

AZAN Shrine Center

Illustrious Sir Kevin Smithwick Potentate 2025 Vol. 46, Issue 9 September 2025 Serving Brevard and Indian River Counties

From the Potentate: Kevin Smithwick



I want to welcome everyone back from the summer. I hope you had a relaxing time while we were dark and are ready for the home stretch of the year.

Last month we had two notable events at the Shrine. The Welcome Back Grill Out was very successful. We collected lots of school supplies which were donated to multiple schools in need. During the Grill Out, a handful of Nobles built the new furniture for the Oasis.

On August 22nd, we had the ribbon cutting for the new Oasis. It was a tremendous success with over 100 people in attendance. Everyone in attendance had great things to say. If you have not seen the new Oasis yet, please come out and see it for yourself.

The First Lady's project will also be completed soon. Azan got a much needed face lift and Renee and I want to thank all the generous people who donated.

For those who are curious the work on the Azan history room will start soon as well.

This month all the clubs and units are also back from being dark. Please come out and support your Azan team.

We have some major events this month at the Shrine. On September 7th we have Breakfast with the First Lady. If you attended the first breakfast back in March you know how good the food will be. Mark your calendars now. On September 27th, Azan will host District 17 GMOV. It will be a great night for Azan and the District. Please RSVP with the DDGM if you are going to attend. Finally, on September 28th there will be our annual Azan BBQ. I know the OG has been working hard and this will be a great event. The North Brevard Hillbillies make an amazing BBQ you won't want to miss.

A few future dates to mark on your calendars. October 4th will be an Oktoberfest, 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. An Eventbrite page has been created. Seating is limited so I'd recommend getting your tickets soon. November 21st and 22nd is the Azan Nobility Ball. Information will be coming soon so mark your calendars now.

That's all for now. Please say hello when you see me or Renee. We love talking to everyone and look forward to the final months of the year.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

2026 DUES ARE NOW DUE Ray Lynch, Recorder

Important Upcoming Events

STATED MEETING, SEPTEMBER 4, 7:00 PM
DIRECTOR STAFF MEETING, SEPTEMBER 8, 7:30 PM
FIRST LADY'S BREAKFAST, SEPTEMBER 7, 8:00 AM
AZAN'S ANNUAL BBQ, SEPTEMBER 28, 12:00PM
DIVAN MEETING, SEPTEMBER 29, 6:00PM

Refer to calendar on back page for additional events.

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OASIS LOUNGE
7:00 PM

Chief Rabban

As the warmth of summer gently recedes, we hope everyone enjoyed their safe and rejuvenating break. September marks our transition back into the swing of things, and the air is already buzzing with anticipation for the months ahead. For those who weren't able to join us, the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the grand opening of the Oasis Lounge was truly a fun and memorable occasion! The lounge has turned out beautifully, exceeding all expectations, and we are now eager to spread the word to the public that this stunning new venue is available for rent to host parties, events, and special gatherings. We look forward to the remainder of the year being a blast, packed full of exciting events and unforgettable fun times for everyone.

Alan Bunch

Assistant Rabban

Indeed, summer is rapidly passing us along again marching away with vigor and joy. It is good to be back from our trips but there are several more to follow. The South Eastern Shrine Association SESA was a real joy to attend, our recorder Ray Lynch and I represented AZAN Divan, and we had 3 other legion members join us to represent Azans Legion of Honor and compete in the Inline Inspection placing third, way to go guys!!

Richard Earls





Andy Consenza is appointed to the Command line for the SEAS LOH



SESA,Pigeon Forge: Wally Jones, Danny Monk, Roy Linsey, Ray Lynch, Richard Earls, Andy Cosenz

High Priest & Prophet

The 1st & 2nd Gun Series — A Tremendous Success!

Our 1st and 2nd Gun Series have been a remarkable success, already generating around \$4,500 in profits, and that's before we even include our upcoming 3rd series! We're proud to share that our friends at KELTECH have generously donated the gun for this next round, and tickets are already selling quickly. For just \$30, you'll have the chance to win a KelTech P15 9MM, plus receive a beautiful Damascus steel knife simply for entering. Don't miss your opportunity to take part in this exciting fundraiser. Tickets are limited, and they are moving fast!

Be Part of "Who Are They?"

Beyond the fundraising, we're also working on something special to showcase the heart and soul of Shrinedom. We are creating a "Who Are They?" video series highlighting Nobles and their Ladies who make a difference in our fraternity and our communities. This is a chance to share the fantastic stories of who we are and what we do, both inside and outside of Shrinedom.

If you are interested in sharing YOUR story, please reach out to me. Filming takes only 10–20 minutes of your time, but your message could inspire countless others. Together, we can shine a spotlight on the incredible people who make our fraternity strong.

Fraternally, Todd Forschino

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



Marketing & Public Relations

Welcome Back Gathering - August 16th

There's nothing like fellowship, laughter, and a little excitement to kick off the end of summer! On August 16th, we welcomed back our Nobility, families, and friends with a lively get-together that was full of smiles and good company. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces filling the room, sharing stories, and catching up after the busy summer season.

A special congratulations goes out to Keith Folsom, the lucky winner of our Second Series Gun Raffle! Keith took home a beautiful .45 Smith & Wesson, and the energy in the room was electric when his name was called. This raffle series continues to bring not only excitement but also much-needed support for our Shrine mission—thank you to everyone who bought tickets and helped make it such a success.

Oasis Lounge Ribbon Cutting

As if one celebration wasn't enough, we were thrilled to invite everyone back on August 22, 2025, for a truly historic moment, the Ribbon Cutting of our brand-new Oasis Lounge! Illustrious Sir Kevin Smithwick will officially welcome our Nobility, families, and guests to this beautiful new space. In recognition of their support, the Central Brevard Shrine Club and the Directors' Staff had the honor of cutting the ribbon and opening the doors.

This new Oasis isn't just a lounge; it's a gathering place that represents teamwork, dedication, and love for our fraternity. It's the result of countless hours of planning, generosity, and determination, and it's sure to serve as the heart of fellowship for years to come.

Todd Forschino



First Lady

Hello Nobles and Ladies,

It's hard to believe September is already here! August was such a busy and exciting month. Illustrious Sir Kevin and I had the pleasure of traveling to Marzuq's Nobility Ball, where we had a wonderful time. Looking ahead, please be sure to mark your calendars for our own Nobility Ball, the weekend of November 21st—it promises to be an amazing event you won't want to miss!

We also hosted our Welcome Back Grill Out, and I want to sincerely thank everyone for their generous donations of school supplies. Half of the supplies went to a local school, and the other half went to my Title 1 School, where they were especially appreciated. Your kindness truly made a difference!

Another highlight of the month was the Grand Opening of our newly remodeled Oasis Lounge. Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate the ribbon cutting with us—we are so grateful for your support.

As we move into fall, this is a friendly reminder that our monthly Stated Meetings are back in session. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, September 4th, and I truly hope you'll be able to join us.

We also have several exciting events coming up:

- Breakfast with the First Lady Sunday, September 7th from 8:00–11:00 a.m. Enjoy homemade omelets and all your favorite breakfast foods!
- Annual AZAN Barbecue Sunday, September 28th from 12:00-3:30 p.m. Be sure to purchase your tickets and support this great tradition. We are also in need of a few Ladies to help serve during the event, so if you're able to lend a hand, please let me know.

Thank you all for your continued support and fellowship—it makes everything we do so special.

With warm regards, Renee Smithwick



Legion of Honor

A good time was had by all at pigeon Forge this year. Our team took third place in the in-line competition. Also, I am proud to announce that I've made second lieutenant commander in the SESALOH line.

Andy Cosenza Commander Azan shrine, LOH.



Daughters of the Nile

This is the last month that the DON is dark. Our next meeting is September 15th with social time at 5:00 pm and meeting starting 5:45 pm. We have several ladies attending Florida days in Fort Myers this year and will be coming back with some great stories to share.

The DON would like to congratulate Potentate Kevin Smithwick on his revamp and grand opening of the Oasis lounge last month. What a difference this construction project made to our lounge. If you have not made it to the lounge yet, come out and see what changes were made.

Azans Annual BBQ is coming up and the DON has been asked to serve at this event. Ladies if you can serve, please let Linda Chadwick or Queen Anne Zabel know so we know how many people are available to help. Remember that the Widows will be selling desserts so don't forget to bring extra dollars to support them.

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

Director's Staff

OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY THE 8TH DUE TO THE HOLIDAY ON THE 1ST.

Welcome back from the summer break. Hope everyone had a great 2 months of vacation and rest. I am sure all the Nobility and their ladies are ready to get back to work supporting our Shrine Center, our Potentate and the Divan and our wonderful philanthropy for our children.

Our June meeting was held on the 2nd with approx. 15 members and several members of the Divan were present. Refreshment and fellowship were enjoyed by all. Under sickness and distress Noble Ron Bishop is in rehab and Noble Harvey Plaskov is on dialysis. Our annual Paper Drive was conducted on May 10 and was very successful. We collected \$400 and matched the funds to present \$800 for our children. It was reported this past week that our 4 jeeps are in and ready to be painted. We still need to get rid of our buggies. If anyone is interested in purchasing one or all of them, please contact the Directors Staff. Our annual Golf Tournament will be on Saturday December 13 at Cocoa Beach Country Club. More info will be coming next month. The lounge remodeling is coming along very well and don't forget the celebration on the 22nd. The Welcome Back Party on the 16th at the Shrine Center was well attended and the hotdog and hamburgers were enjoyed by all. The collection of school supplies was well supported also. We invite all the Nobility to join us at our monthly meeting for good refreshments and great fellowship. Our next meeting will be in our new Lounge at the Shrine Center on September 8th.

Respectfully Submitted Carl E Shoultz Sr Secretary

Widows

Welcome back from our summer break and hello to all. Our Widow's Club is looking forward to another successful year, assisting AZAN by offering our delicious desserts for a \$2 donation at the annual Barbeque on Sunday, September 28th at AZAN.

Our first luncheon meeting of this year will be Wednesday, September 17th, at AZAN. Sign-in is at 11:15 am with lunch (\$12) served at 11:30 am. Members will receive a phone call re attendance so that our caterer knows how many to prepare for.

All widows are invited to join us. Our meetings are short, and the food is great. Call Carolyn Hinman at 321-956-9944 or Judy Burr at 321-305-4540 for information and questions you might have.

See you soon. Hope to see old and new members. Judy Burr, Secretary

Central Brevard Shrine Club

Welcome back snowbirds! We missed you over the summer, but it would have been nice if you could have brought back some cooler weather back with you! A few of our members were able to attend the grand opening of the Oasis Lounge on Friday, August 22nd. Hope all of our members will be able to see all of its changes in the coming months. Our next monthly meeting will be held on September 9, 2025, at the American Legion # 22 in Cocoa. Happy hour begins at 6:00. If you wish to eat there, they do have a limited menu. The meeting will begin at 7:00. As always, we meet for coffee every M/W/F from 8:30 till 10:30 at Cocoa Lodge 113. All are welcome!

Fraternally, HA (Rick) Rickards President

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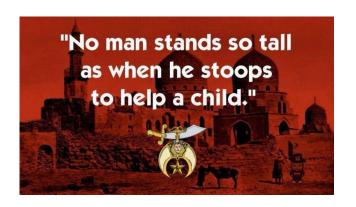
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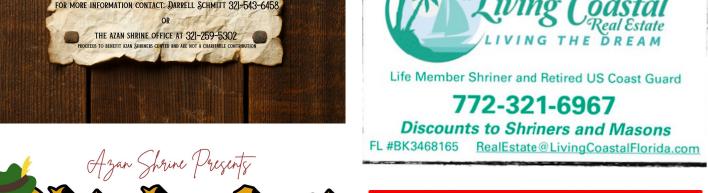
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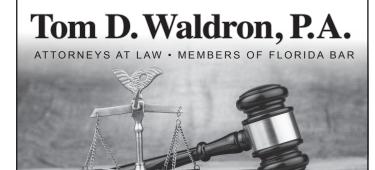


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Timothy J Hubinger	9/1/1957	Donald J Bondie Sr.	9/15/1951
Ryan K Kelley	9/1/1975	John I Johanson PP	9/15/1959
Michael Sosta	9/1/1983	Robert H Waller	9/16/1937
Ronald W Hoedebeck P.P.	9/2/1952	Raymond A Lynch P.P.	9/16/1946
Melvin J Hayden Jr.	9/3/1941	Michael J Manning	9/16/1972
John C Gibbs	9/4/1943	Ricky R Jones	9/17/1958
Joseph Leitz	9/6/1953	Ryan J Arthur	9/17/1976
Stephen C Gresley	9/7/1940	Theodore Hammond Jr.	9/18/1950
William B Wood	9/8/1937	Thomas D Waldron Esq.	
Allen B Bermitz	9/8/1968	Gerald F Hoff	9/19/1934
Paul A Moore	9/9/1944	0 0 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	9/20/1937
Edward C Malits		Bradley C Fleeger II Michael R Seniuk	9/20/1973
	9/9/1948		
David E Bornberg	9/9/1959	Richard D Howe	9/21/1959
Dennis E Stowe	9/9/1963	Gregory S Elwood	9/21/1966
Marty R Braddy	9/9/1971	William C White	9/22/1945
James T Parker	9/10/1934	Tomas M Gonzalez	9/22/1962
David S Barnes	9/10/1939	Richard B Sheets	9/23/1946
Norman Meyer M.D.	9/10/1944	James A Smalley	9/23/1947
Gary D Clark	9/10/1955	Michael L Elliott	9/23/1947
Eugene Crawford Jr.	9/10/1966	Dennis J Van Langer	n 9/23/1952
James N Morris II	9/10/1970	Richard A Olbrych	9/24/1943
Matthew Boatright	9/10/1981	Ronnie G Brock	9/25/1947
J. Paul Miller	9/11/1941	John D Butler	9/27/1953
George C Ritchie	9/12/1959	Nicholas J Lewis	9/28/1951
James Peiffer	9/12/1962	Angus W Mackenzie	
Stephen L Skinner	9/13/1950	Christopher P Brett P.I	
Louis E Hoffman	9/14/1951	Brian T Cushing	9/30/1952
Louis E Hollillall	7/ 1 7 / 17J 1	Difail I Cushing	9/30/1732

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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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Check Clubs and Units for Details on Meeting Dates and Locations

AZAN SHRINE September 2025 AZAN SHRINE

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	1	2 SRSC 11:30 AM IRSC - 7 PM	3 NBSC 7 PM	4 SBSC Meeting 11:30 AM Stated Meeting 7 PM	5 TGIF Dinner 6 PM	6
7 Azan Breakfast 8AM-11AM	8 Director's Staff - 7 PM	9 CBSC Meeting 7 PM	10	11 LON NBSC 3 PM	12 TGIF Dinner 6 PM	13
14 Melbourne Coin Show 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM	DON 5 PM NBSC Medics 6:30 PM	16	17 Azan Widows 11:30 AM	18	19 TGIF Dinner 6 PM Joe Calutti in the Oasis	20
21	22	23	24 Potentate's Escort 7PM	25	26 TGIF Dinner 6 PM	27
28 Azan Annual BBQ 12PM - 3:30 PM	29 Divan Meeting - 6 PM	30				