

# THE FEZ

February—March 2025



## POTENDATE'S MESSAGE

IS Richard Johnson— Potentate 2025

It is both an honor and a privilege to serve as the Afifi 2025 Potentate. I am committed to this role and will approach it with a determined focus to elevate our Shrine Temple, ensuring it continues to honor our proud mission and legacy.

My Goals for This Year:

1. **Member Engagement:** We will identify and implement new social events and ceremonial contributions to foster camaraderie and reconnect with all our members.
2. **Impactful Ceremonials:** We aim to develop unique and engaging ceremonies that emphasize the core values of Shrinedom. By involving new members in the planning process, we can help them feel invested from the very start.
3. **Recruitment Strategies:** We will create mentorship programs that pair seasoned members with new Shriners. Additionally, we will identify events that enhance our visibility within the fraternity and in our communities, inspiring a desire to become involved.
4. **Diverse Programming:** Our aim is to offer a variety of events that appeal to a broader audience. Family-friendly activities and encouraging trying new things will attract men of all ages, helping to grow and be seen in our communities.



Bundle up! It's Winter!

## MARCH STATED MEETING

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

**Date:** Saturday, March 8, 2024

**Time:** Noon (notice time change)

**St. Patties Day Theme**

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

Morning: Granola Bars, Fig Newtons, Coffee

Lunch at 11:30 am:

- St. Patties Day Shepherds Pie w/spice bar
- Salad & Dressing
- Buns
- Desert

Ladies Social & Games Day:

- Cornhole
- Jenga
- Ladder Toss Game
- \*Wine & snack

Email to [afifishrine@gmail.com](mailto:afifishrine@gmail.com) to make an RSVP for lunch.

Donation \$10.00



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 Feb 5 / Mar 5   | 6:00 PM | <b>Gateway SC Executive Meeting</b> (Casual, \$) Round Table Pizza, 13009 NE Hwy 99, Vancouver   |
| Wed Feb 5 / Mar 5   | 7:00 PM | <b>SW WA Affi Shrine Clowns Workshop and business meeting</b> (casual) – after the Gateway SC meeting at Round Table Pizza                                       |
| Fri Feb 7 / Mar 7   | 6:30 PM | <b>Oriental Band monthly meeting/practice</b> (BC), Scottish Rite Center, 817 S Vassault, Tacoma   |
| Thu Feb 13 / Mar 13 | 4:00 PM | <b>Columbia River Club Executive meeting</b> , Kelso Masonic Lodge, 204 S Pacific Ave, Kelso   |
| Thu Feb 13 / Mar 13 | 6:30 PM | <b>World Famous Affi Shrine Clowns dinner</b> (BC,L,\$) The Cloverleaf, 6430 6th Ave, Tacoma.  |
| Mon Feb 24 / Mar 24 | 1:30 PM | <b>Shriners Children’s - Portland Board</b> - Affi Hospital Board members  |
| Mon Feb 24 / Mar 24 | 6:00 PM | <b>Board of Directors (Elected Divan) Virtual Meeting</b> - virtual on MS Teams  |
| Wed Feb 26 / Mar 26 | 6:00 PM | <b>Gateway Shrine Club Dinner</b> (BC,L,\$,F) – go to gatewayshrineclub.com for dinner location  |
| Thu Feb 27 / Mar 27 | 5:30 PM | <b>Columbia River Shrine Club dinner</b> (BC,L,K,\$,F) - Columbia Inn restaurant, 698 NE Frontage Rd, Kalama   |
| Thu Feb 27 / Mar 26 | 6:00 PM | <b>Affi Greeters Dinner Meeting</b> (BC,L,\$ - no fez) - Ben Dews Clubhouse Grill, 6501 6th Ave, Tacoma  |
| Fri Feb 28 / Mar 28 | 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 |
| Mar 18              |         | <b>Articles due to IS Ray Zimmerman for The Apr-May “The Fez”</b>  |

### TEMPLE CALENDAR

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| Sat Mar 8  | Noon     | <b>Stated Meeting</b> (C&T,L,\$,F) - Tacoma Scottish Rite Center, 817 S Vassault St, Tacoma—lunch at 11:30 am |
| Mon Mar 17 | 12:30 PM | <b>St. Patricks Day parade</b> —Hough Elementary School—1900 Daniels St, Vancouver                            |
| Sat May 10 | Noon     | <b>Stated Meeting</b> (C&T,L,\$,F) - American Legion Hall—4607 St James Rd, Vancouver                         |
| Sat Sep 13 | Noon     | <b>Stated Meeting</b> (C&T,L,\$,F) - Centralia Masonic Lodge—218 N Pearl St, Centralia                        |
| Sat Dec 13 | Noon     | <b>Stated Meeting</b> (C&T,L,\$,F) - Tacoma Scottish Rite Center, 817 S Vassault St, Tacoma—lunch at 11:30 am |

2025 parades schedule will be in the April-May “The Fez”

January Nobles count: **288**



IS Rick Johnson and First Lady Jilly





Oliver A Bond Jr. 2/1  
 William A Ehlers 2/2  
 Ronald J Brumbaugh 2/4  
 Thomas S Nevers Sr. 2/6  
 John J Gardiner 2/6  
 Edward C Woods P.P. 2/6  
 Johnie M Yawn 2/8  
 David C Bryant 2/10  
 William D Cooper 2/10  
 Michael Maini 2/14  
 Mark C Swanson 2/17  
 Kevin Wimsett 2/17  
 Jeffrey P Kant 2/17

Esper M Fairhart 2/18  
 Ronald D Horn 2/18  
 Bob R Hicks 2/19  
 Jack L Jones 2/20  
 James R Thompson 2/20  
 Larry L Ross 2/21  
 Mike L Clemenhagen 2/22  
 Richard J Groff 2/22  
 Larry J Wetterhus 2/23  
 Louis E Macomber 2/23  
 Royce W Parsons 2/24  
 David Daily 2/24  
 Sean P McCallum 2/24  
 Jim Mendoza 2/26  
 Daryl L McLaughlin 2/27

Bruce Urani 2/27  
 Richard W Rogers 2/27  
 Doug Bates P.P. 2/28  
 Ray R Taylor 2/29  
 Christopher Westwood 2/29  
 James R Willson 3/3  
 Kenneth E Hare 3/4  
 William R Rolfe 3/9  
 Ernest J Halleck 3/10  
 Louis A Aries 3/11  
 Charles B Walters 3/12  
 Ronald C Fryer 3/13  
 Gregory J Mohoric 3/16  
 Shane L Inman 3/16  
 James C Patterson 3/16



### Your 2025 Divan

(L-R) Daniel Marsh, Ron Fryer,  
 TomaHawk Pearson, Shane Inman,  
 Kenny Branch, IS Rick Johnson



Junior-Past Potentate, IS David Aponte, preparing to leave this solar system?



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



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



# Join the ACT



The Afifi Ceremonial Team is looking for Nobles experienced in pyrotechnics, leather working, wrestling, and pottery to join the Team.

Join our Zoom Meeting  
on January 31st @ 7 PM  
To Learn More



## Join the ACT and Make a Difference!

The Afifi Ceremonial Team (ACT) is committed to providing a legendary Ceremonial experience for Master Masons in our area. Inspired by the promise of a Masonic fraternity built on fun and fellowship, our team plays a vital role in welcoming new Nobles into our ranks.

Whether you enjoy reciting ritual, facilitating practical effects, or enhancing the atmosphere with sound, there's a place for your unique skills. Together, we ensure that every new Noble feels the excitement and warmth of joining the Shrine.

Most of us have the experience of watching a friend go through a Degree experience, and we all have the same desires. We want their experience to be nothing short of exceptional—a moment that inspires and deepens their connection to our fraternity. That kind of experience depends on a team that works together, combining tradition with creativity. Just as others are there when you're looking for the best, your involvement ensures we continue to build an amazing Ceremonial experience for generations of Nobles to come. By joining us, you contribute to a legacy of excellence and camaraderie.

We're also introducing exciting updates to the Ceremonial program to make it more engaging and impressive than ever before! From enhanced visuals and immersive storytelling to new effects and staging elements, we're taking the experience to the next level. These innovations will keep our ceremonies fresh and memorable, but they also require fresh perspectives and contributions. By joining now, you'll be part of shaping a bold new vision while enjoying the fellowship and fun that come with being part of the team. Join us in making our Ceremonials unforgettable!

Join the ACT for a Zoom call on January 31st at 7 PM.

Will Lipp  
Afifi First Ceremonial Master

Afifi Ceremonial Team - 2025 Feb Meeting  
Time: Jan 31, 2025 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)  
Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89344916984?pwd=1DDLXE70RveznnRclOxbh4b37aAibG.1>  
Dial In Information:  
Phone: (253) 205-0468  
Meeting ID: 893 4491 6984  
Passcode: 3579



## Black Camel

Daryl J. Lund

12/7/24

## Portland Hospital Report

IS Ray Zimmerman

Welcome to our two newest Portland Board Afifi members: IS Ed Woods and Michael Towne. In December of 2017, several of the Portland Board members (including me) traveled to the Northern California hospital in Sacramento to hear from our new consultant, McKinstry, a report on the state of our philanthropy. They declared that on our present course, we will run out of money within 18 years. Adding 18 years to 2017 equals 2035. That was the start of the 2035 Plan. That plan resulted in major changes to many of our facilities and how we deliver our services, extending our future by several years. This last December, the Executive Committee of the Portland Hospital traveled to Los Angeles to hear from our new consultant, Kaufman-Hall, on the next phase of the 2035 plan. The Executive Committee is the Board Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. I'm the Board Secretary. In January, the day after our Installation of Officers, the Executive Committee and hospital leadership traveled to the annual Leadership Meeting in Tampa for 2 days of education and training on the 2035 plan execution. This latest phase in our plan will truly be transformative. Home office in Tampa is now working on ways of operating better both organizationally and technologically. The focus is moving from individual Shriners Children's locations to a single healthcare system providing defined service lines at locations that can best provide them. We are implementing innovative new marketing. Commercial are now focused on service lines instead of individual patients. We plan to triple our funding for research. Finally, we plan to triple our annual patient volume by 2035.

## Gateway Shrine Club Report

We are focused on getting all Shriners (Afifi or otherwise) in Clark County active in our club. We will be surveying our members for what they would like to see as well as their ideas on how to improve. Simultaneously, we will be marketing to our District 19 lodge brothers to encourage them to join us.

We closed our Clark County food booth permanently last August. In its place, we are creating a sweepstakes for a \$2,500 Visa gift card. Wish us luck!

IS Ray Zimmerman, President

## SWWA Afifi Shrine Clowns Report

We have several new members, so we're working on getting them suited up and trained on makeup, balloons and parade routines. We will be hosting the field for Clark County Youth Football again this fall. An incredible fundraiser for us.

IS Ray Zimmerman, Director

## Years of Service Pins

Early on as Recorder, I tried to get all the nobles caught up on their service pins. But I confess I fell behind. Now that I have more free time, I'm working on getting all the pins to the nobles that have earned them. We have 25 year and 50 year pins. If you feel you have earned a pin, please contact me.

IS Ray Zimmerman  
zimmerman1000@gmail.com)

## Noble Spotlight-Don Nau

Don Nau, a very active Shriner is about to welcome his 62<sup>nd</sup> year as a member of Afifi Shrine. He joined Afifi in 1963, became a member of the patrol, held the offices of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt., 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. and Captain, marching with this unit in 8 to 10 parades every year for more than a quarter of a century. He was appointed Director of Units and Clubs by Potentate Robert Peters in 1981, leading all Afifi participants through every parade/performance for the next 6 years. In 1988, Potentate Dee Ellis appointed him Marshal, however at the end of that year, several members encouraged Don to run for the office of Recorder, he did and was elected. He served in that office for 23 years managing the Shrine Center business, rentals and social functions. During that time, he was invited to join the Afifi Bagpipe Band as their Drum Major and marched with that unit for several years while Recorder. Don was encouraged by his peers to run for office in the National Recorder's Association, he did and served as President in 2003-2004. He also held the office of Director in the Royal Order of the Jesters in 2004. Don has been actively associated with Shriners for 62 of his 93 years and we thank him for his dedication and service.



I'm excited to announce the First Lady's Club Breakfast on Saturday February 22nd 10am at Jeremy's Farm To Table. Please RSVP by February 14th. Let's have some fun!

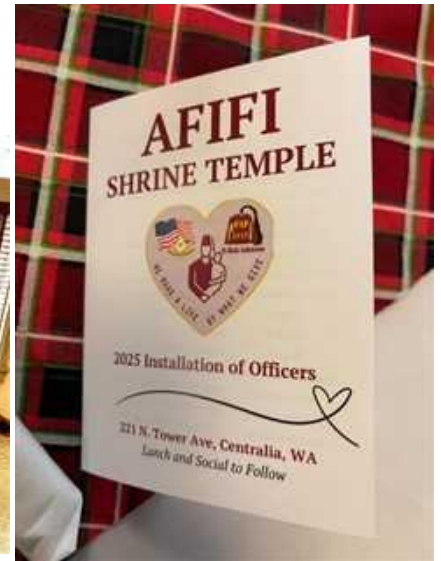
Jeremy's Farm To Table, 576 W Main St, Chehalis

First Lady, Jilly Johnson



# JANUARY PHOTOS

## 2025 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



Gateway Shrine Club January Dinner



IS Forrest Hatch, Al Kader Potentate w/IS Rick



# TEMPLE LIAISON MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



## KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM THE LAST BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING



### Last Minute Holiday Shopping

Philanthropy has an Amazon.com Wish List for toys that will be directly donated to our patients. All purchases are shipped directly to the hospital with no shipping fees. Scan the QR code or search "Shriners Portland" in Gifting and Registry at amazon.com



### The Portland Hospital extends a warm welcome to our fellow Canadian Nobles!

Canada Gizeh Temple brought Nobles, family members, and members from the Daughters of the Nile in B.C., Canada. They were given a personal tour of the hospital along with a presentation from the Leadership Team.



Look for bottles of *The Sighting* sold at Safeway this holiday season. Precept Wine is a new community partner. One dollar for every bottle sold will be donated back to the hospital!

Shriners Children's Portland and Spokane joined forces to showcase our mission and celebrate our 100th anniversaries together at the Al Aska Shriners Football Classic! More than 150 guests attended the game. This traditional event has been hosted by the Al Aska Shriners since 1976.



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

- Shriners Children's Portland's very own orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Bauer, has a spotlight on KOIN6's AM Northwest. Check out his discussion on fall sports [HERE](#).
- Surgical Services Department received national recognition from Press Ganey by scoring in the 99th percentile from patient referrals.
- 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](#)



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**

**2025 Elected Officers & Board of Directors**

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

**2025 Appointed Officers**

1st Ceremonial Master .....Noble Will Lippl  
2nd Ceremonial Master .....Noble Jeff Kant  
Director .....Noble Marvin Colburn Jr.  
Director of Units .....Noble Joseph Clark  
Marshal .....Noble Richard Serpe Jr.  
Chaplain .....Noble Ronald Robbins  
Captain Of the Guard .....Nobel Jeremy Damerval  
Outer Guard .....Noble Cliff Taylor

**Coordinators**

Gateway .....IS Ray Zimmerman  
Columbia River .....Noble Marvin Colburn  
Thurston-Mason-Lewis .....Noble Jeff Kant  
Greeters .....IS David Aponte  
Legion of Honor .....Noble Shane Inman  
Oriental Band .....IS Rory Johnson  
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 MS Teams  
4th Mondays at 6:00 PM

**THE FEZ**

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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 Frank Harju  
Gateway Club ..... IS Ray Zimmerman  
Thurston-Mason-Lewis County ..... Jeff Kant  
Greeters ..... Al Leavitt  
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, IS Ed Woods, Ken Hare,  
Ryan Williams

**Membership:** Danny Marsh (Chairman), Shane Inman, Gordon  
Johnson

**Fundraising:** Shane Inman (Chairman), Ron Fryer

**Marketing and Communications:** IS Rick Johnson, Will Lippl,  
Kenny Branch, IS Ray Zimmerman, Joseph Clark

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

**Leadership Search:** Club Presidents

**Afifi Shrine**

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**BEING A SHRINER IS MORE THAN PAYING DUES  
COME TO OUR MEETINGS AND FIND OUT.  
2025—WE MAKE A LIFE BY WHAT WE GIVE**