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### Upcoming Events

#### February

- 1-2 Temple Garage Sale
- 3 Ladies Luncheon
- 4 Antiques Super Bowl Party
- 12 Stated Meeting
- 15-18 Circus
- 21 Hors d'oeuvres

#### March

- 12 Stated Meeting
- Ladies Crazy Bowling
- 17 Yoshi March Madness
- 21 Circus Appreciation Dinner
- 23 Hors d'oeuvres
- 24 Magic Show
- 31 Patrol Pancake Feed
- Easter Egg Hunt

#### April

- 9 Stated Meeting in Emporia with Ladies
- 14 LOH Spaghetti Feed
- 21 Potentates Ball
- 27 Hors d'oeuvres

### Elective Divan

Potentate	Paul Honaker
Chief Rabban	Steve Kramer
Assistant Rabban	Larry Dain
High Priest & Prophet	Kurt Lawson
Oriental Guide	Mike Powell
Treasurer	Kim Komarek
Recorder	Alan Holt, P.P.

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# Meet the 2018 Potentate



I am honored that you have elected me to serve the Nobility in 2018 as your Arab Shrine Potentate. Lady Becky and I are excited, yet nervous to start what we hope will be an eventful year for Arab Shrine. There is an old saying that "It is not about the destination, it is the journey that is important". It has been a great journey since we were asked to serve on the Divan in the middle of 2012. Although it has been six years, it seems like just yesterday!

We both want to thank Ill. Sir Brian & Nadyne Hagmeier for taking a leap of faith and asking us to serve Arab Shrine. Although I first told him no because I was so new to the Shrine, Ill Sir Brian had the faith in me to not accept no.

I would also like to thank Ill. Sir Jeff Hurst for the many years of friendship we have had together as we all made this journey together. It has been a pleasure to follow your leadership through the years in not only the Shrine but also in Lodge and Scottish Rite.

I became a Master Mason, Scottish Rite Mason, and an Arab Shriner in 2010. After talking to me for about 20 years about the Shrine and the work we do for our children, Ill Sir Lynn Holt, P.P. finally received a signed petition from me. This might have been delayed if the Sun Devils had not invited us to their annual Wild Game Feed at Tony & Tina Frye's shop. We thought we were meeting a bunch of hunting buddies, little did we know they were all Shriners! On our way home after watching a Hospital video, Becky told me that "...if you join that Organization, I am behind you 100%!" I became a Shriner, and she has been beside me ever since.

After taking my 1<sup>st</sup> Degree with Topeka Lodge 17, I received my Entered Apprentice and Master Mason Degrees in a one day class. The entire Degree Team, were members of the Arab Shriners Degree Team. I later became a Perpetual Member of Golden Rule Lodge #90 and am still a member of Lodge 17. My intention was to just join these Organizations and have fun.

Since all of our 7 children were now adults, and most had moved away, I agreed to serve as Marshal for Arab, the journey started. At the time I was the outfield & first base coach for our oldest grandson's baseball team that his father and I formed five years earlier. We had discussed that he would probably not be playing baseball the next year, so I would have extra time on my hands. He played anyway and I coached for 3 more years!

In addition to the positions I have held with Arab, I now serve as Treasurer of Lodge 90, sit on the Board of Directors of Rite Care of Topeka, Inc. and am assistant Treasurer of the Topeka Valley of the Scottish Rite. I also serve our Kansas National Guard Members as a Board Member and Treasurer of the Kansas National Guard Foundation.



## Official Call of the Potentate

*Notice is hereby given of a stated meeting of Arab Shriners at 1305 South Kansas Ave., Topeka, KS for the transaction of such business as may be regularly presented on:*

Monday, Feb 12  
Monday, March 12  
Monday, April 9

Dinner: 5:45 pm, Meeting: 7:00 pm

Becky and I have been married for 25 years. We have 7 children, scattered from the State of Washington to Wichita and Topeka, and 14 grandchildren (I think). We hope to have our Shrine Family meet our biological family this year. With our children's growing families and our duties with the Shrine these last few years we have not been able to enjoy as much time with them as we have wanted. We hope they have been able to understand that this has been a brief time in our lives and know the importance of what we as Shriners do for the children that we serve. Becky and I both know that if any of our own grandchildren were ever in need of help through our Shrine Hospitals, we are very thankful that our Hospitals will provide them with the best care they could ever receive in the world!

We have many plans in place for a very active 2018 year. By now you should have gone completely through your Shrine calendar and planned your entire life around Shrine activities! Our desire for our Shrine Family is to have various events that will interest all Nobles, their Ladies, and their Families.

Although at the January 2018 Stated Meeting I laid out my desired agenda for the 2018 year I would like to touch on some of the new event highlights:

Potentates Ball will be held for the first time in our own Temple. Ill Sir Jim & Barb Whitehead and Howard & Karen Marlow have told me to stay out of the way so they can plan a great Ball for our Nobility. They have promised Pizza for everyone!

We will be bringing Timothy the Magician back again this year. Besides the fact that he performs in Vegas, Los Angeles, etc. he is a SHRINER! We first met him at Moolah Shrine in St. Louis and he gave us a fun performance at Arab two years ago.

Our very own International Commander of the Legion of Honor, Commander Morris Sykes, will be holding his Convention in Kansas City in April this year.

Kyle Purcell and Courtney Koehn are working diligently on organizing a Shrine Walk for Love to raise money for our Hospitals. This will give Arab Shrine some great community public relations.

We have a new event in September that we will talk about as the year progresses. We are extremely excited about this event and it has not been tried before. Jarred White is planning this event, and even he is excited about it! The event will be one of the more fun and entertaining events for all Shriners and guests that we have had in years!

Unfortunately; we are bringing back the POTENTATE ROAST!! When I ASKED Mark Varble to organize the Roast, I knew it was a mistake as soon as the words left my big mouth! I do not expect us to have much fun at this event and most Arab Shriners will want to stay home that evening.

We are expecting a great Circus this year! Last year great weather kept attendance low. This year we have our Ace in the Hole, Assistant Rabban Larry the Dain as our Circus Chairman. Larry is known for planning events that bring us bad weather! Look at his history with all of our Carnivals. We all know that bad weather brings up Circus attendance. Thank you Larry.

Our Potentate Trip will take us to Jamaica in May this year. We decided to be lazy this year and hang out at the beach and pools with swim up bars and NO Zip Lines anywhere or those kite things that are pulled behind boats! There will be golf and dune buggies though! Also all the food you can eat and did I mention swim up bars!

We will again have one of Arab Shrines best kept secret going this year. Spikers Oasis!! We have great beverages at great prices. More importantly as you walk into the Oasis you immediately know everyone and you are among great friends. Wednesday evenings the Oasis will be host to fun events like Trivia, a strange version of UNO, and/ or movie nights, along with a reasonably priced good meal. Even if you don't play Trivia it is fun to come down, eat and watch and act like you know all of the answers! Please come down and join us.

What I am most excited about this year is our Ceremonial. By now you all know that we have planned ONE Ceremonial for 2018. We will bring new Novices in all during the year with Short Form Obligations. In the Fall (not Winter) in September we will hold a huge *CELEBRATION* for our new Shrine Brothers and their Ladies. I firmly believe that our Ceremonial should be one of the *BEST NEW EXPERIENCES* of the Shrine by new Shriners. Besides some of the old tried and true parts of our ceremonial we are bringing back some form of Unit exhibitions. We are working on some new programs that we believe will be fun, exciting and drive home why it is so important to be a Shriner!

We have tried to put many things in place this year to ensure the stability, growth, and financial future of Arab Shrine and Arab Shriners. We have ensured the future of our Strategic Planning with the commitment of the moving Divan not only in 2018 but all succeeding years to come. They will focus on the future of our Shrine through the pillars we have established as critical to our future, Membership and Financial Soundness. You will hear this many times this year and in years to come, we will develop our strategies for the future to "*Recruit, Retain, & Re-engage*" members. We will also be putting into place financial strategies that can be leveraged for Financial Soundness for both "*Operational and Long Term Capital*". This cannot be completed in one year and that is why we have the commitment of the moving Divan.

We have some of our members who are committed to the growth of our membership of our fraternity through our very committed and hardworking Membership Committee. We also have the addition of a Masonic Liaison "*Committee*", not just one person standing up to talk about what the Grand Lodge is doing these days. Our goals will be to reach out to our Grand Lodge Officers and Blue Lodges and restore our relationship with our Brothers who are not Shriners. We will also have an article in future Antics from our current Deputy Grand Master, soon to be Grand Master.

I apologize for the length of this first article (is this any indication of the length of our Stated Meetings this year! No I promise!) There is so much I could go on about that will take place this year but I need to save room for another Antics.

Again I want to thank all of you, our Arab Shriners and your Ladies for the hard work and love that you commit to Arab Shrine.

Fraternally,

Paul

Illustrious Sir Paul and First Lady  
Becky with Paul's parents  
Carlan and Irene Honaker



# From the First Lady



Dear Nobles and Ladies;

I can't believe that 2018 is here. Paul and I have been asked to share a little about us. Wow, where do I start? I have lived in Topeka since I was eight years old. I am 1 of 5 kids. My Dad worked at Santa Fe and this is where we called home. Paul and I have been married for 25 years. We have 7 kids and 14 grandchildren. My family is my world! My favorite thing to do is watch my children and grandchildren grow and do things that make them smile. I enjoy having my family come to the Shrine and participate in activities when they can.

I worked at BCBS for 15 years. I currently work at Valeo Behavioral Health Care as the Billing Manager. This past November I celebrated my 20<sup>th</sup> year of employment there. Before Paul was a Shriner, I really wasn't sure what the Shriners did. The Sun Devil Unit had invited us to their Annual Wild Game

Feed in hopes that Paul and I would join the Shrine family. It wasn't until I watched a video of what the Shriners do for the kids and the hospitals that I truly understood what the Shriners do. It was amazing! I knew then in my heart this is what Paul and I needed to do together. We left, and on the way home I looked at Paul and said, "I'm in"! Let's do this!! "If you join this organization, I am behind you 100%!" In 2010, he became a Shriner. We are all doing this for the same purpose, for the KIDS. It is amazing to me to watch so many friends and family of the Arab Shrine working together for the KIDS.

"Love you to the Moon and Back" is the design of my ladies pin for 2018. When I tell my grandkids I love them to the moon and back, they would return it with a "Back" and a big smile!

I am excited to share we have added some new activities this year, a garage sale January 31<sup>st</sup> through February 2, a Shrine Hospital Walk for Love on May 26<sup>th</sup>, Laugh Lines for Shriners and guests at the Topeka Civic Theater September 12<sup>th</sup>, a Temple Game Night September 1<sup>st</sup>, and we are bringing back Timothy's Magic show and the Murder Mystery.

The first Ladies Luncheon was held on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at Arab Shrine. March 12<sup>th</sup> will be a Ladies Night out for Crazy Bowling, April 2<sup>nd</sup> Ladies Self-Defense class, April 9<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting in Emporia. The ladies will meet at Radius this year while the men have their meeting. The Potentate Ball is scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the Arab Shrine Temple. We are very excited to be able to move this event to the Shrine this year!

More information will come out on the events for 2018 as they get closer.

Thank you all for your support, your hard work, dedication, and friendship. It takes all of us working together to be successful. I look forward to serving you in 2018, working hard and having fun for the kids.

Sincerely yours,

Becky Honaker



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# 2018 Arab Shrine Divan



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Chief Rabban



**Paul Honaker**  
Potentate



**Larry Dain**  
Assistant Rabban



**Kurt Lawson**  
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**John Cahill**  
First Ceremonial Master



**Doug Hodge**  
Second Ceremonial Master



**Tim Brey**  
Marshal



**Brian Hagmeier, P.P.**  
Membership Director



**Roger Farthing**  
Public Relations Director



**Keith Bricker**  
Captain of the Guard



**Jack Sanders**  
Outer Guard



**Mark Varble**  
Chaplain



# Meet the Divan



## Chief Rabban, Stephen Kramer

As Chief Rabban, Stephen Kramer feels fortunate to be entrusted to be on the 2018 Arab Divan.

He was born and raised in Winchester, KS on the family farm. He attended grade school in a two-room school house in Moony Creek and completed high school at Maur Hill Boy's Prep School in Atchison, KS. After attending Emporia State for two years, Steve decided to pursue self-employment with a construction business. Six years later, he was given the opportunity to become a commercial fire protection apprentice. After 4 years of correspondence classes at Penn State, and becoming a journeyman Sprinkler Fitter, he spent 30 years in the sprinkler business. Retiring in 2009, Steve remains busy with his farming business.

Steve became a Shriner in 2006 and joined the Provost Guard soon after. Many Friday nights you will find him serving drinks behind the bar. He is an associate member of the Boaters, Lil Chops, Coffey County Club and Brews Brothers. Steve is also a Hospital Dad, member of 100 Million Dollar and Gold Medallion Clubs. Steve has two children, Adam and Kristina.

He met his Lady, Peggy Coots, in 2007 and life is good. They enjoy gardening and traveling. Steve and Peggy are looking forward to a fun-filled year, making new friends and helping raise awareness of what Shriners do!



## Assistant Rabban, Larry Dain

Larry Dain has lived in Northeast Kansas most of his life. His Lady Linda has a daughter, son and three grandchildren.

Larry is a member of Golden Rule Lodge #90 and Scottish Rite. Shortly after joining the Shrine in 2009 Larry became a member of the Boaters unit where he served as director for two years. Larry is an associate member of Cast, Patrol, Clowns (Doodle), Hospital Dads, and the Oriental Band.

Larry Dain was appointed to the Divan as Outer Guard by Illustrious Sir "Oh Bob" Whitehead in 2013. Larry has served as Marshall, First Ceremonial Master, Oriental Guide, High Priest and Profit, and currently serves as

Assistant Rabban.

Since being on the line Larry has organized four carnivals. Although the carnivals have been rained out, this year a profit was made due to the introduction of banner sales. As circus chairman Larry is looking forward to a successful circus with the help of all the nobility promoting the advertising of banner's, billboard's, sponsorship's and ad's in the circus book. With everyone's help and participation we can make the circus a great success!

Having a positive attitude Larry is looking forward to serving, Arab Shrine as Assistant Rabban in 2018.



## High Priest and Prophet, Kurt Lawson

Hello from High Priest and Prophet Kurt Lawson. I've lived in Topeka my entire life. I've been married to Bev for 35 years. We have a daughter Rachel (Robby) Sachs, three sons, Kevin (Jaclyn), Steven, and Cody (Paige), granddaughters Delaney and Kaylee, and grandson Everett. In addition, we are guardians for Bev's big brother, Mark Murren, who has Down's Syndrome and who now lives at Sheltered Living. I've worked at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas for 38 years

Beverly and I grew up around Arab Temple. As members of DeMolay and Job's Daughter's in our teenage years, we attended many youth dances at the temple in the mid to late 1970's when we were active members in those Masonic youth groups. I joined Golden Rule Lodge #90, and the Shrine in a one day class on April 17, 1999. I was a member of the Yoshi Club in the early part of this century until I met the maximum age limit. I served as director of that club. I joined the Clowns in 1999 and created my clown persona - Knothead - and I have been trying unsuccessfully to get my makeup right ever since. I served as assistant director of the unit for a couple years before serving as director of the Clown Unit from 2007-2010. After being away from a leadership position for a few years, I was honored when Illustrious Sir Brad Koehn called in late 2014 and asked if I felt like I was ready for a new opportunity in the Shrine - the opportunity to serve as the Marshal for 2015. I gave it a try and have been super busy with Shrine activities ever since.

I really enjoy the brotherhood and comraderie that I've experienced during my time as a Shriner, and look forward to meeting many new brothers and their ladies as I continue to grow as a Shriner. Thank You for allowing me to be part of the current leadership team as we strive to make your experience as a Shriner all that you want for it to be.

I look forward to a great year and the opportunity to serve Arab Shrine.



## Oriental Guide, Mike Powell

I was born in Topeka, Kansas. Graduated from Topeka West High School in 1987. Attended Kansas State University and graduated in 1992. Upon graduation took a job with a mortgage bank in Kansas City. I was transferred numerous time over the 17 years, from and between Portland, Oregon to Sarasota, Florida. I moved back to Topeka 7 years ago and am currently a Family Service Associate at Mount Hope Cemetery. I also served 6 years in the Army Reserves.

I was invited to become a Mason and a Shriner by a close family friend and past potentate Brad Koehn. I am currently a Captain in the Provost Guard and a board member for the Shrine Bowl.

My wife Wendy and I have been married for almost 5 years and have one child a 5-year-old Shih tzu named Boo Boo. We enjoy DIY home projects and attending Shrine events.

We look forward to a another great year!



## First Ceremonial Master, John Cahill

John Cahill was born in Denver, Colorado and moved to Topeka in 1979. John married Kathy in 2001 and he has two daughters Amanda & Morgan. John and Kathy have been involved with the Arab Shrine since 2013 and have enjoyed volunteering and participating in many functions. He is a Captain in the Provost Guard, member of Hospital Dads, and is an associate member of the Golfers Unit. He is an active member of Mayetta Lodge 393 as well.

John has worked in various positions within the Information Technology field since graduating from high school in 1985. He earned his BS in Computer Science from Southwestern College in 2009 and his MS in Leadership from Southwestern College in 2012. He is currently employed with the Kansas Department of Labor as the Director of Information Technology.

John has been the President of the Frank Walton Classic Foundation for 11 years and has enjoyed much success in raising funds for his alma mater's football program. To date, the foundation has raised a tremendous amount of money and provided much needed equipment for the student athletes at Topeka West. He also serves on the board of Lifehouse Child Advocacy and the president of the Berkshire Couple's Golf Club.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve as your First Ceremonial Master in 2018!



## Second Ceremonial Master, Doug Hodge

Hi, I'm Doug Hodge. I'm looking forward to a great year serving my second year on the Divan. A little about me...I lived in Lawrence until I was 7 when my family moved to a farmhouse outside of Overbrook. I graduated from Lawrence High in 1988. I worked for 27 years in the sign industry until my health required a new occupation. I now work as a driver and warehouse operator for BC&R Storage in Lawrence.

My Masonic journey started in 1992 at Lecompton Lodge. A few months later I joined the Scottish Rite and the Shrine. I was an active member of the Scooters and then moved to the Antiques. Life got in the way and I took a break from Lodge, Scottish Rite and the Shrine from about 2001 until 2013 when I came back to Lodge and the Shrine. I joined back up as an Antique and met quite a few of my neighbors at that first meeting. I am an associate member of the Rawhidlers. I am currently serving as master of my lodge and previous president of the Antiques.

My Lady Audrey Taylor and I have been together for 9 years. It's been a fun journey and we've met a lot of great people through the Shrine. I have a 29 year old son and a granddaughter. Audrey has 3 kids, a daughter-in-law and grandson.

In my spare time I enjoy working on old cars, building hotrods, and riding ATVs.



## Marshal, Tim Brey

Tim Brey was born in Topeka Kansas & attended Seaman High School & Washburn Tech.

Tim has been a Journeyman Millwright and Project Coordinator in the Rubber & Plastic Industry for 30 years. He has been employed by Goodyear Tire & Rubber in Topeka for the last 19 years. Tim and his Lady Sherry have six grown children between them and 11 wonderful grandchildren. Tim has many hobbies. He enjoys hunting, catfishing, shooting clays and sand railing.

In 2014 Tim was raised a Master Mason and then joined the Arab Shrine. In 2016 Tim and his Lady Sherry served as Assistant Chief Aides for Jim Whitehead and his Lady Barb. He is a member of the Provost Guard and Hospital Dads. Tim is also the Master of Lodge 42 in Holton.

Tim is looking forward to serving as Marshal in 2018.



## Captain of the Guard, Keith Bricker

Keith was born in Sutherland, Nebraska. At the age of 5 the family moved to Topeka. Keith is next to the youngest of 10 children. He attended school at Quincy elementary, Rice elementary, East Topeka Junior High, and graduated from Highland Park High School. After graduation, Keith joined the Marine Corp and served for 6 years from 1981-1987. Keith and Patty are high school sweethearts and met at 16 where they both worked at Falley's Market in Eastboro. At the tender age of 18, they married in 1982 and will celebrate 36 years of marriage in June. Keith and Patty have 2 daughters. Heather and her husband Mark, along with their 3 children Rory, Stephanie, and Reagan live in Oregon. Courtney and her daughter, Jacqui, live in Topeka.

Keith is in his 34<sup>th</sup> year at McCray Lumber (formerly know as Whelan's) having worked as a delivery driver, yard foreman, and currently an outside salesman.

Keith began his Masonic journey in 2014 at Mayetta Lodge #393 and he became a Shriner that same year. Keith is a member of the Sun Devils and Hospital Dad's.

In his spare time, Keith enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, golf, bowling, and woodworking in his garage. His favorite past time though is his grandchildren. Keith and Patty attend Fellowship Bible Church.



## Public Relation Director, Roger Farthing

I was born January 29 , 1945 in St. Joseph , Missouri , the youngest of 4 children, (2) brothers and (1) sister. My family moved to Wichita, Kansas, the summer of 1951. I grew up in Wichita and attended Riverview Elementary, Wichita Heights High School, and Wichita State University. I married Marilyn Stewart, Sept. 4, 1965 (52 Years). We moved to Topeka in 1976. We have a son Lance (Overland Park), and a daughter Wendy Hood, (Olathe).

Masonic history: Great-Grandfather, Father, (2) brothers, an uncle and (2) cousins were Masons and Shriners. I was raised to the degree of Master Mason in Valley Center Lodge #364 in 1976. I later transferred to Euclid Lodge #101, Lyndon, Ks., where I am a twice Past-Master. I carry a Masters Proficiency card. I was made a 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree Mason in 2009.

As Public Relations Director, I am a member of the appointive Divan, a Past-Director of the Antiques Unit. I also belong to the Boaters Unit, Cartoons Unit, ARAB Shrine Swiners, and currently serve as Parade Marshall.



## Outer Guard, Jack Sanders

My name is Jack Sanders. I am honored to serve you and Illustrious Sir Paul Honaker as Outer Guard on your 2018 Arab Shrine Divan. I was born and raised in Topeka, Kansas where I graduated from Shawnee Heights High School. I attended Manhattan Christian College and Kansas State University where I graduated with degrees from both in 1995. In 1996, I began my law enforcement career with the Riley County Police Department where I was a patrolman. In 1999, I was hired by the City of Topeka as a Police Officer. I have been involved in many different facets of Law Enforcement since and am currently a Detective in the Property Crimes Unit where I conduct Pawn Shop and burglary/theft investigations.

My beautiful wife Carrie and I were married in July of 1995. Carrie owns her own Nail Salon, Simply Nails, here in Topeka. She is so talented and gifted! We have two children Cailey and Logan. Cailey is involved with Rainbow for Girls where she served as Worthy Advisor in 2016. Logan is a member of Round Table Chapter of Demolay. I am very proud of them both.

My Masonic journey began in 2013, (with the prodding and assistance of Illustrious Sir Paul Honaker), where I was raised a Master Mason at Siloam Lodge #225 in Topeka. I was elected Master of Siloam Lodge in November of 2017 and will serve in that capacity through 2018. I joined the Topeka Scottish Rite in 2013 and became a Shriner during the fall ceremonial in 2014. I am a member of Director's Staff and Ritualistic Cast. I am Vice-President of Director's Staff. Other than marrying Carrie, becoming a Mason has been one of the best decisions I ever made.

I enjoy outdoor activities including hunting, fishing, and camping. If only I had more time for them! I am a rabid University of Oklahoma sports fan and particularly love the football team! My family is the most important thing to me, and I hope they all know how much I love them!

Again, it is my honor to serve you as Outer Guard for 2018.



## Treasurer, Kim Komarek



## Recorder, Alan Holt



## Membership, Brian Hagmeier



## Chaplain, Mark Varble

## These We Do Not Forget In Memoriam

**James F. Newman**  
Created September 1, 2005  
Died October 9, 2017

**Jacob Thomas**  
Created November 7, 1992  
Died October 2, 2017

**John D. Achten**  
Created May 6, 1978  
Died November 28, 2017

**Keith J. Jackson**  
Created May 7, 1977  
Died November 24, 2017



**Robert W. Jordan**  
Created May 6, 1978  
Died November 15, 2017

**Galen Latta**  
Created May 9, 1992  
Died December 13, 2017

**Nolan G. McKenzie**  
Created April 24, 1954  
Died December 6, 2017

**Reymundo Tinoco**  
Created May 9, 2009  
Died December 27, 2017

## Arab Shriners Past Potentates

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1931-32 Dr. Norris Townsend | 1954 Henry Bubb          | 1976 Donald Mahrle         | 1999 George Kenworthy |
| 1933 Al Williams            | 1955 Robert Brown        | 1977 E. Leslie Scrinopskie | 2000 John Porter      |
| 1934 Stanley Shook          | 1956 Waldemar Metzenthin | 1978 Donald Horttor        | 2001 Paul Meierhenry  |
| 1935 Clinton Wilcox         | 1957 Harold Jasperson    | 1979 James Parmiter        | 2002 Royce Keyser     |
| 1936 Charles Moore          | 1958 Coliss Swain        | 1980 Ronald Mannoni        | 2003 Larry Bryan      |
| 1937 Ralph Hinkson          | 1959 Lloyd Raish         | 1981 Frank Coffman, Jr.    | 2004 John James       |
| 1938 John Brandenburger     | 1960 Nelse Nelson        | 1982 Carol Lewis           | 2005 Lynn Holt        |
| 1939 Fernando LeDoux        | 1961 Joseph Schneider    | 1983 Harlan Whiteley       | 2006 Ron Scrinopskie  |
| 1940 Ray Ramsey             | 1962 Warren Paramore     | 1984 Richard Hamilton      | 2007 Paul Clarkson    |
| 1941 Sherman Bourassa       | 1963 Delmer Daly         | 1985 William Ducksworth    | 2008 Don McClafflin   |
| 1942 Judge Paul Heinz       | 1964 Roy Jaquith         | 1986 Albert Jackson, Jr.   | 2009 Pat Devlin       |
| 1943 Dr. Juther Dodd        | 1965 John Kroger         | 1987 Cap Grover            | 2010 Larry Tice       |
| 1944 Herbert Barrett        | 1966 Waldo Haflich       | 1988 Bill Koehn            | 2011 Alan Holt        |
| 1945 Charles R. Shrake      | 1967 Wayne Baker         | 1989 Richard Magathan      | 2012 Brian Hagmeier   |
| 1946 Sidney Long            | 1968 Rex Smith           | 1990 Charles Hiebsch       | 2013 Bob Whitehead    |
| 1947 Martin Phillips        | 1969 Archie Swan         | 1991 Eldo Crider           | 2014 Rick Moody       |
| 1948 Frederick Gades        | 1970 Frank Oppitz        | 1992 Ray French            | 2015 Brad Koehn       |
| 1949 John Lewis             | 1971 Dale Moorman        | 1993 Paul Gibbons          | 2016 Jim Whitehead    |
| 1950 Paul Rogers            | 1972 Ansel Searles       | 1995 El "Andy" Anderson    | 2017 Jeff Hurst       |
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| 1952 Ernest Thomas          | 1974 Jack Quinlan        | 1997 Frank Seufert         |                       |
| 1953 Scott Kelsey           | 1975 John C. Dicus       | 1998 Larry Pressman        | Deceased              |



# Arab Shriners Gold Medallion Club

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Donnie Bohannon  
Floyd Bradley  
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Jack Call  
Robert Dark  
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Bill Eicholtz  
Roger Elsbury  
Charles Faden

Roger Farthing  
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Keith Heumann  
Curt Hogan  
Alan Holt, P.P.  
Paul Honaker  
Bob Inman  
Mike Jenks  
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Dale Rohling  
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**COME ONE COME ALL,  
HELP MAKE THIS CIRCUS A GREAT SUCCESS!**



Dear Ladies, Nobles, Units and Clubs of Arab Shrine,

The time is once more upon us to inform you of the Circus Food Room hours of operation and to ask for your help in any way you can. As in past years of doing this I have had so many people volunteer to help and bring food that I can never thank you enough. Your generosity has been overwhelming to me during this all Temple event and my deepest appreciation goes out to each and every one of you. It has been a rewarding undertaking for the past 8 years as this will be my last year of doing this. I must pass the baton to Barb Whitehead. If you are new to the Shrine, please feel free to come join us in the food room. We welcome all help.

I am going to be asking for your help in any way you can. We are again doing a Thursday evening performance. As you may already know, all the food items are donated or purchased with your contributions. The Temple does not pay for any of the food that we all enjoy so much or any of the supplies. We have eaten some of the best food around at this function.

If you can work any of the times listed, please call me or e-mail me and I will get you on the list. I especially need helpers on all 7 performances to help make sandwiches, veggie trays, setting out desserts, salads and our famous deviled eggs and all around replenishing the food on the tables. Any donations of food or money you feel comfortable giving so we may purchase any items needed to serve all the workers, would be greatly appreciated. If you are giving a check donation, please make the check payable to and send to:

**ARAB SHRINE CIRCUS FOOD ROOM**

C/O Andrea Holt  
Circus Food Room Coordinator  
P.O. Box 85  
Tecumseh, Kansas 66542

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15th PERFORMANCE TIME IS 6:30PM**

**THE FOOD ROOM WILL BE OPEN 4:30PM UNTIL AFTER INTERMISSION. I KNOW THIS IS AN EXTRA DAY BUT I COULD USE 2 OR 3 HELPERS STARTING AT 3:00PM**

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16TH PERFORMANCE TIME IS 7:00PM**

**THE ROOM WILL BE OPEN FROM 4:30PM UNTIL AFTER THE INTERMISSION. I WOULD LIKE 3-4 HELPERS STARTING AT 3PM**

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17TH PERFORMANCE TIME IS 9:30AM**

**THE ROOM WILL BE OPEN AT 7:30AM. I WOULD LIKE 2 - 3 HELPERS STARTING AT 7:00AM UNTIL 11:00AM**

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17TH PERFORMANCE TIME IS 2:30PM**

**I WOULD LIKE 4-5 HELPERS STARTING AT 11AM TO 4:00PM. WE WILL NOT BE CLOSING THE FOOD ROOM DURING THE SATURDAY PERFORMANCES.**

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17TH PERFORMANCE TIME IS 7:30PM**

**I WOULD LIKE 4-5 HELPERS STARTING AT 4:00PM UNTIL WE CLOSE FOR THE EVENING WHICH SHOULD BE SOON AFTER THE INTERMISSION.**

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18TH PERFORMANCE TIME IS 12:30PM**

**THE ROOM WILL OPEN AT 10:30AM. I WOULD LIKE 4-5 HELPERS TO ARRIVE AT 9:30AM AND HELP UNTIL 3:30PM. AGAIN WE WILL NOT BE CLOSING BETWEEN PERFORMANCES.**

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18TH PERFORMANCE TIME IS 5:30pm**

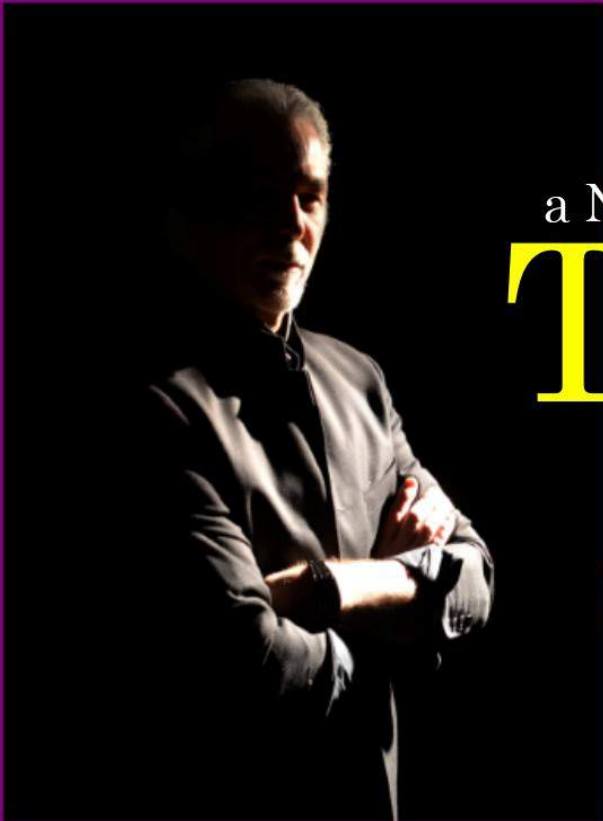
**I WOULD LIKE THIS LAST SHIFT'S HELPERS TO ARRIVE AT 3:30PM. I'LL TAKE AS MANY AS WOULD LIKE TO HELP AS THIS WILL BE A LONG SHIFT SO WE CAN LOAD UP ALL THE STUFF FOR RETURN TO THE TEMPLE.**

**I want to Thank each and every one of you for anything you can do to help. Your consideration is deeply appreciated. We have had so many good years at this but now it's time for someone else to take over. We are really looking forward to seeing you all and doing this again!!**

**Andrea Holt 785/249-0773 anh48@cox.net**

# Arab Shrine Temple

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## Saturday, March 24, 2018

Arab Shrine Temple

Tickets: \$22 Pre-show, \$25 at the door

12 Reserved Tables Available

Doors open at 6:30 pm - Show starts at 8:00

Open  
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Contact Jim Whitehead at 785-230-4283

WhiteheadJ18@yahoo.com

Tickets available in Shrine office



## Roger Farthing, Parade Marshall

The month of November marked the end of the 2017 parade season. The participating units have made a great showing throughout the area. A big thanks to all who participated. I have received many positive comments from spectators and event sponsors, thanking us for helping to make their events successful.

I am in the process of notifying these folks of our desire to again participate in as many of these events as possible.

I have heard that the Boaters Unit is discussing a replacement for the “Yacht”, in an attempt to make it easier to participate in more parades in 2018.

The Rawhidlers have added another rider for the 3 Wheelers, with another unit ready to be ridden.

We are very optimistic for a successful parade season in 2018.

Roger Farthing  
Parade Marshall

# Arab Shrine

Every Friday Night  
Arab Shrine  
1305 South Kansas Ave  
Topeka, KS



Mini Bingo at 6:30 pm  
Regular 7:00 pm

- Progressive Bingo pot can be up to \$1000 in a single game
- Pull tabs available
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- Low priced concessions - hot dogs, nachos, popcorn, desserts, beverages and more

A large, light gray silhouette of a man in a tuxedo and a woman in a formal gown, standing and facing each other. The woman is on the left, looking up at the man on the right. The silhouette is centered on a yellow background.

**Arab Shrine Potentate's Ball**

**Saturday, April 21, 2018**

**Arab Shrine Temple  
Topeka, Kansas**

*honoring  
Illustrious Sir Paul Honaker  
and First Lady Becky*

**Music provided by the Bop Daddies**

**Formal Attire**

**Watch for more details!**



## **2017 Arab Shriner of the Year Noble Stephan Suchsland**

The 2017 Shriner of the Year is a very complex man. He was born on his family farm home outside Lenora, Kansas in 1944. He attended local schools, graduating from Lenora High School in 1962. He attended Kansas Wesleyan University, in Salina. On his first day of college, he met his future wife.

The year 1966 proved to be very significant to this young man, graduating college with a degree in Physics, and marrying the love of his life. The newlyweds moved to Topeka, on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

and the Topeka Tornado landed on June 8<sup>th</sup>., welcome to Topeka. He hired on with AT&T in the Staff Assistant Program, the beginning of a lengthy telephone career.

In October of 1966 he was inducted into the Army. He attended Officer Candidate School, in Fort Sill, Okla.. He left the Army as a 1<sup>st</sup> Lt., and soon joined the National Guard, retiring 6 years later with the rank of Captain.

The young family moved back to Topeka, to resume working for AT&T, later transferring to Southwestern Bell, where he worked in Switching Engineering, and Maintenance Engineering. He became District Manager over the Southwest Area consisting of (5) states. He retired following an exemplary career spanning 35 years in 2001.

He was influenced into Masonry by his Grandfather, and a number of his friends at Southwestern Bell. He is a 29 year member of the Masonic Lodge of Kansas. He is a Past Master of Euclid Lodge #101, in Lyndon. He joined the ARAB Shrine in 2001, joining the LOH, Greeters and the Golfers Units, Hospital Dads, and works Bingo on a regular basis. He currently serves as the Chief of Staff to Morris Sykes, International Commander of International Association of Legion Of Honor.

Steve and his Lady Marge have 2 children Mary Beck, (Scott), of Silver Lake, and Brian Suchsland, (Sheryl), and 2 grand children of Kennendale, Texas.

Steve has been a substitute teacher for about 25 years, at various schools in the area, served on the board of Forrest Park Retreat Center, board member of the Topeka Symphony, Sunday School Teacher for 25 years, he has sung in the First Methodist Church Choir for 51 years, member of the Breakfast Optimist Club, volunteer for the Landon Trail Maintenance, and is a Docent for the Kansas Historical Museum. Steve is a 17 year member of the Tractor Collectors Club, and a 21 year member of the Greater KC 2 Cylinder Club. Steve restores Antique Tractors, (owns 17 at this time).

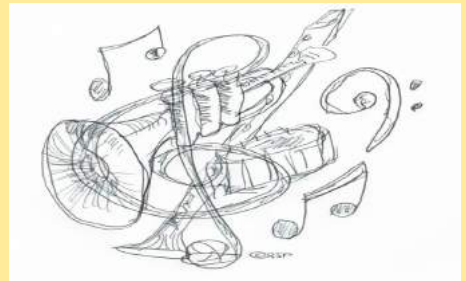
Steve has participated 20 years, in the MS 150 Bicycle Ride, he has hiked or climbed 27 , 14,000 ft. peaks in the Rocky Mountains, hiked the Grand Canyon, rim to rim 3 times, and has floated the Missouri River from Kansas City to Jefferson City, Mo.

During the upcoming year, please reach out your hand to greet and honor the 2017 Shriner of the Year, Noble Stephan Suchsland.

# Unit and Club News

## Arab Shrine Concert Band

The band had an awesome year. We have one brand new member, Chad Fleer. We also have two restored and new members from the ranks of the Shrine, Tom Rigg, Ron Brown.



We were delighted to have 72 people attend our Christmas party, with the combined bands of Arab Shrine and Santa Fe Band. We were glad to have the following guests: Illustrious Sir Potentate Jeff Hurst and Lady Loretta, Chief Rabban: Paul Honaker and Becky, and Assistant Rabban and Band Rep. Steve Kramer and Peggy. Our entertainment included Ill. Sir Jeff and a triangle solo

We had an unexpected gift from our Band Quartermaster, Duane Duke. He presented us with a framed picture of John Phillip Sousa, who was from his shrine temple in Washington DC. The picture is on display in our temple.

The Band was always in attendance for the year at all Stated Meetings.

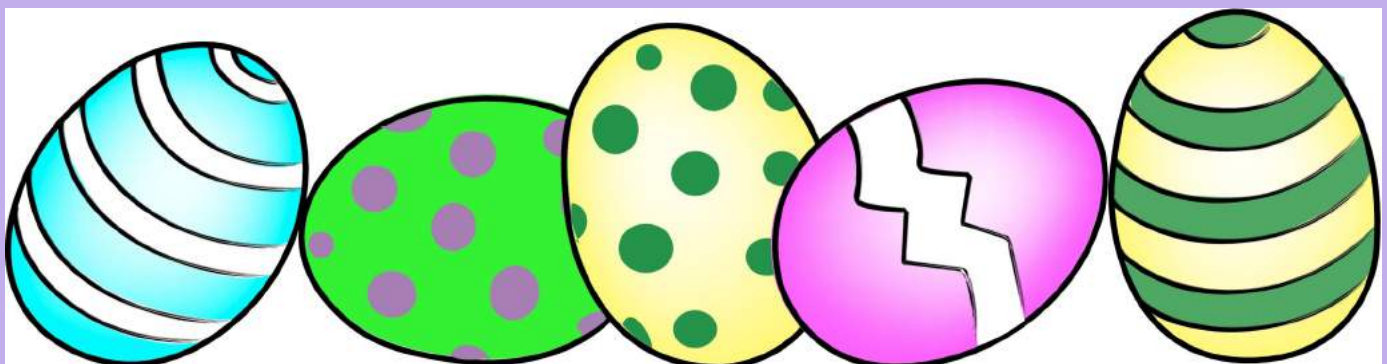
Band Director  
Bob Provo/ Clifford Manning  
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

## Easter Egg Hunt

**Goodyear Shelterhouse – Watch your email for details**

\*\*\*\*\***Date Change**\*\*\*\*\*

**March 31st**



# Boaters

The Boaters, both as individuals and as a Unit work very hard to demonstrate as Shriners they are committed to the present and future of Arab Shrine and all that Shrinedom stands for. We are in support of our Shriner philanthropy and Arab Temple by giving of our time, talents and treasures.



The warm evenings of summer have given away to another season change and this, like most years in September finds the Unit at Dick and Dottie Hanger's Bog on the Wakarusa. This year the weather could not have been better for an outside gathering of the Boaters. There were lots of Boaters present with one thing on their mind, to enjoy each other's company with good conversation, camaraderie and all the other things that take place in a place and time that feels so right in doing so. The evening spent at Dick and

Dottie's Bog did just that and we would all like to thank them for inviting us to be their guests. The food was great. The monthly meeting was called to order by Captain Ralph Wild, he reminded the membership that the gun raffle would take place in October. The money generated by the ticket sales are very important to the financial well-being of Arab Shrine. There were a number of other Temple discussions, and a reminder that everyone if possible could help with the Friday Night Bingo. The bingo revenue is also important to the well-being of the Shrine and there has been some shortage of helpers. Again, a great evening, thanks.



The October meeting was hosted by Gary and Sandy Shofner with assistance of PP Pat and lady Lynda Devlin on the shores of beautiful Lake Sherwood at the clubhouse. In anticipation of a very special time there were lots of Boaters and their ladies in attendance. The menu was ribs and all the trimmings prepared by a neighbor and friend of PP Paul Clarkson. The food matched the setting of Lake Sherwood, i.e., first



class. After dinner Captain Ralph Wild called the meeting to order. It was a very special time together, again, thanks Gary and Sandy for hosting the evening.



The officers for 2018 are: PP Pat Devlin, Director; PP Paul Clarkson, Captain; Kevin Hulsing, Lieutenant; PP Brad Koehn, Ensign; Ted Ensley, Antics.

## Boaters continued-

The November meeting was hosted by Steve Kramer and Lady Peggy at their home in a rural setting. The gathering was well attended. Something in excess of 30 Boaters and their ladies in attendance. The weather was not particularly cooperative, but that did not take away from the camaraderie between all that were present, i.e., it was well worth the trip. As one would anticipate, when Steve and Peggy have anything to do with it the food, setting and all that was associated with the evening was wonderful. Captain Ralph Wild called the monthly meeting to order for discussion about Units and the Shrine happenings. A suggestion was made to investigate the possibility of getting a boat that might be lighter which would make it easier to tow. Five boaters volunteered to look into the possibility of this taking place and most likely will report their findings at the Christmas party to the whole Unit. Thanks again Steve and Peggy for hosting the group, everyone present had a pleasant and enjoyable evening.

The Christmas party was not held at Topeka Country Club as it has historically been held, but this year was at the Brownstone in North Topeka. It was an very enjoyable evening as our Christmas parties have always been.

Congratulations to Ted Ensley for receiving his 50-year Shrine Membership pin at the Fall Ceremonial. He became a member of Arab Temple at the Spring Ceremonial in Marysville when Howard Baker was the Potentate. He is also a Charter Member of the Boaters Unit. He has said that time sure passes quickly when you are enjoying life and being a Shriner and a member of the Boaters Unit it has been exactly that.

Submitted by:  
Ted Ensley



The trivia group had fun in December with the ugly sweater contest.



# Arab Escorts

Drew Torkelson

With winter howling all around us, a motorcyclist on the road is the exception rather than the rule. But not to fret; for it won't be long until we are back on the streets.

The 2018 officers are looking forward to 'kick-starting' this group back into action.

Director/President Jeff Neal and Secretary/Treasurer Jim Curtis will be looking for those of you who enjoy the adventure on 2 wheels.

We would love to have you and your lady join us for a ride and/or a meeting. Give Jeff or Jim your email address and they will keep you informed of our activities this year.

See you soon!

## Potentate's Reception



2018 Arab Divan and their Ladies



Members of the Honaker Family

# Golfers



The Golfers held their annual Christmas Party at the Top of the Tower on December 3rd. Their annual meeting to elect officers was held on January 13.

Martin and Linda Donaldson volunteered at the Shriners Open in Las Vegas along with Brett Koehn. Unfortunately the photo of Martin was mistakenly deleted. The tournament had the 6th hole being marshalled by Arab Shrine. It would be nice to have more Arab Shriners there next year. Mark your calendars for Nov.



## SHRINERS OPEN 2017



Left– St. Louis Patient Ambassador, Madeyln Hubbs was spotted as a standard bearer. Center– New signage was visible all around the course including new signs on each tee box. Right– Noble Brett Koehn represented Arab Shrine as a volunteer.

# ***Greeters***

The Greeters enjoyed excellent food at Grandma Wock at the Fairlawn Mall in October. We met and dined at Annie's in November. The Greeters celebrated Christmas at the Topeka Country Club. The ladies of the Greeters Unit are making fleece blankets for the Saint Louis Shrine Hospital.

The Greeters greeted at the Fall Ceremonial and Masonic Celebration at the Shrine. The Greeters were in force at the free breakfast on New Year's Day.

Greeters are looking for a few good men! Ladies are invited each month when the Greeters meet on the second Friday of the month. Contact George Sauer and/or Jim Curtis if you are interested in joining the Greeters.



The Greeters greeting at the Fall Ceremonial. Greeters are left to right - Mike Braum, Bill Latimer, Ralph Brewer, John Sidwell, Carlan Honaker, Jim Curtis, Gary Shofner and George Sauer.



Greeters at the Grandma Wocks in Fairlawn Mall.

Deadline for next Antics  
March 15, 2018  
Submit articles to [bkoehn3@cox.net](mailto:bkoehn3@cox.net)

Please send articles in word doc format and pictures as  
jpegs.



# Legion of Honor

By: David Smith  
Past Commander



Hi everyone! We hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season and were able spend time with the family. Winter is almost over and basketball season and the NCAA tournament is almost in full swing. That also means spring is just around the corner.

Members from the Arab LOH took their annual trip to Arlington, VA in November for the wreath laying ceremony at the "Tomb of the Unknown Soldier". This year Arab's own International Commander Morris Sykes did the wreath laying. Morris was accompanied by the Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske and Taylor Hamon, Morris's granddaughter, escorted by Morris's Chief of Staff Steve Suchsland. Upon completion of the Tomb wreath laying, members laid poppies at the Canadian Monument paying tribute to the Canadians that fought in WWII. After the wreath laying members returned to the hotel for the "Remembrance Luncheon", a traditional Thanksgiving meal. If you ever get a chance to attend one of the ceremonies and see the changing of the guards and the laying of the wreath, it is a moving experience. The International LOH performs the ceremony each year in November, so please try and attend one of the ceremonies.



Top Left: R to L: Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske, Intl. Commander Morris Sykes, And First Lady Anne Bergenske.

Top Right: Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske, Intl. Commander Morris Sykes laying wreath. Steve Suchsland and Taylor Hamon behind the guard.

Bottom Left: L to R: Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske, Intl. Commander Morris Sykes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Eddie Daffern, And 1st Lt. Ray Combs pay tribute to the Canadians.

Our November meeting was our ladies appreciation dinner and everyone loved the meal, catered by Abouds and served by the Rainbow Girls. We would like to thank the Rainbow Girls for doing an outstanding job. Each year the "Salute to Veterans" video is shown at the November meeting to honor our veterans that have served and the ones currently serving in the Military. However, due to technical difficulties we were unable to show the video. Plans are being made to show it at one of the regular LOH meetings. It is important we honor our veterans especially after some of the events that have occurred this year. Our veterans and military are the ones that keep our country safe. Let's remember "All Gave Some; Some Gave All" to give us the freedoms we enjoy today. I am always in the process of making the new one for next year, so if you are a LOH member or an Arab Shriner that has served in the military and have not submitted a picture for the video, please do. You can give the picture to a LOH officer, turn it into the temple office or e-mail it to [kansasgator@att.net](mailto:kansasgator@att.net).

Our Christmas party at the "Top of The Tower" restaurant in the Bank of America building was outstanding. The party was attended by 60 members, friends and relatives. The entertainment was provided by Deo Gloria Singers, a wonderful group of young people, that performed both patriotic and Christmas songs. We also, want to thank Don Hoover and Geri Van for keeping the Christmas spirit going by leading us in good old fashion Christmas Carols. We would like to welcome Paul Honaker who was inducted into the LOH at the Christmas party. Paul will be Arab's potentate in 2018.



Top L: Commander Alex Parker and Lady Daisy.  
Top R: Ill Sir Jeff Hurst and Lady Loretta.  
Bottom: L to R: Smokie Siecgrist and Chief Rabban Paul Honaker

LOH continued-



L to R: 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt. Commander Al Gonzalez and Lady Laurie, Commander Alex Parker and Lady Daisy, Lady Suzette and Intl. Commander Morris Sykes.

A big congratulations goes out to Steve Suchsland for being selected as Arab's Shriner of the Year for 2017.



Arab Shriner of the Year 2017:  
Steve Suchsland and Lady Marge

In February, the circus will be coming to town. Please help sell circus ads and volunteer to work in the LOH toy booth so we can make the circus a big success.

I want to remind everyone about the spaghetti dinner on April 21<sup>st</sup>. So mark your calendar and get ready for a great meal.

The LOH welcomes new members Richard Meador and Lady Debbie, Chris Hill and Lady Amy, Allan Just and Lady Carol, Shannon Davis and Lady Wendy, Don Jacka and Lady Janice, Jarald VanLeuven and Lady Mary, and Paul Honaker and Lady Becky. The next time you see them give them a warm welcome to the LOH. It is with great sadness to report we have lost one of the founding charter members of Arab's Legion of Honor. Noble John Achten has passed so please keep John's family in your prayers.

If you have served in the military and would like more information about the LOH we would like to have you as a guest at one of our meetings. Contact any of the officers in the 2018 calendar book for details.

Until next time, have fun, be safe and remember – “Shiners Help Kids – That's what we do.”

# RAW HIDERS

JOHN PETERSON

THE RAWIDER UNIT'S LAST PARADE OF THE SEASON WAS THE VETERAN'S DAY PARADE, ATTENDED BY JOHN PETERSON, RON BUCHANAN, CHRIS MARTIN, CHAD LOGAN AND OUR NEWEST MEMBER BRADY FRITZ. FUN WAS HAD BY ALL DESPITE THE COLD TEMPERAURES AND THE THREAT OF RAIN.



ANOTHER GREAT OUTING FOR THE RAWHIDER UNIT WAS THE CHRISTMAS PARTY ATTENDED BY JOHN PETERSON, RON BUCHANAN AND DOUG HODGE. SEEMS AS THOUGH WE WERE PHOTO BOMBED BY THE NEW POTENTATE'S LADY BECKY. AND BY ANOTHER FUTURE POTENTATE'S LADY, LINDA DAIN

WE ARE AT REST NOW AND DOING MAINTENANCE ON OUR 3-WHEELERS AND AWAITING THE START OF THE PARADE SEASON NEXT SPRING.

## Spikers Oasis

Open every Friday at the Arab Shrine  
4:30 to 10:30 pm  
Members & Guests Welcome



### Hors d'oeuvres Nights

February 21: Provost Guard  
March 23: Sun Devils and Clay Busters  
April 27: Topless

# RITUALISTIC CAST

By Tom Johnson, Co-Director

Hello Everyone,

The cast was pleased to obligate 6 new nobles into Arab Shriners at our Fall Ceremonial. Welcome new nobles to Arab Shrine! Many thanks go to the members involved in setting up the stag and putting our furniture back in the Cast room once the ceremonial was over. Many thanks go to Dale Fritz and Brady Fritz for securing the stage and for tying up loose ends.

The Cast provided a coat check for Dueling Pianos on November 18<sup>th</sup> and for the Unit Christmas party held on December 9<sup>th</sup>. We were also there for the New Year's Day breakfast and the Potentate and Divan reception on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for everyone's generosity for supporting us!

We are manning Bingo concessions every month there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Friday.

I want to thank all the unit members who have helped in our endeavors this year. We hope to continue good times into 2018. Thanks for those who helped with the coat checks, our coffers have increased, which is always welcome.

Lastly, I know you will receive this publication after Christmas, nonetheless I want to wish all our nobility a very Merry Christmas and may 2018 be your best year ever. God Bless all of you!

I hope this winter season will not be too hard on us bur remember to buckle up and take the necessary safety precautions. I look forward to seeing many of you at the various upcoming Shrine events.

Til next time,

Tom

## Shriners Coffee Clutchers



Wednesday Mornings  
at Arab Shrine

Come on over for coffee and doughnuts!  
It's always fair weather  
where Masons get together.





# The ARAB “Shriner Swiners”

OINK! OINK!

2017 has been a good year for the Swiners. We enjoyed the opportunities we were given to be of service to a number of members and groups, and have had a lot of fun in the process.

A big thanks to the family of Hank Hulsing for donating the new cooking grill. It has been used extensively, and has performed well.

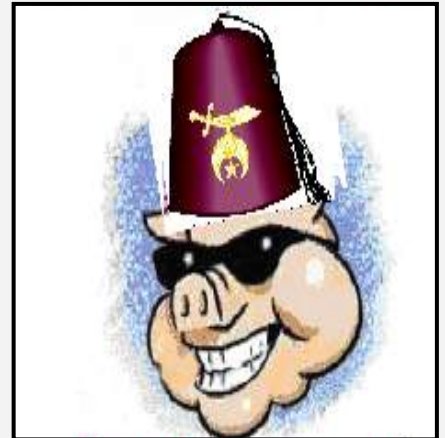
This crew has really come together during the various events. We are looking forward to another busy year in 2018. We are still looking for new members. No experience necessary. Just Call Roger or Paul.

Paul and I and all of your “Shriner Swiners” are anxious to serve you throughout the coming years.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

Sincerely,  
Roger Farthing and Paul Clarkson  
Co-Chairs

OINK!! OINK!!



## NOBELLES

On October 3<sup>rd</sup> we met at Perkins Restaurant. Twenty-two members attended, which included a new member, Cheryl Menges. Her husband, Max was a member of the Ritualistic Cast. “Welcome”. Kay Vernon attended as a guest. Hopefully she will in the future become a member. First Lady Loretta Hurst attended and was also standing in for our Divan Rep., who was unable to attend. It seemed as if no one had seen them before so that was interesting to all. Our program was Nancy Harms, manager of Findables. Findables is a resale shop for the benefit of Midland Hospice. Very informative speaker.



Our November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting was held at the Kansas Buffet, formerly Coyote Canyon. Seventeen members attended. We want to welcome Kay Vernon as a new member. Ranona Boyd won the door prize. Betty Jean Neal of the Topeka-Shawnee Public Library was our program. A “story teller” reciting a number of interesting ones. Our Divan Rep., Becky Honaker, accompanied by Peggy Coots, Lady of Asst. Rabban Steve Kramer, attended.

We had our Christmas luncheon at the Temple catered by Bradley’s Corner Café. Twenty-five members attended. Others attending were Loretta Hurst, Becky Honaker, Peggy Coots, Phyllis Kelly, and Beth Snook’s granddaughter from Alaska. Nancy Myers won the door prize of a red poinsettia. Our entertainment was the Chardonnay Ladies Quartet, of which one member was the daughter of membr, Marj Jacques. We want to welcome a new member, Marcia Chambers.





By the time you read this, the holidays will be in the past, so hope everyone had a great one.

Eileen Rogers  
Publicity

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
4  ANTIQUES SUPER BOWL PARTY	5 Exec/Dir. Mtg	6 Nobelles Sun Devils	7 Coffee  Clutchers Antiques Arab Patrol Provost Guard Game Night
11	12 STATED MEETING Band	13 LOH	14 Coffee  Clutchers  Lil Chops
18 	19	20 Boaters Scottish Rite	21 Coffee  Clutchers  Hors d'oeuvres by Provost Guard Cartoons Mini T's
25	26	27 Provost Guard	28 Coffee  Clutchers Topless Provost Guard Game Night



Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 TEMPLE GARAGE SALE Ritualistic Cast	2 Bingo 3 TEMPLE GARAGE SALE 1/2 DAY	3 LADIES LUNCHEON TEMPLE
8 Clowns Oriental Band	9 Bingo 4 Greeters	10
15 	16 Bingo 1 	17 
22	23 Bingo 2	24

FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
4	5 Exec/Dir. Mtg	6 Nobelles Sun Devils	7 Coffee  Clutchers Antiques Arab Patrol Provost Guard Game Night
11 Rawhidars	12 Stated Meeting Crazy Bowling Band	13 Arab Escorts LOH	14 Coffee  Clutchers Lil Chops Provost Guard Game Night
18	19 Past Potentate Luncheon	20 Boaters Scottish Rite	21 Coffee  Clutchers CIRCUS APPRECIATION DINNER Cartoons
25	26	27 Provost Guard	28 Coffee  Clutchers Topless Provost Guard Game Night

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Ritualistic Cast	2 Bingo 3	3
8 Cartoons Clowns Oriental Band	9 Bingo 4 Greeters	10
15 Director's Staff	16 Bingo 1 CSSA BUSINESS SESSION BRANSON, MO	17  ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE YOSHI March Madness
22 Neosho Valley SC	23 Bingo 2  Hors d'oeuvres by Sun Devils & Clay Busters	24 MAGIC NIGHT W/TIMOTHY
29	30 Bingo 3	31 Patrol Pancake Feed Easter Egg Hunt

MARCH 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
1  EASTER	2 Exec/Dir. Mtg Ladies Event	3 Nobelles Sun Devils	4 Coffee ☕ Clutchers Antiques Arab Patrol Claybusters Provost Guard Game Night
8	9 STATED MEETING EMPORIA w/Ladies Band	10 LOH Arab Escorts	11 Coffee ☕ Clutchers Provost Guard Game Night
15	16 Golfers Eagle Bend	17 Boaters Scottish Rite	18 Coffee ☕ Clutchers Cartoons Mini T's
22	23	24 Provost Guard	25 Coffee ☕ Clutchers Topless
29  PLAYERS APPRECIATION DINNER	30 Golfers		

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Clowns Ritualistic Cast	6 Bingo 4 SCOTTISH RITE SPRING REUNION	7 SCOTTISH RITE SPRING REUNION
12 Oriental Band	13 Bingo 1 Greeters	14  LOH SPAGHETTI FEED
19 Director's Staff	20 Bingo 2	21  POTENTATE'S BALL
26	27 Bingo 3  Hors d'oeuvres by Topless	28 Neosho Valley FEED ILOH ANNUAL MEETING - KC

APRIL 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
		1	2 Coffee ☕ Clutchers Arab Patrol Claybusters
6	7	8 Exec/Dir. Mtg	9 Coffee ☕ Clutchers
POTENTATE'S TRIP JAMAICA MAY 4-12			
		LOH Arab Escorts Nobelles Sun Devils	Antiques Lil Chops
13	14 STATED MEETING Band	15 Boaters Scottish Rite	16 Coffee ☕ Clutchers Arab Patrol
20 	21 Golfers Seneca	22	23 Coffee ☕ Clutchers Topless
27	28  MEMORIAL DAY	29 Provost Guard	30 Coffee ☕ Clutchers

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Clowns Ritualistic Cast	4 Bingo 4 POTENTATE'S TRIP	5
10 Oriental Band	11 Bingo 1 Cartoons Greeters	12 Cartoons/Lil Chops Cook Out
17 Director's Staff	18 Bingo 2	19 Shrine Hospital Screening MEMBERSHIP RUSH NIGHT
24	25 Bingo 3	26 ARAB SHRINE HOSPITAL WALK FOR LOVE
31		

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357	ALTA VISTA	ALTA VISTA	1ST & 3RD MON
109	AMERICUS	AMERICUS	2ND & 4TH MON
32	AUBURN	AUBURN	1ST TUESDAY
234	AXTELL	AXTELL	3RD MONDAY
259	BEATTIE	BEATTIE	1ST & 3RD WED
169	BLUE RAPIDS	BLUE RAPIDS	2ND & 4TH MON
79	BURLINGAME	BURLINGAME	1ST & 3RD WED
66	BURLINGTON	BURLINGTON	2ND & 4TH WED
70	CARBONDALE	CARBONDALE	2ND & 4TH WED
20	CIRCLEVILLE	CIRCLEVILLE	2ND & 4TH MON
419	DELIA	DELIA	1ST WEDNESDAY
138	DOVER	DOVER	2ND THURSDAY
12	EMPORIA	EMPORIA	1ST & 3RD MON
205	ESKRIDGE	ESKRIDGE	2ND & 4TH MON
67	FRANKFORT	FRANKFORT	1ST & 3RD WED
42	HOLTON	HOLTON	1ST THURS
152	LEBO	LEBO	1ST & 3RD MON
27	LEROY	LEROY	1ST & 3RD TUES
101	LYNDON	EUCLID	2ND & 4TH WED
91	MARYSVILLE	MARYSVILLE	1ST & 3RD TUES
393	MAYETTA	MAYETTA	2ND & 4TH THURS
22	MELVERN	MELVERN	1ST MONDAY
25	OKETO	OKETO	1ST & 3RD MON
188	ONAGA	ONAGA	1ST WEDNESDAY
62	OVERBROOK	RIDGEWAY	2ND TUESDAY
162	SABETHA	SABETHA	2ND & 4TH MON
50	SILVER LAKE	LAKE	1ST & 3RD THURS
248	TECUMSEH	ALBERT NEESE	1ST & 3RD THURS
17	TOPEKA	TOPEKA	1ST & 3RD WED
51	TOPEKA	ORIENT	2ND & 4TH TUES
90	TOPEKA	GOLDEN RULE	2ND & 4TH THURS
225	TOPEKA	SILOAM	2ND THURS
402	WAKARUSA	WAKARUSA	1ST & 3RD WED
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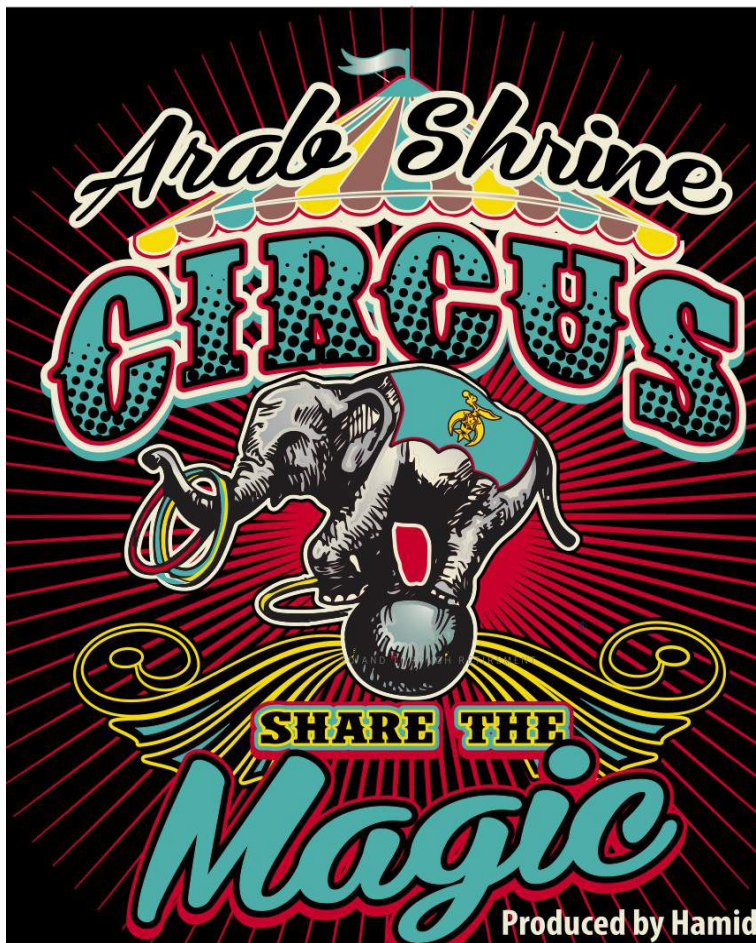
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