

# Arab Antics

May - July 2025



Arab Shriners  
Quarterly Newsletter

# 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

### Bingo EVERY Friday Evening

#### MAY

- 3 Kentucky Derby Party
- 5 Executive and Director's Meeting
- 5 Divan Ladies Meeting
- 10 Spring Ladies Luncheon
- 12 Stated Meeting with Ladies
- 25 - June 1 Potentate's Trip to Alaska

#### JUNE

- 9 Executive and Director's Meeting
- 9 Divan Ladies Meeting
- 16 Annual Golfers Tournament @ Village Greens
- 18 Pull Tabs Only - Bingo
- 20-22 Shrine Bowl in Dodge City
- 28 Brews Brothers Summer Slam
- 29- July 3 Imperial Session in Atlanta

#### JULY

- 4 NO Bingo
- 7 Executive and Director's Meeting
- 7 Divan Ladies Meeting
- 12 Murder Mystery Event
- 13 Antiques Ice Cream Social
- 14 Waverly Parade
- 19 Ladies Crafting Event
- 27 Arab Pool Tournament @ Blvd Billards

## Elective Divan

Potentate	Keith Bricker
Chief Rabban	Russ Hardy
Assistant Rabban	Alex Parker
High Priest & Prophet	Donnie Bohannon
Oriental Guide	Andrew Piper
Treasurer	Paul Honaker P.P
Recorder	Ralph Wild

## Appointive Divan

First Ceremonial Master	Ed Becker
Second Ceremonial Master	Josh Anderson
Marshal	Mark Stephenson
Membership Director	Bill Scott
Public Relations Director	John Sidwell
Captain of the Guard	Bob Hurd
Outer Guard	Tom Rigg
Chaplain	Mark Varble

## Imperial Council Representatives

Keith Bricker, Potentate  
Russ Hardy, Chief Rabban  
Alex Parker, Assistant Rabban  
Brad Koehn, PP Imperial Sir  
Paul Honaker, PP Imperial Finance Committee  
Alt: Donnie Bohannon, High Priest & Prophet  
Alt: Andrew Piper, Oriental Guide

## Central States Shrine Association Representatives

Keith Bricker, Potentate  
Russ Hardy, Chief Rabban  
Alex Parker, Assistant Rabban Past President  
CSSA 2024-2025  
Don Horttor P.P, Past President CSSA  
Alt: Andrew Piper, Oriental Guide

## Arab Shriner Building Trustees

Steve Lavin, Howard Marlow, Jim Whitehead P.P  
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# A Message From Your Potentate



**Keith Bricker**  
**2025 Potentate**

Dear Nobles and Ladies,

They say time flies when you're having fun and that certainly holds true for Arab Shrine. It's hard to believe the first quarter of 2025 has passed. We had some fun and memorable events to start the year with more activities planned in this upcoming quarter.

The Potentate and Divan Reception in January was an amazing day to come together in celebration for the Temple to meet our leaders for 2025. Thank you to all who were able to attend. A big thank you to Becky Honaker and Ill. Sir Paul for taking the lead on this event and helping make it special. Michele Loeffler and the Sundevils transformed the mosque showcasing all things

that are the heart of who Patty and I are. Thank you for capturing what means so much to us. John Cahill and his crew were phenomenal, and the food was delicious. There were many hands involved with this event, and we want to send a BIG thank you to everyone who played a part in making this reception exceptional.

January also brought a well-attended Fire in the Hole Cornhole Tournament and Chili Cookoff. Mike and Tonya Allen sure knew how to make this event fun, and we thank you! The mosque was filled with folks throwing bags for cash prizes. There was even a "Backyard Bracket" for those non-professional players like me to enter and play with Leo Perry's team taking 1st place in that bracket. The kitchen was filled with smells of chili and cinnamon rolls and the Oasis showcased our Chili Cookoff entries with our judges awarding Alex Parker with 1st place, Roy Sullivan with 2nd place, and Bob McPherson with 3rd place. Thanks to all who entered the cookoff! A great day to join together and share with others the fun we have at Arab Shrine!

Wrapping up January was a watch party hosted by the Brews Brothers. We enjoyed the fellowship, snacks, drinks, give-away prizes, and the opportunity to watch the 100th edition of the East/West Shrine Bowl football game. Thank you to the Brews Brothers and their ladies for a fun evening.

February kicked off with our CPR certification course. Thank you to Drew and Barb Torkelson for taking the lead and bringing this important course to us. We had 31 people attend and receive certification in Adult/Child/Infant CPR, AED, First Aid and Choking.

The Soc Hop/Sweetheart dance was a beautiful tribute to Lou Constantino (Louie, Louie) with his wife Cindy and other family members in attendance. Many thanks to Rick Smith, his lady Gale, and their team who helped organize this event and make the evening fun and truly memorable.

The 85th Arab Shrine Circus was a success! We brought smiles to kids'

# A Message From Your Potentate (Cont'd)

faces (and adults as well) and gave them a family memory to take with them. A special thank you to Ill Sir Paul Honaker and Lady Becky and Oriental Guide Andrew Piper and his lady Laura for the many hours they spent this weekend. Under their leadership, everything came together to provide 5 shows of circus fun for all ages! Ill. Sir Jim Whitehead and Lady Barb have the hospitality room running like a well-oiled machine providing all volunteers, circus staff, and event center staff with food to keep everyone's energy levels up. As usual, the Toy Room under the direction of Ill. Sir Doug Hodge and Lady Becky were cranking out toys to the toy booths and repairing broken toys to light up the event center for each performance. Thank you to our Chief Aides Tony and Tina Frye and our assistant aides Steve and Becky Belveal and Wes and Grace Kennedy for providing after-show snacks and beverages to wind down each evening. It takes many volunteers to bring the circus to the city of Topeka. Thanks to the DeMolay boys, Jobs Daughters, our Shrine clowns,

Greeters, Band, Patrol, Provost Guard, all the clubs and units that worked the toy booths and donated bicycles for the giveaways, those who bought tickets and watched the shows, our money room workers, our Shriners on Parade, Charlie Shinn and his photography talent, John Sidwell and his marketing help, Marla and the office staff, our Divan and our ladies. Oriental Guide Andrew Piper and his lady Laura planned a wonderful Circus Appreciation Banquet, and many thanks were given that evening. Lady Patty and I want to personally thank each and every one of you for all your support.

March brought us a fun St. Patrick's Day parade and party. Thanks to Ill Sir Larry Dain, Lady Linda and the Provost Guard and their ladies for hosting this event. After the downtown parade, we enjoyed wonderful food, drinks, and bagpipers. Great job!

Josh Anderson and Nick Cornelison co-chaired a successful Meat Raffle in March. Thank you both for your hard work. A big thank you to the Topless unit for your help in making this event

a success! Many folks attended and participated in this fun afternoon. Thanks also to those who donated items for the silent auction. And who knew eggs would be just as fun of a raffle item as the shrimp and steaks! Some of us had the opportunity to attend the Central States Shrine Association Business Session in Des Moines. We were able to watch as a new CSSA president was installed, and we congratulate Assistant Rabban Alex Parker on a very successful year in 2024-2025 serving as CSSA President. Alex and Daisy did a tremendous job, and we are very proud of your representation of Arab Shrine!

By the time you read this, we will have had our Easter Egg Hunt at the Goodyear Shelter House. A special thanks to Steve and Becky Belveal for your help in making this such a fun time for our kids and grandkids.

Our Shrine Bowl Player Appreciation Banquet will also be held in April. Many thanks to the Footbowlers for sponsoring this dinner, those table and banquet sponsors, and those who attend to honor those high school seniors that will be playing in Dodge City June 21.

# A Message From Your Potentate (Cont'd)

Our stated meeting in April will be in Emporia at the Masonic Lodge. The ladies will also be meeting in Emporia at Casa Ramos. Thanks to Jeff and Cindy Tarr for coordinating and thanks to all who participated.

We hope you will make plans to join us on April 26 for the Nobility Ball. Jim and Barb Whitehead do an outstanding job of making this evening special for all who attend. Thank you in advance to all who have a part to play in this amazing event for Arab Shrine.

Other upcoming events will include a Discovering Freemasonry evening on Wednesday, April 30.

Please bring prospective new Masons and Nobles to hear what being a mason and Shriner is all about and how they can be a part of this incredible fraternity and philanthropy.

May 3 will bring us our Kentucky Derby Party. Thank you to Ill Sir Paul Clarkson, his lady Diana, and their team for putting

this always fun event together! Come don your best derby attire and enjoy an afternoon of food and fun! The Potentate's trip to Alaska is May 25 – June 1. This is sure to be a memorable trip as we all enjoy the breathtaking views that Alaska has to offer.

June will bring us PARADES! Thank you to parade marshal Brad Pollman for all your efforts in keeping us informed of upcoming parades. Parades are great exposure for Arab Shrine so please come out and support our parade units. Don't forget to wear your Shrine apparel!

The annual Golfers Tournament will be held June 16th at Village Greens. We will travel to Dodge City for the Shrine Bowl on June 21. Go East!

Arab Shrine will host a Murder/Mystery event June 12. Please plan to come out, bring friends, and put your Sherlock Holmes skills to use.

The Imperial Session for Shriners International will

be held in Atlanta June 29 – July 3.

Bingo continues to be very important to Arab Shrine and we thank the many volunteers it takes to make it successful in our fund-raising efforts. Please come down to help or play whenever you find time. The first quarter of 2025 is now a memory, and we look forward to the next one. We thank our Divan, our ladies, and all of you for your continued dedication and support of Arab Shrine. We look forward to all the upcoming events and the blessing of spending time with each other in fun and fellowship as we support the children.

Yours in Faith,  
Keith Bricker



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## 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:

May 12, 2025

# A Message From Your First Lady



**Patty Bricker**  
**First Lady 2025**

Dear Nobles and Ladies,

And just like that, spring is upon us. The first quarter of 2025 has come and gone but many great things happened in a short amount of time.

The Potentate Reception was a fantastic day with great attendance. Thank you to everyone who worked hard to make this day special as we introduced the 2025 Divan for Arab Shrine. The first ladies' luncheon was held on February 1st and we shifted location to the Governor's Row House. Thank you to those in attendance and everyone who made the last-minute change happen so smoothly. It was a beautiful venue, and the decorations were perfect, the food was delicious, and we enjoyed beautiful voices by the quartet ReVive. We joined our nobles for dinner before the stated meeting in February and the ladies welcomed Liz Epp, owner and

operator of Ladybug Bookshop, to learn about her small business and do a little book shopping.

The Ladies' Night Out at Potwin Pottery on April 2nd was enjoyed by 27 ladies who created masterpieces together and enjoyed each other's company.

In April we will travel to Emporia for a ladies gathering while the men attend their stated meeting. Thank you to all who were able to attend.

Our spring Ladies' Luncheon will be held May 10th at the Women's Center, and I hope you can join us.

A craft day is on the calendar for July 19th so mark that day and join us at the temple. More details will be out about this fun day.

Plans are being finalized for our Ladies Trip August 1 – August 3 to Bartlesville, OK. Please look for information to sign up and join us for a fun weekend get-away.

Our exciting Purse Bingo (Bee-ngo) will take place on October 12. Information will be out soon so don't miss out on all the fun!

Thank you to all who contributed recipes and pre-ordered a 2025 Arab Shrine Cookbook! And an abundance of thanks to the cookbook committee for your help in getting all the recipes

categorized and ready to go. We should have the cookbooks back from the publisher some time in June and will get them in the hands of everyone who pre-ordered. We will have plenty of extras for purchase, so if you missed ordering this time watch for how you can make a purchase to support the Ladies' Special Project Fund.

Thank you to all for your continued support in shining a light to make our Shrine children's future brighter. Remember you all make a difference.

Many blessings ,

*Patty*

2025 First lady





# Introducing the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Arab Shrine Circus





# All the World Loves a Clown!



# Sounds of the Circus



“What a wonderful opportunity to perform at the circus!”

-Bob Provo,  
Arab Shrine Concert Band



# Jugglers Galore!



# The Wheels Go Round and Round!



## The Wheel of Danger!!!



## Turbo Tyler's Wheels & Steel Riders



# All of the Animals!



# Fantastic Performers !!!



# Thank You Arab Shrine for the 85th Annual Arab Shrine Circus!

Dear Generous Shriners -

Thank you all for your hard work surrounding the annual circus performances and for yet again providing a free opportunity for residents of KNI to attend the event. As always, it was an incredible show and our folks look forward to it each year. Your group has the biggest hearts for how they treat all attendees and how this event helps so many.

Thank and God bless you all,  
- Todd Han, KNI Volunteer Services



Thank you for the Shrine Circus Tickets. I liked everything. Adeline

Thank you for the Shrine Circus Tickets. I liked the elephants. Camryn

Thank You for the Shrine Tickets. I liked Bumblebee. Jaxon

Thank You for the Shrine Circus Tickets. I liked everything. Wyleah

Thank you for the Shrine Circus Tickets. I liked everything. From Brooks

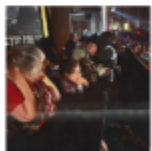
Thank You for the Shrine Circus Tickets. I liked the motorcycles. Tomy

Thank you for the Shrine Circus Tickets. I liked the acrobats. Mackenzie

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Thank you for the Shrine Circus Tickets. I liked the acts. Evelyn

Thank you for the Shrine Circus Tickets. I liked the man in the circle. Helixcircle



Topeka LULAC Senior Center, Inc.

Thank You

Dear Shriners,  
Thank you so much for the circus tickets which enabled 12 of our Lulac seniors to attend the Saturday morning performance. They loved it!  
- Kathy Votaw, Executive Director

Thank You for Inviting us to the circus! My favorite part was the whole thing. I LOVE YOU. Thank you for inviting us to the circus! My favorite part was Just Larry the elephant trainer.



Thank you for inviting us to the circus! My favorite part was Just Larry.



Thank you for inviting us to the circus! My favorite part was the air & wires. John Han

Thank you for inviting us to the circus! My favorite part was Just Larry. Bronte



Thank you for inviting us to the circus! My favorite part was Just Larry.

Thank You for the tickets! We had so much fun! Lyndon First Grade



# 2025 Circus Dads, Granddads, & Great-Granddads

## Circus Dad

Richard Burns  
Earnest Douglas  
Dale Jepson  
Donald Pritchard  
Leland Salts  
Robert Dark

## Circus Granddads

Floyd Bradley  
Duane Crosier  
Warren Farr  
Larry Kampschroeder  
Lonn McClary  
Donald Rolley  
Robin Spencer  
John Stauffer

## Circus Great-Granddads

Larry Algott	Chip Munk
Keith Bricker	Jeff Neal
Jerry Crupmton	H Kent Pellegrino
Jim Curtis	Dennis Phillips
William Dossett Jr.	Jeffery Tarr
Glen Feuerborn	Edwin Van Horn
James Hamid Jr.	Jim Whitehead
Lynn Holt	Leonard Dale
Kim Komarek	Scott Crawford
Shane Lewis	Brad Koehn
Doug Mannoni	Ira Cox

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



















**Greetings nobles!**

The weather will soon lose its grip on the cold and heat will soon be in our everyday life. On these sunny warm days it is GREAT to be in a PARADE, smiling and bringing joy to people! We have the Kansas Shrine Bowl Parade out in Dodge City this year! But I realize not everyone will be able to attend. So, the Parade schedule will continue adding Parades that are closer to our area. I have obtained some NEW parades this year! Be on the lookout for those in the eblasts! If you have NEVER been in a parade before, make this the year that you do! There are several that can be walked if you don't have a parade vehicle. If you don't care to walk, reach out to me, we have signs that can go on your personal vehicle to show the public you're with ARAB Shrine. Just by participating in one parade, YOU could make our numbers grow! Get out there and show our stuff! See you at a Parade!

**Brad Pollman**  
**Arab Shrine Parade Marshal**  
**785 925 5050**

## **Parade Schedule**

**Burlingame Rodeo Parade May 17th**

**Line up at the High School 3:30**

**No registration Parade at 4:00**

**Kansas Shrine Bowl Parade June 21st,**

**Dodge City, KS 2nd Ave**

**Downtown at 10:00 more details to come.**

**Melvorn Parade June 21st**

**Line up at the High School.**

**Parade at 6:30**

**Scranton Parade June 28th**

**Line up at the**

**Scranton Attendance Center at 4:00**

**Parade at 5:00**



# Ladies Luncheon

February 2025





# SWINERS



OINK!! OINK!!

The ARAB Swiners are currently working on the schedules for the upcoming season.

A number of the Shrine units have requested our services for upcoming events. We are working with 3 events at this time, with hopefully more to come.

We are asking for as much lead time as possible as all of our Swiners are involved with other units' schedules as well as ours. Time is at a premium as you can imagine.

We have added another new member recently, and we are always looking for additional help.

Please keep the phone numbers listed below handy as your units plan events which might involve our services. We hope to see you very soon.

OINK!! OINK!!

Roger 785 806-9898; Paul 620 256-6033 (Co-Chairs)



# ARAB SHRINE LIL' CHOPS

Good morning! Hard to believe that we are already in the 2nd quarter of 2025! So far, it's been pretty quiet for the Lil' Chops but it won't be long until parade season is in full gear.

Thanks to all of the Lil' Chops and ladies that helped out selling toys for Saturday's morning/afternoon circus performances. It is all a lot of work every year but well worth it. If the Lil' Chops weren't helping out at the Toy Booth, they were supporting the Arab Shrine at the circus in other ways. The Lil' Chops also gave away a bike at halftime of the Saturday morning show. The little girl that won the bike was quite excited!!!! It is also always good to see current/past Shrine patients that the Shriners support show up to support the circus.

We did divide and participated in both the Emporia and the Topeka St. Patrick's Day parades. Thanks to Steve Haslett and Steve Kramer for parading in the Topeka St. Patrick's Day parade. Also, thanks to Tracy Edwards, Jack Call, Paul Lapping, Tharon Mott, Tony Leek, Paul Clarkson, and Jeff Tarr (sort of) for parading in the Emporia St. Patrick's Day parade. Jeff's bike decided that it didn't want to run when the parade started so he had to push it back to where they unloaded which was many, many blocks away and he just barely beat the guys back that participated in the parade! So, lesson learned is for the guys with the newer bikes, you might want to make sure that you can get to the magical fuse (it is in the battery box) and have a spare fuse!

Upcoming parades included the NOTO Easter parade on April 19th, the Strong City Rodeo Parade on May 31st and the Council Grove Washunga Days Parade on June 21st. Please send pictures to Jeff or Cindy since sadly we won't be able to attend these fantastic parades - thanks!

We have just completed taking orders for Vidalia Onions and Peach Salsa and are now waiting for delivery which will hopefully be the first week in May. Everybody who ordered onions/salsa will be notified whenever the Lil' Chops get their hands on the onions/salsa.

The Stated Meeting will be conducted in Emporia on April 14th and several of the Lil' Chops and their Ladies are helping with that. The guys will enjoy a delicious meal from Pizza Ranch and the Ladies will dine at Casa Ramos, which is just South of the Masonic Temple. We are looking forward to seeing everyone!

We hope by the time that you read this that Mother Nature has decided that it really is Spring and time for warm weather!

Until next time -

Stay safe, healthy and happy!

--Jeff Tarr



## LIL CHOPS AT THE CIRCUS





# Legion of Honor

**By: David Smith  
Past Commander**



Summer is also here and the cold weather is done 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 circus was a great success, and everyone had a great time. As always, the Legion of Honor did their part by selling lots of toys. The support from the members to man the toy booth was great, and a big thank you for your support and overall. The Legion of Honor also posted the Colors at a circus opening and looked great. We also presented a bicycle to one of the children.

We want to congratulate our Past Commander Alex Parker and Lady Daisy, on a job well done as the CSSA President.

In April, the LOH had their annual spaghetti feed. We had a great turn out and enjoyed some great food. LOH is appreciative of the support of other Shrine members.

At our April Meeting, we enjoyed the Topeka West JROTC performing their drill performance and military movements. They did an outstanding job. We all enjoyed the Dickies BBQ too.

We want to congratulate our LOH Chaplain Marvin Terhune for being selected as the Kansas Mason of the Year 2025.

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 2025 calendar book for details. Until next time, have fun, be safe and remember – “Shriners Helps Kids – That’s what we do.”



# Legion of Honor 2025 SPAGHETTI DINNER





## **Million Dollar Man Club**

Recognize someone in your club or unit for outstanding efforts for a project, or for being a leader for your group.

Non-members can also be recognized by your group, for supporting your events / fund-raisers, etc.

The individual, business or corporation, will have a donation in their name paid directly to the Shriner's Hospitals for Children.

Call the office and request the certificate for this person and the reason you would like them to be recognized today.

Cost \$100.00 donation to the Shriners Hospitals For Children.

Roger Farthing Program Coordinator  
785 806-9898 (topzon1@swbell.net)



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photographers who  
contributed to this  
edition of Antics!

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- Charlie Shinn
- Brian Bender
- Marla Forst
- Patty Bricker
- Jeff Tarr

# Arab Boaters

The Boaters of the Arab Shriners held their February meeting at the Arab Shriners building. A big thank you to Rick Ryan and Ron Shelton for hosting. The Boaters also worked at a toy booth during the Sunday circus performance. It looks like they were having a great time entertaining the patrons! Thank you, Andrea Holt, III. Sir Lynn Holt, Kevin Hulsing, and III. Sir Jeff Neal.



Our March meeting was also at the Shrine and was hosted by Larry Jackson. Thank you, Larry! During the meeting, III. Sir Paul Clarkson presented a revised version of our by-laws for commentary. These by-laws have not been updated in a long time, so thank you very much to Paul and Diana Clarkson for taking on the tasks. A final version will be voted on during the April meeting.

The April Boaters meeting is to be held at Brewster Place and will be hosted by Dave Sterbenz and “Ol-Rog” Roger Farthing. Thank you both!

As the weather warms up and starts to cooperate a bit more, we plan to have more remote meetings. “Let’s Rise and Thrive in 25”, so we can support our organization and promote membership. To all the nobles and ladies, we hope to see you soon.

Drew Torkelson

# **Public Relations Communication**

## **Noble John Sidwell**

In the first quarter of 2025 the Arab Shriners had their name blasted everywhere in Northeast Kansas. Of course, the circus was a big part of the publicity. But before the Circus we had couch time for the Fire in the Hole Corn Hole tournament, a Hospital Screening Clinic. and the Sock Hop. All of these were advertised with couch time on both stations. Then we had 140 radio PSA's for the screening clinic. Then we had the circus Remotes and two couch sessions with both television stations for the circus. Then we had television commercials, Billboards, and radio ads as part of our advertising package from the circus budget. Of course, the circus always generated news coverage on all stations. We presented Melissa Brunner with a Million Dollar certificate for her support of the Arab Shrine Mission when she was a celebrity Ringmaster. We really surprised her.

Facebook was also a success as we posted over 40 slides and three videos. We also had one of our videos converted to a reel. We picked up another 21 followers on our Facebook page. If you are not following the Arab Shrine Facebook page, please follow. I also ask that you share our events. The more outside money we can bring in the better it is for use.

Please don't forget to forward pictures from your phone of the fun things Shriners do! Just text me the picture at 785-438-7111.

# ARAB SHRINE 2025 SOCKHOP



# ARAB SHRINE TRUSTEES



## Items being Addressed / Considered:

1. Wood façade on east side of building to be replaced.....Spring project.
2. Replace the flooring in the Ballroom.....Scheduled for June 23rd.
3. Replace two Ballroom NW doors into stage room.....Completed.
4. Resurface the parking lot.....Continual Consideration.
5. Replace all interior building lights with LED lights.....95% Completed.
6. Repair the kitchen wall behind dishwasher.....In Progress.
7. Repair or replace the kitchen dishwasher.....In Progress.
8. Replace the double oven in the kitchen.....In Progress.
9. Replace the "Bingo" sign with an updated LED sign.....Completed.
10. Paint outside "Arab Temple" sign on top of building.....Scheduled.
11. Repair parking lot guard rail at NE corner of parking lot.....In Progress.
12. Replace north hall bamboo curtains with bypass doors.....Completed.
13. Replace ceiling fans in Ballroom with remote controlled fans....Complete.
14. Replant the outdoor rock garden.....In Progress.

Thanks to everyone that has assisted with these projects. We welcome any ideas and suggestions you may have for the upkeep and improvement of the Shrine building.

**THANK YOU!!**

**To the Potentate Lady's annual fund raising  
and their continued support of numerous Arab Shrine projects.**

**To all individuals and units who contributed to  
the purchase of the LED bingo sign.**

# 2025 BNSF TEXAS HOLD 'EM



# Ladies Night Out

April 2025  
Potwin Pottery



## Message from Nobelles

Nobelles met April 1, at Perkins Restaurant. We meet there 1st Monday of every month.

Divan Rep Tracy Hardy shared information from the Shrine. Cookbooks will go to print later in the week and be back by middle of June. April 7, Antics articles due. April 12, LOH Spaghetti feed 4:30 and Easter Egg Hunt at Goodyear. April 13, Shrine Bowl Player Appreciation Dinner. April 14, Ladies will meet at Emporia at 5:30. April 18, Hors d'oeuvres. April 19, Temple clean up. April 16, the Ball. May 3, Kentucky Derby. Just an update: Liz Evans is the new Office Assistant.

President Sandy informed us that onions and salsa have been ordered. They will be available later.

She also reminded us that the Roman Numeral for 40 is XL. Special days in April: Passover starts 4/12 and ends 4/20. Palm Sunday 4/13, Good Friday 4/18 and Easter 4/20. There were 17 members present and 1 visitor.

It is always a pleasure to meet, eat, greet and just belong to the Nobelles.

Jo Miller, Secretary  
April 1, 2025



# Ritualistic Cast by Tom Johnson

We had our unit meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Tequilas North. There were nine present which is a good turnout for us. Our Ritual representative, Andrew Piper, was there and informed us of upcoming events. We will probably have our next meeting in October as that is one month before Ceremonial.

We have been fortunate to obligate three new works into Arab Shrine. One in February, two in March. Hopefully they can come to the Ceremonial.

Speaking of the Ceremonial, I've heard we may have up to 30 this fall! That would be great. I know a lot of our area lodges are doing a lot of degree work at the present time including the two I belong to. Hopefully, that will culminate in a good sized class for the Ceremonial.

We need help in filling the cast roster for the Ceremonial. Our long-time member, Gilbert Weidman, passed away and was our Second Ceremonial Master. Our other long-time member, Ill. Sir Jeff Hurst, continues to battle health problems and will not be able to participate. Loretta and I are in Brewster Place Redwood Unit. We always did High Priest and Prophet.

We can finally say goodbye to winter and look forward to a great spring!!!

Til Next Time,

Tom





2025  
Easter Egg Hunt



# From your Recorder, Ralph Wild

## 3 Important Questions When Preparing Your Estate Plan



Bob hope was known for his wisecracks, but the comedian---who selflessly gave his time and talents over the decades to entertain American troops around the world—understood the intrinsic value of helping others. “If you haven’t got any charity in your heart, “ he once said, “you’ve got the worst kind of heart trouble.”

1. Have you spelled out your wishes in your will? You may have mentioned once in passing to one of your relatives that you would like a favorite charity to receive a certain amount; but unless your will makes that stipulation, it will not happen.

2. To whom should you make gifts? First, you will want to ensure that your loved ones are taken care of. Then you might think about where your time is now spent—with the organizations and interests that matter the most to you, such as your place of worship, a service organization, or our organization. Charitable gifts reflect your values and identify

the causes to which you were committed.

3. How much should you give? You might first calculate the amount by which your estate exceeds the total provisions intended for your loved ones. The excess could be the amount available for charitable gifts. As to which charities to benefit and how much to give to each, follow your heart. Whatever your choice, you may be surprised at how the mere act of making this decision and including it in your will lightens your step, makes the world seem friendlier, and gives you peace of mind.

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



#### ALL STAR PLAYERS - Arab Jurisdiction

Caden Estrada.....Washburn Rural High  
 Mason Faith.....Rock Creek High  
 Bryer Finley.....Seaman High  
 Jacob Flentie.....Centralia High  
 Max Huston.....Seaman High

Kaden Jordan.....Seaman High  
 Landon Meyer.....Sabetha High  
 Howie Rezac.....St. Marys High  
 Ashton Schaefer.....Marysville High  
 Jensen Schrickel.....Hayden Catholic High  
 Jackson Tupps.....Wamego High

# 2025 Arab Shrine Bowl Player's Appreciation Banquet









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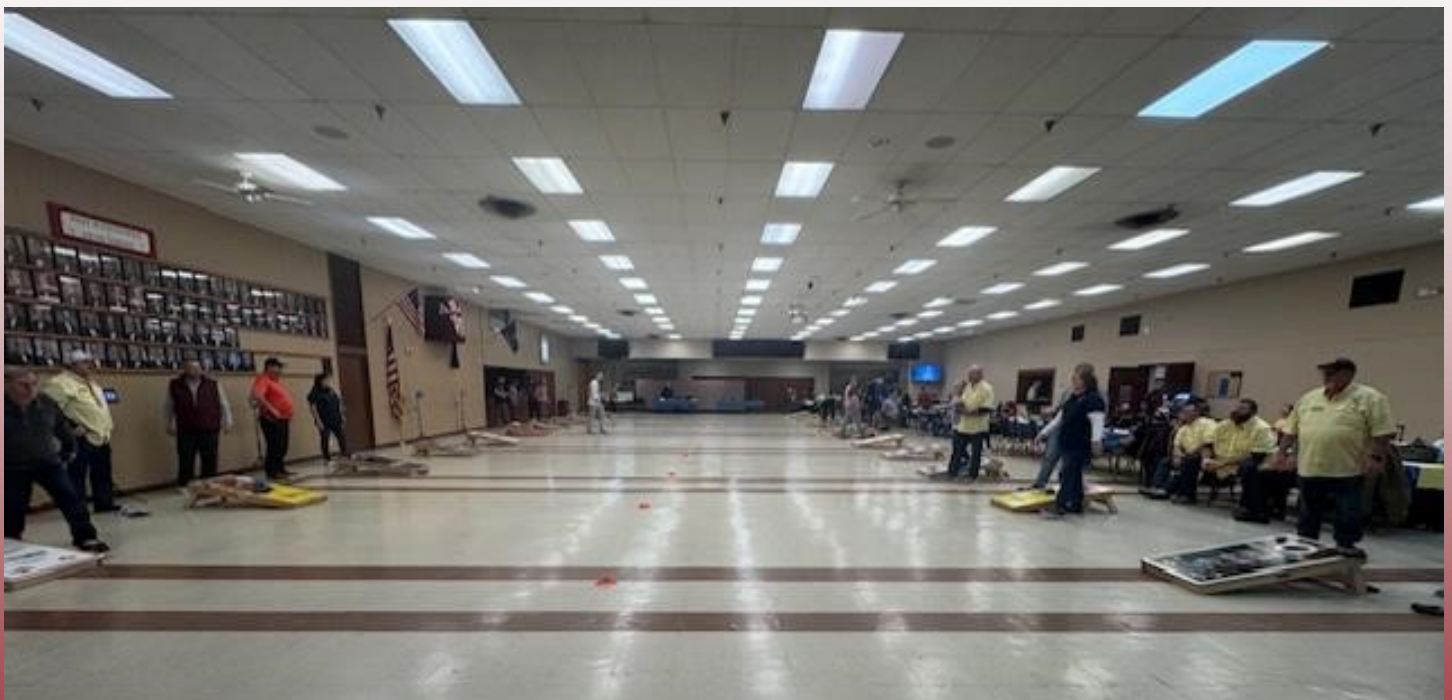
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# 2025 CHILI COOKOFF



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# **PROVOST GUARD FISH FRY**

**SATURDAY - AUGUST 9, 2025**

**Arab Shrine - 1305 S. Kansas Ave., Topeka, KS 66614**



## **IN ADVANCE**

**Adult \$14.00      Kids \$8.00**

## **AT THE DOOR**

**Adult \$16.00      Kids \$10.00**

**DOORS OPEN AT 4:30PM**

**FISH 5:00PM TO 6:30PM**

**BAR 4:30PM TO 7:00PM**

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## **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.	Paul Meierhenry, P.P.	Bob Swafford
Brad Koehn, Imp Treas.	Ed Ramirez	Terry Wilson
George Martin	Harold Stevenson	

## **Gold Medallion with Ruby (10 Petitions)**

Jim Curtis	Jeff Hurst, P.P.	Larry Tice, P.P.
Leonard Dale	Robert Jones	Bob Whitehead, P.P.
Pat Devlin, P.P.	Larry Kampschroeder	Ralph Wild
Robert Griffin	Smokie Siecgrist	
Don Hoover	Mark Stephenson	

## **Gold Medallion (5 Petitions)**

Brandon Adams	Russ Hardy	Gary Pettijohn	Richard Temps
Gary Ashton	Keith Heumann	Andrew Piper	Drew Torkelson
Clark Allemang	Curt Hogan	Kyle Purcell	Eddie Van Horn
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Terry Harbert	Chris Munk	Roy Sullivan, P.G.M.	

# THESE WE DO NOT FORGET

Gilbert A. Weidman  
D: 1-12-2025

Bruce Shaw  
D: 2-28-2025

John E. Lang  
D: 1-20-2025

Richard D. Stutzman  
D: 4-27-2025

Louis J. Fankhauser  
D: 2-8-2025



## ARAB SHRINE PAST POTENTATES

1931-32 Dr. Norris Townsend\*

1933 Al Williams\*

1934 Stanley Shook\*

1935 Clinton Wilcox\*

1936 Charles Moore\*

1937 Ralph Hinkson\*

1938 John Brandenburger\*

1939 Fernando LeDoux\*

1940 Ray Ramsey\*

1941 Sherman Bourassa\*

1942 Judge Paul Heinz\*

1943 Dr. Luther Dodd\*

1944 Herbert Barrett\*

1945 Charles R. Shrake\*

1946 Sidney Long\*

1947 Martin Philips\*

1948 Frederick Gades\*

1949 John Lewis\*

1950 Paul Rogers\*

1951 Jay Glen Davis\*

1952 Ernest Thomas\*

1953 Scott Kelsey\*

1954 Henry Bubb\*

1955 Robert Brown\*

1956 Waldemar Metzenthin\*

1957 Harold Jasperson\*

1958 Carliss Swain\*

1959 Lloyd Raish\*

1960 Nelse Nelson\*

1961 Joseph Schneider\*

1962 Warren Paramore\*

1963 Delmer Daly\*

1964 Roy Jaquith\*

1965 John Koger\*

1966 Waldo Haflich\*

1967 Wayne Baker\*

1968 Rex Smith\*

1969 Archie Swan\*

1970 Frank Oppitz\*

1971 Dale Moorman\*

1972 Ansel Searles\*

1973 Martin Foltz\*

1974 Jack Quinlan\*

1975 John C. Dicus

1976 Donald Mahrle

1977 E. Leslie Scrinopskie\*

1978 Donald Horttor

1979 James Parmiter\*

1980 Ronald Mannoni\*

1981 Frank Coffman, Jr.\*

1982 Carol Lewis\*

1983 Harlan Whiteley\*

1984 Richard Hamilton\*

1985 William Duckworth\*

1986 Albert Jackson, Jr.\*

1987 Cap Glover\*

1988 Bill Koehn\*

1989 Richard Magathan\*

1990 Charles Hiebsch\*

1991 Eldo Crider\*

1992 Ray French\*

1993 Paul Gibbons\*

1995 El "Andy" Anderson\*

1996 Jerry Teichgraeber\*

1997 Frank Seufert\*

1998 Larry Pressman\*

1999 George Kenworthy\*

2000 John Porter\*

2001 Paul Meierhenry

2002 Royce Keyser\*

2003 Larry Bryan\*

2004 John James\*

2005 Lynn Holt

2006 Ron Scrinopskie

2007 Paul Clarkson

2008 Don McClafin\*

2009 Pat Devlin

2010 Larry Tice

2011 Alan Holt

2012 Brian Hagmeier

2013 Bob Whitehead

2014 Rick Moody

2015 Brad Koehn

2016 Jim Whitehead

2017 Jeff Hurst

2018 Paul Honaker

2019 Steve Kramer

2020 Larry Dain

2021 Kurt Lawson

2022 Jeff Neal

2023 Doug Hodge

2024 David Johnson

\*Deceased



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Apr 27, 2025 Arab Escorts	28	29	30 Discover Freemason 6:30am ☕ Coffee D	May 1 Ritualistic Cast	2 Footbowlers BINGO	3 Abu-Bekr Ball Isis Ball Kentucky Derby P
4	5 Divan Ladies Director's and	6 Nobelles Sundevils	7 Antiques Claybusters Demolay Knights 6:30am ☕ Coffee D	8 Oriental Band 6:30am ☕ Clowns	9 BINGO	10 Spring Ladies Lun
11 Mother's Day	12 Band Stated Meeting w	13 4pm ☕ LOH	14 6:30am ☕ Coffee D	15 Sheiks	16 BINGO Hor'd'ourves	17
18	19 5:30pm ☕ Arab Pa	20 4:30pm ☕ Boaters	21 Rawhidars 6:30am ☕ Coffee D	22 BINGO	23	24
25 Potentate Trip (ALASKA) Arab Escorts	26 Memorial Day	27 7pm ☕ Provost Gue	28 Topless 6:30am ☕ Coffee D	29 BINGO	30 Scimitar Ball	31



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jun 1, 2025	2	3	4	5	6	7
Potentate Trip (AL)		Nobelles Sundevils	Antiques Claybusters 6:30am ☞ Coffee C	Ritualistic Cast	Footbowlers BINGO	Mirza Ball
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Greeters ☞ LOSNA (Becky B)	Divan Ladies Director's and Exec	4pm ☞ LOH	Demolay Knight 6:30am ☞ Coffee C	Oriental Band 6:30pm ☞ Clowns	BINGO Hor D'ourves	El Kahir Ball Kaaba Ball
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Father's Day	Annual Golfers Tour 5:30pm ☞ Arab Pat	Neosho Valley Stea 4:30pm ☞ Boaters	Mini T's Bingo- Pull Tabs C 6:30am ☞ Coffee C		BINGO Shrine Bowl (Dodge City)	India Ball John Cahill
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
☞ Arab Escorts	Rain Date - Golfers	7pm ☞ Provost Gus	Topless 6:30am ☞ Coffee C		BINGO	
29	30	Jul 1	2	3	4	5
Imperial Session Atlanta	Golfers - Staley Fa	Nobelles Sundevils BINGO	Antiques 6:30am ☞ Coffee C	Ritualistic Cast	Independence Day	



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Imperial Session Atlanta	Golfers - Staley Fa	Nobelles Sundevils BINGO	Antiques 6:30am Coffee Cl	Ritualistic Cast	Independence Day	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Divan Ladies Director's and E	Sundevils 4pm LOH	Demolay Knight 6:30am Coffee Cl	Oriental Band 5:30pm Clowns	BINGO	Murder/Mystery Ev
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Antiques Ice Cream	Waverly Parade	4:30pm Boaters	6:30am Coffee Cl		BINGO	Ladies Crafting Eve
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	5:30pm Arab Pat	7pm Provost Gu	Topless 6:30am Coffee Cl		BINGO Hor D'ourves	
27	28	29	30	31	Aug 1	2
Arab Escorts Arab Shrine Pool T			6:30am Coffee Cl		Footbowlers BINGO Ladies Trip	