

# NEWSLETTER

## AZAN SHRINE CENTER



### FROM THE POTENTATE: ALAN BUNCH



January has once again proven to be a month that flies by, but it was also a time of deep gratitude and meaningful connection. I was honored when the esteemed Past Imperial Potentate, Gary Bergensky, visited to "Fez" me—a special recognition I deeply cherish. This moment held even greater significance as it bridged a shared history: Gary and my father served as

counterparts in 2005, both holding the role of Potentate. Regrettably, my father's health prevented him from being here, but Imp Sir Gary's presence ensured the tradition and bond between our families. The Memorial Service was a touching tribute, and I extend heartfelt thanks to all who participated, lending their support and respect to this solemn yet beautiful occasion.

As we turn our calendars toward February, exciting events await! The **SESA Mid-Winter Convention** will kick off on February 2nd, running through the 7th—a fantastic opportunity for camaraderie and collaboration. On February 8th, the **Super Bowl Party** will take place in the **Beautiful Oasis Lounge**, promising spirited fun and great food; mark your calendars! Don't forget **Valentine's Day** on the 14th—show your beloved some extra love, as time truly races ahead.

To keep the momentum of joy, TGIF theme nights will be hosted whenever possible, offering lighthearted themes and opportunities to spend time together with each other.

As always, thank you for your support—it is the cornerstone of our fraternity. Here's to a year filled with laughter, growth, and shared success!

Warm regards,  
Alan Bunch



### IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

DIVAN MEETING, FEBRUARY 2, 6:00 PM  
 DIRECTOR STAFF MEETING, FEBRUARY 2, 7:30 PM  
 STATED MEETING, FEBRUARY 5, 7:00 PM  
 SUPER BOWL PARTY, FEBRUARY 8, 6:00 PM

## ASSISTANT RABBAN

This year at Azan Shrine, we've been reminded that the true strength of our Shrine is found in the moments we share together. Every handshake, laugh, conversation, and shared experience at our events builds something deeper than attendance; it builds connection. These moments are what turn gatherings into memories and a group of individuals into a true brotherhood.

When we show up and share time together, we reinforce the spirit of fellowship that defines Azan—being present means celebrating successes, supporting one another, and creating memories that last far beyond a single event. These shared moments strengthen our unity and fuel our mission, reminding us that together, through connection, camaraderie, and purpose, we can achieve more.

We look forward to seeing you and sharing many more moments together in the year ahead.

With Fraternal Love,  
Todd Forschino



## HIGH PRIEST & PROPHET

Get Your Tickets Now for the AZAN Shrine Center 1st Quarter Gun Raffle! Support a great cause and have a chance to win a P-17! The AZAN Shrine Center is excited to announce our 1st Quarter Gun Raffle, in which you can win a Keltec P-17 with Optic .22 (capacity 16+1)! Tickets are just \$30 each, and with only 125 tickets available, your odds of winning are excellent! That's not all! With each

ticket purchase, you'll also receive a collectible, AZAN-numbered pocket knife - a unique keepsake and a valuable addition to any collection. This is the first in a series of collectible knives we'll offer throughout the year, so don't miss your chance to start your collection! Contact: Darrell Schmitt (321) 543-6458 or the AZAN Office (321) 259-5302 to purchase your raffle ticket

**Why Your Support Matters:** Proceeds from this raffle will directly benefit the AZAN Shrine Center and its mission to support our community. Your contribution helps us continue to provide vital services and programs. Our goal is to raffle off four guns this year, giving you the chance to collect all four AZAN Shrine knives!

**How to Purchase Tickets:** Contact Darrell Schmitt at (321) 543-6458 or visit the AZAN Shrine Center office at 1591 W. Eau Gallie Blvd., Melbourne, FL 32935. Make checks payable to *Azan Shrine Center*. Don't wait! Get your tickets today and support the AZAN Shrine Center!

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 Hospitals Charity. I encourage all able Shriners to participate in these fundraisers, as they support the core reason the Shriners exist.

There are four paper drives currently scheduled for 2026; the first is at Melbourne Beach Publix scheduled for March 21-22.

The second and third Paper Drives are at Sam's Club Melbourne and are scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> and July 25-26.

The fourth Paper Drive is at Melbourne Beach Publix scheduled for November 7-8.

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 501(c)(3) 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](mailto: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

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## FIRST LADY

Hello Nobles and Ladies,  
January as First Lady has flown by, as I am sure the whole year will.  
We have some exciting things planned. The ladies will meet as usual in the Oasis during the Stated Meeting. I would love to spend this month's time getting to know all of you.

At the March meeting, I would like to have a purse auction to benefit the First Lady's project.

It is that time of year when we are all cleaning out our closets. Please consider setting aside any new or gently used bags to donate to the cause.

The annual **Super Bowl Party** will be held in our beautifully renovated Oasis on Feb. 8th at 6:00 pm. We ask that everyone wear your favorite team jersey along with your team spirit. Please bring a side dish.

The protein will be provided.

As the month moves on, please remember to support our weekly TGIFs.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone there.

With best wishes,

Cat Lind, First Lady



### MEMORIAL SERVICE



## HADJI COURT NO.88

Greetings Ladies and Nobles from Hadji Court No. 88, Ladies Oriental Shrine.

We are all back to work supporting the efforts of our Shriners to make a difference in the lives of **Shriner children** in 2026.

On February 13, 2026, the ladies of Hadji Court will be cooking and serving TGIF dinner.

The menu will be baked pork chops, baked apples, stuffing, a roll, salad, and dessert.

All will be served at a cost of \$12. Come out and enjoy a delicious meal. Social hour is 5:00 pm and dinner is served at 6:00 pm.

Our stated meeting is February 9 at 6:30 pm, and refreshments are served prior to the meeting.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please speak to one of our ladies.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Headley

## WIDOWS CLUB

February is a short but busy month.

We celebrate Valentine's Day on the 14th and President's Day on the 16th.

Our Widows Club will meet on Wednesday, February 18th at Azan.

Sign-in is at 11:15 am, with lunch (\$12) served at 11:30 am.

Ladies will receive a phone call re: attendance so that our caterers can plan our lunch.

We would like to grow our group, so if you are a widow with some free time, help us support Azan and the children in Shriners' care.

We provide a dessert table at the annual Azan Fish Fry and the annual BBQ. Monies raised go directly to the AZAN Transportation Fund.

For information, phone President Carolyn Hinman at (321) 956-9944, or Secretary Judy Burr at (321) 305-4540.

See you soon,  
Judy Burr

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August 22, 2026



**Sailing Itinerary**

Date	Port Location	Arrive	Depart
22 AUG	ORLANDO (PORT CANAVERAL), FL	4:00 PM	
23 AUG	CRUISING		
24 AUG	CRUISING		
25 AUG	CHARLOTTE AMALIE, ST. THOMAS	7:00 AM	2:30 PM
26 AUG	CRUISING		
27 AUG	PERFECT DAY COCOCAY, BAHAMAS	8:30 AM	5:00 PM
28 AUG	NASSAU, BAHAMAS	7:00 AM	2:30 PM
29 AUG	ORLANDO (PORT CANAVERAL), FL	6:00 AM	

Prices are based on Double Occupancy (2 guest per cabin)  
Balcony \$3585.18 per cabin (*includes all taxes & fees*) (\$1792.59 Per Person)  
Deposit \$500 per cabin due at booking, FINAL payment May 17, 2026

Deposits are refundable up to final payment. Solo cruisers pay Double Occupancy.  
Other Cabin categories may be available with a non-refundable deposit.  
Prices are subject to change and are capacity controlled.

**It is Highly Recommended to include Travel Insurance**

**Required ID & Travel Documents:** Passports are not required, but HIGHLY recommended. Guest without passport will be required to show proof of citizenship such as an original or certified copy of a birth certificate, and a government issued photo ID.

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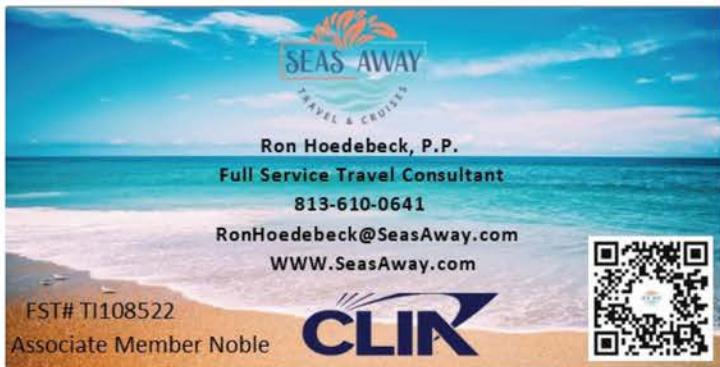
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**CENTRAL BREVARD SHRINE CLUB WELCOMES YOU!**

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**7:00 PM**



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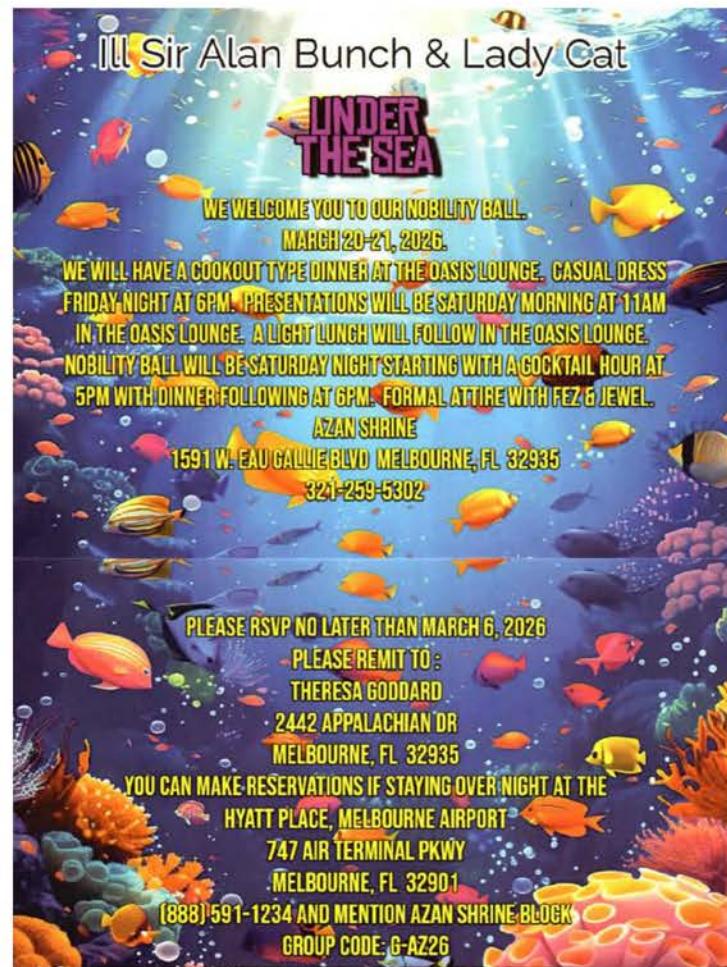
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2026

# FEBRUARY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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2 DIVAN MEETING 6:00 PM DIRECTOR'S STAFF 7:30 PM	3 SRSC 11:30 AM IRSC 7:00 PM	4 NBSC 7:00 PM GOLFERS NBSC BOG	5 SBSC 11:30 AM LOH 6:00 PM STATED MEETING 7:00 PM SESA MID WINTER	6 TGIF 6:00 PM RV TRAVELERS NBSC SESA MID WINTER	7 SAHIB BALL SESA MID WINTER	8 AZAN SUPER BOWL PARTY 6:00 PM MELBOURNE COIN SHOW 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM
LOS 6:00 PM	9 CBSC 7:00 PM	10	11 SBSC 11:30 AM LON NBSC 3:00 PM	12 TGIF 6:00 PM	13 VALENTINES DAY WATER COLOR SHOW	14 WATER COLOR SHOW
15 PRESIDENTS DAY	16	17 AZAN WIDOWS 11:15 AM	18 SBSC 11:30 AM	19 TGIF 6:00 PM SWAMP RATS NBSC GOURD SHOW	20 SCF BOARD MEETING SCF CHAIRMANS GOURD SHOW	21 22 GOURD SHOW
23	24	25 SBSC 11:30 AM	26 TGIF 6:00 PM	27	28	