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NEWSLETTER

AZAN SHRINE CENTER



FROM THE POTENTATE: KEVIN SMITHWICK



We are in the final stretch of the year. I want to thank everyone for their continued support.

The construction is still ongoing and will hopefully be completed soon. If you haven't been by the Shrine to see, please come on out. It looks really good.

I want to thank everyone that came out for the breakfast in September; Chef Shawn and his team did an amazing job. The food and fellowship were amazing.

We had some major events for the Shrine in September. We hosted District 17 for the *Grand Master's Official Visit*. It was a great turnout, and we showcased all the changes to Azan to Masons from around the state.

We also had the annual Azan BBQ and it was fantastic. The Hillbillies/Swamp Rats did an outstanding job and the food was terrific. If you didn't come out, well, you missed out.

Some sad news is we had to cancel the OKtoberfest scheduled for this month. We simply didn't have the support from the Nobility and only had 11 tickets sold a month out when I had to cancel the event.

On October 11th, a group from Azan will head to Gainesville, FL, to support *Shriners Children's Florida for Shrine Care Day*.

November 21st and 22nd will be the *Azan Nobility Ball*. There is a flyer in this newsletter, along with weekly emails, a Facebook page, Eventbrite page, and it's on the Azan website. This will be a great time and fun event. The casino will keep you busy and there will be lots of prizes to win.

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 UPCOMING EVENTS

Find in this issue: How to Subscribe to Our Texting Service (pg.6) STATED MEETING, OCTOBER 2, 7:00PM
DIRECTOR STAFF MEETING, OCTOBER 6, 7:30PM
AZAN PAPER DRIVE, OCTOBER 10TH-12TH
ILL. SIR TED WOODBURY, P.P. CELEBRATION OF LIFE, OCTOBER 11, 1:00PM
HAUNTED HAYRIDE - VARIOUS DATES
TRUNK OR TREAT AND TGIF, OCTOBER 24, 5:00PM - 7:00PM

CHIEF RABBAN

It's truly been an incredibly rewarding experience serving as your Chief Rabban, and I'm deeply grateful for the opportunity to contribute to our cherished fraternity. As we look ahead, let's redouble our efforts to support our Potentate; he embarked on an ambitious endeavor this year, a project unlike any undertaken by previous administrations.

While there were undoubtedly challenges and "bumps in the road" during results development, the speak themselves - our newly renovated bar, for instance, has turned out very nice. It's a significant upgrade from what we had before, offering a stylish and welcoming space that we can all be proud to showcase to both our members and the wider community. This leads directly to a crucial point: if you hear of any individual or group seeking a venue for an event - be it a celebration, a meeting, or a social gathering – please enthusiastically recommend our temple for their rental needs. With the holiday season fast approaching, let's make a concerted effort to gather for one last round of memorable good times and cherished fellowship before the year draws to a close.

Alan Bunch

HIGH PRIEST & PROPHET

We are pleased to share that the Series 3 Gun Raffle Winner will be officially announced at our next stated meeting on Thursday, October 2, 2025. This has been an exciting series, and we are truly grateful for the overwhelming support from our Nobility, Brothers, families, and friends who make these raffles a success.

Looking ahead, we are already working on the possibility of a Series 4 Gun Raffle, along with a special knife with each ticket, with the winner to be revealed at our Azan Holiday Christmas Party. Plans are in motion, and if all comes together, we will make it happen. Stay tuned for more details as they develop! Amber and I want to personally thank each of you for your continued support throughout this year. It is a blessing to be part of this fraternity and philanthropy, standing side by such with dedicated individuals. side Together, we are making a meaningful difference, while enjoying fellowship and fun along the way.

With gratitude,

Todd Forschino / HPP 2025

ORIENTAL GUIDE

On behalf of Sandy and myself, I want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your incredible support of the Azan Shrine Annual BBQ Fundraiser at the end of September. We are extremely thankful to the Swamp Rats for providing such delicious food; their culinary skills were a highlight of the day!

I also want to thank the kitchen staff for their assistance, as well as all the ladies from the D.O.N. and L.O.S. - *especially* the widows - for their support and efforts in making this year's event a success.

Additionally, I would like to give a special shout-out to Kim Beagler for running the Chicken Poop Bingo for me this year. I believe it was a huge success and a fun event for everyone involved.

Each of your contributions has undoubtedly made a positive impact on our Azan community. Thank you once again for your support. It truly takes a village!

Fraternally Thankful, Darrell Schmitt

Community Shines at Annual Azan Shriners BBQ

What an incredible day it was at this year's Azan Shriners BBQ! The turnout was truly inspiring, with so many families, friends, and neighbors coming together to share in the tradition. Seeing the grounds filled with such joy and fellowship was a reminder of the strong spirit that makes our community so special.

A heartfelt thank-you goes out to everyone who came out in support, and especially to the many hands who worked tirelessly behind the scenes. From the volunteers who prepared and served the food, to the Shriners who dedicated their time and energy to making the event possible, your efforts did not go unnoticed.

It was more than just a BBQ; it was a celebration of community, service, and togetherness. The warmth and support on display made it clear that when people come together with dedication and generosity, great things happen.



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 one of the most visible ways 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 Hillbillies. 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 I hope to have several Legion of Honor veterans aboard.

I encourage *all* our Shrine Clubs to come show the fez and honor our many veterans. All wishing to participate, please contact Wally Jones at 321-877-9937 or azanparade@gmail.com.





Parades currently planned for this year are: Future:

Christmas Parades -

Cocoa Beach - TBD

Cocoa/Rockledge - December 13th

Merritt Island – December 6th, form up at Merritt Island High School, parade ends at Edgewood Junior/Senior High School

Mims - TBD

Port St John – December 20th

Titusville (night parade) - TBD

Viera – November 29th (night Parade, so light up your entries).

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

CENTRAL BREVARD SHRINE CLUB

Finally, the long hot summer is over, and autumn is upon us (hopefully with cooler temperatures).

We continue to hold our monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at the American Legion Post 22 in Cocoa (241 Peachtree Street). Happy Hour at 6:00, Meeting starts at 7:00. On M/W/F, come join us for coffee at Cocoa Lodge #113 from 8:30-10:00. Bring a friend!

Rick Rickards

President

DIRECTOR'S STAFF

Our September 2025 Business Meeting was held on Monday, September 8 with a sparse attendance. Refreshments and fellowship were enjoyed by all. Our Director, the Secretary and Treasurer were absent. Business was conducted by our Vice President and President. The Secretary was under the weather, and the Treasurer was out of town on business. The question was asked about the SDA for 2025. It was in April at Melha Shrine in Springfield, Ma. The 2026 SDA will be in Los Angeles on April 16-19 at Malaikah Shrine. There was also concern about a Fall Ceremonial. At this time, there are no plans for a Fall Ceremonial. Nobles Jamie and Gabe gave a demo of our new Jeep Parade Vehicles for those present. There are plans to have them painted prior to the Holiday Parades. All the Parade Buggies were sold to the Nobility with several going to the North Brevard Shrine Club. Noble Gabe has the Golf Tournament in December 13 at Cocoa Beach Country Club planned and flyers will be out soon. Our next meeting will be on Monday October 6, 2025, at the Shrine Lounge and we welcome all the Nobility to join us for good refreshments and great fellowship.

Respectfully Submitted, Carl E. Shoultz Sr Secretary



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 fundraisers, 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.

Participation in the storefront paper drives is open to everyone, not just male Shriners. Earlier this year we had a successful paper drive at Melbourne Sam's that included female participants and one non-Shriner EFSC student. I encourage anyone who has the time to spend a shift at the October or November paper drives, to do so. Please contact me at the email or phone number below. We have been invited to participate in the Cape Canaveral Veteran's Day Parade November 8th

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 fundraising 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 <u>azancharity@gmail.com</u> or call me at 321-877-9937, with any questions regarding this year's Paper Drives.

Noble Wally Jones

Azan Paper Drive Chairman

WIDOWS CLUB

The Widows Club thanks all who supported our dessert table at the AZAN BBQ. Through your generosity we continue to donate our monies to AZAN. We are a small group but are committed to contributing to the success of this great organization.

Our next luncheon meeting is Wednesday, October 15th at AZAN. Sign-in is at 11:15 with lunch (\$12) served at 11:30. Members will receive a phone call regarding attendance so that our caterer knows how many meals to prepare.

Our little group would like more widows to join us. Once a month we get together and enjoy socializing with a short meeting and a delicious lunch. Take a little time out and join us. For information phone Carolyn Hinman at 321-956-9944 or Judy Burr at 321-305-4540.

Judy Burr, Secretary



FIRST LADY

Dear Nobles and Ladies,

As we approach the end of another remarkable year, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all who attended our Breakfast with the First Lady event. Your presence made the occasion truly special. A special thank you also goes to Chef Shawn McGregor for his outstanding culinary expertise! This event would not have been the same without you.

At the end of the month, we celebrated our annual BBQ, and I'm pleased to say the food, fellowship, and hospitality were truly exceptional. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making it such a memorable gathering.

Though Illustrious Sir Kevin and I have only a few months left in our term, there is still much to look forward to. Please be sure to mark your calendars for the upcoming Nobility Ball weekend on November 21st and 22nd. This promises to be an event you won't want to miss!

I look forward to seeing you all at our stated meeting this month.

With warmest regards, Renee Smithwick







FIRST LADY'S

BREAKFAST







TREASURER

Text Messages have been positively endorsed by many of our members. If you are a member of Azan, or if you are not a member of Azan, but would like to receive timely reminders of near term, upcoming events, send a Text Message or Email to the undersigned. Please include your first and last name, and your cell phone number. Messages will be concise and to the point. You will not be overwhelmed by frequent messages. Messages will be pre-approved by the Potentate. Any smart link in a text message will direct you to a flyer, and messages will be short.

Electronic communication is the future, and the future is now. The monthly Azan News is now distributed via Email. Text messaging will provide reminders between editions of the Azan News.We are here to serve our members, families and friends of Azan Shrine. Direct any comments or questions to the undersigned.

Fraternally,

Roger McKay, Treasurer

Text: 321-591-7132

Email: rogermckay33@gmail.com







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HADJI COURT NO.88

Hello Nobles and Ladies,

Fall is here. Hadji Court will be busy with ladies attending the Sunshine Unit Meet. We will also be attending stated sessions every second Monday. We look forward to the official

visit of our Grand High Priestess, Cyndi Rudd, November 20 and 21.

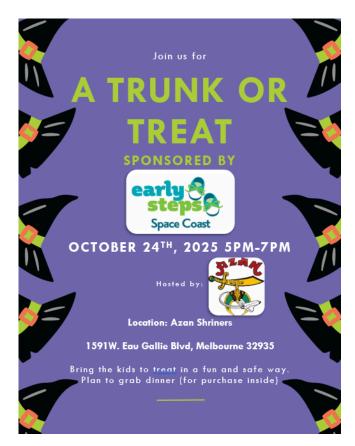
Our stated meetings occur the second Monday of the month at 6:30 pm at AZAN Shrine Center. Refreshments are served prior to the meeting. We welcome new members. If you have any questions regarding Ladies Oriental Shrine, please feel free to ask any of our members.

Ladies will be preparing and serving TGIF dinner on October 10. The menu will be pork chops, apples, stuffing, salad, and dessert for \$12. Come out and enjoy a delicious meal.

Enjoy all the fall activities which occur during October at AZAN Shrine Center.

Fraternally,

Laura Headley, Past High Priestess





REMINDER



The Celebration of Life for Past Potentate, Illustrious Sir Ted Woodbury, is set to take place at the Azan Shrine Center on October 11th at 1:00 PM. This event will be an opportunity for family, friends, and fellow community members to come together to honor his memory and celebrate his contributions. Please join in this heartfelt tribute to commemorate his life and legacy.

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AZAN SHRINE

Nobility Ball Weekend

Day 1: Friday 11/21/25

Location: AZAN Shrine Time: 6:00 PM Cost: \$20.00 per person

Description: Kick off the weekend with a night of tailgating. Wear your favorite football attire.



Day 2: Saturday 11/22/25

Location: AZAN Shrine Oasis Lounge Time: 11:00 AM

Description: Presentations and Lunch

Location: AZAN Shrine

Time: 5:00 pm Doors open for Ball and Social Hour

6:00 pm Introductions

6:30 pm Dinner

7:00 pm Casino Cost: \$80.00 per person

Description: Formal Attire with Fez



Accommodations & Payment

Location: Hyatt Place Melbourne Airport 747 Air Terminal Pkway, Melbourne FL 32901 (321) 372-1785

Rate: \$139.00 per night. Code: AZAN Shrine Group rate is available until November 1, 2025

Payment can be made by using EventBrite, mailing a check to AZAN Shrine, calling the office with a credit card, or finding the event on our website or facebook











Meetings 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM American Legion Post #22 on 241 Peachtree St., Cocoa. Koffee Klatch Monday. Wednesday, Friday mornings, 8:30 am - 10:30 am Cocoa Lodge #113

AZAN // POTENTATES ESCORT MEETS ON 4th WED. EACH MONTH AT AZAN **OASIS LOUNGE** 7:00 PM



M.W. Jorge & Bonnie Aladro Ill. Sir Gene Barringer & Lady Barbara

Dorrall & Judy Berry Peter & Kathy Brown Judy Burr Tom & Connie Buterbaugh Ty D. Buterbaugh

Andy & Patsy Cosenza Barbara DeVault Larry & Vicki Duguay Richard & Penny Earls

Bob Gabriel Jr.

Lady Theresa In Memory of Ill. Sir Denzil Hammond, PP & Lady Jean

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Lady Melodie

Ill. Sir Ray Lynch, PP & & Lady Adele

Jerry & Sherry Mayo Ill. Sir Roger McKay, PP & Lady Elizabeth Morgan

John & Donna Millhouse Paul & Carol Moore **David Norris**

Olav & Christine Christiansen Howard & Betty Ann O'Dell

Ill. Sir John Paniccia, PP & Lady Danie

Matthew Reuther

Melissa Reuther Jerry Reynolds Ill. Sir George Goddard, PP & & Sue Ann Reynolds William & Evelyn Ringler Maynard & Gloria Robinson Jay & Sarah Rodgers

> Ill. Sir Thomas Ronney, PP & Lady Barbara

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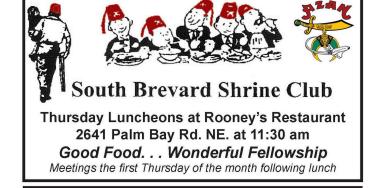
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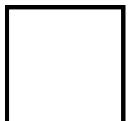


Meets for Lunch first Tuesday of the Month Marsh Landing, Fellsmere, FL 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM





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