

# THE FEZ

August —September 2024



## POTENDATE'S MESSAGE

IS David A. Aponte Potentate 2024

Nobles Es Salamu Alekium

We are almost three-fourth through the year. We had a successful third stated meeting. The Code of Decorum for our meetings is working. This allows all Nobles to express themselves without taking up time, which is valuable to all our Nobles. We had a full ceremonial at our September meeting. We had 3 Nobles do the full Ceremonial. Doing several activities on our meeting days maximizes the fellowship and time with our Nobles. Thank you to all that participated in this Ceremonial. A big thank you to IS Rory Johnson for his assistance with the ritual. I have to mention that Noble Dan Marsh was installed as Captain of the Guard. Our Chief Rabban presented the 2025 budget. While some question and comments were made, the 2025 budget will be presented at our December Stated for discussion and approval. After reading the budget if you have questions or recommendations please send them to our Chief Rabban, Noble Rick Johnson (rick.g.johnson@gmail.com). We still kept our business meeting at 2 hours. Thank you to the all Nobles present that made this happen.

The parade season is almost over. We still have Veterans day parades in November. The Auburn parade will be Saturday, November 9th at 10 AM. While the Vancouver parade, will be on November 11th at 10 AM. This is our opportunity to thank all our Veterans for serving their country with honors, dignity, and sacrifice. We encourage all Nobles to participate in both parades. We hope the Provost Guard and the Legion of Honor will participate in both. A big thank you to our Unit Coordinator, Noble Joe Clark for all his efforts this year with our parades.

I request all Nobles to read in this issue the memo sent to the Clubs and Units. After reading it, please ponder on our obligations as Masons and Shriners.

## DECEMBER STATED MEETING

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

**Date: Saturday, December 14th, 2024**

**Time: 1:00 PM**

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

*Election of 2025 Officers  
Approval of 2025 Budget*

Lunch at 11:30 AM. Call (253) 565-2055 to make an RSVP for lunch.

Donation \$15.00

The future of Afifi will be more significant with all our Nobles helping to make it so. We have many issues to resolve but we are still here because we care about our Temple. We all need to make our Temple better than it was before. Maybe we can't fix everything in a year, two, or three, but if we continue to support our Temple, we may begin to see the fruits of our labor sooner than later. The only reason I can think of is because This is the Way —Alekium es Salam Nobles.

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IS David A. Aponte

Potentate

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 Oct 2 / Nov 6	6:00 PM	<b>Gateway SC Executive Meeting</b> (Casual, \$) Round Table Pizza, 13009 NE Hwy 99, Vancouver
Wed Oct 2 / Nov 6	7:00 PM	<b>SW WA Afifi Shrine Clowns Workshop and business meeting</b> (casual) – after the Gateway SC meeting at Round Table Pizza
Fri Oct 4 / Nov 1	6:30 PM	<b>Oriental Band monthly meeting/practice</b> (BC), Scottish Rite Center, 817 S Vassault, Tacoma
Thu Oct 10 / Nov 14	4:00 PM	<b>Columbia River Club Executive meeting</b> , Kelso Masonic Lodge, 204 S Pacific Ave, Kelso
Thu Oct 10 / Nov 14	6:30 PM	<b>World Famous Afifi Shrine Clowns dinner</b> (BC,L,\$) location TBD
Mon Oct 28 / Nov 25	1:30 PM	<b>Shriners Children’s - Portland Board</b> - Afifi Hospital Board member
Mon Oct 28 / Nov 25	5:30 PM	<b>Board of Directors (Divan) Virtual Meeting</b> – Elected Appointed Divan
Wed Oct 23	6:00 PM	<b>Gateway Shrine Club Dinner</b> (BC,L,\$,F) – go to gatewayshrineclub.com for dinner location —(no dinners in November or December)
Thu Oct 24 / Nov 21	5:30 PM	<b>Columbia River Shrine Club dinner</b> (BC,L,K,\$,F) - Columbia Inn restaurant, 698 NE Frontage Rd, Kalama
Thu Oct 24 / Nov 21	6:00 PM	<b>Afifi Greeters meeting</b> (BC,L,\$ - no fez) Ben Dews Clubhouse Grill, 6501 6th Ave, Tacoma
Fri Oct 25 / Nov 22	6:00 PM	<b>Thurston Mason Lewis County Shrine Club dinner</b> (BC,L,\$,F) - Rivers Edge Restaurant at the Tumwater Valley Golf Club, 4611 Tumwater Valley Dr SE, Olympia
Nov 18th		<b>Articles due to IS Ray Zimmerman for The Aug/Sep Fez</b>

## TEMPLE CALENDAR

Sat Oct 19	10:00 AM	<b>Al Kader Food Caravan</b> (BC, F) - Al Kader Temple, 25100 SW Parkway Ave, Wilsonville, OR
Sat Nov 9	Noon	<b>Veteran’s Day Parade in Auburn</b> (BC, F)
Mon Nov 11	11:00 AM	<b>Veteran’s Day Parade in Vancouver</b> (BC, F)
Sat Nov 16	4:00 PM	<b>Thurston-Mason-Lewis Co Shrine Club Holiday Party</b> (Tux, L, \$, F)—Jester Auto Museum, 321 Hamilton Rd, Chehalis
Sat Dec 14	1:00 PM	<b>Stated Meeting</b> (C&T,L,\$,F) - Tacoma Scottish Rite Center, 817 S Vassault St, Tacoma
Sat Dec 14	6:00 PM	<b>Afifi Holiday Party</b> (C&T,L,\$,F) – Tacoma Scottish Rite Center, 817 S Vassault St, Tacoma
Sat Jan 11	10:00 AM	<b>Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers</b> (C&T,L,\$,F) – location TBD



**Thurston Mason Lewis Shrine Club**  
Holiday Party

### IT’S DUES TIME AGAIN

Here’s where your 2025 dues go:

- \$125 to Afifi Temple
- \$50 to Shriners International (Per Capita)
- \$5 to Shriners Children’s (Hospital Assessment)

Now’s the time to be thinking about purchasing a Life Membership:

- Afifi - \$2,500 (under 65 yrs of age)  
\$1,250 (65+)
- Shriners Intl - \$1,500
- Shriners Children’s - \$150



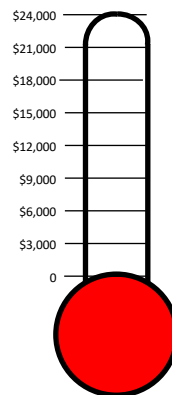
Cliff Taylor	1/10	Jimmie Martin	21/10
William C Myers Jr.	3/10	Daryl J Lund	21/10
Clinton M Brown Jr.	6/10	Roy J Pidcock	21/10
John R Adamson	8/10	Robert Royal	22/10
Dave R Montonye	8/10	Marc G Eddy	22/10
Matthew Hartmann	9/10	Ralph E Decker	23/10
William J Alford	12/10	Howard R Cohen	24/10
John Poulos	14/10	Gary E Gasaway	25/10
Bruce D Fish	14/10	Leslie C Moore	26/10
H. R Schulz	16/10	Virgil G Maier	27/10
Jeffery A Brunson	17/10	Harold E Lewis	28/10
Kenneth J Keesler P.P.	19/10	James E Nero	28/10
John C Bryant	20/10	W B Bede P.P.	29/10
Brian N Stoll	20/10	Mark R Villacruz	29/10
Thomas E Berger	20/10	Patrick H Lazere	31/10

William R Miller	2/11
Dan L Mulvihill	6/11
Allen L Oliver	6/11
Keith W Christensen P.P.	6/11
William J Lipp III	7/11
Rick L McGann	8/11
Elton L Strange	9/11
Gordon S Johnson	9/11
Michael J Wallace	10/11
Robin U Go	11/11
James B Logg	12/11
Jon F Niehaus	12/11
Robert M Wooldridge	13/11
Alexander Bautista	16/11
Ronny V Barker	17/11
Frank E Moxley Jr.	18/11
Richard A Kennedy	20/11
Carroll H Melby	21/11
Joseph Clark	22/11
Harold A Edvalds	26/11
Jacky C Glenn	26/11
Jeffrey Harlow	29/11
Joseph A Morris	30/11



**YOUR INVITED**

Every Tuesday morning at 7:00 am at  
Carol's Corner Restaurant for fellowship  
and cheap (but tasty) breakfast.  
7800 NE St Johns Rd #1021, Vancouver



Let's raise money to cover the 2025 budget shortfall!





# AFIFI CRAB, BEER AND WINE PARTY FUNDRAISER

OCTOBER 29TH, AMERICAN LEGION HALL, VANCOUVER





# AS REPORTED IN THE COLUMBIAN NEWSPAPER



VANCOUVER: Afifi Shriners team of Clark County locals celebrates a successful Portland to Coast relay.

VANCOUVER — A team of Afifi Shriners from Vancouver and Battle Ground successfully completed this month’s Portland to Coast walking relay. The 150-mile relay coincides with the Hood to Coast running relay, which starts on Mount Hood. Both races end in Seaside, Ore. The Shriners’ team was named “Feet on the Street, Walking for Shriners Children’s Hospital.” Among the participants was 81-year-old Shiner Jim Thompson, who recently underwent two knee surgeries. Thompson walked two legs of the race, totaling 9 miles, to raise money for the Shriners’ hospital programs.



Afifi support for the Portland-to-Coast Walking Relay team “Feet on the Street—Walking for Shriners Children’s Hospital”. This is how you park 3,000 support vans in the middle of nowhere.

September Nobles count: **303**

## Black Camel



<b>Wallace F Music</b>	<b>4/20/22</b>
<b>James T Hallman</b>	<b>3/14</b>
<b>James C Borgen</b>	<b>3/24</b>
<b>Dr. MP Hutson</b>	<b>6/4</b>
<b>Lester M Byrd</b>	<b>6/11</b>
<b>Lawrence T Newsham</b>	<b>8/24</b>

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



[ShrinersInternational.org](http://ShrinersInternational.org)



[beashrinernow.com](http://beashrinernow.com)  
ePetition



To: All Afifi Clubs and Units

From: IS David Aponte, Potentate

Date: September 19, 2024

Subject: Recent Article 30

Club or Unit President, please read the following communication at your next Club or Unit meeting. Thank you.

As many of you are aware, I recently addressed a serious issue involving an Article 30, brought by an Afifi Member. The charge was the use of racial slurs language in a conversation, which understandably offended the member. The Divan was promptly informed of Article 30 after the written and signed request was presented, and we made it clear that we would adhere to the guidelines established by Shriners' International Bylaws. The parties involved came to an agreement and resolved the Article 30. However, it is necessary for everyone to understand the gravity of this situation.

As members of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, we are holden to our Shriner's Creed and our Masonic Obligations. An obligation is a tie, pledge, or bond by which a man is tied to his fellows or gives his word to perform specific duties. We enter into these obligations of our own free will and accord.

Our Creed indicates that:

1. We, as individuals, pledge ourselves to integrity, virtue, and nobility of character.
2. Our intentions will be honorable, our relations will be trustworthy, and our spirits will be forgiving of each other.
3. As brothers, we offer each other fraternal affection and **respect**.

Our Masonic Obligations are not just words on a page, they are the foundation of our organization. They are founded on four important values that help define our path through life: Integrity, Friendship, Respect and Service. These principles, such as Fortitude, Prudence, Temperance, Justice, Brotherly Love, Relief, Truth, Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity, are not just ideals, they are the essence of who we are. They are our working tools, guiding us in our actions and decisions.

Given these values and expectations, any form of disrespect towards a fellow Noble will not be tolerated within our Temple nor jurisdiction.

# TEMPLE LIAISON MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



## KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM THE LAST BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

To show appreciation for all that our hospital staff members do for our patients, the **Portland Board Members organized a Staff BBQ** on August 19th. This has been an annual traditional that is appreciated by all.



The 70th annual food drive to collect food items through the **Food Caravan** involving many of the Hospitals affiliated Temples, culminates at Al Kader Center in Wilsonville, October 19th. This is the only remaining Hospital Food Caravan in the Shrine System.

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



- Patient Quality Metrics continue to maintain excellent results and inpatient volume have been strong throughout the summer. Portland hospital continues to focus on expansion opportunities for new clinics
- 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.

## GREAT INFORMATION ON HOSPITAL PATIENTS, STAFF, AND BOARD MEMBERS

- Former patient aims for successful Paris games to close out Paralympic Career. Read about McKenna Geer's story [HERE](#).
- Our continually growing Walk-In Fracture and Sports Injury Clinic is open M - F (except holidays) from 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Please help us spread the word! [CLICK HERE](#)
- 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**



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The 2024 Walk for Love was a success! We loved seeing many staff members, old

and new friends, past and current patients and their families, Shriners, Board Members and supporters of all kinds! Over \$50,000 was raised! Check out the live coverage [HERE](#).

Shriners Children’s Portland continues to support international patients from all around the world. We have helped over one hundred kids from 15 different countries!



- Mexico
- Panama
- Ukraine
- Nigeria
- Grenada
- Canada
- Honduras
- Guatemala
- Bolivia
- Antigua
- Fiji
- India
- Philippines
- Venezuela
- Ecuador

The Office of Philanthropy is in need of patient stretchers and medical equipment to assist with our growing sports medicine program. Please reach out to our Sr. Director of Philanthropy, Angie Gofredo at [971-544-3334](tel:971-544-3334) if you would like more information on how to donate.



The Redmond Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on August 9, 2024 was well attended. We had Staff, Shriners, Ladies, Redmond and Bend Chamber Members, and Patients. We received excellent media coverage. Please check out one of the articles [HERE](#):

## GREAT INFORMATION ON HOSPITAL PATIENTS, STAFF, AND BOARD MEMBERS

- Born with the need for an above-the-knee amputation, Kooper learned to navigate the world a little differently than most kids. Read about Kooper’s story [HERE](#).
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**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 Daniel Marsh  
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**

**Official Bi-monthly Publication of Afifi Shrine**

**Publisher, Advertising Manager & Editor**

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

**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 Afifi Clowns ..... Noble Daryl McLaughlin

**Committees**

**Financial Advisory:** Howard Cohen (Chairman), IS Ed Woods, 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

**Bylaws:** IS Joseph McAlister (Chairman), IS Ray Zimmerman

**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

**Afifi Shrine**

Shriners International  
PO Box 1433  
Battle Ground, WA 98604

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COME TO OUR MEETINGS AND FIND OUT.  
2024—THIS IS THE WAY**