

ARAB ANTICS

February - April 2022



The Shriners'

"I pledge allegiance to my flag and the country for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

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| 2 | East/West Bowl |
| 5-11 | Burn Awareness Week |
| 6 | Executive and Director's Meeting |
| 13 | Stated Meeting |
| 18 | Valentine's Day Party |
| 24-26 | Arab Shrine Circus |

MARCH

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| 6 | Executive and Director's Meeting |
| 13 | Stated Meeting Elections |
| 17 | St. Patrick's Day |
| 18 | St. Patrick's Day Parade |
| 23-25 | CSSA Business Session |
| 29 | Circus Appreciation |

APRIL

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| 1 | Easter Egg Hunt |
| 3 | Executive and Director's Meeting |
| 10 | Stated Meeting Emporia Ladies Dinner |
| 11 | Discovering Free Mason |
| 22 | Potentate's Ball |
| 29 | Hospital Screening |

Bingo EVERY Friday Evening

Elective Divan

Potentate	Doug Hodge
Chief Rabban	David Johnson
Assistant Rabban	Keith Bricker
High Priest & Prophet	Russ Hardy
Oriental Guide	Alex Parker
Treasurer	Kim Komarek
Recorder	Ralph Wild

Appointive Divan

First Ceremonial Master	Mike Allen
Second Ceremonial Master	Scott Rakestraw
Marshal	Andrew Piper
Membership Director	Bob Hurd
Public Relations Director	John Sidwell
Captain of the Guard	Mark Varble
Outer Guard	
Chaplain	Dennis Phillips

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Doug Hodge, Potentate
David Johnson, Chief Rabban
Keith Bricker, Assistant Rabban
Brad Koehn, PP Imperial Sir
Paul Honaker, PP Imperial Rep
Alt: Russ Hardy, High Priest & Prophet

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Doug Hodge, Potentate
David Johnson, Chief Rabban
Keith Bricker, Assistant Rabban
Don Horttor, PP, Past President CSSA
Alex Parker, CSSA 4th Vice-President
Alt: Russ Hardy, High Priest & Prophet

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A Message From Your Potentate



Doug Hodge
Potentate

Happy New Year Nobles and Ladies,

I hope you all had a happy holiday season; I first want to congratulate and thank Jeff and Jolene for a great 2022. We are looking forward to a fun filled year with several music events. We will start the year with a post Valentine's Day Dance at the temple, titled "Make-Up or Make-Out Dance". There are several events that we are still working out the details on such as Dueling Pianos and a Murder Mystery Dinner. I would like to welcome a couple of new divan members this year. Bob Hurd, with his Lady Robin, as Membership Director, and John Sidwell, with his lady Deborah, as the Public Relations Director. We are welcoming back to the divan,

Mark Varble, with his lady CG, as the Captain of the Guard.

For those that don't know me, I thought I would share a little bit about myself. I grew up in the rural Overbook area, where my mom still lives. I have always had a fascination with anything with an engine and wheels, including cars, trucks, dune buggies, and ATV's. Professionally I retired from the sign business after 27 years as combination journeyman due to some health complications, and now work in a warehouse setting in Lawrence.

I was brought into Lecompton Lodge in 1992, I also joined the Scottish Rite and became a Shriner that fall.....boy how things have changed in 30 years! Due to life being so busy I stepped out of Masonry in 2002 but returned in 2013 with a renewed passion.

I quickly became a member of the Antique Unit, and in 2018 started the Rat Patrol Club. This was with the goal of complimenting the Antique Unit and giving those with show cars the opportunity to compete at the Central Shrine States Association (CSSA) each year. It has been an honor in the last couple of years to become a member of the Rawhidlers and to mix things up a little bit, as well.

I served as Marshal in 2017, Second Ceremonial in 2018, High Priest and Profit in 2020, Assistant Rabban in 2021, chief Rabban in 2022, and I am humbled and honored to serve you in the position of Potentate in 2023.

This last year I decided I was bored and also ran for the Central States Association of Shrine Motor Corps (CSASMC) board, the group that puts on the Motor Corp competition at CSSA. I am currently serving as the Organizer and looking forward to CSSA being in our backyard in 2024.

As we set off on this new journey together, I am reminded of one of my least favorite sayings "we have always done it this way". While not everything needs to be changed, we do need to consider options and opportunities by keeping an open mind. I feel we can do this while embracing the traditions of the past and accept that some changes are necessary to be here for future generations.

I am looking forward to 2023 and the opportunity to serve the nobility, to the best of my ability, and hope to get people more engaged.

Arab is the Place to Be in 2023!!

Doug

Official Call of the Potentate

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

February 13, 2023

March 13, 2023

April 10, 2023

A Message From Your First Lady



**Becky Bahr
First Lady 2023**

Dear Nobles & Ladies,

It is truly a great honor to serve as the First Lady of Arab Shrine for 2023. An organization where we have fun and fellowship for the great cause of helping "our" kids by providing revolutionary healthcare.

My journey to becoming a Shriner's Lady has been far from traditional. When my late husband Gregg joined in 2016, I remember a friend asking if I was ready because essentially, I was joining as well. While not "literal" I have truly enjoyed all the experiences and friends that I have been blessed with.

Doug and I went on our first "date" with over 90 of our Shrine friends on the Honaker's Mystery Trip in 2018, and the rest is history.

Ladies, my goal for the coming year is to encourage each of you to be as involved as you would like to be. There are many opportunities including two ladies' lunches and a ladies trip scheduled. With a few more we are still working out details for.

My pin this year is a vintage camper, to me it represents individuality and

adventure. One of my favorite sayings is "You don't have to have it all figured out to move forward", while unknown who spoke these words, they are quite profound. Going with the flow has never been my natural setting, as I am sure many can relate, if I have learned anything from life it is you need to not be afraid to embrace the opportunities of life.



Here is a list of just some of the events that are planned:

February 11th	Ladies Lunch
February 18th	Valentine's Party
February 24 - 26th	Circus SV Event Center
March 12th	Meat Raffle Party
April 1st	Easter Egg Hunt @ Lake Shawnee
April 10th	Emporia - Ladies Dinner during Stated Meeting
April 22nd	Potentates Ball
April 29th	Hospital Screening

May 6th	Kentucky Derby
July 15th	Shrine Bowl - Hays, Ks
September 24th	Purse Bingo
September 30th	Ceremonial
October 6th - 8th	Mystery Trip
October 22nd	Meat Raffle Party
October 28th	Halloween Party
November 4th	Sportsman's Event
November 10-12th	Ladies Trip
December 2nd	Breakfast with Santa
December 9th	Ladies Christmas Lunch
January 1st	New Year's Lunch

Find Us on Facebook "Arab Shrine Ladies"

Watch Temple Email Blasts for More Events During Stated Meetings, Special Temple Events, and more

Doug and I are looking forward to a great year in 2023 serving and representing all of you, the hardworking and loyal members of Arab Shine.

Wishing you all the best –

Becky

2023 Arab Shrine Divan



David Johnson
Chief Rabban



Doug Hodges
Potentate



Keith Bricker
Assistant Rabban



Russ Hardy
High Priest & Prophet



Alex Parker
Oriental Guide



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Andrew Piper
Marshal



Bob Hurt
Membership Director



John Sidwell
Public Relations Director



Mark Varble
Captain of the Guard



Dennis Phillips
Outer Guard



Tom Rigg
Chaplain

Meet the Divan

Chief Rabban, David Johnson

David started his Masonic life when he asked to join Saxton Lodge #508, St. Joseph, MO in October, 2000. He was raised to Master Mason in Feb. 2003 and following in May, 2003 joined Moila Shrine Center. He became a member of the Moila Shrine Clown unit and served as President from 2003 to 2008. He served as Secretary to Saxton Lodge #508 from 2007 to 2012. In October, 2013, David joined Arab Shrine Center as an associate member and a member of the Arab Shrine Clown unit. He served as Secretary of this unit from Jan. 2015 to Dec. 2017 and Director from Jan. 2018 to current. In August, 2019, David moved his Shrine membership to Arab Shrine Center. In May, 2020, He joined Albert Neese Lodge #248 of Topeka, KS and is currently the Junior Deacon.

David has recently joined the Arab Golfers & Rawhiders and he and Lee have been working Bingo for over 5 years. David is active in the Clown Unit and was humbled when awarded the 2022 Arab Shrine Clown of the Year at the Clown Christmas Party.

David lives in Topeka, KS with his wife, Lee Belter, since August, 2013. David worked for News-Press Media Group as an advertising consultant for them since May, 1990. He retired on January 5, 2022 after 31 years of working at News-Press Media Group. Lee worked as a legal secretary for over 20 plus years before retiring and was active in the local Heartland Sertoma Club.

David has been a member of Sertoma, Inc. since Feb. 1982 with the St. Joseph Sertoma Club in St. Joseph, MO. In this club, I served as Secretary, Treasurer as well as Club President for 2 terms. I served as North Missouri District Secretary, Treasurer, Foundation District Representative & Governor. I was honored to serve on the National Board as Director-At-Large and was elected Vice President in 2010. David served as National President in 2014-15 and Lee & David traveled across the country with this organization.

David & Lee are honored to serve Arab Shrine Center in the office of Chief Rabban for the year 2023.

Assistant Chief Rabban, 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. In 1982, at the tender age of 18, they married and will celebrate 41 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 reside in Rainier, Washington. Courtney and her daughter Jacqui here in Topeka.

Keith is in his 38th year at McCray Lumber (formally known 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 became a Shriner that same year. Keith is a member of the Sun Devils, Legion of Honor, Hospital Dads, Golfers, Nomads, Clay Busters, Oriental Band, and Clowns (Dandy).

In 2018, Keith was asked by Illustrious Sir Paul Honaker to serve as Captain of the Guard. He served as Second Ceremonial Master for Illustrious Sir Steve Kramer, First Ceremonial Master for Illustrious Sir Larry Dain, Oriental Guide serving under Illustrious Sir Jeff Neal, and is currently Assistant Rabban serving under Illustrious Sir Doug Hodge.

High Priest and Prophet, Russ Hardy

Hi I'm the High Priest and Prophet this year, Russell Hardy. I was raised a Master Mason at Mayetta Lodge #393 in 2017 and joined the Arab Shriners shortly after. During this journey we have had a lot of good times and met a lot of new friends.

My lady, Tracy and I have been married 27 years, we have a son Skylar and daughter Bailey. We also have two grandchildren, Roland and Rory. Our daughter is having her first in early March of this year. We enjoy spending as much time as we can with our family. Well, really just our grandkids!

We would like to thank all of you for your continued support and friendship as we travel down this road. We are excited to have a great year, as well as make many new friends and memories in 2023.

Oriental Guide, Alex Parker

Born 19 April 1972 in Laramie Wyoming. As a child I moved to Southern California. Where I Graduated from Hesperia High school. One week after graduation I joined the Army. I spent 22 years 4 month and 12 days in the army , but I was not counting. I have also worked for goodyear for 23 years.

I married my lady Daisy Parker 3 January 1998. We have been married 25 years together, and yes she has let me live. We have 2 beautiful daughters Page and Abby. And 7 grandchildren.

I became a mason in 2003 in Topeka lodge 17. I became a Shriner in 2015. I have served on the Divan as Marshal, First Ceremonial Master and now Oriental Guide. I belong to Legion of Honor where I was commander, in 2017 and 2021. Where I am currently the Director. I also belong to the boaters and Clowns. I am also Arab Shrine 2024 CSSA President.

Recorder, Ralph Wild

Born and raised in Nebraska, spent most of his childhood in Valley, Nebraska, about 35 miles west of Omaha. Attended University of Nebraska at Omaha. Started working for a retail department store chain in 1970 while in college and was transferred to Des Moines, Lincoln and finally to Topeka in 1978 as the store manager. Started with the New York Life Insurance Company in 1983 and is now mostly although not completely retired. With New York Life, qualified for higher production awards 37 consecutive years. Member of the Million Dollar Round Table for 30 years, earned Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC) and Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) designations. Wife Maggie and I have three daughters and six grandchildren all close to Topeka. Ralph and Maggie live in Topeka and own ground near Auburn which is where you can find Ralph most weekends.

Ralph became a mason in 1985 and was Master of Orient Lodge #51 in 1990. Ralph also served as chaplain and endowment trustee and chair for about 10 years following being Master and is currently trustee. Holds a Masters card in Masonic proficiency. Joined Arab Shrine in 1988. Is a member of Boaters Unit, currently director. Member of Provost guard, Claybusters, Camel Herders, Order of the Crow, Gold Medallion Club, Arab Shrine Masonic Degree team, President of Arab Fellowship of the Still and others.

First Ceremonial Master - Mike Allen

Mike was born and raised in Topeka. He attended Highland Park high school. He has been employed by Delta Designs LTD for more than 30 years.

Mike and his lady Tonya have three adult daughters with five grandchildren. Mike enjoys the outdoors sporting events and playing Cornhole!

In 2017 Mike was raised as a Master Mason for the Mayetta lodge #393 and became a Shriner the same year. He is active in the Provost guard, Lil chops and the Patrol. He is currently First Ceremonial Master and looking forward to a great 2023.

Second Ceremonial Master, Scott Rakestraw

My name is Scott Rakestraw and I am the Second Ceremonial Master for the Arab Shrine Divan for 2023. My Lady Jenn and I have been with the Shrine since 2019 and my main unit is Lil Chops. My other units and clubs are the Fellowship of the Still, Legion of Honor, Escorts. I have been a Mason since 1987 and currently I am the Junior Deacon of Lake Lodge #50.

I am from Topeka, KS in where I was born and raised by my parents Harris Jr. and Rusty Rakestraw before I left for the U.S. Navy in 1988. My Navy career spanned 21 years and have travelled around the globe to include a tour to Afghanistan in 2008. I retired from the Navy in 2009 and went to work for a company in Alabama working with Army Helicopters as a Technical Writer and have worked with other companies which ultimately led me to my current company in where I am a Senior Professional Business Analyst.

My Lady Jenn and I live in Topeka and were married in 2017 and we have two boys Nathan (15) and Max (7). Lady Jenn is very active in our community by volunteering her time to the Topeka West JROTC Booster Club and Most Pure Heart of Mary School as a Room Parent for the Second-grade class. We have hobbies which include designing T Shirts and Tumblers and building cornhole boards. All in all we love being a part of the Arab Shrine Temple and attending the different activities and events and look forward to many more years of having fun in the Shrine.

Marshal, Andrew Piper

Greetings, from the 2023 Marshal. I'm Andrew Piper here is a little bit about myself:

I became a Master Mason with Mayetta Lodge #393 in 2017 and became a Shriner in the same year. In 2018 I joined my first unit, the Arab Patrol, and in 2019 I joined the Legion of Honor. During the height of COVID I became the Membership Director for Arab Shrine and continued through 2022. In the last two years I have become a member of the Hospital Dads, the Provost Guard, and the Rawhiders. Since 1999, I have served in the Kansas Air National Guard, where I am fulltime as the Logistics Readiness Squadron Operations Superintendent. My Lady Laura and I got married in 2002 and we have one college-aged daughter named Haley. Laura and I can't wait to see what 2023 has to offer. I think it will be a great year.

Membership Director, Bob Hurd

Bob was born in Fort Rucker, Alabama where his father was stationed in the Army. Once his father was discharged from the Army the family moved to Kansas. Bob graduated from Valley Falls High School in 1986, then attended Kaw Area Vocational-technical School receiving certifications in electricity, heating and air. Bob married Robin Davis in 1993. They have 3 children; Sierra (27), and twins Alex and Amy (20). Bob is currently employed at Berry Material Handling where he has been a forklift technician for 25 years.

Bob became a Master Mason at Albert Neese Lodge #248 in 2020. Shortly thereafter he joined Arab Shrine where he is currently a member of the Antiques unit, Director/President of the Rawhiders unit and a member of the Rat Patrol club.

Public Relations Director, John Sidwell

I was born in Topeka Kansas or if you prefer Highland Park. I went to Highland Park High School and Washburn University. I have been married to Deborah for 37 years. We have 3 daughters and 11 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. We currently own and operate the Governor's Row House Event Center.

I joined the Topeka Police Department in 1978 and retired in 2008. I started as a Patrol Officer and left the Department as Division Commander (Major) of the Criminal Investigations Division. Along the way I worked as Sergeant of Crime Prevention then Lieutenant as Public Information Officer for 6 years. My job was to keep the media informed of all major incidents and promote the department.

My father was a Mason and a Shriner; he sponsored me to become a Mason when I was in my 20's. Tom Murphy sponsored me to be a Shriner. As Public Relations Director I hope to increase the media coverage the temple receives.

Captain of the Guard, Mark Varble

Mark Varble was born and raised in a small town, Chaffee, in the southeast Missouri boot-heel. His undergraduate studies were at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, MO. He moved to the Kansas City area for his graduate studies. He moved to Topeka in June of 1986 and moved to Lawrence in March of 2000. December of 1988 was a blessed month for Mark when he and the love of his life, CG, were married. Mark and the Queen of Melholland Gardens have three boys: Robert (Joan) in Lenexa, Brian (Manui) in Rainier WA, and Jordan (Sarah) in Ft. Meyers FL. They have two grandchildren, Spencer and Zach.

Mark's masonic journey started at Seabrook Lodge 285 in 1992. He has served as Master of Seabrook and Siloam lodges a total of 5 times. He is an active member of Scottish Rite and a member of York Rite. He has been a member of Arab Temple since 1993. He has been an active member of the Sun Devils since 1993 and served in various roles within the Sun Devils. He actively paraded with the Sun Devils for 20+ years and has served as Temple Parade Marshall for 5 years. He, also, is a member of the Boaters, Hospital Dads club, and the Clay Busters. He is active in the annual Sportsman's Raffle and Hospital Dad's Sporting Clay shoots. He has dual membership in Abdallah Temple, Overland Park. Mark is employed by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas as a Project Manager.

When not at work or around Arab, Mark enjoys Fishing, cooking, hunting, swimming, gardening, and more fishing. He has been active in various volunteer capacities with Kansas Crappie Club, Mid-West Crappie Anglers, Quail Unlimited, Rocky Mountain Elk Federation, Friends of the NRA, and Ducks Unlimited. Mark and CG are members of Lawrence Wesleyan Church. He is honored to be asked by Potentate Doug Hodge to serve Arab Temple in 2023 as Captain of the Guard.

Outer Guard, Dennis Phillips

Dennis Phillips was born in Topeka, Kansas and graduated from Highland Park High School and took Fire science classes from Kansas City Community College.

I worked for the Topeka Fire Department for 32 years beginning in 1972 and retired as Fire Chief in 2004. I still lobby for the Kansas State Council of Fire Fighters at the Capitol. I served in the Marine Corp Reserves from 1969 until 1975.

My Lady Ruth and I met in high school and have been married for 52 years and have three children and four grandchildren.

I am a member of Masonic Lodge 393 in Mayetta and the Arab Shrine since 2018.

Chaplain, Tom Rigg

Thomas R. (Tom) Rigg – Chaplain, Arab Shrine 2023 Divan

I was born in Springfield, Illinois on May 3, 1952 and grew up in the small rural town of Auburn, just 15 miles south of Springfield. I regularly attended church at the First Presbyterian Church in Auburn. In 1968, the congregation elected me as the youth representative on the Church Session. So, I became the youngest ruling Elder in the entire Illinois Synod. At one time, I even thought about becoming a minister, but law enforcement seemed more appealing, so that is what I studied for at Western Illinois University. I worked my way through college while attending as a full-time student. Upon graduation from college, the City of Fort Madison, Iowa as a police officer hired me. I served the department for a little more than 6 years in various duties and became a Santa Fe Special Agent in 1980 at Fort Madison. On May 1, 1985, I was transferred to Topeka by Santa Fe and have lived here ever since. Again, I became highly involved in church work and became a member of the Church Board, servicing on committees that worked within it. In 2000, I became the system manager of environmental compliance auditing. I retired from BNSF in November 2012. I am currently a part-time Assistant Funeral Director for Newcomer Funeral Services Group and work at their funeral homes in Topeka, caring for families at services.

In Freemasonry, I became a Master Mason in September in 1977 in Claypoole Lodge #13, Fort Madison, Iowa. I was a member of that lodge until the early 2000s when I demitted to Topeka Lodge #17. I became a member of Topeka Orient of Scottish Rite Masons in April 1989 and a Noble at Arab Shrine in October 1989. In addition to my active membership in Topeka, I am a Past Chapter Advisor for Fort Madison Chapter of DeMolay Boys in the late 70s and Past Patron of Diamond Chapter, OES in Fort Madison in 1981. I am a Member of the Sword of Bunker Hill, a Sir Knight of the Royal Order of Scotland, and currently have served as the Assembly Dad for Phoenix Assembly #80, IORG (Rainbow Girls) since 2008. I have the distinction of being the only Freemason to have been selected to serve twice (2009 and 2011) as State Dad for Kansas Rainbow. I am a Past Master of Topeka Lodge #17 and currently the Junior Warden for the Lodge. I also serve as Chaplain for Justice Lodge #457, the Law Enforcement Lodge in Kansas. In 2021, CSSA 2024 President Alex Parker selected me to be a Director General for the Topeka sessions. It is an honor to serve him, Arab Shrine, and CSSA in that capacity.

It is a great honor and privilege to serve as Chaplain for Arab Shrine. My hope is that whatever I say in prayer is meaningful to all members present. Prayers should always come from the heart and that is where my prayers come from. I want to thank Illustrious Sir Doug Hodge for appointing me to this honorable position within the Divan and Arab Shrine as a whole.

Arab Shrine Clowns

Greetings everyone from the Clowns! Wow, where did 2022 go? Hope everyone had a great Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. Seems like the Clowns are always busy year round! This fall we had several parades we participated in. Then as it got colder some of us braved the Christmas parades. No Clowns were at the Miracle on Kansas. It seems that it occurs on the same night as our Clown Christmas party. Our Christmas party was held at the Governors' Roe house. Several were in attendance and everyone had a great time!

Soon we will be starting a new year with the Shrine. Always an exciting time. Seeing new and different faces doing new and different jobs. Probably seems that right after you get sworn in, you're presented with a great endeavor, CIRCUS!!!!!! That's right folks, it's CIRCUS time! Please come out and support your Shrine while having a great time. Hopefully there will even be a Clown or two that puts a smile on your face.

Then after the Circus, it will start warming up outside and we will start parading all over again! Generally, St. Patricks day starts the parade season. So whether we see you at the Circus or at one of the many local parades, if we fail to put a smile on your face we have failed completely. And we wouldn't want that to happen!

Keep smiling!



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GREETINGS FROM THE ARAB GOLFERS

As I sit and write this article, I'm looking out the window at overcast skies and temperatures in the single digits. In the next couple days it will be below zero! Which makes me wonder how do you play golf in the winter. I don't with these temperatures but Golf.com has 8 suggestions for winter golf.

1. Layer up. That should be obvious. They suggest a vest to keep arms more free.
2. Hoof it. Walking helps keep you warmer
3. Warm your hands. Wear mittens between shots....shots of what? Fireball would be good!
4. Pack a hat. I think most golfers do this, but they suggest a knit hat when its really cold.
5. Club up. The ball doesn't go as far in the cold. Mine doesn't when its warm either!
6. Tee it forward. Move up to the next tee box. I like this one
7. Mix it up. They suggest this is a good time to "hone your shotmaking ability"! Ha, like that's going to help, back to the Fireball!
8. Don't worry about your score!
9. This one is mine: "Wait till it warms up"

December 4th we had our Annual Christmas party at the Arab Shrine. It was a great time with about 75 people attending.

Starting in April, the Golfers will start our year golfing at a new place, Sunflower Hills in Bonner Springs. Then on to Seneca May 15th.

June 19th is our Annual Golf Tournament, Village Greens, now called, The Larry Pressman Memorial Tournament.

More outings are scheduled so stay tuned and stay warm this winter.

Steve Haslett
Golfers Of Arab Shriners

ARAB SHRINE LIL' CHOPS

Hello and we hope everybody had a great Holiday season and stayed warm when the temperature was ridiculously cold!!

The weather for the Topeka and the Emporia Veteran's Day Parades wasn't the best - however, a few of us braved the weather to go out and show the community that the Lil' Chops are still active (although not necessarily smart!!!).

Three of the Lil' Chops paraded in the Topeka Veteran's Day parade. Thanks to Steve Kramer, Russ Hardy and Rick Smith for participating. Some of us from Emporia decided not to go as the forecast was for rain but the weatherman was wrong (STUN!!!)

Nine of us paraded in the Emporia Veteran's Day parade followed with a gathering at the VFW for a Veteran's Day Lunch. This was after a lot of fiddling with the bikes to get them to run in the frigid weather that we were having that morning. Thanks to Roger Potter, Chad Kurzen, Bob Whitehead, Russ Hardy, DJ Hendrickson, Kurt Lawson, Tony Leek, Paul Clarkson, and Jeff Tarr for braving the freezing cold temperatures. Might have been the coldest parade that we have ever participated in. Also, thanks to Lynn Holt for cheering us on from Commercial Street.



Several of us prepared to parade in the Emporia Christmas parade, however the temperatures and the memories of the extremely cold Veteran's Day parade changed our minds. Our ladies had previously decided that they did not want to be cold and decided that snacks and watching the parade on TV at the VFW was the way to go, so the men joined them. It was kind of sad just watching the parade instead of actually participating but it was a heck of a lot warmer.

Paul Clarkson, Steve Kramer, Russ Hardy, Roger Potter, Steve Hazlett, Rick Smith and Jeff Tarr braved the cold and participated in the Topeka Christmas parade which was viewed by many bystanders,

including our ladies. The ride to and from the Temple was brutal and we were happy to join our ladies after the parade at the restaurant across from the Temple to warm up and have dinner.

The Lil' Chops family has increased with 9 new members & Associate members this past year. Welcome Cody Bohannon, Donnie Bohannon, Tracy Edwards, Russ Hardy, Alan Holt, Lynn Holt, Kurt Lawson, Kevin Umscheid, and Joe Witten to the Lil' Chops family. We are looking forward to them participating in parades or cheering us on as spectators. We welcome all of them and look forward to getting to know them and their family.

Our annual After-Christmas party was held on January 6th and we had a great turnout with a night full of good food, drinks, laughter and great jokes...





Arab Shrine Lil' Chops



Greeters

Happy New Year from the Greeters Unit! The Greeters met at the Viking Grille in November and enjoyed a delicious meal. The Greeters' Christmas Party was held at the Governor's Row House. Elaine DeCoursey Caterer and her crew served a scrumptious meal. The ladies received a beautiful cross Christmas ornament, from Ireland. The Greeters kicked off 2023 by greeting attendees at the New Year's Breakfast.

The Greeters continue to look for a few good men, who will represent the Greeters in style. Our ladies are included in all of our monthly events. If interested, please contact Harlan McNinch, John Sidwell, Roger Yost or Jim Curtis, We are all looking forward to a wonderful year. Stay safe and well. God Bless!

By Jim Curtis



Bill and Karen Latimer at the Greeters' Christmas party.



Jim Curtis, George Sauers, Brian Bender and John Sidwell greet Ethel and Gary Pettijohn and Conrad Fisher.



Pictured left in the back row Russ Hardy, Steve Suchsland, Roger Yost, Potentate Jeff Neal, Paul Honaker, John Sidwell and Tom Kelly. In the front row, Brian Bender, Bill Latimer, Harlan McNinch, Jim Curtis and George Sauers.

Pictures by Judy Curtis

Arab Shrine Boaters

The Boaters Unit met at the ARAB Shrine for the January meeting with the men only.

The Boaters are starting the 2023 year with a new slate of officers, ready, to face all of the challenges of the new year. The new Boaters Crew , consists of Ralph Wild (Director) ; Kevin Hulsing (Captain); Alex Parker (Lieutenant); Imperial Sir. Brad Koehn (Ensign); Ted Ensley (Antics News), were sworn into office by Divan Representative Mike Allen.

A major challenge currently being discussed during the meeting concerns the future of the BOAT. We agreed that the unit should be more visible in parades. A number of options were brought to the floor, and a committee was formed to check into a variety of possibilities.

As in years past the Boaters are looking forward to the ARAB Shrine Circus in February.

The Boaters look forward to another Great/Fine/Fun-filled year in 2023.



Photo by Drew Torkelson



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Breakfast with Santa 2023







83rd ARAB SHRINE CIRCUS
February 24, 25, 26, 2023



Our 83rd Arab Shrine Circus is just around the corner. By now all of the advertising sales are being processed and our annual circus program book is being prepared. Units have been contacted about sponsoring the Hover Boards that we will give away at each performance that helps drive the program sales with the Masonic Youth Groups.

Many Units immediately offered their services selling toys at the several Toy Booths that is a huge part of our Circus revenue. We have had many volunteers commit to helping us sell toys as floor walkers. The Provost Guard, Directors Staff and Patrol are ready to stand for hours making sure we have a secure floor and the patrons keep safe. Then we have the ever present Clown Unit and Oriental Band entertaining our guests as they come to see the Greatest Show on Earth.

Many of our Members do not realize that we have many members that we never see during the Circus weekend. Barb & Jim Whitehead do a tremendous job with our Hospitality Room with the help of many of our Members Ladies'. We wouldn't know where we are each performance with attendance, toy sales and ticket sales without Ron Shelton and his accounting crew.

The Circus is always an enormous undertaking and we could not make this happen without our members, their families and our great office staff all working together. Kathy & Marla have taken on a huge load with so much of the marketing, tracking sales, & working with our marketing firm and Stormont Vail Event Center.

With some changes we have had to make with our plan to have some electronic ads on the board inside the Stormont Vail Event Center; you will now see traveling electronic billboards for our circus with several businesses sponsoring the ads. Also look around town for our ads on billboards and the electronic billboard at 21st Street and Gage Blvd.

As I have reported at the Stated Meeting and you have seen the email blasts; this year we will sell tickets at the Shrine office for our **Members only**. We are not selling to the public from the office. The office will be selling tickets from 06 February 2023 through 17 February 2023 during normal business hours. We will also have the office open additional hours on 13 February 2023. This night will be our February 2023 Stated Meeting and Marla has agreed to stay later to sell tickets for those coming in from out of town.

We have set dates and times for the Circus Remotes. The first will be at the Pizza Ranch in Emporia Kansas, 04 February 2023; 4:00pm to 6:00pm. The second will be at the Red Robin on 11 February 2023; 11:00am to 1:00pm. The third is still up in the air at the time I am writing this. We are waiting on word from the Toy Store remote. We are planning on 18 February 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm.

As of this writing we only have one ticket give away confirmed. It will be with the Kansas National Guard to be held at the Kansas National Guard Museum on 18 January 2023 at 11:00am. You can see the press release at WIBW.com. We will send more information when the United Way, Law Enforcement and Fire Department confirm times and dates.

Again this year we are planning to hold a "Circus School" for some of our grade school children in the area. This will be held on Friday morning with the help of the Clowns and any other Members who wish to help. Jim Hamid will talk to the kids about the history of the Circus and give them a glimpse of some of the acts that will take place over the weekend.

We are again requesting donations for our Hospitality Room this year. We will need both cash donations and food contributions. If you have any questions please call Barb Whitehead, her phone number is in the Temple calendar book.

This year we have asked a local softball team to help us clean the arena between shows. Clean up has been an issue with the Event Center for many years and has created many delays in opening the next show on time. We tried it last year with Shriners and it helped to speed up the cleanup.

We are planning to open up the Saturday morning show to the public this year. We will still invite schools and non-profits to attend this show free of charge but will use comp tickets this year. Last year we had organizations reserve seating for approximately 3,500 people and only about 1,600 actually attended. Since we are stilling allowing the schools and non-profits to attend free of charge; we are again going to ask for help with contributions for the Dad, Grand Dad and Great Grand Dad program

Speaking with Jim Hamid; he has confirmed that we will again have Elephants and the Motorcycle acts this year. There is always that concern each year that this may be the last year for elephants. Encourage your friends and family to again attend this year. We again look forward to a great weekend show.

Last year for the first time we had many actual Shriners on Parade. It was a parade with as many Units as was willing to parade participate in a short parade through the arena. We will again hold this at each performance so have your Unit members ready to parade!

We are again looking forward to one of our most successful events again in 2023! Thank you for all of your help with all that we ask of you in preparing for one of our biggest Temple fund raisers but also, what you will volunteer to do at the circus.

Ill Sir Paul Honaker, P.P.
Circus Chairman



PROVOST GUARD

As 2022 ends the Provost Guard just completed their annual Christmas party on December 17th. What a wonderful evening with a nice meal provided by Elaine De Coursey and her staff. It was topped off by some good music from the band After Midnight. There was a good turn out and everyone had a great evening at the Shrine.



The Provost Guard and I wish to thank Illustrious Sir Jeff Neal & Lady Jolene for a great year and their support of the unit throughout the year. We could not have made it work without your help. Thank you.

I want to welcome back Danny Helton who has returned from Arizona and rejoined our unit. Along with Danny we welcomed in a new member, Mike Lopez and his Lady Christy. Be sure to say hi when you see him working behind the bar. The Provost Guard is always looking for help so if you are interested in joining our unit ask any member or bartender and we'll get you signed up.

While putting this article together we are preparing for several events in 2023. There will be a Valentines Party on February 18th, St. Patrick's Celebration March 18th, the Potentate's Ball April 22nd and the Kentucky Derby Party May 6th, just to name a few, There will always be something going on at the Shrine.

Please remember we are open every Friday 5 – 10:30 with drink specials throughout the year, come down and enjoy Spiker's Oasis.

By
Steve Lavin

Parade Marshal

Greetings one and all Nobles! A new Year has begun, which means Circus time will be upon us and gone. After Circus time means only one thing. GET READY FOR PARADE SEASON!!! St. Patrick's will start things off and they won't stop until Old man winter comes back around Christmas! I hope to do a good job of getting any and all parade information out to everyone. I honestly feel parading is a vital component to our success in growing our Shrine Center. Everyone is able to participate in parades, just like everyone is on the membership committee. The nobles that wish not to participate physically in a parade can help by promoting our participation in that parade. Be sure and tell your friends and family that Shriners are going to be at that parade and it will be a fun one. Also, parades are a great way to wear anything that shows our emblems and it's free advertising. Another way Nobles can participate in parades is by driving. A lot of our parades are civic parades which mean they're open to the public. A few units have "signs" that can be attached to your vehicle without damaging anything. I will work on getting some "universal" signs for Nobles to use. In case you are still not understanding, I LOVE PARADES! I just feel it's something that Americans can still hold on to. It's where all walks of life come together for a brief moment and enjoy the time with no worries and head home with warm smiles in their hearts. Isn't that close to our objective? Putting SMILES on children's faces along with their parents. Sure hope to see you at the PARADES!

Brad Pollman Whiznut

Parade Marshall

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Legion of Honor

By: David Smith
Past Commander



Hi everyone! Summer is right around the corner and no more cold weather for a while. Also, that means it is time for BBQs, boating, vacations and having backyard parties for the 4th of July. Be safe and have a lot of fun.

The LOH had a great time at the Christmas party. The meal was outstanding catered by Alma Bakery. Illustrious Sir Jeff Neal and Frist Lady Jolene, Past Potentate Larry Tice and Lady Phyllis and Chief Rabban Doug Hodge and Lady Becky were in attendance. To see the pictures of the Christmas party, click on the link. <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjAnpqx>



At our January meeting the Officers for the year 2023 were sworn in and we had a great meal of chicken cordon blue, potato casserole with all the trimming's catered by Engroff.

In February, the circus will be in town and the LOH will do their part in selling toys and presenting the Colors for the circus performances. The LOH always does a great job selling toys and has exceptionally good sales.

I want to remind everyone that the spaghetti dinner is on April 15, 2023. So, mark your calendar and get ready for a great meal.

The LOH will be sponsoring a football player and a band member for the Kansas Shrine Bowl. More information will be forth coming on the Name of the player and band member.



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 2023 calendar book for details. Until next time, have fun, be safe and remember – "Shiners Helps Kids – That's what we do."



RITUALISTIC CAST

BY TOM JOHNSON



Hello again everyone,

I hope all of you had a very Merry Christmas. As we embark on a new year and get back from the holiday break several of our area Lodges have candidates in waiting to do degree work. Hopefully that can bode well for us. Hopefully we can have a nice sized class for the fall Ceremonial. In the meantime we are always happy to do a short form obligation at our Stated Meetings.

We will not be having our monthly meeting in January as we are in the process of instructing our new officers at our January 9th meeting. Our next meeting will be February 2, 2023. We will have our new Ill. Sir Doug there to instate our officers. Also we have decided, for the time being not to do our coat checks with Covid still lurking.

As December 30th was the fifth Friday we had our cast of 4 to help with the concessions, we will continue to do this.

We hope that everyone of you and your families have a very happy and safe and prosperous New Year.

Til next time, Tom

Swiners



OINK!! OINK!!

The ARAB Swiners closed the 2022 grilling season on a good note. We have the grill cleaned and ready for the upcoming season.

We have the capabilities to provide delicious complete meals, as well as burgers and brats for unit meetings and events of all size, at a very reasonable price.

We are currently booked for a small number of events in the upcoming year. We can assist in the planning of your fundraisers or temple play-nights. No event too large or too small.

Please contact Roger Farthing or Paul Clarkson to book a date for your unit or club event.

As always, we are constantly looking for new members, who enjoy grilling, social and intellectual enlightenment, and a great handcrafted meal, you should contact The AR-AB Swiners.

OINK!! OINK!!

Ol' Rog' and Paul



Membership Minute

Hi, my name is Bob Hurd. I was honored to be asked by Illustrious Sir Doug Hodge to join the Divan as Membership Director. I will be attending Shrine Membership School in Grapevine Texas in February and hope to bring back several ideas for retaining members and for recruiting new members.

Additionally, I hope to discover ways to get more of our current members actively involved in the Arab Shrine. Being the new Membership Director and new to Shrinedom in general, I welcome your feedback and ideas regarding recruitment and member retention. We will succeed only by working together.

As we kick off 2023 I am excited to be part of the Divan and represent Arab this year. We will have a booth at the Circus in February and will be asking a few members to help out at

Contact information for Membership:

Bob Hurd (785)224-9865 or

membership@arabshriners.org

Arab Escorts

The Arab Escorts currently remain dark, as the weather is too cold to ride our motorcycles. The Escorts are wishing all members and their ladies a Happy New Year!

If you own a motorcycle and are interested in joining the Escorts, please contact Nick Cornelison or Jim Curtis. Weather permitting, the Arab Escorts and their ladies meet and ride for a late lunch on the fourth Sunday of the month.

Jim Curtis

Fellowship of the Still



This past May, a new club has been established within our Shrine. Its membership consists of Nobles who enjoy the taste of a good whiskey. As with every new club it needed a name. Some lively and humorous names were deliberated and eventually we voted on a name that pays homage to what the Arab Shrine nobility is about; “Fellowship”. The second part includes the tool that the spirit come from which is a “Still”. Combining those two names “Fellowship of the Still” or F.O.S. embodies what our club stands for.

The Fellowship has approximately 30 founding members and is growing with each meeting. Our meetings are held in the evening, every quarter in Spiker’s Oasis . We start off our meetings with club business and then conduct a sampling or “Tasting” of 3 to 4 whiskeys from a featured distillery and end with fellowship of the Nobles. Our tastings consist of sampling the featured whiskey and discuss each while enjoying light hors d’oeuvres. So far from our meetings, we’ve found that every whiskey is a good whiskey and that there isn’t a bad one when there is fellowship.

The distilleries we plan to feature are from all over the world. Our plan is to start with the ones from the United States and then cross the pond to Ireland and Scotland and then wherever the Nobles want to go.

Looking forward on our calendar, our next meeting will be in May and the bourbon that will be featured will be from the Knob Creek label.

Lastly, the club is always open for new members to join. Nobles that share the same interest in the hobby of learning and tasting whiskey. If you’re interested in becoming a member of this distinguished club, please reach out to Ralph Wild (President), Steve Haslett (Vice President), Roger Farthing (Treasurer), or Scott Rakestraw (Secretary) for more information.



2023 Super Bowl Party



VS



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The Antique / Classic Car Unit

Watch the Game on a 16 foot HDTV

Sunday Feb. 12th at 4:00 PM

The Arab Shrine

1305 S. Kansas Ave.

\$15 per Person at the door

Includes Food and Snacks

Cash Bar provided by PROVOST GUARD

Beer provided by BREWS BROTHERS

Parking Lot Security will be on duty



YOU ARE INVITED TO A

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

CELEBRATION

MARCH 18, 2023

STARTS AT NOON

Spiker's Oasis

1305 S Kansas Avenue

Join in Celebrating St. Patrick's Day after the parade with fellow Shriners and their guests. Everyone is welcome. There will be music & Bag Pipes for enjoyment. Cash bar will be available with Irish drink specials. Lunch will be Irish Stew served at 1:00, cost \$8.

SUMMER FLING

JUNE 24, 2023

1305 S KANSAS AVE

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30

STEAK DINNER AT 7:00

LIVE BAND 8:00 – 11:00 PM



COST: ***DINNER & DANCE \$50 PER COUPLE***

DANCE ONLY \$10 PER PERSON

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION FOR DINNER BY JUNE 20TH WITH PAYMENT AT THE OFFICE

CHECKS PAYABLE TO PROVOST GUARD

**CASH BAR WILL BE AVAILABLE WITH DRINK SPECIALS
THROUGHOUT THE EVENING**



From your Recorder, Ralph Wild

A bequest is the Most Popular Way to Leave Your Legacy

Each year thousands of individuals, exercising the privilege to determine the final distribution of their estates, designate that a portion of their assets be used for the benefit and support of organizations like Arab Shrine. In addition to the personal satisfaction of making a bequest, gifts by a bequest will enable you to make significant contributions that may not have been possible during life.

Any of a number of various types of bequests may be used to memorialize your Interests. The choice depends on your unique circumstances and your personal and financial objectives. A specific bequest identifies particular assets, while a general bequest provides a sum certain as the subject of the gift. A percentage bequest expresses the gift as a percentage of your total estate, regardless of size. It is also possible to make a gift of what is left after taxes, debts expenses, and other bequests have been satisfied (a residual bequest) or to condition a gift on the occurrence of some event, such as an intended beneficiary predeceasing you (a contingent bequest).

Arab Shrine will be providing regular Estate Planning Articles in future issues of the Antics Newsletter. Of course it is hoped that you might consider Arab Shrine or Shriners Hospital for Children in your estate planning.





83RD ANNUAL

ARAB SHRINE

CIRCUS



STORMONT VAIL EVENTS CENTER

TOPEKA, KANS.

**FRI.
FEB 24**

7:00 PM

**SAT.
FEB 25**

9:00 AM | 2:30 PM | 7:30 PM

**SUN.
FEB 26**

12:30 PM | 5:30 PM

ARAB ORIENTAL BAND

Greetings from the Oriental

Band,

I sit here on this beautiful Sunday morning pondering what will be in 2023. So much has changed in the past few years and the challenging impacts on the Shrine and the Oriental band was no exception. Many of our members continue to hold the Oriental Band close to their heart. As a result, the majority of our membership decided at our last meeting to stick with it and work to rebuild our once mighty musical unit. We may have to be creative and do things differently, but we are determined to keep this unit together for as long as we can.

We thank our 2022 Potentate and Divan for all their efforts and wish all the best to our 2023 Potentate and Divan. I'm sure there are plans for plenty of events to foster our fun and fellowship and, of course, to continue the ever important work of Shriners. I wish everyone a prosperous and joyous new year.

If you have not yet joined a unit or club or are looking to be an associate in a unit, the Oriental Band is seeking new members. We need you now more than ever to ensure we don't fade away and become a unit of the past. While we are a musical group, absolutely no musical experience is necessary to participate. Our band instruments consist of percussion (hand drums, cymbals, gong, etc.) and musettes (horns). We are currently in need of horn players, but welcome any Noble who just wants to have fun playing an instrument.

We meet at 7:00 p.m. the 2nd Thursday of every month at the Arab Shrine. The plan to add the 4th Thursday of the month will be confirmed at our next meeting. Please feel free to join us at a meeting to meet the members and check out the Unit. If you have questions you can reach me at avillalobos3@att.net or 785-806-0197. Stay safe.

Adam L. Villalobos
OB Secretary



Submission & Ad Information

Articles:

All articles should be submitted in a **Microsoft Word file**

Photos:

Photos should be submitted as a high resolution graphics file. Screenshot submissions are not usually high enough resolution for publishing.

Advertising:

For an ad about an upcoming event, please include: the event, date, issue to be included in, and if it should be sent to the office for e-blasts.

For any information, please contact: Arab Shrine office.

Deadlines:

The deadline for the upcoming issue is **3/31/2023**

If you have any questions or would like to make a submission, please send all materials to: secretary@arabshriners.org

Arab Shrine Band

Over the year 2022, the band has accomplished to do what we were asked!! Please ask any new members if they play an instrument! We will be playing at the Circus if that is going to fit the circus plan.

Over the years, we have had some Past Potentates: Sidney G. Long 1946
Archie C. Swan 1969
Frank J. Opptiz 1970
James E. Parmiter 1979

The band looks forward to 2023 and hope we all be healthy and find some new musicians.

In the Faith, Hope and Joy.

Band Director: Bob Provo



Arab Shrine Nobelles

Another lovely meeting of the Nobelles. January 2, 2023. This was the first meeting of the New Year. We had a visit from Shrine First Lady, Becky Bahr who shared information about the January activities at the Shrine. We had 19 members present and, of course one visitor. We celebrated January birthdays for Sandy Hastings and Bobby Blackburn. Jo Miller shared two of her poems. Having just celebrated her birthday New Year's Eve; one poem was "How Did I Get This Damn Old?", and the other was reminiscent of the new rules we were confronted with when COVID first hit; "Don't Touch Your Face". I'm sure many of you would have been familiar with the experiences shared in both poems. President, Cheryl Menges closed the meeting with her thought for the month. True friends are those who lift you up when no one else even knew you were down.

We enjoy our meetings at Perkins restaurant. The service is usually very good, but sometimes we follow a group that just doesn't want to give up the space. Our next meeting will be February 7, at 11:30. President, Cheryl Menges closed the meeting with her thought for the month. "True friends are those who lift you up when no one else even knew you were down."

Until we meet again, "May the sun always shine on your windowpane; May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain; May the hand of a friend always be near you; May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you." Irish Blessing

Shrine Love, Jo Miller, Nobelles' Secretary



COFFEE CLUTCHERS

WEDNESDAYS

6:30-8:45 AM

\$2 PERSON

Invite your fellow Shriners and friends to
join us for coffee & donuts.

Hospital Dads

I want to wish everyone a safe and Happy New Year. We enjoyed a safe year taking patients to our St. Louis hospital. We helped over four thousand kids enjoy a better life, the shrine is all about the kids.

I would like to extend an invitation for those that are not Hospital Dads to join our unit. It is a one Time charge of one hundred dollars and you get a nice Shriners shirt. We have about 70 members but not all drive, so we need to continue to bring in new members.

Have a great New Year, come and join us.

Bob Weibel

Vice President



There are still some open spots on each of the 4 teams. We can always use more help every week. You can volunteer once every 4 weeks, or just occasionally as a substitute.

There are opportunities to sell paper, working the floor, selling pull-tabs, or helping in the concession stand.

The doors open at 5:00 pm and we start selling paper at 5:30. The early bird bingo starts at 6:25 and regular bingo starts after 7:00. Volunteers can come anytime.

Each person that helps with bingo or pull tabs gets a \$5.00 coupon which can be used in the concession stand or in the lounge. You might even consider coming down to play and bring your friends...

If you have any questions, call Dennis Phillips 785-554-3442 ,
Arab Shrine office 785-234-5656 or secretary@arabshriners.com

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Vice President: Brian Hagmeier, P.P. (Nadyne)

Gold Medallion with Ruby and 4 Diamonds (50 Petitions)

Paul Clarkson, P.P.

Gold Medallion with Ruby and 3 Diamonds (25 Petitions)

John Taylor

Gold Medallion with Ruby and 2 Diamonds (20 Petitions)

Robert Gifford
Lynn Holt, P.P.

Gold Medallion with Ruby and Diamond (15 Petitions)

Donald Horttor, P.P.
Brad Koehn, Imp Treas.
George Martin

Paul Meierhenry, P.P.
Ed Ramirez
Harold Stevenson

Bob Swafford
Terry Wilson

Gold Medallion with Ruby (10 Petitions)

Merle Bradley
Jim Curtis
Leonard Dale
Pat Devlin, P.P.
Robert Griffin

Don Hoover
Jeff Hurst, P.P.
Albert Jackson, Jr., P.P.
Robert Jones
Larry Kampschroeder

Royce Keyser, P.P.
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Brandon Adams
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Roy Sullivan, P.G.M.
Richard Temps
Drew Torkelson
Mike Turnbull
Eddie Van Horn
Bob Weibel
Jarred White
Todd White

THESE WE DO NOT FORGET

Wendell Windsor
D: 11-03-2022

Judge Sam A. Crow
D: 12-2-2022

Michael A. Morris
D: 11-03-2022

David F. Kinzie
D: 12-04-2022

Edward R. Garber, Jr.
D: 11-06-2022

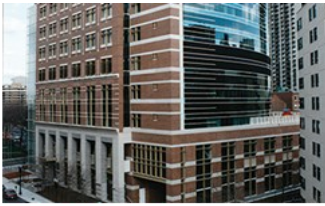
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ARAB SHRINE PAST POTENTATES

1931-32	Dr. Norris Townsend*	1964	Roy Jaquith*	1997	Frank Seufert*
1933	Al Williams*	1965	John Koger*	1998	Larry Pressman*
1934	Stanley Shook*	1966	Waldo Haflich*	1999	George Kenworthy*
1935	Clinton Wilcox*	1967	Wayne Baker*	2000	John Porter*
1936	Charles Moore*	1968	Rex Smith*	2001	Paul Meierhenry
1937	Ralph Hinkson*	1969	Archie Swan*	2002	Royce Keyser*
1938	John Brandenburger*	1970	Frank Oppitz*	2003	Larry Bryan*
1939	Fernando LeDoux*	1971	Dale Moorman*	2004	John James*
1940	Ray Ramsey*	1972	Ansel Searles*	2005	Lynn Holt
1941	Sherman Bourassa*	1973	Martin Foltz*	2006	Ron Scrinopskie
1942	Judge Paul Heinz*	1974	Jack Quinlan*	2007	Paul Clarkson
1943	Dr. Luther Dodd*	1975	John C. Dicus	2008	Don McClafin*
1944	Herbert Barrett*	1976	Donald Mahrle	2009	Pat Devlin
1945	Charles R. Shrake*	1977	E. Leslie Scrinopskie*	2010	Larry Tice
1946	Sidney Long*	1978	Donald Horttor	2011	Alan Holt
1947	Martin Philips*	1979	James Parmiter*	2012	Brian Hagmeier
1948	Frederick Gades*	1980	Ronald Mannoni*	2013	Bob Whitehead
1949	John Lewis*	1981	Frank Coffman, Jr.*	2014	Rick Moody
1950	Paul Rogers*	1982	Carol Lewis*	2015	Brad Koehn
1951	Jay Glen Davis*	1983	Harlan Whiteley*	2016	Jim Whitehead
1952	Ernest Thomas*	1984	Richard Hamilton*	2017	Jeff Hurst
1953	Scott Kelsey*	1985	William Duckworth*	2018	Paul Honaker
1954	Henry Bubb*	1986	Albert Jackson, Jr.	2019	Steve Kramer
1955	Robert Brown*	1987	Cap Glover*	2020	Larry Dain
1956	Waldemar Metzenthin*	1988	Bill Koehn*	2021	Kurt Lawson
1957	Harold Jasperson*	1989	Richard Magathan*	2022	Jeff Neal
1958	Carliss Swain*	1990	Charles Hiebsch*		
1959	Lloyd Raish*	1991	Eldo Crider*		
1960	Nelse Nelson*	1992	Ray French*		
1961	Joseph Schneider*	1993	Paul Gibbons*		
1962	Warren Paramore*	1995	El "Andy" Anderson*		
1963	Delmer Daly*	1996	Jerry Teichgraeber*		

*Deceased



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Arab Shriners

February 2023

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5	Jan 29, 2023 Potentate/Divan Re Kansas Day	30	31	Feb 1 6:30am ☞ Coffee Cl	2 East/West Bowl Ritualistic Cast	3 BINGO 1	4
6	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Burn Awareness Week						
		Executive/Director	Nobelles	Antiques 6:30am ☞ Coffee Cl	DeMolay Knight OB 6:30pm ☞ Clowns	BINGO 2 Greeters	Ladies Lunch
7	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Antiques Super Bo	Stated Meeting	4pm ☞ LOH	MINI T's 6:30am ☞ Coffee Cl	Directors Staff	BINGO 3	Make up or Make o
8	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	5pm Bingo Appreci	6:30pm ☞ Patrol 7pm ☞ Sun Devils	Cartoons 4:30pm ☞ Boaters	Topless 6:30am ☞ Coffee Cl	Circus Move in	Circus BINGO 4	
9	26	27	28	Mar 1	2	3	4
	Circus Arab Escorts	Band 9pm ☞ Private Ever	7pm ☞ Provost Gur	6:30am ☞ Coffee Cl	Brews Brothers So Ritualistic Cast	BINGO 1	

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Arab Shriners

March 2023

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9	Feb 26, 2023	27	28	Mar 1	2	3	4
	Circus Arab Escorts	Band Private Eve	7pm Provost Gu	6:30am Coffee C	Brews Brothers So Ritualistic Cast	BINGO 1	
10	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Executive Director	Nobelles	Antiques 6:30am Coffee C	DeMolay Knight 6:30pm Clowns	BINGO 2 Greeters	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Meat Raffle Party Daylight Savings S	Shared Meeting	4pm LOH	6:30am Coffee C	Directors Staff DB	BINGO 3 St Patricks Day	Provost Guard St. P St Patricks Day St Patricks Day
12	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Players Appreciation	6:30pm Patrol 7pm Sun Devils	Cartoons 4:30pm Boosters	Topless 6:30am Coffee C	CSSA Business Session	BINGO 4	
13	26	27	28	29	30	31	Apr 1
	Arab Escorts	Band Private Eve	7pm Provost Gu	6:30am Coffee C		BINGO 1	Easter Egg Hunt

Arab Shriners

April 2023

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
13	Mar 26, 2023 Arab Escorts	27 Band 6pm Private Eve	28 7pm Provost Gu	29 6:30am Coffee C	30	31 BINGO 1	Apr 1 Easter Egg Hunt
14	2	3 Executive Director	4 Nobelles	5 Antiques 6:30am Coffee C	6 Ritualistic Cast	7 BINGO 2	8 Temple's Clean up
15	9 Ladies Dinner Stated Meeting Em	10 4am LOH	11	12 6:30am Coffee C	13 DeMolay Knight 6:30pm Clowns	14 BINGO 3 Greeters	15 LOH Spaghetti Fee Abdullah's Ball
16	16 6:30pm Patrol 7pm Sun Devils	17 Cartoons 4:30pm Boaters	18 Mini T's 6:30am Coffee C	19 Directors Staff OB	20 Potentate's Ball BINGO 4	21	22
17	23 Potentate's Ball Arab Escorts Potentate's Trip	24 Band	25 7pm Provost Gu	26 Topless 6:30am Coffee C	27	28 BINGO 1	29 Hospital Screening
18	30	May 1 Executive Director	2 Nobelles	3 Antiques 6:30am Coffee C	4 Brews Brothers So Ritualistic Cast	5 BINGO 2	6 Kentucky Derby Rat Patrol

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