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News

Illustrious Sir
Kevin Smithwick
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From the Potentate: Kevin Smithwick



Summer is here and in full force. We can tell by the weather and because the Shrine is dark for July and August with no stated meeting. But that doesn't mean the building is sitting empty. There are plenty of things going on.

I want to thank everyone who showed up for our joint ceremonial with Bahia in Daytona. We had a great time and congratulations to all the new Nobles.

In July we are busy working on projects at the Shrine. The First Ladies Project starts July 9th and the Oasis remodel starts July 19th. Please come out to the Ribbon cutting TGIF on August 22nd to see what has been done.

I know you have received the letter asking for donations. Please consider giving if you are able. This is a great project and long overdue.

July also has the Imperial session in Atlanta, GA where we will be voting on legislation that impacts our members. You are in good hands as most of the Divan will be attending. If you have never been to an Imperial Session, next year's will be in Tampa and might be something for you to mark on your calendar.

We also have the Azan Nobility cruise in July, and I look forward to relaxing with all who will be attending.

Mark your calendars now, August 16th the "Welcome Back Grill Out" is shaping up to be a big event. You'll also want to attend the TGIF on August 22.

That's all for now. Please say hello when you see me or Renee. We love talking to everyone and look forward to the second half of the year. Safe travels this summer!

Kevin Smithwick
Potentate 2025
Azan Shrine

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Shriner's International will roll over the dues on August the 1st, 2025. Any 2025 or earlier dues that have not been paid are severely delinquent. Current dues posted will be for 2026. Also, all 2026 dues when paid will receive a new dues card sent by Shriner's International. Paper dues notices are billed in October. Electronic dues notices (email) are sent out in August.

Thank you.
Ray Lynch, Recorder

Important Upcoming Events

Imperial Shrine June 27th - July 3rd

AZAN DARK

Parades - July 4th

The office will be closed July 4th

Joe Calluti - July 18

Refer to calendar on back page for additional events.

Chief Raban

Shriners International, a fraternity with roots dating back to 1872, stands as a beacon of fun, fellowship, and the enduring Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. With a global presence encompassing over 200 Shriners Temples and countless clubs, the organization fosters a powerful sense of brotherhood and compassion among its members. At the heart of their mission lies a profound commitment to generosity, exemplified by their establishment of Shriners Children's in 1922. As the governing body of this extraordinary philanthropy, Shriners International dedicates itself to making the world a happier, better, and more enjoyable place. To continue their impactful work for children in need, ongoing recruitment efforts are essential, ensuring the fraternity's capacity to provide critical care and support.

Alan Bunch Chief Rabban

AZAN Shrine Center

Assistant Raban

Now that the Joint Ceremonial is behind us, I must say it was indeed a joy to behold. We enjoyed a rather large turnout from both Azan as well as Bahia Shrine. Great friends and good times were enjoyed by all. I truly hope this is just the beginning of events of years to come and I hope we can add more shrines to this event next year. It is events like this that bring us closer together.

Our next event will be the trip to Atlanta at the end of June and early July. I and Ms. Penny will be attending along with most of the Divan. Please wish us well as we travel north to represent our Azan Nobles.

Please don't forget July 12, which is the First Responder's dinner. Nobels, I need your help. Over the next few weeks, I will be checking with as many fire, police departments locations as I can find to contact them regarding their dinner requirements. What we need from each location is:

POC, Name and #

Address

High Priest & Prophet

A Whirlwind June for Our Shrine Family!

June has been a month filled with impactful visits, community engagement, and exciting upcoming opportunities for our Shrine family. We've been on the move, representing our values and spreading the good work of Shriners International.

The month kicked off with a significant journey south of the border as Illustrious Sir Kevin, AR Richard, Noble Lou, and I, along with our wonderful ladies, had the distinct privilege of visiting the Shriners Children's Hospital in Mexico. This was a truly eye-opening and heartwarming experience, allowing us to witness firsthand the incredible care and dedication provided to the children. We were deeply moved by the resilience of the young patients and the tireless efforts of the hospital staff. Keep an eye out for an upcoming video showcasing our visit and the vital work being done at the Shriners Children's Hospital in Mexico. Back on home turf, we continued our community involvement by participating in the **North Brevard Shrine Club's Shine for the Shrine Car Show**. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect with fellow enthusiasts and showcase our presence within the local community. The roar of engines and the gleam of classic cars made for a memorable day! Thank you to Noble Peter Brown for organizing this and to all the Nobles and Ladies of the North Brevard Shrine Club.

Our commitment to the City of Melbourne was further solidified as Azan members attended a special Proclamation by the Mayor of Melbourne, FL. We extend our sincere gratitude to Mayor Paul Alfrey, the Melbourne City Council, and the City Manager for this thoughtful proclamation. Your recognition of Shriners International and the vital work they do, particularly through Shriners Children's, is deeply appreciated. This gesture not only honors the fraternity's long-standing dedication to our community and beyond but also helps raise awareness for their invaluable contributions to children's healthcare. Thank you for your support and for highlighting the positive impact of such a venerable organization.

Looking ahead, we have another exciting initiative on the horizon! Get ready for the launch of our **third gun raffle series** sales, coming very soon. This is a crucial fundraising effort that directly supports our mission. Be sure to keep an eye out for details on how to purchase your tickets and support the vital work of the Azan Shrine.

Fraternally

Todd Forschino HPP/Public Relations and Marketing 2025



Oriental Guide

Happy 4th of July, everyone.

Here are a few Facts about the 4th:

1777 was the first year fireworks were used in an official Fourth of July celebration. Congress authorized the use of fireworks to help mark the first anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

- There were an estimated 2.5 million people living in the 13 colonies on July 4, 1776.

- Fourth of July became a federal holiday in 1870.
- 86 places in the U.S. have “independence,” “liberty,” “freedom,” or “eagle” in their names.

- 61% of Americans will attend a July 4th picnic.
- In 2020, an estimated \$76.49 would be spent per person on July 4th food items.

- 150 million hot dogs are consumed each July 4th.
- 74 is the record number of hot dogs eaten in 10 minutes by Joey Chestnut in 2018.

- Costs \$25,000-\$100,000 to host a municipal fireworks display.

I hope everyone has a safe 4th. Most of the Divian will just be coming back from the Imperial Session. (for some) Our highly anticipated summer BBQ is just around the corner, on Sunday, September 28th, 2025. Save the date, because this is an event you won't want to miss! It'll be a day filled with delicious food, good company, and Chicken Sh*t BINGO, Yes Chicken Sh*t Bingo, Along with the camaraderie that makes the Nobility of Azan Shrine so special. This will be open to the PUBLIC and all are welcome. Be on the lookout for more information and come prepared to place bets on the chicken.

Fraternally

Darrell Schmitt

Oriental Guide

2025

Hospital Charity – Paper Drives

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 fund raisers, as they support the core reason the Shriners exist.

We attended the Space Coast Harley Davidson in May 24th Memorial Day event. We displayed a selection of our Shrine parade vehicles (Red Jeepster, Medic Wheelie Van and a Drift Trike) and took the opportunity to remind the public of our children’s hospital activities.

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. Noble Jim North is working the NBSC area and I provided the usual paper drive credentials package, for potential sites. 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.

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 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

Parade Marshal

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 the most visible way that 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 will be the annual Merritt Island 4th of July Parade, Friday, July 4th. Parade line up begins at 0800 and parade step off is at 1000. It follows the usual route from Merritt Island High School, along SR3 turning East to the end at Edgewood Jr/Sr High School. All wishing to participate, please contact Wally Jones at 321-877-9937 or azanparade@gmail.com.

Parades currently planned for this year are:

Future:

Seeking a Veteran’s Day Parade - TBD

Christmas Parades – All dates TBD

Cocoa Beach

Cocoa/Rockledge
Merritt Island
Mims
Port St John
Titusville (night parade)
Vero Beach (we have been solicited for this night parade, but may conflict with our usual parades)
Viera (night Parade, may be good after one of our other parades)

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

First Lady

Hello nobles and ladies! I hope this article finds you well and you're having a great summer. It's hard to believe we are in the month of July already. Time flies when you're having a great time. Thank you to all the nobles and ladies who attended our ceremonial in Daytona. Congratulations to all our new nobles!

We have started the renovations of our First Ladies project and will soon start on the bar. I would like to personally thank everyone who has donated to our projects. Your generosity is why these projects can be done. I would like to invite you to our ribbon cutting on August 22.

Right now we are attending the Imperial Session in Atlanta Georgia. This is a great opportunity for us to network with other

Shriners. Next years Imperial Session will take place in Tampa and if you've never attended one, this would be a great opportunity to attend.

I wish everyone a healthy July and look forward to seeing you at our Welcome Back BBQ on August 16. Please be on the lookout for more information to come.

Wishing you well,
Renee Smithwick

Shilah Temple No. 151 Daughter of the Nile

June is come and gone, and the Ladies from Shilah Temple No. 151 have returned from the Supreme Session in Las Vegas.

We have received lovely photos from their trip to the theater to see Barry Manilow, and all the fun activities themselves at the Session. But the most impressive thing was the presentation of Donations to Shriners Children's from the Daughters of the Nile Foundation in the amount of 2.2 Million Dollars (yes, that's right! \$2,200,000.00, with an additional \$442,000.00 from our Canadian Foundation).

We are also proud that Past Queen Catherine (Cat) Lind, has been selected to serve with the Supreme Daughters of the Nile Foundation and look forward to hearing all about her new activities at that level. Congratulations Cat.

Submitted by
Gloria K. Robinson, Past Queen

Director's Staff

The members of the Azan Directors Staff send our best wishes to the Nobility and their families for a wonderful summer break, and we look forward to seeing you in September. Be safe and stay healthy.

Carl Shoultz

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Attest: Ray Lynch, PP, Recorder

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Joe Calluti

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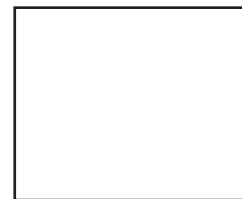
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Leonard L Horowitz	7/1/1957
Craig Edmondson-Wood	7/1/1969
Steven M Tope	7/3/1941
Michael L Harrison	7/4/1958
Anthony A Andreoli Jr.	7/5/1956
Charles Robert R Walle	7/6/1932
Don F Niehaus	7/6/1938
Robert L Chadwick	7/6/1940
Peter A Brown	7/6/1947
Dallas R Powell	7/6/1951
Michael C Owler	7/6/1957
Jacob L Richardson Jr	7/7/1937
Donald S Minnick	7/7/1966
Bradley A Berry	7/7/1968
Steven J Deponty	7/8/1952
John Paniccia PP	7/8/1966
William L West	7/10/1945
Anthony J Bovio	7/11/1947
Gregory T Hanshaw	7/11/1961
Roger H Newman	7/12/1929
James R Cox	7/12/1935
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Leslie E Woodring	7/13/1964
Kenneth W Kelly	7/14/1947
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George R Major	7/15/1938
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Otto W West	7/17/1937
Robert A Scherzer	7/17/1963
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Michael V Gibson	7/20/1976
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Ira S Alderman	7/21/1958
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Robert Harris Jr.	7/27/1964
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Raul R Flores	7/29/1937
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Check Clubs and Units for Details on Meeting Dates and Locations

AZAN SHRINE July 2025 AZAN SHRINE						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Imperial Shrine SRSC 11:30 AM IRSC - 7:00 PM	2 Imperial Shrine NBSC 7:00 PM	3 Imperial Shrine Azan Dark	4  FOURTH OF JULY	5 NBSC Swamp Rats Pig Roast, Social 3:00 PM Dinner 5:00 PM
6	7	8 CBSC Meeting 7:00 PM	9	10 SBSC Meeting 11:30 AM LON NBSC 3:00 PM	11 TGIF Dinner 6:00 PM	12 Azan First Responder's Appreciation Dinner 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
13 Melbourne Coin Show 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM	14	15	16	17 SBSC Meeting 11:30 AM	18 TGIF Dinner 6:00 PM Joe Calutti in the Oasis	19 Potentate's Cruise Adventure of the Seas Royal Caribbean
20 Potentate's Cruise Adventure of the Seas Royal Caribbean	21 NBSC Medics 6:30 PM	22 Potentate's Cruise Adventure of the Seas Royal Caribbean	23 Potentate's Cruise Adventure of the Seas Royal Caribbean	24 SBSC Meeting 11:30 AM Potentate's Cruise Adventure of the Seas Royal Caribbean	25 Potentate's Cruise Adventure of the Seas Royal Caribbean	26
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WHISTLE STOP GAZETTE

July 2025



Central Brevard Shrine Club Newsletter



P,O, Box 237022

Cocoa, FL 32923

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

NOBLES

Just a reminder that we will be dark June, July, and August. We will continue Koffee Klatch on M / W / F from 8:30 till 10:30.

(Lodge # 113 in Cocoa)

To the snow birds have a safe and great summer. Looking forward to your return to sunny Florida and don't forget us while you are away.

HA (Rick) Rickards

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SHRINE MEETINGS

CBSC

- Every M-W-F Koffee Klutch from 8:30– 10:30 AM .

At Blue Lodge #113 40 Carmalt St. Cocoa, Fl.

NO Stated meeting . **2025** At American legion post 22 Indian River 241 Peachtree Street Cocoa, Fl. Stated Mtg. @ 7:00 PM dinner/ drinks at 6 pm

AZAN no stated meeting (DARK)

NBSC July 02 2025 Stated Mtg. @ 7:00 PM

CBSC MEMBERSHIP

Scott Wise (Pam)
III Sir Ray Lynch (Adele)
III Sir Kevin Smithwick (renee)
Charles Donnelly (Debra)
Rick Rickards (Nancy)
III Sir Don Feaser (Kay)
Chuck Weaver
J.C. Smith (Pegg)
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