St, Tacoma
	6:00 PM	Afifi Holiday Party (C&T,L,\$,F) – Tacoma Scottish Rite Center, 817 S Vassault St, Tacoma
Sat Jan 11	10:00 AM	Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers (C&T,L,\$,F) – location TBD



Black Camel



James Mallot	5/26
Arthur Liss	6/4
Graham Kent	2/22/18
William Cope	5/8/23



ShrinersInternational.org

Make a habit of going to the Shriners International website to read the latest news. Always something interesting going on.



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William G Norton P.P.	9/3
Phillip H Small	9/5
George K Johnson	9/5
George A Stone	9/5
Jeffrey C Greenwell	9/5
John H McKinley	9/6
Brian M Miller	9/6
Ronald E Burback	9/9
Del R Murry	9/9
Ralph J Stading	9/10
Wendal H Kuecker	9/11
Luther R Fanning	9/14
Michael L Dew	9/19
Ronald H Robbins	9/20
Robert M Traister	9/21
William S Field III	9/21
David A Rice	9/21
William C Bede	9/23
Mitchell B Dunn	9/24
John E Bouis	9/26
James W Hodges	9/27
Morris R Worsham	9/27
William R Bakamus	9/29
Howard M Svigals	9/30

Charles W Gaskill	8/1	Sage Beach	8/10
Rory R Johnson P.P.	8/1	Michael Towne	8/11
Lester M Byrd	8/2	Paul K Morris	8/13
Lawrence E Nelson	8/2	William R Nelson	8/13
Larry P Williams	8/2	Leroy W Walton Jr.	8/16
David P Torres	8/2	William L Arent	8/16
Jeremy Damerval	8/2	Robert L Michaels	8/17
Brian N Gross	8/4	William E Heddleson	8/18
Dale R Vrsalovich P.P.	8/4	William C Landreth Jr.	8/18
Don H Nau	8/5	Roger E Bushnell	8/20
James D Arnold	8/5	James L Gross	8/20
Donald J Daly	8/7	Thomas J Waggoner	8/20
William J Young Jr.	8/7	Dillard C Jensen	8/25
Richard A Serpe Jr.	8/8	Ryan Williams	8/26
Hansford Mooneyham	8/10	Jerry L Thompson	8/28
Alec Hall	8/10	Michael P Bryans	8/31



T-shirts for the Shriners Children's—Portland entry in the Portland Rose Festival Children's Parade provided by

RECORDER'S MESSAGE

Life Membership and Permanent Contributing Member Programs

Nobles of Afifi Shriners, Shriners International is working diligently to prepare for 2025 dues notices. Members subject to temple dues, Shriners International per capita tax, and the hospital levy will begin receiving notices in September.

This article will share information regarding Life Membership and Permanent Contributing Member programs, which are governed by the Bylaws of Shriners International.

Temple Life Membership

Summary:

Temple Life Members, once created, are thereafter exempt from the temple's annual dues. Temple life members may be created under three categories:

Meritorious service

Longevity – when a member has paid his dues for a term of not less than 35 years.

Prepayment of dues

Members under the age of 65 years: Twenty (20) times the temple's current annual dues.

Members 65 years or older: Ten (10) times the temple's current annual dues.

Afifi's annual dues are currently \$125.00 per year.

For full details, refer to Shriners International Bylaws § 332.6.

Shriners International Per Capita Life Membership

Summary:

A Noble may pay to his temple recorder a sum equal to Thirty (30) times the current [*Shriners International*] per capita tax and, thereafter, he is exempt from the annual per capita tax.

The current per capita tax is \$50.00 per year.

For full details, refer to Shriners International Bylaws § 211.5 (g).

Hospital Permanent Contributing Membership

Summary:

A member may purchase for \$150 a Permanent Contributing Membership in the Hospitals, receive a certificate therefor from the Recorder of the temple and be exempt from any further hospital levy.

The current hospital levy is \$5.00 per year.

For full details, refer to Shriners International Bylaws § 332.4.

ASSISTANT RABBAN'S MESSAGE

Nobles,
I hope your summer is cruising by and health is on your side.

As your Assistant Rabban the time is approaching to continue more active planning.

First thank you all for the participation in the parades this year. We have more fun with more nobles.

Imperial was quite an experience and we will share with you at the stated meeting about it.

I will soon be sending out an email and calling asking questions to help us become stronger as a Temple with more participation. If you have suggestions or information to assist me in this endeavor, feel free to reach out to me. The Divan and I want to see more of your faces and your experience to make the meetings and events fun and worthwhile.

See you in the parade route.

Shane Inman
Assistant Rabban

Membership Chairman
Legion of Honor Commander
Afi Shriners

IMPERIAL SIR DALE VRSALOVICH, IMPERIAL OUTER GUARD



Battle Ground Parade



Olympia Lakefair Parade



Camas Parade



TEMPLE LIAISON MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM THE LAST BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING



Shriners Children's now has a clinic in Redmond! Our new clinic in Redmond, Oregon has been open since April! Our ribbon cutting was Friday, August 9 at 5 p.m.

- The [SHRINERS OPEN](#) is October 14—20 in Las Vegas. Meet our Shriner's Open Patient Ambassador, Justin! Read about his story [HERE](#).



- The 65th **Food Caravan** Anniversary and Hawaiian Luau Dinner will be on October 15 at 5:30pm. Al Kader and Nydia Temple #4 will be sponsoring the dinner. Call 503-682-4420 for reservations.
- Register now for the **2024 Walk for Love** at the Oregon Zoo! The event will be on Saturday, Sept 7th from 6:15pm—9:00pm. Click [HERE](#) to sign up!
- The Office of Philanthropy continues to seek donations to help the Portland Hospital. We still have items on our "Priorities List" that need to be funded. Click [HERE](#). Please reach out to Angie Gofredo at 971-544-3334.
- Check out a few of our media spots from the Rose Festival Parade!
 - [Video 1:](#)
 - [Video 2:](#)



HOSPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

GREAT INFORMATION ON HOSPITAL PATIENTS, STAFF, AND BOARD MEMBERS

- A very generous donor made a donation of over \$1million in honor of the amazing care he received over 80 years ago. He said he wouldn't be the man he was, if it wasn't for Shriners Children's Portland.
- Shriners Portland has unwavering high quality award winning healthcare. Check out our [Outcomes Book](#).
- Feel free to circulate our [Fraternal Toolkit](#).



Want a chance to win a Shriners Children's 100th Anniversary Blanket? Please click [HERE](#) to leave any questions, comments or suggestions for the Temple Liaison Committee about hospital communications.

Yours in the faith,
**Portland Board of Governors
Temple Liaison Committee**

2024 Elected Officers & Board of Directors

IS David A. Aponte Potentate / Chair
Noble Rick Johnson Chief Rabban
Noble Shane Inman Assistant Rabban
Noble TomaHawk Pearson High Priest & Prophet
Nobel Kenneth Branch Oriental Guide
Noble Ron Fryer Treasurer
Noble Gordon Johnson Recorder

2024 Appointed Officers

1st Ceremonial Master Noble Ken Hare
2nd Ceremonial Master Noble Marvin Colburn
Director Noble Alex Jordan
Director of Units Noble Joseph Clark
Marshal Noble Tony Anabelle
Chaplain Noble Michael Smitson
Captain Of the Guard Nobel Lawrence Byrd
Marshal Noble Jeff Kant
Outer Guard Noble Ronald Robbins
Potentate Executive IS Joseph McAlister

Coordinators

Gateway Noble Rick Johnson
Columbia River Noble Marvin Colburn
Thurston-Mason-Lewis Noble Shane Inman
Grays Harbor IS Rory Johnson
Greeters IS David Aponte
Legion of Honor Noble Shane Inman
Oriental Band IS David Aponte
SW WA Shrine Clowns IS Ray Zimmerman
World Famous Shrine Clowns IS David Aponte

Social Media Links:

Facebook Groups: Afifi Shriners, Gateway Shrine Club, Afifi Southwest Washington Shrine Clowns
Facebook Pages: Afifi Shriners, Gateway Shrine Club
Telegram: Gateway Shrine Clowns, SW WA Afifi Shrine Clowns

Divan/Executive Board Meetings

Via Zoom
4th Mondays at 5:30 PM
Clubs/Units Officers Mtg
4th Thursdays



THE FEZ

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Publisher, Advertising Manager & Editor

IS Ray Zimmerman
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Submit articles for The Fez by our deadline of the 18th of the month preceding the publication month.
Thank you.

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Insurance Advisory: Greg Mohoric, David Rice, Jon Gill

Leadership Search: IS David Aponte (Chairman), IS Keith Christensen, IS Brandt Bede, IS Doug Baker, IS Joseph McAlister and Rick Johnson

Shrine Club Meetings

Columbia River Club—4th Thursday
Gateway Club—1st Wednesday
Grays Harbor Club—2nd Friday
Thurston-Mason Lewis County—4th Friday

Unit Meetings

World Famous Afifi Clowns—2nd Tuesday
SW WA Clowns—1st Wednesday
Greeters—4th Thursday
Oriental Band—1st Friday

Afifi Club & Unit Presidents

Columbia River Club Noble Ron Horn
Gateway Club Noble Ron Fryer
Grays Harbor Club Noble Louis Summers
Thurston-Mason Lewis County IS Ryan Wright

Greeters Noble Larry Newsham
Legion of Honor Noble Shane Inman
Oriental Band IS Rory Johnson
SW WA Afifi Clowns IS Ray Zimmerman
World Famous Clowns Noble Daryl McLaughlin

Committees

Financial Advisory: Howard Cohen (Chairman), IS Travis Cantrell, Ken Hare, William Cooper

Membership: Shane Inman (Chairman), Kenny Branch, IS Rory Johnson

Fundraising: Ron Fryer

Marketing and Communications: TomaHawk Pearson (Chairman), Rick Johnson, IS Ray Zimmerman, Ron Fryer, IS David Aponte

Afifi Shrine

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Battle Ground, WA 98604

**BEING A SHRINER IS MORE THAN PAYING DUES
COME TO OUR MEETINGS AND FIND OUT.
2024—THIS IS THE WAY**