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NEWSLETTER

AZAN SHRINE CENTER



FROM THE POTENTATE: KEVIN SMITHWICK



December will bring many opportunities for us to come together as a Shrine. From election night, parades, club and unit meetings, to holiday parties, this is a month to reflect and celebrate.

Renee and I would like to thank everyone who attended the Nobility Ball. It was an amazing event and one I will always remember. I would especially like to thank Kim, Theresa, Henry, the Legion of Honor, and of course First Lady Renee. Without their help, I could not have succeeded.

Please mark your calendars for the Azan Holiday Party on the 19th. It will be another great night. As my term as Potentate comes to an end, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for the privilege of serving this organization. It has been an honor to work alongside such dedicated, passionate, and inspiring individuals.

Over the past year specifically, and throughout my years on the Divan, we have accomplished a great deal together—celebrating successes, overcoming challenges, and building a stronger foundation for the future. I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved as a team, and I am thankful for the trust and support you have shown me throughout this journey.

I would like to acknowledge my fellow officers, committee members, and volunteers whose hard work made every goal possible. Your commitment continues to be the driving force of this organization. I am confident that the incoming officers will carry forward our shared vision with fresh energy and new ideas.

Although my term is ending, my support for this organization remains unwavering. I look forward to seeing how we continue to grow, evolve, and serve our community in meaningful ways.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to serve. It has truly been an honor.

Kevin Smithwick Potentate 2025 Azan Shrine

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

DIVAN MEETING, DECEMBER 1, 6:00PM DIRECTOR STAFF MEETING, DECEMBER 1, 7:30PM STATED MEETING, DECEMBER 4, 7:00PM AZAN CHRISTMAS PARTY, DECEMBER 19, 5PM

CHIEF RABBAN

Good day to all Shriners!

With Thanksgiving now behind us, we can happily turn our thoughts toward the approaching Christmas season of 2025. As we anticipate the festivities, please remember to mark your calendars for the AZAN Christmas Dinner on December 19, 2025. We eagerly look forward to a splendid evening filled with the warmth of family and the joy of fellowship.

As this year draws to a close and a new era begins, let us embrace the opportunity to make the most of every experience. After all, life is a precious gift, and it's the only one we have, so let's strive to cherish and enrich every moment.

Thank you, and see you soon!

Alan Bunch Chief Rabban

HIGH PRIEST & PROPHET

Thank you for the incredible outpouring of support this year for our Four-Series Gun Raffle!

Because of YOU—and the excitement surrounding each raffle package, complete with its own numbered, series-exclusive knife—we raised **well over \$10,000 for Azan!**

A special and heartfelt thank-you goes out to **KelTec** and **Diamondback Firearms** for their generous donations. Their support not only boosted our fundraising tremendously, but also helped shine a brighter light on our mission. We are grateful to partner with local companies that believe in what we're doing for our community.

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Next year, we're bringing it back with **brand-new guns and exclusive knives** for the 2026 series. Bigger. Better. And made for those

who love supporting a great cause.

Thank you again for believing in Azan and for standing with us every step of the way.

Let's keep the momentum going!

Fraternally,

Todd Forschino / HPP 2025

ORIENTAL GUIDE

Happy Holidays to all! Wishing you a season filled with peace, warmth, and safe travels. Enjoy this special time with family and friends.

Fraternally,
Darrell Schmitt

CBSC

Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family, friends, and plenty of delicious food.

In mid-November, we enjoyed our monthly breakfast at Country Cookin' Restaurant with our Ladies and friends. Conversations included what everyone will be doing over the Christmas holidays.

We also attended the Veteran's Day Parade in Cape Canaveral. The veterans were very appreciative of our participation with our train. A special thank-you goes to Wally for all his hard work in coordinating this event for us.

As always, we continue to host our Koffee Klatch every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at Cocoa Lodge #113 from 8:30–10:30 a.m. Fraternally,

HA (Rick) Rickards President

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 for. On November 1st and 2nd, we conducted a paper drive at the Melbourne Beach Publix, a site we had not tried in a couple of years. It was a successful event. Participants included Al Zabel, Trebor Boatright, Greg and Heather Schenk, Todd Forschino, PP Roger McKay, Darrell Schmitt, Richard Earls, John Kraniou and Wally Jones. Additionally, I booked the Melbourne Publix for two paper drives in 2026.

Azan Daughters of the Nile Ladies have successfully participated in the last three Sam's paper drive activities, and I hope for their future support for these fundraisers.

There are no other paper drive events currently planned for 2025.

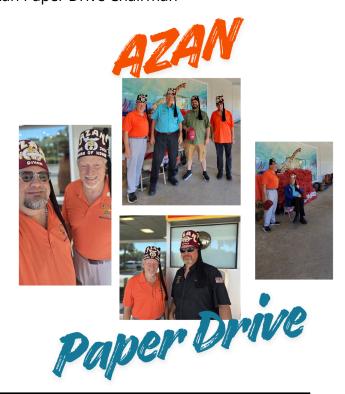
There are two paper drives currently scheduled for 2026; both are at Melbourne Beach Publix and are scheduled for March 21-22

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



RECORDER

REMINDER:

In order to vote you must be a Noble of Azan Shrine, and in good standing. Please call the office with any questions.



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 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 swamp rats. The parades allow us to show that we have appreciation for our military veterans and that our organization includes our Daughters of the Nile Ambassadors.

For 2025, we are enjoying many parade opportunities.

We participated in the Cape Canaveral Veteran's Day Parade, November 8th. Parade formed up at Cape View Elementary School and parade step off was at 11:11 AM. The parade ended at the Nancy Hanson Complex Sheriff's Taylor Avenue Parking Lot, with refreshments for participants. The Azan parade units departed the Azan Shrine Center at approximately 0830, Saturday morning. With units from Central Brevard Shrine Club meeting us at the form-up site. Participants included The Legion of Honor cart, Richard Earls' tin lizzie, the Director's Staff in their new mini-Jeeps, the Central Brevard train, and Darryll Schmitt representing Azan bikers. I sincerely thank all this year's participants and their supporters for a smooth and professional event and hope to see them at next year's event.

Parades currently planned for this year are: Veteran's Day – Cape Canaveral, November 8th, 0900 lineup, 1111 step off

Christmas Parade schedule is provided below

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

LEGION OF HONOR



Azan Shrine – Legion Of Honor 1591 W. Eau Gallie Blvd. Melbourne, FL 32935



Azan LOH Election Notice:

In that the elections held by the Unit on October 2, 2025 were done in a manner that all candidates were not available or known for their desire to serve as an officer of our unit, a dispensation has been granted by the Potentate for the Azan Legion of Honor to re-do their election in form. A re-balloting will be held for the elected offices at the December 4, 2025 meeting and the results of the same to be given to the Recorder of Azan prior to the Temple Stated Meeting of the same date.

Andrew J Cosenza
Commander 2025



UPCOMING AZAN PARADE SCHEDULE

	OPCOMING AZAN PA	ANADE SCHEDOLE	
DATE, LOCATION	LINE UP	STEP OFF	NOTES
Nov 8th, Saturday Cape Canaveral Veterans Day Cape View Elementary School: line-up 8440 Rosalind Ave Cape Canaveral	8:30 AM	11:11 AM	Reg 7/22
November 29th Light Up Viera Night Parade Viera High School 6103 Stadium Parkway, Viera	4:00PM	6:00PM	(no wheelies or drifts) Reg 10/29
Dec 6th, Saturday Merritt Island High School: line-up 100 Mustang Way, Merritt Island	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	Reg 10/14
Dec 6th, Saturday Mims Elementary School 2582 U.S. Rte 1 Mims, FL Line-up in field behind school	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	
Dec 13th, Saturday Cocoa Beach Line-up on 2nd Avenue Between A1A northbound and southbound lanes	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	Reg 10/29
Dec 13th, Saturday Rockledge High School: line-up 220 Rockledge Ave Rockledge, FL	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	Reg 10/14
Dec 13th, Saturday (Nighttime, holiday lights on vehicles) North Brevard Shrine Club: line-up 545 N Washington Ave Titusvillle	3:30 PM	6:00 PM	
Dec 20th, Saturday Challenger 7 Elementary School: line-up Port St John Line-up in field behind school, entrance from Miramar St, behind school, do not park personal vehicle in field.	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	Reg 10/15 w/Randy Rodriguez

FIRST LADY

Dear Nobles and Ladies,

It is hard to believe that this will be my final article as First Lady. I hope each of you enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving. We truly have much to be grateful for. Thank you for all you have done to support not only me, but also Illustrious Sir Kevin, and for the many ways you contributed throughout this year.

I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who attended our Nobility Ball weekend. We had an exceptional turnout and enjoyed a memorable and meaningful celebration together.

As we enter December, we have several upcoming events that we hope you will be able to attend. Our stated meeting will be held on December 4. The ladies will host a Jingle Gift Exchange, and those who wish to participate are invited to bring a wrapped gift valued at no more than \$20. We also kindly ask each participant to bring an hors d'oeuvre, appetizer, or sweet treat to share. On Friday, December 19, we look forward to welcoming you to our annual Christmas Party. The cost is \$25 per person, and the event will be catered by Genna's Italian Restaurant.

I wish everyone a safe, joyful, and blessed holiday season.

With warm regards,

Renee Smithwick

WIDOWS CLUB

The holidays are here. We hope that we all enjoy them with friends and family. The Widows Club will meet on Wednesday, December 17th at AZAN. Sign-in is at 11:15 am with lunch (\$12) served at 11:30am. Members will receive a phone call re attendance so our caterers can prepare for us. We thank Laurie and Elizabeth for the delicious lunches they prepare and serve each month.

Any widow interested in joining us only needs to phone Carolyn Hinman at 321-956-9944 or Judy Burr at 321-305-4540. Our purpose is to enjoy

supporting AZAN by providing a dessert table at the annual Fish Fry and the annual BBQ with proceeds donated to the Transportation Fund. We look forward to 2026. Happy Holidays!!!!

Judy Burr, Secretary

HADJI COURT NO.88

Hello Ladies and Nobles,

Hadji Court has had a busy November. We met for our stated session during the second week of November and had our official visit the third week of November. We enjoyed our time with our Grand High Priestess, Lady Cindy Rudd.

Our stated meeting for December is scheduled for December 8, 2025, at 6:30 pm. Refreshments will be prior to the meeting. We welcome new members. If you are interested in our court, please talk to one of our ladies.

Enjoy the holidays and the cooler weather.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Headley









DIRECTOR'S STAFF

The November Business Meeting was held on November 3 with 18 members, plus several members of the Divan, present. Pizza, drinks, and good fellowship were enjoyed by all. The members in attendance voted in one new member, Noble Jonathan Pitt, and we received and read one new application for membership.

The new parade Jeeps were presented with the Shrine insignia on them, and everyone appreciated the work of Noble Jamie and the company that completed the project. The members agreed to participate in the holiday parades this season, starting with the Cape Canaveral Veterans Day Parade on Saturday, November 8, and the Viera Night Parade on Saturday, November 29. The members will decide at the December meeting which of the other seven December parades we will participate in.

There was a discussion regarding our annual fundraiser - the *Thanksgiving Turkey Roast*. It was agreed that we would prepare 200 turkeys this year. We need all our members to assist with this very successful project, beginning Tuesday the 25th with prepping and roasting the turkeys. We will also need help on Wednesday the 26th at Beef O'Brady's on Wickham and Lake Washington for turkey sales.

Once this project is completed, we will need everyone's help with the Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, December 13 at Cocoa Beach Country Club. We need hole sponsors and players signed up as soon as possible. There will be a follow-up discussion at our December Business Meeting. If you know anyone wishing to play, please contact Noble Gabe at shrinergabe@gmail.com or 321-514-9426.

Under Sickness and Distress, we were informed of the passing of one of our long-time members and past secretary of our unit, Noble Jim Trammell. Another long-time member and past secretary, Noble Ron Bishap, is moving north due to health concerns. Noble Joe Lietz is also experiencing health issues. Please keep these Nobles and their families in your prayers.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, December 1, 2025, at the Azan Shrine Lounge. We welcome all the Nobility to join us for some great fellowship. The members in attendance voted for our new officers for the upcoming 2026 year:

President: Noble Gabe Costello – 321-514-9426 Vice President: Noble Jonathan Pitt – 814-777-1447 Treasurer: Noble Ryan Kelley – 321-795-1530 Secretary: Noble Carl Shoultz – 321-501-1004

Respectfully submitted,

Carl E. Shoultz Sr.

Secretary

THE AZAN DIRECTORS STAFF MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL THE NOBILITY AND THEIR FAMILIES A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

















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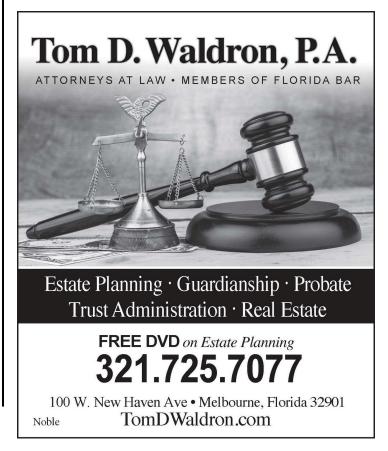












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EACH MONTH AT AZAN
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Ill. Sir Thomas Ronney, PP & Lady Barbara

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AUG 29		7:00 AM	2:30 PM	
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Prices are based on Double Occupancy (2 guest per cabin) Balcony \$3585.18 per cabin (includes all taxes & fees) (\$1792.19 Per Person)
Deposit \$250 per cabin due at booking, FINAL payment May 17, 2026

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Ron Hoedebeck Seas Away Travel & Cruises Mobile: 813-610-7254 RonsTravelWithSeasAway@gmail.com FST#TI108522

Azan Shriners Directors Staff Memorial Golf Tournament

In Memory of Ted Woodbury

2025 Golf Tournament



The Azan Shriners Directors Staff are formally hosting our 2025 Golf Tournament at Cocoa Beach Country Club. The tournament will be a shotgun start scramble format, best ball. After golf, join us for food, fun, and beverages at the Cocoa Beach Pool Pavillion.

> 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Longest Drive Closest to the Pin

When: December 13th, 2025 Time: 7:30 am Check In - Driving Range (If Available) 8:30 am Shotgun Start 1:00 pm Dinner & Prizes at the Pavillion

Where: Cocoa Beach Country Club 5000 Tom Warriner Blvd Cocoa Beach, FL 32931

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For Questions, Call Gabe at 321-514-9426

shrinergabe@gmail.com

	Entry Fee: Round of Golf, Lunch & Beverages at the Shrine
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