

# AZAN Shrine Center

Illustrious Sir
Kevin Smithwick
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**News** 

#### From the Potentate: Kevin Smithwick



Summer is in full force and people are traveling. Be safe out there. I want to thank everyone that went on the Azan Nobility cruise. It was a great time, and we all had some much-needed relaxation. But that ship has

sailed, and it is now back to the grind.

The construction projects are in full swing. Lots of things are changing and we all are patiently awaiting their completion. I want to publicly thank Henry and all the Oasis team for making sure the lounge was ready for the construction to start.

There is a ton of work being done by a few Nobles and it is much appreciated.

I know you have received the letter asking for donations. Please consider giving if you are able. This is a great project and long overdue.

August is another busy month at Azan. We have the "Welcome Back grill out" on August 16th. This will be a great event. I have moved it from the

pavilion to inside due to the August heat. There will be jewelry, coins and our Azan knife/gun raffle for sale. Plus, the ladies of Azan will be organizing school supply donations. All donations will benefit the First Lady's project.

On August 22nd at our TGIF we will have a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Oasis. Please come out and see what your Oasis lounge looks like.

A few future dates to mark on your calendars. September 7th is breakfast to support the First Lady's Project. Let's make this one as successful as the first one. October 4th will be an Octoberfest where 100% of the proceeds go to Shriners Children's Florida. We are working on having Shriners Children's Florida Board of Governors, POPS and a Shiners Children's patient at the event. There is a flyer in the weekly Azan emails.

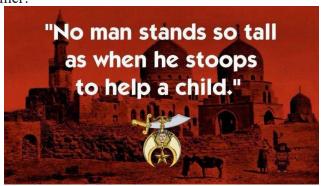
That's all for now. Please say hello when you see me or Renee. We love talking to everyone and look forward to the second half of the year. Safe travels this summer!

## IMPORTANT NOTICE Shriner's International will roll over the dues

Shriner's International will roll over the dues on August the 1st, 2025. Any 2025 or earlier dues that have not been paid are severely delinquent. Current dues posted will be for 2026. Also, all 2026 dues when paid will receive a new dues card sent by Shriner's International. Paper dues notices are billed in October. Electronic dues notices (email) are sent out in August.

Thank you.

Ray Lynch, Recorder



**Important Upcoming Events** 

AZAN DARK
AZAN WELCOME BACK AUG. 16
GRAND OPENING - OASIS LOUNGE AUG. 22

Refer to calendar on back page for additional events.

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Attest: Ray Lynch, PP, Recorder

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We Are Looking For New Members!
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MEETS ON 4th WED.
EACH MONTH AT AZAN
OASIS LOUNGE
7:00 PM

#### **Chief Rabban**

Hello fellow Shriners.

I want to say what an awesome Imperial Session this past July. Amazing numbers were available for the amount of children we are seeing. 400,000 out patients. 60,000 new patients. 24,492 Life Saving patients. 21,765 outpatients. We are in 50 states and 120 countries. In 2035 we will triple the amount of children we will see. We are considered a Unified Health System now.

There was a lot to do while we were there. We were even able to slip in a Braves Game.

Two pieces of legislation were not passed this session. One of which was the Per Capita increase and dropping reimbursements to National Reps.

We are doing well and just need to build on membership to keep us strong.

We all received a sealed letter when entering the 2nd day of session. It was from the patients and was very touching. The many thanks that come from the children as well as the parents are heartwarming.

New Officers for the 2025-2026 Year.

- Imperial Potentate is Brad Koehn.
- Imperial Chief Rabban is Lawrence Leib.
- Imperial Assistant Rabban is Mark Hartz.
- Imperial High Priest & Profit is Matthew Stulagson.
- Imperial Oriental Guide is Marty Bartlett.
- Imperial Treasurer is Scott Schuster.
- Imperial Recorder is Jim Kane
- Imperial First Ceremonial Master is Timothy Forbis.
- Imperial Second Ceremonial Master is Ron Devoll.
- Imperial Marshall is David Hamm.
- Imperial Captain of the Guard is David Vrsalovich.
- Imperial Outer Guard is Rick Holloway.
- Imperial Chaplin is Brian Hagmeier.

Alan Bunch

#### **High Priest & Prophet**

Our Azan Shrine Center is excited to announce the Third Series Gun Raffle, featuring a KelTec P15 9 mm pistol (15+1 capacity) generously donated by KelTec. Tickets are \$30 each, and every purchaser will receive a limited-edition, collectible Azan numbered pocket knife. Only 125 knives have been crafted! A heartfelt thank you goes out to Kimberly Biegler for her engraving work on these knives; she truly outdid herself with this Third Series Knife. Don't miss your chance to support our philanthropic endeavors and walk away with both a beautiful keepsake and the opportunity to win this fantastic firearm. The drawing will take place at our Stated Communication on October 2, 2025, at 6:30 PM at 1591 W. Eau Gallie Blvd., Melbourne, FL.

The Second Series Gun Raffle will be drawn on August 16 during our "Welcome Back" get together at the Azan Shrine Center. It's an excellent chance to reconnect with fellow Nobles, enjoy refreshments, and celebrate the return of a new season of Shrine activities.

Meanwhile, most of the Divan, Nobles, and their Ladies have just returned from the Imperial Session in Atlanta, where we had a fantastic time reuniting with old friends and forging new connections across the Shrine. It was an honor to witness the camaraderie and shared commitment to service that define our fraternity. Please join us in congratulating our new Imperial Sir, Brad Koehn. His leadership promises to guide Shriners everywhere toward even greater heights of charitable impact.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Amber and I appreciate it so much.

Fraternally Todd Forschino

#### **Assistant Rabban**

It is with great pleasure that I write to you all today. We are back from the Atlanta Imperial Session, and I must say it was a really good time for all there. We now have a new Imperial Potentate. I am excited to say I believe this will be a real good year for Shriners around the world to rejoice and come together. The event was well attended by Shriners from around the globe. I was honored to meet the Potentate of ACRUX Shrine Temple from Melbourne, Australia. I sure hope we can create some close relations with our brothers down under and maybe someday we can arrange a visit.

Several of us had the opportunity to be in a Jalapeno Degree hosted by the members from Mexico City Shrine. These members were also with us when we made the pilgrimage to the pyramids in May.

Next year the Imperial session will be in Tampa. It would a great opportunity to have a large attendance from AZAN so they can see Shriners in the full action of what we bring together. I have made the last two years sessions first in Reno and now Atlanta and I am pleased to say I am never let down. This year the sessions were informative, and the parade was outstanding lasting more than two hours, containing nothing but Shriners from around the world. Including marching bands, clowns, motor units, mini cars, hot rods and much more. I love *them all!* 

Richard Earls









#### **Oriental Guide**

The Azan Shriners are excited to invite you to our annual BBQ extravaganza on Sunday, September 28th, 2025, from 12:00 PM to 3:30 PM at the Azan Shrine Center in Melbourne, FL. This BBQ features a delicious menu that includes moist and tender, slow-cooked and smoked BBQ, baked beans, coleslaw, french fries, iced tea, and water.

In previous years, some of our Nobles and ladies have been unable to attend and have chosen to return their tickets with a donation. We truly appreciate this kind of support, and we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to those who have assisted the Shrine Center in this way.

This year, we will also have Chicken Poop Bingo, which promises to be a fun experience for everyone! We encourage you to come and check it out; it should be a big hit with all attendees.

This fundraiser is open to the public, so please bring your family, friends, and neighbors—and don't forget your appetite! Take-out will be available for only \$15 per person.

Fraternally,

Darrell Schmitt

#### **Hospital Charity – Paper Drives**

Nobles,

Our storefront paper drives are high visibility activities for the Shriners. We get to "show the fez," and meet a variety of local and visiting people. Many of the people we meet have been helped by the Shrine and have a lasting appreciation. There are many people who have not had any direct contact with the Shriners and have many questions about what we do. These drives provide some of the best direct contact opportunities we enjoy with the public. All this and we raise money for the Children's Hospital Charity. I encourage all able Shriners to participate in these fund raisers, as they support the core reason the Shriners exist.

We currently have two more future paper drives scheduled. First is Sam's Club Melbourne the weekend of October 10, 11 and 12; the second is Melbourne Beach Publix, November 1 and 2. Additionally, other Shriners are helping by approaching potential paper drive locations in their areas of Brevard and Indian River counties for additional fund raising opportunities.

We have been invited to participate in the Cape Canaveral Veteran's Day Parade, November 8th, and set up a table for a fund raiser at the Nancy Hanson Complex, where the parade ends. I do not have any other new fund raising opportunities, at this time.

If any of our clubs or units would like a list of paper drive sites (pre and post pandemic), I can provide lists of locations that have supported our paper drives in the past and may be willing to do so this year. Additionally, I have assembled a contact credentials package that includes an introductory letter describing our paper drives and includes our 501c3 certification and our Certificate of Insurance. I will provide these to all club and unit paper drive representatives, who request them.

Please contact me at azancharity@gmail.com or call me at 321-877-9937, with any questions regarding this year's Paper Drives. Noble Wally Jones

Azan Paper Drive Chairman

#### **Parade Marshall**

Nobles,

Azan Shriners have an impressive variety of ways to participate in the many parades that occur in Brevard County each year. Our parade participation is the most visible way that the Shriners interact with all age groups in our area. We literally have the opportunity to appeal to older citizens who already have an appreciation for the Shrine Children's Hospital work, to younger families who need to know what we can offer as they raise their families, to appeal to the youngsters who enjoy our little cars and our motorcycle units, jeeps, clowns and hillbilly's. The parades allow us to show that we have an appreciation for our military veterans and that our organization includes our Daughters of the Nile Ambassadors.

For 2025, we have many parade opportunities. I will solicit participants for each parade, in advance, and determine which parades to register for, based on the number of willing participants.

Our next scheduled parade is the Cape Canaveral Veteran's Day Parade, November 8th. Parade line up begins at Cape View Elementary School and parade step off is at 11:11 AM. The parade will end at the Nancy Hanson Complex Sheriff's Taylor Avenue Parking Lot, with refreshments for participants. I intend to bring the Legion of Honor golf cart and hope to have some Legion of Honor veterans aboard. All wishing to participate, please contact Wally Jones at 321-877-9937 or azanparade@gmail.com.

Parades currently planned for this year are:

Cape Canaveral Veteran's Day Parade – Saturday, November 8th

Future:

Christmas Parades – Most dates TBD

Cocoa Beach

Cocoa/Rockledge

Merritt Island

Mims

Port St John

Titusville (night parade)

Vero Beach (we have been solicited for this night parade, but may conflict with our usual parades)

Viera – November 29th (night Parade, may be good after one of our other parades)

We should consider supporting more than one parade at a time, by dividing our efforts North and South. This should give us more opportunities to show the Fez, and may help us with access to sites for our annual paper drive events.

To our clubs and units, please note and plan for participation in as many of these opportunities as possible. Show your fez and support Azan Shrine.

For any questions regarding Azan's parade participation this year, please contact me at azanparade@gmail.com or call me at 321-877-9937.

Noble Wally Jones Azan Parade Marshall

#### First Lady

Hello Nobles and Ladies!

It's hard to believe summer is coming to an end! It's been a very busy and productive one. We had an amazing time at Imperial and I am proud to say that \$658 million dollars was donated last year for our Shriners Children's!!!

I want to thank everyone who was able to attend the Nobility cruise in July!! We had lots of fun, fellowship, and food! We also hit the ground running with our renovations of the entrance and the bar. Please make sure to join us on Friday, August 22 to see the big reveal. You won't want to miss this amazing transformation!!

Please join us on Saturday, August 16 for our Welcome Back BBQ! It will be from 11:30-2:30. We look forward to seeing you there!!

All The Best.

Renee Smithwick

#### Hadji Court No. 88 LOS

Hello Ladies and Nobles,

I hope you are enjoying your summer. Hadji Court is dark in July and August when the Florida temperature is hot. We will be meeting again on the second Monday of September, which is September 8, 2025. Our meetings begin at 6:30 pm at the AZAN Shrine Center.

Refreshments are served before the meeting. This provides time for ladies to socialize.

We welcome new ladies to join our organization. Our charity is dedicated to helping

Shriner's Children. If you are considering joining a group of ladies dedicated to Shriner's Children, please contact one of our ladies. My contact number is 321-302-8558. Feel free to call.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Laura Headley, Past High Priestess

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#### **Daughters of the Nile**

Even though the DON has been dark for the month of June and July we have been busy. We had our Supreme change of command in Las Vegas with Past Queens Marge Clericuzio, Dee Gambel, Dee Ryan, Cat Lind and Princess Linda Chadwick attending. They welcomed our new Supreme Queen Kathy Waliker to her throne.

As soon as PQ Cat returned, she had to repack and head to Atlanta with Chief Rabban Alan for Shriners Imperial session. She was joined there by Princess Royal and First Lady Renee Smithwick and Princess Penny Earls. Other member of the Divan also attended the session. PQ Cat and Princess Renee attended the DON meet and greet at Imperial.

We have some great upcoming events in August. The welcome back BBQ is the 16th of and the 22nd is the grand opening of the renovated lounge. Come and enjoy with us on these two days we would love to see you.

Our next session will be September 15th, see you then. Remember we have finger foods at 5:00 pm and session starts at 5:45

Princess Penny Earls, Co Author PQ Gloria Robinson, Co Author



















Joe Calluti event July 18





4th of July **Parade** 







Join us for a night of Fun, Fellowship, and German Festivity!

All Proceeds Benefitting:



October 4<sup>th</sup> 5:00 PM Serving at 6:00 PM

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Meets for Lunch first Tuesday of the Month Marsh Landing, Fellsmere, FL 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

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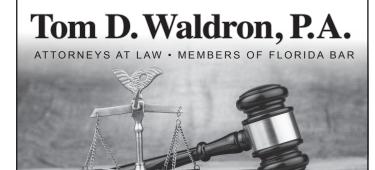


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Koffee Klatch Monday. Wednesday,
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Leroy L Gulbrand Jr.	8/1/1954	John H Rumpel	8/13/1947
Larry E Johnson	8/2/1950	Michael Hutzler	8/13/1957
Luke A Gell	8/2/1995	Franklin E Barringer PP	8/14/1943
Richard P Schulze	8/3/1947	Vincent J Dimperio	8/14/1948
Robert P Johnson	8/3/1967	Thomas W Stratton	8/14/1952
Robert E Sales	8/3/1982	Michael K Morris	8/15/1953
Loren S Debolt	8/4/1956	Robert Sigman	8/15/1965
Cory J Rudder	8/4/1971	Ralph N Wilkie	8/16/1941
Edward Turner	8/5/1958	Frank L Radford	8/16/1955
Scott Thiel	8/5/1964	Andrew V Gell	8/16/1967
Trevor Murrah	8/5/1997	James O Morse	8/18/1940
S R Marshall	8/6/1937	William D Kay	8/19/1956
John Fredrick Hummel Jr	8/6/1937	Christopher A Ford	8/19/1977
Robert J Griffin	8/6/1944	Ronald L Trinkle P.P.	8/20/1941
Frank L Cox III	8/6/1954	Dayle L Schrock	8/20/1951
Anthony V Ciraco	8/6/1984	Charles D McClelland	8/21/1949
David E Norris	8/7/1960	Stephen D Colman	8/21/1957
Steven P Boring	8/8/1942	Jeffrey F Holton	8/22/1957
William S Ringler	8/9/1939	Jay P Rodgers	8/22/1984
Benjamin C Shackelford	8/9/1974	Frederick G Irtz II	8/23/1944
John D Wilmer	8/10/1944	Patrick J Wyllie	8/23/1948
Terry L Lewis PP	8/10/1950	Romel A Saweress	8/23/1979
Matthew Green	8/10/1980	William D Hart	8/25/1971
William J Goff	8/11/1940	James V Haggard Jr	8/30/1938
James R Kandt	8/11/1945	Robert B Gabriel Jr.	8/30/1946
Mark J Fernandes	8/11/1959	Tanner C Gell	8/30/1996
Robert W Fitch	8/12/1937	Ronald E Hamilton	8/31/1939
Peter K Hutchins	8/12/1953	Jack G Losey Jr	8/31/1946
Shawn A McGregor	8/12/1962	Stephen F Griswold Jr	8/31/1969

## **Glad Tidings**

We're opening an area where you can announce "glad tidings" about friends, family, your vacation or better yet, a great idea for a vacation; anything you want to share the joy. If you would like to contribute please send to: azanshriners74@gmail.com

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August 2025 **AZAN SHRINE AZAN SHRINE** Wed Sun Mon Tue Thu Sat 2 5 3 4 6 SRSC 11:30 AM IRSC - 7:00 PM NBSC TGIF 6:00 PM Azan Dark SESA ANNUAL MEETING SESA ANNUAL MEETING SESA ANNUAL MEETING SESA ANNUAL MEETING PIGEON FORGE, TN PIGEON FORGE, TN PIGEON FORGE, TN PIGEON FORGE, TN 15 11 12 13 14 16 Melbourne Coin Show 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM LON NBSC 3:00 PM AZAN WELCOME BACK BACK TO SCHOOL DONATION/COOKOUT 21 19 20 22 23 17 18 OASIS LOUNGE NBSC Medics 6:30 PM **GRAND OPENING &** RIBBON CUTTING 24 31 29 30 25 26 27 28 SCF BOARD MEETING