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Alcazar Shrine Divan / Committees / Clubs / Units

Elected Divan	
Potentate	Eddie Ellis
Chief Rabban	Jack Crysel
Asst. Rabban	Kenny Wood
High Priest & Prophet	Neil Sneed
Oriental Guide	David Hunt
Treasurer	Allen Daniels
Recorder	Lee Sims, P.P.

Appointed Divan	
1st Ceremonial Master	Ronnie Hancock
2nd Ceremonial Master	Steve Starr
Temple Director	Gene Moseley
Parade Marshal	Alan Patrick
Marshal	Wofford, P.P.
Asst. Marshal	Robert Smith
Captain of the Guard	David Grant
Outer Guard	

Appointed Officers	
Chaplain	George McCain, P.P.
Temple Attorney	Paul Adams
Parliamentarian	Cal Ledbetter, P.P.
Chief of Staff	Danny Payne

Potentates Aides	
Danny Payne	Chief of Staff
Ed Seagers	Aide
Jesse Duraso	PCSC
Kevin Duraso	PCSC
Ed Sapp	WGSC
William Baker	CCSC
Al Riley	CCSC
David Grant	RRSC
Steve Starr	RRSC
Dave Russell	ACSC
Butch Hudson	
Chris Towers	

Imperial Representatives	
Eddie Ellis	Potentate
Jack Crysel	Chief Rabban
Lee Sims, P.P.	Recorder

Dixie Representatives	
Allen Daniels	Treasurer
Chris Hudson	

Hospital Board of Governors	
Terry Wofford, P.P.	Emeritus
Jeff Johnson, P.P.	

Finance Committee	
3 Yr. Terms	
Gene Moseley,	(20-22) Chairman
Don Cook	(20-22)
Andy Compton, P.P.	(21-23)
David Headley	(21-23)
Ed Sapp	(22-24)
Chris Hudson	(22-24)
Eddie Ellis, Potentate	(ex-officio member)
Lee Sims, P.P., Recorder	(ex-officio member)

Leadership Development	
Bill Forshey, P.P.	Chairman

Building and Grounds Committee	
3 Yr Terms	
Danny Payne	(21-23) Chairman
Andy Compton, P.P.	(21-23)
Bill Forshey, P.P.	(21-22)
Don Cook	(22-24)
David Headley	(22-24)
David Grant	(20-22)

Insurance Committee	
Gene Moseley	Chairman
Robert Smith	
Steve Starr	
Allen Schwindling	
Paul Adams	Temple Attorney
Eddie Ellis	Potentate
Lee Sims, P.P.	Recorder

Alcazar Shrine Units	
Brass Band	
Meeting	every Monday 7 PM
President	Gene Moseley
Fire Chiefs	
Meeting	2nd Tuesday monthly 6:30 PM
Chief	Allen Daniels
Fire Dogs	
Meeting	2 – 3 time a year
President	Jeff Johnson, P.P.
Golf N Nobles	
Meeting	3rd Thursday monthly, time varies
	Greg Moore, P.P.
Hillbillies	
Meeting	2nd Wednesday monthly
Chief	Mark Burkett
Hornets	
Meeting	
Chief	Ron Rawls
Legion of Honor	
Meeting	3rd Friday Jan, Apr, Oct, Dec
President	Terry Wofford, P.P.
Nomads	
Meeting	3rd Thursday monthly with RRSC – 7 PM
Chief	Peter Prielaia
Provost Guard	
Meeting	1st Friday monthly
President	Terry Wofford, P.P.
Trail Busters	
Meeting	2nd Monday monthly
Chief	Ray Harris

Directors Staff	
Meeting	3rd Thursday monthly
Director	Chris Hudson

Public Relations Committee	
Brian Smith	Alcazar Webmaster
Lee Sims, P.P.	Recorder

Membership Committee	
Eddie Ellis	Chairman
Steve Starr	

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Alcazar Shrine Clubs	
Autauga County Shrine Club	
Dave Russell	President
E-Mail	
Phone	334-365-9907
Meeting	2nd Thursday every other month (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov)
Location	
Covington County Shrine Club	
Ricky Cooley	
Email	
Phone	334-504-1056 (C) 334-222-1876 (H)
Meeting	4th Thursday every month at 7 PM
Location	
Crenshaw County Shrine Club	
Andy Compton, P.P.	
E-Mail	
Phone	
Meeting	3rd Monday monthly 7 PM
Location	
Geneva Shrine Club	
Jerry Broadway	
Email	
Phone	850-419-0376
Meeting	1st Tuesday monthly 6 PM
Location	
Phenix City Shrine Club	
Don Gates	
Email	adustybob@aol.com
Phone	(706) 566-1875
Meeting	1st & 3rd Wednesday monthly 7 PM
Location	
River Region Club	
Ross Mc Coy	
Email	Email
Phone	
Meeting	3rd Thursday monthly 7PM
Location	
Troy Shrine Club	
Neil Sneed	
Email	
Phone	334-344-0542
Meeting	2nd Thursday monthly 7PM
Location	
Wiregrass Shrine Club	
Heiko Maier	
Email	
Phone	334-545-1532
Meeting	1st Monday monthly if holiday; held the following Monday 7:30 PM
Location	Wiregrass Shrine Club

Message from the Potentate



Greetings Nobles & Ladies,

As the leaves start turning gold, bronze, red & yellow, I think where has 2023 gone? We had a wonderful Potentate Ball, a great Imperial Session in Charlotte, several great Gun Shows, and yes, we boiled a few peanuts, a 50's Sock Hop party and our next big event is our Gun Give Away. Most important we have created twelve new Shriners.

On the topic of "New Shriners", membership is still our number one priority. In the last couple of months, we found out we have lost thirteen Nobles to the Black Camel, some as far back as 2017 and most recently we have lost two more. Our membership is now at 597. After 1-1-24 due to non-payment of dues, our membership will be about 565. Nobles, IT'S TIME to talk to our Blue Lodge Brothers about becoming a Shriner. Point out the fun & fellowship we have and most important how we change the lives of children with severe handicaps.

As of this writing, we have had no other offers to purchase Alcazar. The appointed committee continues to work on different options, locations, & what our needs will be in the future. The two hospital vans have been sold. The high bid was from the Honda Dealer where we purchased them. A fraternity van has been sold. We are now saving annual insurance on three vehicles of about \$6000.00. As always, we continue to get our children to a hospital for the care they need & for follow-up care. Should a special needs child need wheelchair accessibility, we do take care of that as well.

A Big Thanks to the Shrine Ladies for all they do to support Alcazar. Ladies, always know that you are an integral part of Alcazar.

Fraternally, Eddie Ellis, Potentate

DIXIE SHRINE ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

THE DIXIE SHRINE ASSOCIATION MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PANAMA CITY BEACH FLORIDA FROM NOVEMBER 16th THRU NOVEMBER 18th. THE "DROP DEAD" DATE FOR REGISTERING FOR THE CONVENTION AND OR ANY BANQUETS WILL BE OCTOBER 10, 2023. IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND, PLEASE CONTACT LEE SIMS AT THE ALCAZAR OFFICE FOR A REGISTRATION FORM.

Message from the Chief Rabban

Greetings Nobles

Well, the year has gone by quickly and there is still lots of good things going on. Thanks to all the nobles and ladies for helping put together another great peanut boil in Crenshaw County it takes a lot of hard work to put together a fund raiser of this size. We will also have the Sportsman Gun Giveaway on October 21st. As many of you know by now Dixie will be in November this year and we will have more to come on that fun event. Sign up and come support Ill sir Andy Compton.

Yours in Faith Jack Crysel, Chief Rabban



Message from the High Priest and Prophet

Lady Kathy and I would like to say thank you to the new members that have joined the Shriners and Troy Shrine Club this year 2023, I also would like to say thank you to the Recorder III Sir PP Lee Sims and Treasure Alan Daniels for a great job they have done for the Temple for many years, also I would like to see more Masons joining this great Origination to help the children to enjoy their lives.

The Gun give away will be the 21 Oct.2023 it's our biggest fund raiser so sell as many tickets as you can so we can have a great event. The Pike County Fair will be 10-14 Oct 2023 come out and enjoy watching the kids have a great time. As always support your Temple.

GOD and COUNTRY

Neil Sneed, High Priest & Prophet



Message from the Oriental Guide

Dear Nobles and Ladies,

Over the past few months I have had the moment to ponder on Shrine membership and our shrine family. As I travel and talk with new people, one of the most frequent questions I'm asked is, "why did you become a Shriner?" For me it was the opportunity to support a great cause. It has opened the door to a world of camaraderie, philanthropy, and meaningful experiences that resonate deeply with me. It has drawn me closer to community service and has supported my growth in my professional and personal life. It was not only about the Fez or the parades, and it is more than just a fraternity – we are like-minded across our international organization with a shared commitment to making a positive impact on children's lives and our society.

One of the most compelling joys of becoming a Shriner has been in the keen sense of brotherhood that flourishes within our organization, we come from diverse backgrounds, but are bound by the greatest common purpose of supporting the hospitals and having fun while we do it. This shared



mission continues to foster friendship and brotherly commitment. I love that we come together with a purpose. We may not always agree with the decisions or directions, but it does not stop the love and care we have for each other. In the end we know that we are making a tangible difference in the lives of children. The joy that comes from witnessing the positive impact of your efforts on these children's lives is immeasurable and truly gratifying.

Chrissy and I hope to see you at the upcoming sock hop and the Sportsman's giveaway in the coming months.

Thank you for all you do,

Fraternally yours, David Hunt, Oriental Guide 2023

Message from the Recorder

Greetings Nobles and Ladies, It is the time of year that we nominate Divan members and other elected officers for Alcazar Shriners. I have been in the office as Recorder of Alcazar Shriners, rental manager and transportation manager since 2013. It has been a very memorable experience and one that I have enjoyed and will never forget. I feel that I have been able to help our Nobility, Alcazar Shriners and the children we serve during this time.

I am not going to seek re-election allowing Lady Dottie Lou and I to have much needed family time with our family in other states. I wish the best for the Noble you elect as Recorder and wish the very best for the 2024 Alcazar Divan and future leadership in the coming years. If I can ever help any of you, please do not hesitate to call me.

Thanks for everything

Respectfully submitted, Lee R. Sims, P.P. Recorder, Alcazar Shriners



Message from the First Lady

"HAPPY FALL" Nobles & Ladies.

We have had so many events to take place since the last Noble News. Thank You Nobles & Ladies for your help in making them such a great success. YOU are Alcazar!

Ladies, we have one more Gun Show Bake Sale left for 2023. (November 4th & 5th) You ladies have outdone yourselves this year at the Bake Sales. I can not express to you how much we (the Divan Ladies) appreciate you and your contributions. We had several to drop by last Gun Show and visit for a bit. It was so good to see you. Please come again.

We still have our Soy Candles. The fragrances are wonderful. These make GREAT gifts. They are 15.00 each and have 55 hours of burn time. The Candle Sale is one of our largest fundraisers for the ladies. The candles are available for purchase at the Quarterlies and at anytime in the Office at Alcazar. Thank you for your support.

There are lots of events scheduled for the remainder of the year. Please plan to attend as many as possible. We would love to have you. (See the last page for Event Dates) Note: At the December 8th Quarterly, the Ladies will play Secret Santa. Please bring a 10.00 gift if you wish to play.

Please remember those who have lost loved ones or have health issues themselves.
God Bless Each One Represented At Alcazar.

Janice Ellis



ATTENTION NOBLES

Gun Giveaway

October 21, 2023.

Tickets to purchase and or sell will become available in the next few weeks.

Alcazar will not be sending a book of tickets to each noble as in the past, in an effort to save expenses. In the past years there has been little to no response on the books of tickets mailed out.'

This year, if you want tickets you can either come to the temple office and pick them up or call the temple office and we will mail them to you. This is a major fund raising project for alcazar and we need your help in making it a success.



OFFICIAL CALL OF THE POTENTATE

October 13, 2023

7:30 PM

Alcazar Shrine Center

555 Eastern Blvd.

Montgomery, Alabama 36117

Office 334-279-9174

Eddie Ellis, Potentate

attest: Lee R. Sims, P.P., Recorder

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of Alcazar Shriners will be held at the time and place shown below for the purpose of conducting any business as may come before the Temple.

2023 DUES CARDS ARE REQUIRED FOR
ADMISSION

Necrology Report April 2023—August 2023

The Black Camel has called on these Nobles in January—March 2023. Please keep these brothers and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

John Lester

Alfred Carroll

Billy Gainey

Malcom Ingram

Thomas Ferguson

John Laing

Roy Baker

Steven Rawls

Daniel Lockwood

James Pilson

ORIENTAL GUIDE MUST BE SELECTED WISELY

Alcazar Shriners will be electing a Oriental Guide on December 8, 2023. We believe the points made in this article will be of assistance to you in making a wise choice for the good of Alcazar Shriners.

When the members of a Shrine Center elect a Noble to the office of Oriental Guide, they are virtually starting that Noble through the Divan line on the assumption that he will prove to be qualified and worthy of advancement to the high office of Illustrious Potentate. Hence it is quite evident that the nomination for Oriental Guide should be based upon a through and accurate evaluation of character, ability, prestige, interest and experience. A Noble can be a good fellow, a loyal Shriner, a hard worker; yet lack the basic qualifications that would make him a good Potentate. Unless a Noble is fully qualified for the job, he is unfair to both himself and his Temple in seeking office or permitting others to support and promote his candidacy.

The following checklist may prove helpful in evaluating potential candidates for the office. However, no thinking man could be so naive as to believe that any one man could possess all the characteristics listed below. Never the less, the list has practical value for self evaluation by the Noble whose ultimate aspiration is the office of Illustrious Potentate. Many Shrine Centers have placed definite limitations on their progress and standing in the community as a result of hasty or ill considered judgement in connection with the election of an Oriental Guide. Every Noble is a good Noble, but it does not follow that every person is fit for the job of Oriental Guide, and the rigorous demands placed upon the Divan Officers and the Potentate. So let's be fair, honest, and wise in electing to the office only those men who are eminently qualified for the job. We all know that with honor comes responsibility. And while there is honor associated with a Divan office, the ensuing responsibilities entail a lot of time-consuming, energy consuming WORK. We are genuinely grateful that our Temple has been favored with sincere, honest and able men. However, eternal vigilance must be exercised in order to perpetuate a high level of leadership.

Leadership	Competent Organizer and Promoter
Executive Ability	Posses Social Graces
Business Sense	Financially Secure
Community Standing and Influence	Energy and Vitality
Well poised	Free to Devote Ample Time to the Job
Good Health	Capable of Building Good Masonic Relations
Diplomacy	Interest in Shrine-Masonry
Stage Presence	Ability to Give and Get Cooperation
Commitment of his Wife and Family who understands how much time and money the Divan takes	

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DATES TO REMEMBER				
Every Monday and Friday		Bingo @ Phenix City Shrine Club		
Every Thursday		Bingo @ Wiregrass Shrine Club		
Every Saturday		Flea Market @ Troy Shrine Club		
10/10—10/14				
10/10—10/14	Pike County Fair	Pike Count Fair Grounds Troy, Alabama	10th-13th 6p-10pm 14th 5p-10pm	
10/13	Quarterly Meeting	Alcazar Shrine Temple	6pm Food, 7:30pm Meeting	
11/4—5				
11/4—5	Gun Show	Alcazar Shrine Temple	Sat 8—5 Sun 10—4	Ladies will be hosting a bake sale. Food donations welcome.
11/15-18	Dixie Shrine Associates	Panama City Beach Fl		
11/30	Andalusia Christmas Parade	Andalusia		
12/1				
12/1	Opp Christmas Parade	Opp		
12/8	Quarterly Meeting—Elections	Alcazar Shrine Temple		Ladies will play Secret Santa
12/9	Alcazar Christmas Party	Alcazar Shrine Temple		