



Illustrious Sir John Paniccia Potentate 2023 Vol. 44, Issue 10 December 2023 Serving Brevard and Indian River Counties

# From the Potentate: John Paniccia

Greetings Nobles and Ladies and Happy December!

I hope you and your Families are doing well.

WOW! It is already December. Where has the year gone?

Just a few reminders before I give my farewell as this is my last article for the newsletter.

-Thank you to everyone who helped and supported our 2nd Annual Backyard BBQ! It was a great success!

-Our second Brunch of the year was awesome and thank you to everyone who assisted and supported the event!

-December 7th Stated Meeting with elections of your 2024 Divan Officers.

-December 8th NBSC Annual Christmas Party.

-December 15 Azan Annual Christmas Party.

-December 16th preparation for the annual Childrens Christmas party. (we can use all the help we can get!)

-December 17th Azan Annual Childrens Christmas Party. Please come and show your support.

Now onto the sentimental stuff!

It has been an awesome year, and it would have not been a success without a lot of hard work and help.

I would like to thank the Past Potentates, Elected Divan, Appointed Divan Officers, Clubs and Units for all their hard work and dedication this year. You helped this year be a huge success and your support through our years in line is greatly appreciated.

To the Ladies of the Oasis, D.O.N., L.O.S., Ladies of the Nobles and the Widows a big THANK YOU as you were always there for us and supported us through our years in line.

A BIG and special THANK YOU goes out to our Office Secretary Penny Earls. Your dedication and hard work for Azan Shrine does not go unrecognized. You have always been there for me and Danie and have helped in many ways. You are not only our Friend but considered family. We love you and wish you the best and thank you for your years of service.

Last but not least, my Lady Danielle. My Strawberry and my strength!

Without you by my side I could never have accomplished all this.

I THANK YOU with all my heart for all you have done for me and you are a pretty cool chick!

Okay enough of the sentimental stuff, my Lady and I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

May the Good Lord watch over all of you and your Families.





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# LEGION OF HONOR

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We Are Looking For New Members! ALL MILITARY VETERANS ARE WELCOME Meetings are on the 1st Thursday of each month at 1730 hours Prior to the Stated Meeting



# South Brevard Shrine Club

Thursday Luncheons at Rooney's Restaurant 2641 Palm Bay Rd. NE. at 11:30 am Good Food. . . Wonderful Fellowship Meetings the second Thursday of the month following lunch

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

## **Directors Staff**

Great meeting on November 6, 2023 with 22 members and 2 members of our Divan present. Snacks and drinks were enjoyed by all prior to the meeting.

We were honored to have a long-time member and Past Director with us who assured us that he is going to be back in our group. I am speaking of Noble Jeff Wells. Welcome Jeff!

Most of the evening was spent discussing our very successful Golf Tournament, which was held on Sunday November 5th. We had 19 foursomes participate and everyone said they had a great time. The turnout of our members to help was great. A big thank you goes out to our Chairman, Noble Vice President Joe Latoza.

Our next project, which was discussed at length was the Turkey Roast, which was held on November 22, 2023, at Beef O Brady's on N Wickham Rd. This again is a major Fund Raiser for our unit. I am sure that our members once again showed up in force to make this a huge success. Thanks go out to our dedicated member, Noble Les Woodring for heading up this Annual Fund Raiser.

The Annual Bar B Que Cook Off was held on November 11 at the Shrine and several of our members were there to help in this Shrine Center Fund Raiser.

Noble Jeff Wells advised us on the upcoming Car Raffle, SHRINERCAR.COM, which will be a great fund raiser for our Shriners Children Fund. Tickets are available at the Shrine Center office.

The Azan Shrine Directors Officers for 2024 were elected at our November 6 Business Meeting:

President: Noble Joe Latoza Tel# 321-451-7859

Vice Pres: Noble Ryan Fetscher Tel# 812-483-2454 Secretary: Noble Carl E. Shoultz, Sr Tel# 321-501-1004

Treasurer: Noble Ryan Kelley Tel# 321-795-1530

Our Sickness and Distress Report: Billy Wilson is in the Memory Center West Melbourne with good days and bad days. Larry Johnson is undergoing Plastic Surgery treatments. Please keep these Nobles in you thoughts and prayers.

As always, we invite the Nobility to join us at our Monthly Meeting for some fun and great fellowship.

Carl E. Shoultz Sr Secretary



# **Shriners Hospital Charity**

Nobles,

As we conclude this year's activities I hope we can do better in the coming months. We are basically relying on donations not collections to support our charity drive. It takes initiative and motivation to go out and find collection sites.

It takes the support of all our Nobles to make this event successful. As you all know, we have an obligation as Shriners to support this charity. If you can't support this charity physically I encourage you to support it financially.

Thank you from the children for your support. If there is something I can help you with please contact me.

> Shriners Hospital Charity Chairman Al Zabel alzabel55@gmail.com 321 298-3407

## Widows Club

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, December 20th at AZAN. Sign-in is at 11:15 am with lunch served at 11:30 am. We look forward to seeing everyone at this Holiday gathering. Members will receive a phone call re attendance. This is so that our caterer knows how many to prepare for. If there are any widows interested in joining us please phone Judy Burr, Secretary, at 321-305-4540. Leave a message and she'll return your call to answer your questions.

We've been successful this year with the help of our ladies and all monies earned go to the AZAN Transportation Fund which helps the children in Shrine care.

Happy Holidays to all and we'll see you in January 2024,

See you soon, Judy Burr, Secretary



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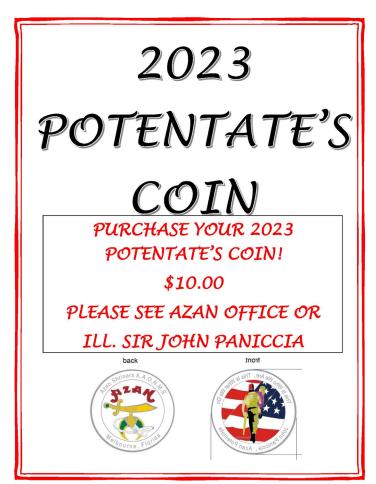


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# AZAN SHRINE 2023

## LADIES PROJECT FUNDRAISER!

The Ladies Project this year is a three fold!

Steam Tables
Soda Machine
Miscellaneous Equipment

We are selling Azan Cloth Tote Bags and Azan Key Chains.

Each - \$5.00

We are also selling First Ladies Coins. \$10.00



ALL Proceeds Go To the 2023 Azan Ladies Project.

# **325.11 Election Regulations**

(a) **Electioneering.** A candidate for an opened office in the Shrine Temple may print, publish and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a resume consisting of his educational background, his vocational history, and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulation and 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.



#### **Clubs & Units**

In Accordance with General Order No. 1 of Shriners International, Azan's Clubs & Units must hold their Elections at least month earlier than has been the tradition of most of Azan. All election results shall be reported to the Recorder before EOM November.

### Still Looking!! Help Wanted Building & Property Manager

Azan Shrine has an opening for a Building and Property Manager. This is a paid position and membership is preferred but not required. Availability and proximity to the Shrine Center are considerations as well as general building and equipment knowledge and experience.

Inquire with the Recorder, Ray Lynch PP at the Shrine Center

# **Azan Highlanders**



Starting a unit is difficult but starting a band is even more complicated. As mentioned last month, you do not have to have any musical background to join the Azan Highlanders. In fact, by joining the Highlanders, you also

join the Space Coast Highlanders (formally Melbourne City Pipes and Drums) where you will receive professional instruction on instrument execution and band ensemble. The practices are every Sunday at 3:30pm at the Advent Lutheran Church in Suntree (7550 N Wickham Rd. Melbourne, FL 32940).

#### WHAT WILL I NEED?

Beginning pipers will need a practice chanter and beginning snare drummers will need a pair of drum sticks and a practice pad. Beginning tenor and bass drummers will need sticks and a sense of rhythm.

#### HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

- Practice Chanter \$99
- Drum Sticks \$20
- Practice Pad \$25

• Uniform - Once you are playing with the band, therewill be a few uniform items to purchase such as a kilt, dress shirt, military shirt, vest, tie, waist belt, cross belt, sporran, hose, and flashes.

Monthly Dues - \$0 (lessons are free)

For additional information, please see Adam or Mike. We look forward to seeing you at our first band meeting.

Azan Highlanders – "We march so children can walk." Adam Bryant, Pipe Major – 321-334-7318

Mike Gibson, Pipe Sergeant - 407-970-7073



# **Daughters of the Nile**

Good day all Ladies of Shriners,

We welcome all to come to sewing group. We meet on the 4th Monday of the

month, from 9:30 am to 12:00. Even if

you don't sew, we have other things to do, stuff dolls, pillow or tie blankets.

Our ladies went to Florida days and sold four ritual covers, they had a great time. We are now collecting gift cards for the childrens in any amount for Christmas you can bring them to sewing.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving! In Nile Love, Princess Ginny Search Co-Chairman Queen Dee Ryan Co-Chairman

# **Legion of Honor**



Thank you for your service. Azan did this for the thirteenth year by serving a lunch to the Blind and Visually Impaired Veterans of Brevard County.



The day began early with the kitchen crew (see photo above) when Chef Shawn McGregor prepared a full and delicious breakfast. It filled the appetite of several Nobles to the point they were still full at lunch time. Our drivers started early by picking up veterans for their 11:30 luncheon. Thank you to Rick Shulze, Ricky Jones, John McCorquodale, Ernie Quick, and ILL Terry Lewis, P.P. for providing transportation. After the invocation and pledge to our Flag, Greg Manuel, Director of Blind Veteran Programs for the Veteran's Administration in Florida was introduced. Along with a great meal, it was a pleasure to observe the interaction between the vets while enjoying the social atmosphere. It was also a great experience to see our Nobles enjoying the event and serving our Veterans.

Drivers, Servers, and Kitchen Crew—Blind Veterans Luncheon

Following desert, Greg Manuel, Director of Blind Services for the Veteran's Administration in Florida, introduced a speaker from the Wisdom for the Blind. This organization introduces and provides assistive technology to Blind and Visually Impaired Veterans. It was very informative to learn of the services available. There was a question and answer session, which showed a lot of interest and involvement of those in attendance. Attendance has been growing since COVID and we look for to thanking our veterans again in the future. The Azan Shrine Center is to be commended on facilitating the success of this event. Thank you to all Nobles who got involved and made for a great event for our Veterans.

Fraternally, Roger McKay, PP 2020

# **Central Brevard Shrine Club**

Nobles

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Come visit us for coffee at Brevard Lodge 113 every M W F from 8-11. Don't forget our stated meeting the second Tuesday of the month at Kays BBQ in Cocoa at 6 pm for dinner and at 7 pm for the meeting.

Fraternaly Scott Wise



## Ladies' of the Oriental Shrine

With the upcoming holiday we will not be hosting a dinner on December 22nd. However, that doesn't mean we are any less busy this

month. We will be celebrating the arrival of our Grand High Priestess to our Court meeting, her inspection of our books, and general goodwill, in her annual visit which this year falls on the 11th and 12th. Plus, our members are supporting Azan Shrine with our donations and help at the children's Christmas party. The time off after these events will be most welcome as we individually prepare for the Christmas and New Year holidays in our own homes.

The Ladies of Hadji Court want to thank you for your support throughout 2023 and wish all of you, and those you love, a very Merry Christmas and the happiest New Year as we go forth into 2024. We look forward to seeing you again in the year ahead.

Lady Donna Brossard Recorder, PHP

# **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. Here's a start for you...

# December

Roger W Ward Jr 12/1/1963 Jerry F Mayo 12/3/1941 Charles A Weaver 12/3/1949 Louis K Fields 12/3/1962 John R Sutton Jr 12/3/1963 Paul R Johnson 12/4/1927 Robert R Lawhead 12/4/1942 Gregory R Maruna 12/4/1968 Gerald K Atchison 12/5/1941 Randel Rodriguez 12/6/1953 Clayton B Till 12/7/1932 Lawrence G Walker III 12/7/1961 John F Hillman Jr 12/8/1956 Dean W Pfoutz 12/9/1958 David A Search 12/10/1939 Daryl J Debaets P.P. 12/10/1958 Donald R Murphy 12/10/1959 Arthur A Horton 12/11/1946 William F Cobb Iv 12/12/1966 David L Fitts 12/12/1972 Murray L Walker 12/13/1941 Judson C Bailey 12/13/1943 Peter M Paul 12/13/1948 John L Richards Jr 12/13/1956 Frederick Yee 12/14/1929 Jim J Harris 12/14/1948 Charles A Morris 12/15/1938 John D Jones 12/15/1942 Harvey L Plaskov 12/15/1946

# Happy Birthday to:

Michael H Poland 12/15/1951 James R Cox II 12/16/1961 Richard J Rozycki 12/17/1944 Sabato Daniele 12/17/1964 Charles E Garrison 12/18/1938 John C Smith 12/18/1943 John E Palmisano 12/18/1950 Eric C Purcell 12/18/1960 Ryan Fetscher 12/18/1979 Robert A Delp 12/19/1956 Darrell H Hamilton 12/20/1943 Jerome H Groncki 12/20/1945 Angel Burgos 12/21/1962 John H Willard 12/24/1928 Kenneth J Stowe 12/24/1937 Darrell L Stewart 12/25/1946 Patrick H Harper 12/26/1959 Derik A Smith 12/26/1969 David J Dibler 12/27/1946 Teodoro Del Rosario 12/27/1952 Donald G Atkins 12/28/1933 Stephen Carl H Austin 12/28/1964 Ferdinand J De Rosa 12/29/1965 John Sullivan 12/29/1970 Walter L Bush 12/30/1941 Stanley Human Jr. 12/30/1971 James B Garrison 12/31/1940 Anthony J Gannon 12/31/1949



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					<b>1</b> DON Supreme Visit TGIF Dinner 6:00 PM NBSC TGIF 6:00 PM	<b>2</b> Mims Parade	
3	<b>4</b> Divan - 6:00 PM Director's Staff - 7:30 PM	<b>5</b> SRSC 11:30 AM IRSC - 7:00 PM	<b>6</b> NBSC 7:00 PM NBSC Golfers after Club Meeting	7 SBSC Meeting 11:30 AM Stated Meeting 7:00 PM	8 TGIF Dinner 6:00 PM	9 Cocoa, Titusville & Rockledge Parade	
<b>10</b> Melbourne Coin Show 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM	11 LOS Meeting 6:30 PM	12 CBSC Meeting 7:00 PM	<b>13</b> Ladies Night Out NBSC 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	14 SBSC Meeting 11:30 AM LON 3:00 PM	<b>15</b> Azan Christmas Party	16 Kid Party Prep	
<b>17</b> Patients Christmas Party 1:00 to 3:00 PM	<b>18</b> DON Meeting 7:00 PM NBSC Medics 6:30 PM	19	20	21 SBSC Meeting 11:30 AM	<b>22</b> TGIF Dinner 6:00 PM Joe Calautti 6:00 PM	23	
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