

ARABIANS

The Arabians were organized in San Francisco in 1922 and now meets in San Mateo. The unit meets on the second Tuesday of the month at Asiya Shrine Center, 1925 Elkhorn Court, San Mateo.

The Arabians is truly outstanding and the most colorful unit in Asiya Shriners. It is the 4th oldest Uniformed Unit and is a fun loving Unit with their gold robes, red pants and gold turned-up shoes. The Arabians have an Oriental Band that plays the musette horns, cymbals, tambourines, glocks, and tom-tom drums. But, no member is a real pro. If you can count up to 7, the Arabians can teach you the rest. If you cannot count to 7, well, they also need cymbal and gong players or just be a Shriner who wants to have fun. The Arabians have won many awards in parades & band competitions. Yearly, the band have marched in the San Francisco Chinese New Year parade, in the Redwood City 4th of July parade, in the San Bruno Possey parade, in the San Mateo Italian Festia parade, in the San Francisco Saint Patrick's Day parade, in the San Jose Veteran Day parade, Reno Rodeo Day parade, and the East-West Football game. Arabians will compete in the Western Association Shrine Oriental Bands (WASOB). The Arabians have in the years past traveled far and near by bus, train and flying to attend the conventions held all over the United States and that included Hawaii.

On June 24, 2002, Islam Shrine Temple changed the name to Asiya Shrine Center.