

From the Potentate: Kevin Smithwick



Nobles, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for electing me as your 2025 Potentate.

I send my heartfelt gratitude to every one of you who supported Renee and I throughout this journey. As I step into this new role, I pledge to serve with integrity, transparency, and a deep sense of responsibility to you. I will work hard every day to make decisions that reflect your values, your needs, and your hopes for a brighter future for Azan Shrine. Together, we will face challenges, but we can and will maintain a Shrine that we can all be proud of. I hope I honor all the Past Potentates that have come before me, and I live up to their and your expectations.

Renee and I would like to thank everyone who attended the

installation. It was an amazing time, and we appreciate you all. We have the Azan memorial service on January19 th at 3pm. We lostsome amazing men this past year. Please show up and remember your obligation to support Azan's Masonic widows.

The calendar will be published soon so be sure to grab one and stay updated on all the events happening at Azan this year.

Finally, I'd like to talk about the combined Pontenate and First Lady's project. We are hoping to raise enough funds to give our Oasis lounge a facelift. More information to follow. If you are interested in donating, please reach out to the Shrine office at 321-259-5302.



Jerry & Sherry Mayo

We take this opportunity to thank Jerry & Sherry Mayo for their continuous dedicated and exemplary service to Azan Shrine. As we enter 2025, Jerry will still be helping Azan in insuring the kitchen and building maintenance supply needs are covered and "hopefully" assist on an as needed basis when

available. Jerry, we thank you for the years of service and the time and effort you've provided in the past 2 decades. Sherry, you've been the spring that makes the clock work providing help where and when you see something to be done. We continue to hope you both will be available to assist through out 2025. Although you are taking a less active roll in the day to day operations of Azan, we want you to know you are appreciated and we thank you for your continued dedication and assistance.

Important Upcoming Events

Divan Meeting, December 30th, 6:00 PM Stated Meeting, January 2nd, 7:00 PM Azan Officer Installation January 3rd, 7 PM Director Staff Meeting January 6th, 7:30 PM Azan Officer Seminar January 11, 9:00 AM Azan Memorial Service January 19, 3:00PM

Refer to calendar on back page for additional events.

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South Brevard Shrine Club

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

Directors Staff

The Directors' Staff wish all the Nobility and their families a happy and prosperous NEW YEAR.

Our December Meeting was a very good one and I wish to thank Noble Ryan Fetscher for taking the minutes as I was unable to attend.

There was a lot of discussion on our very successful Golf Tournament with many new hole sponsors and great community involvement. It was reported during the Festival of Wreaths that next years will have some more hole sponsors.

There was also quite a bit of discussion concerning our VERY SUCCESSFUL Turkey Roast. Noble Les Woodring did his normal great job but their needs to be more of the membership involved with the whole operation. We were short of worker with the prep of the turkeys on Tuesday night. There needs to be more overall participation of the Directors Staff Members. This is a great fundraiser, but it needs all the members to help, not just the same 5 or 6. There was a motion passed to buy a Beef O Brady sponsorship "Thank you" plus thank you gifts for the Nobles who did the Smoking of the turkeys Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.

There is a lot of concern about our participation in the parades. Our Buggies are to the point that they are unsafe and undependable. We are in the process of evaluating Jeep Buggies as a replacement. But once again, if we don't have drivers and people to maintain them, within our membership? There was a committee formed to address the jeeps. There will be feedback at our January meeting.

A new election was held for the top two officers due to the leaving of a good and hard-working Noble who will be missed. Noble Ryan Fetscher did a bang-up job on our golf tournament as chairman and was always there when there was work to be done. He was elected to the office of President of the Directors Staff in October, but his job is taking him away from us. GOOD LUCK RYAN.

The new officers are as follows:

Noble Chris Ford President

Noble Gable Costello Vice President

Noble Carl E Shoultz Sr will remain as Secretary

Noble Ryan Kelley will remain as Treasurer

The Directors Staff looks forward to the New Year to serve our Shrine Center, our new Potentate, and the Nobility.

Carl E Shoultz Sr Secretary

Legion of Honor

I would like take opportunity to introduce the officers for 2025 Legion of Honor:

Commander--Andy Cosenza

1st Lt Commander - Richard Schultz

2nd Lt Commander and Past Commander - Al Zabel

3rd Lt Commander Shawn Day Sr.

Adjutant Past Commander Wally Jones

Chaplin/Quartermaster Evetter Morris

Treasurer Don Fesser.

The Legion of Honor meets on the first Thursday of the month prior to stated meeting at 6 pm all Veterans are welcome.

Andy Cosenza

Commander, Azan Shrine LOH

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Central Brevard

I can't believe that another year has gone by. I hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and am looking forward to a great 2025,

CBSC will no longer be holding our monthly meetings at Kay's Barbeque. I will let everyone know as soon as we have a new location for those monthly meetings.

We are continuing to hold our weekly Koffee Klatch every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 8:30-11:00 at Cocoa Lodge #113. All are invited!

Fraternally, H.A. (Rick) Rickards







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Daughters of the Nile



Greetings ladies,

New Years greetings and wishes for a peaceful happy year come from the Daughters of the Nile.

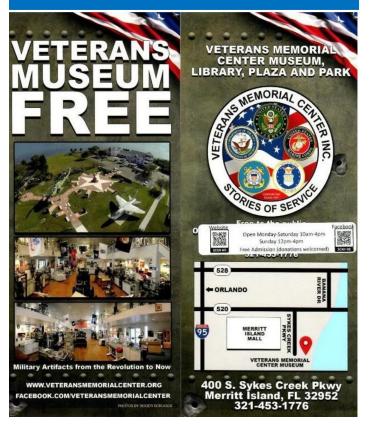
January has become exciting for us because of the installation of the newly elected Azan officers and Divan. Our

Princess Tirzah, Renee' Smithwick, is especially pleased with the election of the new Potentate, her husband, Kevin Smithwick. Renee will move up to position of "Princess Royal" this year and will be our Queen next year (2026). We consider her and Kevin, a true Royal Family.

We are holding our elections soon and our installation will be on March 30th. Invitations are coming as soon as our elections are over. It is important that you return the RSVP for our Installation Ceremony as soon as possible so we have an accurate count of the number of guests to expect.

As always, we are here to support the Shriners and our endeavors to help the children, also help Azan Shrine.

Sincerely, Princess Royal Annie Zabel A place to visit that is a wonderful opportunity Visit History & See All The Interesting Displays



Chief Rabban

Brother Nobles,

I hope you all have had a great holiday with your loved ones and a Happy New Year! Thank you all for your support and electing me to the position of Chief Rabban for 2025. I will do my best to serve and support Shrinedom, and I look forward to working with the Divan and you, the Nobility, through this year.

This month we will be holding our annual Memorial Ceremony. It will be on Sunday, January 19th. I encourage you to attend. This is really the last means by which we pay respect to the well-loved friends and brothers who have laid down their working tools and passed away last year, and this past year we lost some giants among us who were truly cornerstones to this fraternity. Sadly, attendance has dwindled over the years for this event, but it does mean a lot when we show up in force to show how much we truly cared. If you have the time, please come out.

I wish you all the best and I will see you around the Shrine.

Fraternally, Christopher Durie Chief Rabban 2025

Assistant Rabban

I would like to start out by first thanking all the nobility for their gracious support for this next position. This move up to the Assistant Rabban position is one I truly look forward to to. This next year should prove to be a blast, from the opening gate to the years end, Our incoming Potentate has laid out a robust plan for the ensuing year with lots of projects and events. But of course, none of it works without the help of the amazing nobility we are blessed to have here at Azan. So come out and enjoy the fun.

In the past it has been the duty of the Assistant Rabban to direct the first responder dinner. If that is still the case, for this next year, I would like to approach this a bit differently. I will be open to discussing this more as the months progress onward. So, put your minds to work and lets come up with a new plan that we hope works well for all of us. We want to do this well, we owe our support to our brothers and sisters who put themselves in harm's way our best effort.

We start the next run of ball in February so think of us as we travel around Florida representing Azan Shrine. Fraternally,

Richard Earls

Public Relation & Marketing

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Leave a Review for Azan Shriners Center

Thank you for being so supportive! We appreciate your time and feedback.

Todd Forschino

Public Relations and Marketing

Here is the link I used for the hyper link to the Azan Google Review https://g.page/r/CbWeaEwZ3PnjEAE/review

High Priest & Prophet

Happy New Year!

Reflecting on the past year, I am immensely grateful for your unwavering support and dedication to our journey as Shriners at Azan. Your generosity and commitment have been instrumental in our collective achievements.

Together, we have made significant strides in supporting the Shriners Children's Hospitals. Your belief in our mission has empowered us to reach new heights and make a positive impact on the children we serve.

I am confident that 2025 will be a year of growth, prosperity, and fulfillment for the Azan Shrine. With your continued support, we will continue to inspire and uplift our community and make a difference in the lives of children worldwide!

Fraternally,

Todd Forschino, High Priest & Prophet

Oriental Guide

First Lady

I stand before you today with immense gratitude and excitement. It is truly an honor to have been elected as your Oriental Guide for the year 2025. This role comes with a rich legacy of leadership and service, and I am eager to embrace the responsibilities that lie ahead.

As we embark on this journey together, I want to emphasize the importance of unity and collaboration. Each of you brings unique perspectives and talents, and together we have the power to create a profound impact. Let us foster an environment where ideas flourish, respect reigns, and creativity knows no bounds.

This year will be filled with opportunities for growth, learning, and connection. I encourage all of you to share your thoughts, engage in discussions, and participate actively. Your voices matter, and together we can navigate the paths that lie ahead, honoring our traditions while welcoming innovation.

I am committed to being an approachable and supportive guide for all of you. Let us work hand in hand, inspire one another, and strive for excellence in every endeavor we undertake.

Thank you once again for entrusting me with this incredible responsibility. I look forward to an amazing year ahead, filled with achievement, camaraderie, and shared experiences.

Let us begin this journey together, with enthusiasm and optimism!

Darrell Schmitt Oriental Guide 2025

Widows

Happy New Year to All!

The holidays have ended, and we look forward to another successful year supporting AZAN with our dessert table at the annual Fish Fry. Our widows enjoy our catered monthly luncheons with good food and fellowship. We encourage all widows to join us in supporting AZAN and the children in Shrine care. Call President Carolyn Hinman (321-956-9944) or Judy Burr (321-305-4540) with your questions. If there is no answer, leave a message and we will return your call.

We thank AZAN for their continued support of our group and encouraging us in our continued efforts to help.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 15th. Sign-in is 11:15 am with lunch (\$10) served at 11:30 am. Members will receive a phone call re attendance so that our caterer knows how many to prepare for.

Judy Burr, Secretary

Happy New Year! I am so excited to be AZAN's first lady for the 2025 year. Thank you to all who attended the installation of officers. Every month, the ladies meet at the stated meeting and we have fun and fellowship so please make sure to attend with your Noble.

I want to take the time to thank our outgoing first lady Pat Monk. On Saturday, January 25 at 11:30 we will be celebrating Pat at Squid Lips in Melbourne. If you plan on attending, please make sure to let me know. We have reservations and I want to make sure everyone has a spot.

We have some events coming up the next couple of months so mark your calendar. Our first event will be our Memorial Service that will take place on Sunday, January 19 at 2:00. We will have a Super Bowl party on Sunday, February 9 and we will be having a breakfast at the Shrine on March 2. If I do not have your email, please email me at Renee.Smithwick@gmail.com and I can add you to the email list. I will be sending emails regularly to the ladies to keep them informed of what is going on. If there is anything I can do, please do not hesitate to ask.

Renee Smithwick



In Memoriam The Divan and Nobility of Azan Shrine Center are saddened by the passing Roy Butcher

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Glad Tidings

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December Happy Birthday to:

Bruce Yelen 12/1/1953 Roger W Ward Jr 12/1/1963 Jerry F Mayo 12/3/1941 Charles A Weaver 12/3/1949 Louis K Fields 12/3/1962 John R Sutton Jr 12/3/1963 Paul R Johnson 12/4/1927 Robert R Lawhead 12/4/1942 Gregory R Maruna 12/4/1968 Gerald K Atchison 12/5/1941 Harry A Van Zandt 12/6/1948 Randel Rodriguez 12/6/1953 Bobby C Human 12/6/1985 Lawrence G Walker III 12/7/1961 John F Hillman Jr 12/8/1956 Dean W Pfoutz 12/9/1958 David A Search 12/10/1939 Daryl J Debaets P.P. 12/10/1958 Donald R Murphy 12/10/1959 Arthur A Horton 12/11/1946 William F Cobb Iv 12/12/1966 David L Fitts 12/12/1972 Murray L Walker 12/13/1941 Judson C Bailey 12/13/1943 Peter M Paul 12/13/1948 John L Richards Jr 12/13/1956 Frederick Yee 12/14/1929 Jim J Harris 12/14/1948 John D Jones 12/15/1942

Harvey L Plaskov 12/15/1946 Michael H Poland 12/15/1951 James R Cox II 12/16/1961 Richard J Rozycki 12/17/1944 Sabato Daniele 12/17/1964 Charles E Garrison 12/18/1938 John C Smith 12/18/1943 John E Palmisano 12/18/1950 Eric C Purcell 12/18/1960 Ryan Fetscher 12/18/1979 Robert A Delp 12/19/1956 Darrell H Hamilton 12/20/1943 Jerome H Groncki 12/20/1945 Angel Burgos 12/21/1962 John H Willard 12/24/1928 Kenneth J Stowe 12/24/1937 Darrell L Stewart 12/25/1946 Edward S Morris 12/25/1965 Patrick H Harper 12/26/1959 Derik A Smith 12/26/1969 Teodoro De Rosario 12/27/1952 Donald G Atkins 12/28/1933 Stephen Carl H Austin 12/28/1964 Ferdinand J De Rosa 12/29/1965 John Sullivan 12/29/1970 Walter L Bush 12/30/1941 David J Dibler 12/27/1946 Travis Elmore 12/30/1950 Wayne Human 12/30/1971

James B Garrison12/31/1940Anthony J Gannon12/31/1949

AZAN HELP OPPORTUNITIES

COOKING STAFF

Event Cooks (4) - Cooks each to work once every two

Months Cooking for TGIF's.

Special Event Cooks (2 at least) - Cook to prepare

for special events and Meetings

(May Include Event Cooks)

Rental Short Order Cooks(2) - Cooking for Vendor

Shows Ie. Coin Show, Train Show, Gourd Show

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Requirements:

Prior work experience is required with full knowledge and use of Microsoft Office and Adobe Applications. Use of graphics design software extremely helpful. Knowledge of usage of Enterprise automated office systems would also be very helpful.

General Office Skills and Experience are a prerequisites. Previous Customer Service Skills are also desirable. Organizational skills are paramount.





Check Clubs and Units for Details on Meeting Dates and Locations

AZAN SHRINE		HRINE J	anuary 2025	AZAN SHRINE		
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day	2 SBSC Meeting 11:30 AM Stated Meeting 7:00 PM	3 Open Installation 5:00 PM Social 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Program	4
5	6 Director's Staff - 7:30 PM	7 SRSC 11:30 AM IRSC - 7:00 PM	8 NBSC 7:00 PM NBSC Golfers after Club Meeting	9 SBSC Meeting 11:30 AM LON 3:00 PM	10 TGIF Dinner 6:00 PM	11 Azan Officer Seminar 9:30 AM
12 Melbourne Coin Show 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM	13 LOS Meeting 6:30 PM	14 CBSC Meeting 7:00 PM	15	16 SBSC Meeting 11:30 AM	17 TGIF Dinner 6:00 PM LOS Grand High Priestess	18
19 Azan Memorial Service 3:00 PM	20 DON Meeting 5:00 PM NBSC Medics 6:30 PM	21 BSSC Meeting 11:30 PM	22 Potentates Escort 7:00 PM	23 SBSC Meeting 11:30 AM	24 TGIF Dinner 6:00 PM	25
26	27	28	29	30 SBSC Meeting 11:30 AM East West Shrine Bowl Dallas, TX	31 TGIF Dinner 6:00 PM Sahib Ball	