

# AZAN Shrine Center

Illustrious Sir Kevin Smithwick Potentate 2025 Vol. 46, Issue 2 February 2025 Serving Brevard and Indian River Counties

#### From the Potentate: Kevin Smithwick



The year just keeps moving along. It seems like yesterday I was being installed and now it's already February. I want to thank all the Nobles and their ladies for all the support and love Renee and I have received.

January was a busy month that started off with the installation and moved onto the Azan memorial service. Both events were well attended, and I thank you all for that. Azan was also represented at the first Potentate's ball of the year. Sahib Shrine had their event and it was a great time in the fraternity.

Coming up in February we have our meeting on the  $6\,\mathrm{th}$ . Our Superbowl party is on the  $9\,\mathrm{th}$ . Henry and the Oasis are preparing a taco bar, wings and hotdogs. They are asking people to bring sides and desserts. There will be football squares and a  $50/50\,\mathrm{raffle}$ . The event is free but bring a little to participate in the squares and raffle.

In February I will also be visiting two blue lodges to help grow our Fraternal relationships. If you would like to sit in lodge with me I will be attending Melbourne Lodge No 143 on Monday, February 17 th and Canaveral Lodge No. 339 on Monday February 24 th.

Before our next stated and before the next newsletter may be out, on March 2, 2025 we will have our first "Breakfast with the Potentate and First Lady" event. The cost is \$10 and well worth it. There will be a full breakfast with omelets to order. Plus, every ticket will receive two mimosa's from the Oasis. Chef Shawn McGregor and his kitchen crew are already preparing this great event! All proceeds will benefit the First Lady's project.

Speaking of 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!

Finally, 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, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00 PM Director Staff Meeting February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 PM Stated Meeting, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM Water Color Show February 13<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup> Gourd Show February 19<sup>th</sup> throurh 23<sup>rd</sup>

🗖 Refer to calendar on back page for additional events. 🗖

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7:00 PM

#### **Directors Staff**

Our January Meeting was short on members but full of good fellowship and fun. For those not able to attend, you are missing a good time had by all in attendance. The food put together by Nobles Jamie and Henry was very good. A big thank you to our Potentate for the leftovers from the Installation.

The Treasurer's report was very good and reflected our successful Fund Raising from our Annual Golf Tournament and the Turkey Roast. The members who came out and supported the functions were recognized for their efforts.

A motion was made and seconded, with discussion, to move our monthly meetings from 7:30 to 7:00PM. The motion was passed by the members present. In the future, starting in February, the drinks and food will be from 6:00 to 7:00, with the Business to start at 7:00PM.

A motion was made and passed to move one of our older dedicated members to life membership. Congratulations and a big thank you for your service to Noble Robert Cooper.

Under Sickness and Distress Noble Carl Shoultz is undergoing Chemo and doing fine. This was the only report that we received.

We had another discussion concerning a replacement for the buggies. It was tabled to the February meeting. The same applies to our participation in the upcoming parades.

Our new Vice President Noble Gabe is asking for help on the Golf Tournament Committee. He also stated that he would like to move the tournament back to Cocoa Beach Country Club.

There was a proposal, and a motion made to Smoke Hams for Easter by Noble Les Woodring. The motion was seconded and passed. There will be more information at our February Meeting.

Noble Henry announced that there will be a Super Bowl Party at the Lounge on Sunday February 9, 2025.

Congratulations to our New Director, Noble Robert Sales. Tel 772-999-1412 and his E-Mail is Rob.Sales25@gmail.com. We look forward to serving him in the Directors Staff. We also thank Noble Ryan Kelley for his great service for the past several years.

We invite all the nobility to join us at our monthly meeting, the 1ST Monday of each month, for some great food and drink plus fun and fellowship.

Carl E Shoultz Sr Secretary

#### **Legion of Honor**

Congratulations to the illustrious Sir Kevin Smithwick and first lady Renee. The Legion of Honor is looking forward to this coming year.

If any veteran is interested in joining our club, we meet the first Thursday of the month at 6 PM prior to stated meeting. We meet in the Legion of Honor room. Dinner is at five thirty for Legion members.

Andy Cosenza LOH Commander

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#### **Central Brevard**

It's February and it brings us Valentine's Day. Let's not forget all that our ladies do for us.

At our January meeting we approved holding our monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at the American Legend Post #22 on 241 Peachtree St., Cocoa.

Happy Hour and Dinner at 6:00 with meeting at 7:00. Hope to see all members and bring a friend.

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

We appreciate all of the members of the Divan who came to our January meeting. Thanks for your continued support.

Fraternally,

H. A. (Rick) Rickards



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!

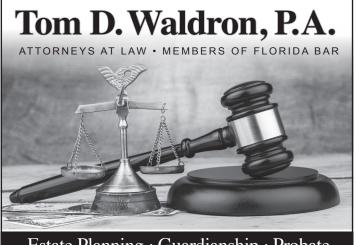
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#### **Daughters of the Nile**

Greetings,



Happy Heart Month everyone! Our New Year's celebrations are rapidly leaving us as it is already February! This is the month of the birthdays of Presidents Lincoln (12th), Washington (17th), and of course Saint Valentine on

Friday, February 14th.

Our congratulations are for the newly elected Potentate, Kevin Smithwick. His First Lady, Rene' Smithwick is our soon-to-be Princess Royal. We are pleased to have the First Lady in line, in our Temple. I will officially retire as the scribe for the DON/Azan News in April and then the newly elected Pr. Royal will take over.

I always try to sign off with a quote from one of my favorite authors. This month it is from Mark Twain who says, "Heaven goes by favor; if it went by merit, you would stay out and your dog would go in."

As ever, Pr. Royal Annie Zabel



#### **Chief Rabban**

Hello Nobles,

I hope you are all doing well. I would like to start off by thanking those of you who attended the

Memorial Service in January. We had a good turn out, and I personally think one of the best I have seen in years. It means a lot to the families who attend to see our presence and know that we care and honor their loved ones even after they have laid down their working tools.

On a lighter note, this month we will be holding a Super Bowl party in the Oasis. I know our bar manager, Henry plans on putting on a good spread. So come on out for some food, drinks, and camaraderie while enjoying the game.

That is all I have for now. I look forward to seeing you around Azan.

Fraternally, Christopher Durie Chief Rabban 2025

#### **Assistant Rabban**

The Service of Remembrance we have each year is always such a moving and solemn event and serves as a good reminder to us of the many symbols we as Masons hold dear to our hearts. The colors Red, White and Blue symbolize the sacrifice, the honor and Faith each one of us share and will swell each of us with pride. We at AZAN will always Remember our Fallen Brothers. I want to thank every brother and sister who attended this years' service.

As we mentioned in last month's newsletter, I will be heading up the First responder's dinner. My plan is very young at this point. If you are willing to be a part of my team, please reach out to me soon and let's start to get the ball rolling. Some of the things I must put together first are Budget, and Menu but more importantly is the process of getting the information out to the responders. This is where I will need the most help.

I will be attending AR school in March in Tampa and Penny and I are really excited in this adventure

Fraternally, Richard Earls

#### **High Priest & Prophet**

The popular video series "Videos: Who Are They?" will return at the end of the month with a fresh batch of videos showcasing stories from our Azan Shriners and Ladies. The series aims to highlight the diverse experiences and contributions of members of our philanthropic organization.

I am actively seeking individuals willing to share their personal stories. If you are interested in participating in and being featured in upcoming videos, please get in touch with me at todd.forschino@gmail.com or 321-588-1910 to schedule a meeting time and place.

In addition to the return of the video series, an exciting raffle is on the horizon. Details will be announced in the coming weeks. Individuals will have the opportunity to win a firearm each quarter (if there is demand). Each raffle entry will also include a collectible, numbered AZAN knife. This raffle will be a quarterly event, offering a new chance to win a gun while getting a collectible knife each quarter, again, depending on demand. This provides a unique opportunity to acquire a limited-edition knife while supporting the organization and having a chance at winning a firearm each quarter.

Fraternally,
Todd Forschino
High Priest & Prophet
Marketing and Communications Chair 2025

#### **Oriental Guide**

Mark Your Calendars! Azan Shrine Center's Fish Fry returns on April 27th! Calling all seafood lovers and Azan Shrine Center friends, family, and the public! Prepare to sink your teeth into the tastiest tradition of the year - the Azan Shrine Center's Fish Fry, returning on Sunday, April 27, 2025! Even if you do not like seafood, we will have something for you.

The Fish Fry is more than just a delicious meal; it celebrates community and camaraderie and supports a worthy cause. All proceeds from the event go directly towards the Azan Shrine Center to support our endeavors. More information will be distributed in the coming weeks. Together, we can make the Azan Shrine Center's Fish Fry a memorable day.

Fraternally,

Darrell Schmitt
Oriental Guide 2025



Azan's 2025 Annual Memorial Service for our members that passed in 2024.

#### First Lady

I want to thank everyone who came and showed their support for Illustrious Sir Kevin and I at his installation. It means the world to us. We had a few events in January that I would like to thank the ladies for attending. I want to thank the ladies who came to the AZAN Memorial Service and for those who provided refreshments. We had such a good time celebrating our outgoing First Lady, Pat Monk at her Last Rodeo. If you were not able to attend our events in January, we have a few events in February and March we would love if you can attend.

At our monthly stated meeting, February 6, we will be celebrating Valentines Day. We will be making Valentine's Day cards that will be sent to the Masonic Home for their residents. We will also be having a fondue chocolate party. We will provide the chocolate, and we are asking the ladies to bring something that you can dip in chocolate. This is a great way to get to know the ladies of the shrine. On February 9, we will be having a Super Bowl Party at 5:30. The event is free, and we ask that you bring an appetizer, side, or dessert to share with everyone. On March 2, we will be having a breakfast at the shrine. More information is to come.

Thank you, Renee Smithwick First Lady 2025



#### Widows

February 19th is our widow's luncheon. 11:15 am is sign-in and lunch (\$10) is served at 11:30am at AZAN Shrine Center. AZAN has welcomed us there for about 20 years. I remember joining when Helen Hill was our driving force, organizing us and making and serving us our lunch. We have been assisting AZAN for a long time and our specialty is hosting a dessert table at the annual Fish Fry in April and BBQ in September. All the monies we take in from our dessert table is given to the AZAN Transportation Fund to help the children in Shrine care.

Our Widow's Club is anxious to have more join us in our endeavors. Call our president Carolyn Hinman at 321-9565-9944 or Judy Burr at 321-305-4540 for information. Our luncheon meetings are short, and the food is good. We phone our ladies prior to our meeting so that our caterer knows how many to prepare for.

Happy Valentine's Day. Judy Burr Secretary

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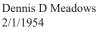


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#### February Happy Birthday to:



Peter M Super 2/2/1955

Gregory A Seaman

2/4/1962

Walter N Milton

2/5/1962

John W Walker Sr.

2/7/1937

Roger E McKay P.P.

2/7/1943

Gerald J Steffen 2/9/1949

Paul D Reese

2/9/1951 Charles A Sikes

2/10/1951

Kelly Q Dietrich 2/11/1960

William P Danko

2/11/1961

Daniel T Britt

2/12/1938

Alfred R Delp

2/14/1941

Jon Farmer

2/14/1973

Ralph Cox

2/16/1931

Robert F Ewald

2/16/1933

John Maynard

2/16/1934

Kenneth H Kelley

2/16/1949

Kevin D Smithwick 2/16/1979

Robert K Cooper

2/17/1944

Jackie L Allen

2/17/1952

Henry L Engel Jr

2/19/1984

Dennis J Charbonneau

2/20/1946

Carson A Justice

2/20/1948

Leslie L McMahon

2/21/1939

Alan A Bunch

2/21/1960

Martin W Lehtio

2/22/1935

Shawn P Day Sr

2/22/1956

Jack S Jones

2/22/1975

Billy E Sheffield 2/23/1937 Thomas K Mullins

2/23/1962 Robert Grohall 2/24/1942 Jon F Egerton 2/25/1946

2/26/1941 Danny L Monk 2/26/1947 Jeffrey S Wells

2/26/1962

David W Drury

Doughlas M Setzer 2/27/1987

Wayne W Clark 2/28/1951 Vern H Sipe 2/29/1940



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February 2025

**AZAN SHRINE** 

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sahib Ball 2 8 Divan Meeting - 6:00 PM SBSC Meeting 11:30 AM SRSC 11:30 AM NBSC 7:00 PM TGIF Dinner 6:00 PM Director's Staff - 7:00 PM IRSC - 7:00 PM NBSC Golfers after Stated Meeting 7:00 PM Club Meeting 14 10 15 CBSC Meeting 7:00 PM Melbourne Coin Show LOS Meeting 6:30 PM TGIF Dinner 6:00 PM SBSC Meeting 11:30 AM 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM LON 3:00 PM Super Bowl Party 6:00 PM - Oasis Lounge 20 16 18 19 21 22 TGIF Dinner 6:00 PM DON Meeting 5:00 PM Azan Widows11:30 AM SBSC Meeting 11:30 AM NBSC Medics 6:30 PM 25 23 24 28 Potentates Escort 7:00 pm SBSC Meeting 11:30 AM TGIF Dinner 6:00 PM