

THE FEZ

December 2024— January 2025



POTENDATE'S MESSAGE

IS David A. Aponte Potentate 2024

Nobles

Es Salamu Alekium

This is my last article to the nobility.

At our December Stated meeting (Saturday, December 14th at 10:30 AM), we will elect our 2025 Divan Officers. We will also talk about and approve the 2025 budget. Your right as a Noble is to ballot for those to be your leaders in 2025 and vote for the Temple's budget. After the December meeting, we will have our Christmas party if we have a headcount for the same. We will assemble again on Saturday, January to install our new Officers.

I do have to report that at every parade we have been present at, people had a positive and uplifting attitude towards Shriners. Many thanked us for all the work we have done and what we did for them or their children. This appreciation always brings a smile on our faces for the work we do. This is truly the best pay any Shriner can receive especially from our former patients. A big thank you to Noble Joe Clark for his work this year. I know with the experience acquired and if he is selected to be the Unit Director again, he will excel himself next year.

This has been a year of challenges. One of those challenges is the way the Divan has worked as a team.

Our Divan began the road of being a team with a positive outcome towards our work and towards each other. We may have different point of views, but it didn't create a hostile environment but the opposite. We would discuss the different items and come to an agreement which as a Divan we supported once a decision was reached. Each Divan member was free to express themselves and their contribution was considered. During the year, we educated ourselves with our Temple and Shriner's International Bylaws in

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DECEMBER STATED MEETING

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

Date: Saturday, December 14th, 2024

Time: 10:30 AM

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 and Christmas Party at 1:00 PM (+/-).
Email to afifishrine@gmail.com to make an RSVP for lunch.

Donation \$20.00

JANUARY STATED MEETING & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Place: Gibson House Event Center (in O'Blarney's Pub),
221 N Tower Ave, Centralia

Date: Saturday, January 11th, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM

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

Installation—12:15 PM

Lunch at 1:15 PM

Presentations/Closing following.

Email to afifishrine@gmail.com to make an RSVP for lunch.

Donation \$25.00

Our calendar changes quite often, so to see the most up-to-date listings, go to our website (afiffishriners.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 Dec 4 / Jan 8	6:00 PM	Gateway SC Executive Meeting (Casual, \$) Round Table Pizza, 13009 NE Hwy 99, Vancouver
Wed Dec 4 / Jan 8	7:00 PM	SW WA Affi Shrine Clowns Workshop and business meeting (casual) – after the Gateway SC meeting at Round Table Pizza
Fri Dec 6 / Jan 3	6:30 PM	Oriental Band monthly meeting/practice (BC), Scottish Rite Center, 817 S Vassault, Tacoma
Thu Dec 12 / Jan 9	4:00 PM	Columbia River Club Executive meeting , Kelso Masonic Lodge, 204 S Pacific Ave, Kelso
Mon Dec 16 / Jan 27	1:30 PM	Shriners Children's - Portland Board - Afifi Hospital Board member
Mon Dec 16 / Jan 27	5:30 PM	Board of Directors (Divan) Virtual Meeting – Elected Appointed Divan
Thu Dec 19 / Jan 23	5:30 PM	Columbia River Shrine Club dinner (BC,L,K,\$,F) - Columbia Inn restaurant, 698 NE Frontage Rd, Kalama
Thu Jan 9	6:30 PM	World Famous Afifi Shrine Clowns dinner (BC,L,\$) The Cloverleaf, 6430 6th Ave, Tacoma. No dinner in December.
Jan 18		Articles due to IS Ray Zimmerman for The Aug/Sep Fez
Wed Jan 22	6:00 PM	Gateway Shrine Club Dinner (BC,L,\$,F) – go to gatewayshrineclub.com for dinner location —(no dinner in December)
Thu Jan 23	6:00 PM	Afifi Greeters meeting (BC,L,\$ - no fez) Ben Dews Clubhouse Grill, 6501 6th Ave, Tacoma
Fri Dec 27 / Jan 24	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

TEMPLE CALENDAR

Sat Dec 14	10:30 AM	Stated Meeting (C&T,L,\$,F) - Tacoma Scottish Rite Center, 817 S Vassault St, Tacoma
Sat Dec 14	1:00 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) – Gibson House Event Center (in O'Blarney's Pub), 221 N Tower Ave, Centralia

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our working as a Divan. We dealt with a situation in accordance to these Bylaws. I can vouch that the Divan have worked diligently. I cannot express enough the quality and dedication of the Shriners we have in our Divan.

We have appointed IS Ed Woods to complete the term of another Noble, who is no longer on the Financial Advisory Committee, until December and will have to be re-elected to complete a two-year term or be elected to a three-year term. It is the will of the Nobility. I do say IS Woods being in the Committee has brought a motivational spark and new perspective to the Committee, in particular, and the Temple, in general.

“This is the Way” is no mere motto just to have a motto. It was the motto to begin building a more positive environment in our Divan. It was a motto to begin building a more collaborative effort within our Temple. This is just the beginning. We still have many challenges ahead of us. The way we tackle each one is hopefully with the motivation and purpose of making our Temple better. For the 2025 Officers, I pray this commitment continues and our Temple can benefit from it for years to come.

To all our Nobles that truly want our Temple to succeed, your words and efforts are welcomed and appreciated. It is because of you that we serve with pride and joy. Remember we all are Masons. We still carry our Masonic obligations with us. It is not something we can check at the door. Our words and actions reflect who we really are as Masons.

Being in the Season of Joy and Faith, a season of rebirth and miracles, we must always remember how the Light of our Faith sustains us in our darkest hours and brings joy and happiness to all. With this said, to all our Nobles and their families, Lady Lucy and I wish everyone many blessings during this season be it Christmas, Hanukah, and the New Year. May the New Year bring us all the light for the best. May the Great Architect of the Universe continue to bless us all for years to come.

Fraternally, IS David Aponte, Potentate 2024



Elzy P Edwards	12/31
Edward C Kittel	1/1
Donald W Hawkins	1/2
Alexander J Jordan	1/6
Ernest W Shumate	1/7
Charles R Brockway	1/8
Charles D Hansen	1/11
Steven E Bryant	1/12
Jason Jones	1/13
Matt Martin	1/15
Donn J Brunson P.P.	1/15
Raymond C Zimmerman P.P.	1/21
Richard G Johnson	1/21
Robert S Orcutt	1/22
Milton L Spillers	1/27
Avery A Romine	1/28
Joseph B Gary III	1/28
A. C. Sanjay Nair	1/31

David M Dugger	12/1	Larry L Anderson	12/14
Norell M Lopez	12/1	Steven W Livingston	12/14
Edgardo E Tandoc	12/3	Jerald A McDonald	12/16
Richard W Snyder	12/5	Adrian R Berglund	12/19
Michael C Moore	12/5	John M Brett P.P.	12/19
Joseph L Graul	12/6	Evaristo A Leviste	12/19
Jeffery Jackson	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 P.P.	12/11	Richard L Brosey	12/28
John S Hutmacher	12/14	Terance H Dawson	12/30

Rick Johnson—Chief Rabban Message

Illustrious Sirs and Nobles all,

It's hard to believe this year is coming to an end already. Time goes by so fast. We have had some challenging times, but we have risen up and we continued to move forward. Sadly, we lost 14 Nobles to the black camel, but we can focus on the positive that we have 7 new nobles in our temple this year. Let's embrace them and show them how proud we are to be Shriners.

We have had some good times in 2024. Some of my favorites always include

- Parades, I say this, regardless of if my trike is operating or not. Overall, the parades have been well attended by Nobles and ladies across our territory. The post parade tailgates are always a lot of fun. A special thank you to IS Ryan and Lady Robin for the post Morton parade BBQ at their place.
- I want to thank everyone who helped and attended the crab feed fundraiser this year. We had some bumps and lessons learned, but overall, it was a success with fun, fellowship and a positive financial return.
- I also want to thank the Thurston-Mason-Lewis county club for their November social. It was a great venue, and the club did an awesome job putting it together making it special for those who were able to attend.

Aside from the important work we do with Shriners children's, keeping the Afifi business operational, we need to also focus on fun and fellowship. If you have ideas, please bring them. Let's plan that next great event!

I would challenge those who have stepped away from the temple, come back. If you are involved at the club level, but not the temple, please come back. We need you to be involved, have a voice and help guide a fun and evolving culture. Regardless of if our meetings are in the north, central or the south, we only have 5 stated meetings in a year. It's your temple, it's important your voice is heard. I would love to see you attend.

Gateway Shrine Club Report

Veterans Day Parade in Vancouver



We have been busy the past few weeks, with cleaning up the Fair Booth and taking inventory of our equipment. We have decided to give up the Fair Booth as our annual fundraiser and investigate other options. After much discussion, we have decided to try something new; but before I reveal what it is, I want to do a test run so we can see how it works. You'll just have to wait with patience for our report.

Gateway members teamed up with the SW WA Clowns for the Veterans Day Parade in Vancouver. We wore our Fez instead of clowning up, out of respect. Ray Z. had a sign made with famous people that were Masons, and it led us in the parade with two Masons carrying it. The sign was enormous, about 6 feet wide and 4 feet high. Lots

of people saw it and we got a huge amount of applause and many, many smiles. Lots of folks recognized me and yelled out to me, even one of the announcers! It made me so proud to be a part of such a wonderful organization. As always, please go to www.gatewayshrineclub.com for more information and events.

Best Regards,, Ron "ACE" Fryer

- Gateway SC donated \$250 to the Al Kader
- Annual Food Drive for the Portland Hospital.

Thurston-Mason-Lewis Shrine Club Report



TMLSC Holiday Party black tie with our wonderful ladies, good food, good music, great fellowship.

Veterans Day Parade in Auburn



Afifi nobles joined the King Solomon Lodge and Bethel 78 in the Auburn parade

SW WA Afifi Shrine Clowns Report



The SW WA Afifi Shrine Clowns donated \$5,000 to purchase a stretcher for the Portland hospital.



The SW WA Afifi Shrine Clowns donated \$5,000 to the International Shrine Clown Assoc. Red Sneaker Fund.

Columbia River Shrine Club Report

(no report)

Oriental Band Report

Greetings from the alive and exuberant Afifi Oriental Band. This year is the 15th anniversary of the resurrection of the once 60-member strong Afifi Oriental Band. We have been up and down over those many years and now find ourself again on the upswing. Last spring a new Afifi Shriner Ryan Williams, joined the band playing a musette and has been a strong addition to our sound. Late summer Bill Cooper also joined the group and is contemplating playing a musette or playing in the percussion section. The band members FUN is producing a distinctive sound playing unique music while entertaining the Shrine fans at the civic parades Afifi participates in from April through September. We also can't forget the terrific fellowship we share. If you enjoy a huge dose of Fun and Frivolity, making a joyful sound and fellowshipping with your Brother Nobles, the band invites to come join us at a practice and see what we're all about. Most everyone enjoys music and you don't have to be a musician or know how to play an instrument to join. Meetings are 6:30 pm, 1st Friday of every month at Tacoma Scottish Rite. Call 253-732-1324 for more info.

Rory Johnson P.P. 2021

Shane Inman—Assistant Rabban Message

Nobles of the mystic shrine please join us for the December meeting as we will continue to define our temple with the election of officers and approval of the 2025 budget.

Thank you all for the great participation this past year at the parades and events. We truly have more fun when more like minded folks amass to do what we love. More to come. See you next month.

World Famous Afifi Shrine Clowns Report

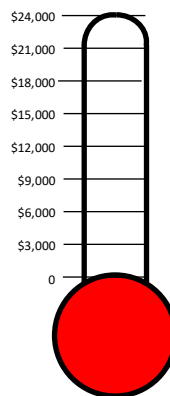
Hello Nobles. The Clowns have decided to take the holidays off to spend more time with families. Join us at the Cloverleaf at 6:30 PM on January 9th. Wishing all a merry holiday season. WHUT and all the rest.



Black Camel

- John Straub 10/13
- Donald E Farrar 10/26

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



November Nobles count: **301**

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



ShrinersInternational.org



beashrinernow.com
ePetition

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

Legion of Honor Report

Calling All LOH members and prospective members. If you have served you are eligible to join. We need members to present the colors for the December Stated Meeting and the Installation in January.

Interested in joining or becoming re-engaged? Reach out to the Commander—Shane Inman

Portland Hospital Report

Halloween at the Portland Hospital

Gordon Johnson-Recorder Message

Nobles, our annual election will take place during Saturday, December 14, 2025. Please take note of Election Regulations published in Shriners International Bylaws:

§ 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.

(d) **Notice.** At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election, the temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section.



The volunteers are part of the Admissions Dept. Their theme this year was 'Circus'.



Volunteers Debbie Cook, IS Ray Zimmerman and Sharon Kelley.

TEMPLE LIAISON MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM THE LAST BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING



The Al Kader Food Caravan was a success! Thank you to everyone involved in supporting this

noble cause. Total donations were \$81,122.25! This includes the money raised from the sale of cows, pigs, sheep and goats as well as \$10,800 in cash donations.



Alumni Ambassador, Justin Chi tees off at **Shriners Children's Open**. Twenty-five

years ago, he was in an accident that left him with third degree burns on major parts of his body. Today he is fully recovered due to the commitment of Shriners Children's Portland to help him throughout the healing process. He has since been a proud supporter of the Portland hospital. He was grateful to play at the Shriners Open and raised a total of \$4,287. Read about Justin's story [here](#).



The 45th Annual Abate Toy Run is coming up on Saturday, December 7th!

45th Annual Shriners' Toy Run
Saturday, December 7th
 Meet at Fred Meyer Corporate HQ
 3800 SE 22nd Ave., Portland, OR 97202
 (22nd & SE Powell)

Bring New Toys!!
 Please bring packaged toys only for all ages
 Please no stuffed toys..

Bikes Leave at Noon
 To save money and police resources this will be a self-directed ride.
 The Hospital will be hosting a reception for us.

ALL RIDERS WELCOME
 RIDE WHAT YOU GOT

Shriners Children's Portland

Sanctioned by AMA of Oregon. Contributions or gifts to A.A.P.C. of Oregon, Inc. are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.



The Office of Philanthropy is in need of a MUSIC THERAPISTS to interact with our patients. Please reach out to our Sr. Director of Philanthropy, Angie Gofredo at **971-544-3334** if

you would like to find out more!

GREAT INFORMATION ON HOSPITAL PATIENTS, STAFF, AND BOARD MEMBERS

- Shriners International shares the historical meaning behind the beginning of Shriners Children's. Check out the video and reenactment of the that meaningful moment [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 Children's Portland has unwavering high quality award winning healthcare. Check out our [2023 Outcomes Book](#). Also, feel free to circulate our [Fraternal Toolkit](#).



Want a chance to win a Shriners Children's Blanket or free Caravan Coffee? 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**

CHUCKWAGON DINNER



When: Saturday, March 1st

Time: 5 PM—Social Time 6 PM—Dinner

Open Bar by Afifi Shrine

Where: Tacoma Scottish Rite Center
817 S Vassault St, Tacoma WA

Cost: \$30 per person Prepaid Only No tickets sold at the door

Tickets available from any member of Zora No. 5

Menu: Smoked Brisket, Cowboy Beans, Potato Salad
Cole Slaw, Cornbread and Berry Cobbler



Silent Auction, 50/50 Drawing,
Door Prizes, Live Auction,
Western Music—Willie & Eileen Winstead



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



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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
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

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