

AZAN Shrine Center

Illustrious Sir Kevin Smithwick Potentate 2025 Vol. 46, Issue 3 March 2025 Serving Brevard and Indian River Counties

From the Potentate: Kevin Smithwick



February was a busy month that started off with our sated meeting and Superbowl party. Both events were well attended, and I thank you all for that. We could also use more participation so if you are able, please come out and join us. I want to give a giant shout out to Henry, Jay and Lori for their hard work in the Oasis. They made great main courses for our Super Bowl party and kept the drinks flowing.

Coming up in March, we start the month off with breakfast on 3/2/2025. It will be from 8-11 and Shawn McGregor will be making some delicious food, and we have mimosa drink specials in the Oasis. Please come out and show your support. On March 6th we have our stated meeting. Once again, I'm asking for your support. It's your Shrine and the officers want to make it successful for you. But it takes everyone coming together for it to succeed. On March 9th, North Brevard Shrine Club will have their annual seafood fest. It is always a great time

and great food. NBSC supports our events, let's show up in force and support them! On March 15th we have our first parade of the year. The Melbourne, Saint Patrick's Day Parade. Renee and I will be attending, and I hope you can come out and participate as well.

In February I visited two blue lodges to unite our organizations even more. I attend ed Melbourne Lodge No 143 on Monday, February 17th and Canaveral Lodge No. 339 339 on Monday February 24th. I think they were great visits and a great success for our membership efforts.

In March my cable tow will only allow one lodge visit. I will be visiting Indian lodge No 90 on March 27, 2025. I hope you will consider sitting in lodge with me.

The First Lady's project, if you haven't heard we are updating the front entry and main hallway of the temple. This will make our building more open and inviting for our rentals and guests. We are funding this project with the sale of coins and events like the breakfast above. Contractors are already being consulted, and change will happen soon.

We are also doing a capital improvement project of the Azan Oasis. Renderings are currently being worked on. The goal for the construction part is new flooring, paint and texture over the wood panels, wainscoting to elevate the look, relocating all the Fez's to the Legion of Honor room, and new paint. Once that is done we will be buying new furniture, tables, chairs and barstools and placing donations plaques on them like we did in the main hall. A letter asking for donations will be going out soon if you wish to donate to this great project!

A few future events to mark on your calendar are the Azan fish fry on 4/27, our three temple ceremonial on 6/20&21. There is a cruise in July that we have reserved for our Azan members and family. There are flyers around and if you want more information please reach out. The rooms have to be reserved my mid March and paid for by mid April, so time is short if you want to join the 40 people who have already made reservations.

That's all for now. Please say hello when you see me or Renee. We love talking to everyone and look forward to the year ahead

Important Upcoming Events

Divan Meeting, March 3rd, 6:00 PM
Director Staff Meeting March 3rd, 7:00 PM
Stated Meeting, March 6th, 7:00 PM
Azan Breakfast March 2nd throurh 23rd
NBSC Seafood Fest, March 9th, 1:00 PM -4:00 PM
DON Queen Installation, March 30th, 2:00 PM

Refer to calendar on back page for additional events.

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Attest: Ray Lynch, PP, Recorder

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

Meetings the first Thursday of the month following lunch

Directors Staff

As most of the Nobility and members of the Directors Staff are aware, I am currently undergoing Chemo treatments. I am unable to be around crowds as my immune system is suspect. I apologize for and really miss everyone and will do my best to stay in touch. I would like to Thank Noble Ryan Kelley for taking the minutes for me.

The Directors Staff Meeting of February 3 was sparse on attendance but the members who were there enjoyed the fellowship and business was accomplished. Noble Ken Kelley announced that he had reserved the West Melbourne Publix location for our annual Paper Drive, the date is Saturday May 10th. This year, the members voted to match, from our funds, whatever is collected on that day. It was decided to sell our current parade buggies after the St Patrick parade. The members are looking at options for new parade vehicles. The St Patrick Day Parade will have 4 buggies participating. The Golf Committee will meet prior to the March 3 Business Meeting. THE DIRECTOR STAFF WILL BE ROASTING HAMS FOR EASTER. We will only be cooking presold hams so see any member of the Directors Staff if you are interested. Easter is April 20 this year. Due to the earlier meeting time of 7:00, the Directors Staff missed seeing the Divan at our meeting. We always enjoy their input and participation in our meetings. We hope everyone enjoyed the Super Bowl Party, which was announced at the meeting. Our next meeting will be on Monday March 3. Snacks and Drinks at 6:00 and the Business Meeting at 7:00. We invite all the Nobility to join us for some fun and fellowship. Our meetings are always entertaining.

Respectively Submitted Carl E Shoultz Sr Secretary

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Daughters of the Nile

Greetings from the Daughters of the Nile,



We just celebrated Valentines Day where we expressed our undying love for our families and friends, and our silent prayers for the rest.

Mardi Gras will soon be upon us, (March 4th)and though this is a great day of celebrating and debauchery the next day, March 5th, is actually the beginning of Lent and in Christian traditions this is a 6 week period of sacrifice and prayer ending with the Celebration of Easter on April 20th.

We have been invited to several parades in March. The first one is the Fellsmere Day parade on March 1st, and the second one is the St Patrick's Day Parade in Melbourne on March 15. We will decide if we are participating at our next session on February 17th.

The Don will hold our elections at our session on March 17th. All our officers are prepared to move up the line once again, but according to the rules, elections must be held to give everyone a chance to vote for the candidate of their choice.

The Zabel's delivered many items from our sewing group to the Shriners hospital in Gainesville on February 10th. The items completely filled a pull wagon and were warmly accepted by the hospital representative, who expressed her heartfelt thanks for our gift!

Until next time, Happy trails to you! Shilah Temple No. 151 Pr Royal, Annie Zabel



Jim Beckman Owner



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Sebastian River Shrine Club



Meets for Lunch first Tuesday of the Month Marsh Landing, Fellsmere, FL 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

CENTRAL BREVARD SHRINE CLUB WELCOMES YOU!

Meetings 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM
American Legion Post #22 on
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High Priest & Prophet

Get Your Tickets Now for the AZAN Shrine Center 1st Quarter Gun Raffle!

Support a great cause and a chance to win a Glock-19! The AZAN Shrine Center is excited to announce our 1st Quarter Gun Raffle, in which you can win a Glock-19 9mm semi-auto pistol (capacity 15+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 collectable, 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!

Event Details:

- What: AZAN Shrine Center 1st Quarter Gun Raffle
- Prize: Glock-19 9mm Semi-Auto Pistol (15+1 capacity)
 - Tickets: \$30 each (only 125 available!)
- Bonus: Collectable, AZAN-numbered pocket knife with each ticket purchase
 - Drawing Date: May 1, 2025, at 6:30 PM
- Location: 1591 W. Eau Gallie Blvd., Melbourne, FL 32935
- Contact: Todd Forschino (321-588-1910) or the AZAN Office (321-259-5302)

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.

Coming Soon: The Next Raffle & A New Collectable Knife!

Stay tuned! When we're down to the final ten tickets for this raffle, we'll announce our 2nd Quarter Gun Raffle with a brand-new firearm up for grabs! We'll also be releasing the second edition of our AZAN collectable pocket knife series, featuring a new design and number. 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 Todd Forschino at 321-588-1910 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!

Todd Forschino -High Priest & Prophet, Azan Shrine 2025

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

I encourage our units that have the ability to participate in the many parades, available in our area, to do so. The more impressive our show the longer the audience will remember those guys with the little cars and the variety of parade participants.

For 2025, we will 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. Parades that will be available this year are:

Melbourne – St. Patrick's Day – March 15, 2025, Assembly 9am at Melbourne Auditorium, Step Off 10am Merritt Island – 4th of July – date TBD

Christmas Parades – All date TBD

Cocoa Beach

Cocoa/Rockledge

Merritt Island

Mims

Port St John

Titusville

Viera

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

Widows

The Widows Club will meet at AZAN on March 19th. Sign-in is at 11:15 am with lunch (\$10) served at 11:30 am. Ladies will receive a phone call re attendance so that our caterers know how many to prepare for. We welcome new widows who are interested in helping us support the AZAN Transportation Fund. This is done by offerings at our dessert table at the Annual Fish Fry in April and the BBQ in September. Our donations help the children in Shrine care, and we have been doing this for many years.

We look forward to another great year, but it does help to have the support of Masonic and Shrine widows. Call President Caroly Hinman at 321-956-9944 or Judy Burr at 321-305-4540 for information.

And lastly- Happy St. Patrick's Day to All. Judy

First Lady

Hello Nobels and ladies! We had a lot of fun at our stated meeting in February making Valentine cards for the Masonic Home residents. We also enjoyed some chocolate fondue and sweet treats. Thank you to all the ladies who brought in items to dip in our fondue. I wanted to give a big thank you to Elizabeth Morgan for organizing and bringing the variety of delicious fondue and I also want to thank Beverly Schwartz for providing and sending all the Valentine's Day cards for our Masonic Home residents. We had a lot of fun at our Super Bowl Party held in the Oasis Lounge. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported this event. You're the reason we love to have these kinds of events to enjoy the food, fellowship, and fun.

We have quite a few events going on the month of March. On March 2, we will be having a breakfast at the Shrine from 8am-11am. The cost is \$10 per person and that will included two mimosas from the bar. We hope you are able to make it. March 6is our next stated meeting. I would love for you to come out and see how much fun we have. This month, I will be hosting St. Patrick's Day BINGO. If you're feeling lucky and would like to win some prizes, join your Noble and come out and have some fun! If you love seafood, we have the perfect event for you. On March 9, North Brevard Shrine Club will be having their annual Seafood Fest. This is a great way to support our Shrine Clubs and eat good seafood. Lastly, on March 15, we will be in the Melbourne St Patrick's Day Parade. All are welcome to walk with us.

Wishing you well, Lady Renee Smithwick

Oriental Guide

March is upon us, and there are some upcoming events worth noting. Sandy and I will be attending the Oriental Guide Leadership Conference in Tampa soon. This conference offers an excellent opportunity to connect with our counterparts, exchange ideas, and acquire valuable tools that will be beneficial in our endeavors.

Please mark your calendars for April 27th for the Azan Shrine Center's annual fish fry, which will beheld from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. This event promises a delightful culinary experience along with the chance to engage in enjoyable fellowship.

Additionally, if you were unable to attend the Super Bowl party at @ the's Oasis Lounge, you missed a great gathering. Those who participated enjoyed a lively atmosphere, accompanied by delicious food and good company

Darrell Schmitt
Oriental Guide 2025

Hospital Charity

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.

Coming into 2025, we have two significant paper drives already scheduled, at Sam's Club Melbourne in April and October 2025. 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.

I am contacting Azan's clubs and units, regarding their plans for 2025 Paper Drives. 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.

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

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March Happy Birthday to:

Wayne D Leboeuf James A Beckman Jr.

3/1/1941 3/14/1963

Robert H Clevenstine II James J Devine 3/1/1945 3/14/1964

Charles G Crawford William L Roberts Jr.

3/2/1961 3/15/1944

John W Smith Richard E McIntosh

3/3/1947 3/17/1958

Percy Joubert Jr Anthony Garofalo

3/3/1948 3/18/1983

Charles F Womack Alan McPherson 3/5/1953 3/19/1961

Lawrence R Duguay Henry G Slaughter

3/5/1961 3/21/1946

Rene T Paquette Charles W McElwee

3/6/1943 3/21/1948

Phillip J Ritzer Theodore G Schropp

 3/7/1942
 3/21/1961

 Charles G Prickett
 David W Shaw

 3/7/1956
 3/21/1962

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 3/21/1962

 Erik B Andersen
 Jeffrey J Short

 3/8/1949
 3/21/1964

 William R Wilson
 Robert D Barton

 3/8/1978
 3/23/1943

Robert D Arthur
3/9/1949
3/23/1958
Dennis J Reddecliff
3/9/1951
Dennis J Reddecliff
3/24/1947

Robert S Glover Ralph L Sharpe 3/9/1966 3/26/1947

William B Swenson Jr. Charles C Gross Ill

3/10/1931 3/26/1966

Harold E Jones Leonard D Wardman 3/10/1938 3/27/1939

Donald W Quirk James E Scragg 3/27/1948 3/10/1955 Bobby R Barnes Ronald R Barker 3/27/1952 3/10/1960 Thomas C Clark Ronald H Hargreaves 3/11/1942 3/27/1954 Revis Akers Sean G Bower 3/11/1948 3/27/1964

Robert L Galke Ernest H Winterton

3/11/1953 3/29/1939 Charles R Shiery William G Ellis Jr 3/30/1940 3/11/1961 Gary E Gilbert Darrell A Schmitt 3/30/1945 3/11/1970 Gerald T Svrcek Dana Ferrell 3/12/1963 3/30/1948 Christopher J Durie Brian C Domian 3/12/1977 3/30/1953

Robert A Meeks
3/13/1927
3/31/1935
Silas Mullins Jr
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3/14/1945 3/31/1943

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16	17 DON Meeting 5:00 PM NBSC Medics 6:30 PM	18	19 Azan Widows11:30 AM	20 SBSC Meeting 11:30 AM	21 TGIF Dinner 6:00 PM	22	
23 LOS Installation	24	25	26 Potentates Escort 7:00 pm	27 SBSC Meeting 11:30 AM	28 TGIF Dinner 6:00 PM	29	
30 DON Open Installation	31 Divan Meeting - 6:00 PM						