



### **Three Generations, One Mission: The Legacy of the Cox Family at Azan Shrine**

At Azan Shrine, legacy is more than tradition; it is a living, breathing commitment passed from one generation to the next. Few families embody that spirit more beautifully than the Cox family.

Standing proudly together are three Nobles whose shared name tells a deeper story of service:

- **Grandfather** – James Ronald Cox (Jim), age 90
- **Son** – James Ronald Cox II (Ron), age 64
- **Grandson/Nephew** – Steven James Logsdon (who proudly carries the James legacy forward)

Though not a direct father-to-son Masonic line beyond Ron, this family represents something even more meaningful: a calling freely chosen, inspired by example, and strengthened by love.

### **A Foundation Built in 1996**

In 1996, Jim was created as a Noble in the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, now known as Shriners International. At the time, he could not have known that his decision would ignite a legacy spanning decades.

Ron followed in the summer of 2002, stepping into the same brotherhood his father proudly served. And in late 2024, Steven continued the journey, preparing to cross the “Hot Sands” in 2025, a symbolic step into the desert of commitment, character, and charity.

There are no other Masons within their extended family. No long ancestral line of fraternal membership stretching back centuries. Just one man’s decision in 1996, and the ripple effect that followed.

### **Inspired by Service**

For Steven, the journey was personal.

He began his Masonic path seeking self-improvement and upholding the mantle of brotherly love. But what truly solidified his desire to become a Shriner was witnessing his grandfather’s active role within the Shrine, and watching his grandmother, Ann, serve as High Priestess of the Ladies of the Oriental Shrine at Azan.

Service was not just talked about in their home. It was lived.

Yet the defining moment came later after meeting a woman whose child had been treated through Shriners Hospitals. What was once seen as a weakness in that child had been transformed into a strength. Access to world-class medical professionals, provided completely free of charge, turned limitations into a superpower.

That moment made it clear: this was bigger than family tradition.

This was the purpose.

### **The Power of One Child**

Every Shriner child represents limitless potential. Every surgery, every therapy session, every smile restored reflects what happens when men dedicate themselves to something larger than personal gain.

Shriners International has spent more than a century ensuring that children receive specialized pediatric care regardless of a family’s ability to pay. The Cox family’s three-generation presence at Azan Shrine is a living testimony to that mission.

Jim began the journey.

Ron strengthened the foundation.

Steven now carries the torch forward, hoping one day to bring his own son across the Hot Sands and continue the mission for as long as there is a child in need.

### **A Legacy Still Being Written**

At 90 years young, Jim stands as proof that legacy is not about titles; it is about impact.

Ron represents steady continuity. Steven represents the future, and together, they represent what Azan Shrine is all about: faith, family, fraternity, and philanthropy. Because sometimes legacy is not about inheritance. It's about inspiration, and in the Cox family, that inspiration is alive, strong, and just getting started.

Fraternally Submitted,

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