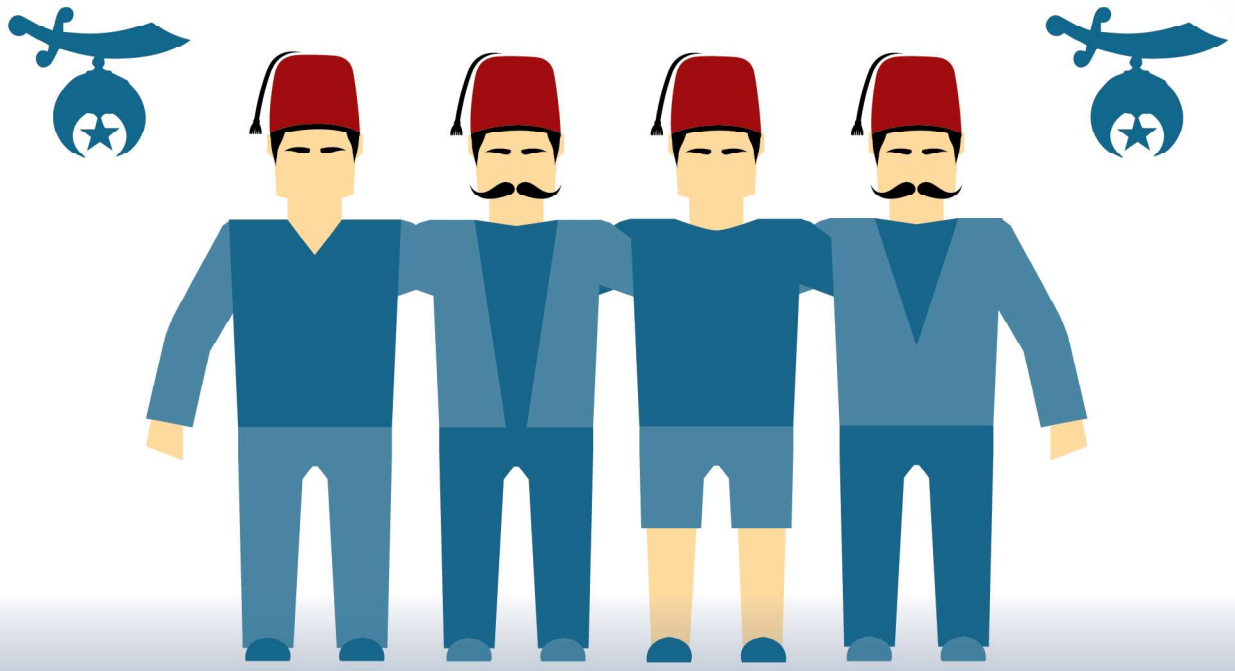


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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### November

- 2 Arab Patrol Pancake Feed
- 9 Sportsmans Raffle
- 11 Stated Meeting
- 22 Hors d'oeuvres by Golfers
- 28 Thanksgiving

### December

- 1 Golfers Christmas Party
- 7 Breakfast with Santa
- 7 Arab Patrol Christmas Party
- 9 Stated Meeting/Elections
- 12 Ladies Luncheon
- 14 Provost Guard, Antiques Christmas Parties
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 New Years Eve

### January

- 1 New Year's Day Breakfast
- 3 Lil Chop's After Christmas Party
- 4 Circus Planning Meeting
- 11 Golfers Annual Meeting
- 13 Annual Meeting
- 18 East-West Shrine Bowl Watch Party
- 24 Hors d'oeuvres
- 26 Potentate's Reception



## Elective Divan

Potentate	Steve Kramer
Chief Rabban	Larry Dain
Assistant Rabban	Kurt Lawson
High Priest & Prophet	John Cahill
Oriental Guide	Jeff Neal
Treasurer	Kim Komarek
Recorder	Alan Holt, P.P.

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Second Ceremonial Master	Keith Bricker
Marshal	David Tillotson
Membership Director	Josh Barr
Public Relations Director	Rick Smith
Captain of the Guard	Bob Weibel
Outer Guard	Gary Ashton
Chaplain	Mark Varble

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Steve Kramer, Potentate  
 Larry Dain, Chief Rabban  
 Kurt Lawson, Assistant Rabban  
 At Large, Brad Koehn, P.P., Imperial Treasurer  
 Alt: John Cahill, High Priest & Prophet  
 Alt: Jeff Neal, Oriental Guide

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 Kurt Lawson, Assistant Rabban  
 Don Horttor, P.P., Past President  
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# From Your Potentate

take note of several events coming this fall. The Mystery Trip, Antiques Car Show, Harvest Day and the Sun Devils Halloween Party will be behind us before the Antics is printed, but they are sure to provide fun and fellowship for all who attend.

The Meat Raffle on November 3rd will be a first for Arab Shrine. Thank you , Oriental Guide, Jeff Neal, for planning this event. Please come and see what it's all about. The Sportsman Event, being held on November 9th, is an important fundraiser for Arab Shrine. Come and enjoy the many activities and games. It is definitely and fun afternoon!

December will bring Breakfast with Santa on the 7th, the Annual Elections at the Stated Meeting on the 9th. The month will be busy with all of the Holiday parties. New Year's Day Breakfast will follow on January 1, 2020 for all the 2020 paid members and their Ladies. The Annual Meeting On January 13, 2020 will feature the Installation of your new Officers to lead Arab Shrine. Please come and show your support.

This is the last article I will be writing as Potentate. Peggy and I would like to express

our heartfelt appreciation and thanks to all the Nobles and Ladies for your support this year. It cannot be accomplished without you!! I would like to especially thank my Chief Aide, Steve Haslett and his Lady Deana, Assistant Chief Aides, Russ and Tracy Hardy and Mike and Tonya Allen for all they have done for us this year. They are awesome. To my Personal Aides and Potentate Aides, thank you. I also want to thank the Team Leaders, Unit and Club Directors, my Advisory Committee and Building Trustees, Steve Lavin and Howard Marlow. I would also like to thank the Divan and their Ladies for all of their support and friendship throughout our time on the Divan.

A big thank you to all of our Units, Clubs and Nobility who have been awesome by the way they have contributed to the needs of our Shrine this year. I thank all of you for the fun and honor serving as your 2019 Potentate. Finally, a very heartfelt thank you to my Lady, Peggy. Without her, this would have been a difficult journey.

Always remember why we do what we do: "Helping Children Live Better Lives"

Fraternally,

Steve Kramer, Potentate 2019

The busy summer months have become memories and fall is upon us with the holidays to soon follow. CSSA is Sioux City, IA was a great event to attend and Arab Shrine, again, came away with numerous trophies in competition. Thanks to all who attended! The Texas Hold'em tournament was a most enjoyable afternoon for fun and fellowship. Thanks to Drew and Barb Torkelson and PGM Roy Sullivan and his Lady Becky for all their efforts hosting the event.

Fall Ceremonial was well attended again this year to welcome our newest Nobles and their Ladies. The weather certainly making us hurry with our outside activities! Rob Briman was honored as our new Shriner of the Year, and I am sure he was surprised. Please

**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:

Monday, November 11, 2019: Dinner 5:45 pm, Meeting at 7 pm

Monday, December 9, 2019: Dinner at 5:45 pm, Meeting at 7 pm

Monday, January 13, 2020: Annual Meeting, Dinner at 5:45pm, Meeting at 7pm

# From the First Lady

Fall is here and 2019 is quickly coming to an end. Living on a farm, I know that with fall comes harvest. Thinking back over the year, I am thankful for the many friends, fun experiences and memories Steve and I have "gathered" this year. As the holiday season approaches, it is time to be thankful for the many people who have made our journey on the Arab Shrine Divan enjoyable.

I want to give special thanks to the 2019 Divan Ladies for their support and love this year. All of the Ladies Committee members have my deepest appreciation for their help and participation. I realized very quickly that it takes many volunteers to have a successful event. Thank all of you Ladies from the bottom of my heart.

Our Fall Ceremonial was a big success and we welcomed a great group of Nobles and Ladies to our

Shrine family. The highlight was meeting and hearing from a Shrine patient and his mom. It truly makes us remember why we are part of Arab Shrine. Please be sure to welcome our new members when you see them at events! As I write this article, I am looking forward to our Ladies Trip to Fulton and Hermann. So much fun is always had spending time with our Shrine friends and I am sure this year will be great. Please make sure you stay aware of all the fall events coming up including Bingo Appreciation Dinner, Mystery trip, Antiques Car Show, Harvest Day, Halloween party, Meat Raffle, Sportsman Raffle and many more.

As 2019 comes to a close, Steve and I would like to express our gratitude to each and every one of you. It has been a wonderful journey with great memories and



## **Peggy Coots**

it has been an honor to serve as your First Lady. I am blessed to have you all in my Shrine family. Our best wishes to all for a wonderful holiday season and for a blessed New Year.

Sprinkle with Love,  
Peggy

# A special thank you from a patient

Thank you for the braces that help my feet. Thank you for the toy from toy box. Thank you for having a great experience and the apple fritter.

Sincerely  
Cooper  
Wilson

Dear fellow nobles,

First – I would like to say THANK YOU for the privilege of serving as YOUR Imperial Potentate. Cheryl and I are extremely honored to be temporarily elevated to this position and we promise that we will work each day to try to make our fraternity and philanthropy a little better than the day before. Throughout my life, I have always believed that EVERYONE should belong to something bigger than they are so they can join with others to MAKE A



# JUST ONE

DIFFERENCE. EVERY person can be that JUST ONE person who makes a positive difference in the lives of other people. I am honored to be working with each of you this year as we strive to MAKE A DIFFERENCE each and every day.

As we start this Imperial year, we need to make membership our #1 PRIORITY. We MUST rebuild our fraternity and our temple membership and we MUST take responsibility to get this important task done. I have only one simple request – that we ALL – every one of us – get JUST ONE new member during this next 12 months. If ALL of us – working together – focus on getting JUST ONE new member, either by creation or by restoration, we will see an IMMEDIATE impact on our declining membership.

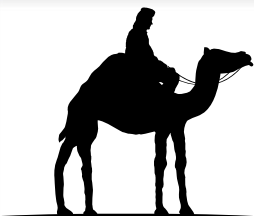
We MUST look at everyone we come in contact with differently – those we work with – those we go to church with – the fathers and grandfathers of the children who attend the school that our children and grandchildren attend. We must ask ourselves “would these men make good Masons and Shriners?” We then need to not be afraid to ASK them about becoming a member of the world’s oldest, largest, most widely known and most widely respected fraternal organization in the world – FREEMASONRY – and then to become a Shriner and join us as an owner of 22 health care facilities that make up the world’s greatest philanthropy – SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN.

I challenge each of you to always have your two-minute elevator speech on WHY you are a Shrine-Mason ready – we MUST be able to be articulate the PRIDE we each have in our membership with each person we encounter. We MUST be able to tell them about the miracles that happen every day in our hospitals and outpatient centers, and that we have made a positive difference in the lives of over 1.4 MILLION children and their families, all regardless of their ability to pay.

Yours in the faith,

Jeffrey L. Sowder

Imperial Potentate



# These We Do Not Forget In Memoriam

**Charles Hutchinson**

Created: 5/16/1970

Died: 4/30/2019

**Paul McAlister**

Created: 4/20/1953

Died: 9/16/2019

**John L. Meyer**

Created 5/7/1987

Died 10/5/2019

**Dennis Roether**

Associated:2/3/2015

Died: 9/2/2019

**Lane Ryno**

Created:5/12/2007

Died: 9/13/2019

**Charles L. Wilson**

Created:8/13/1979

Died: 10/3/2019

## Arab Shrine Potentates

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

Deceased

# Arab Shriners Gold Medallion Club



**PRESIDENT: Paul Clarkson, P.P (Diana)**  
**VICE PRESIDENT: Brian Hagmeier, P.P. (Nadyne)**  
**DIVAN REPRESENTATIVE: Josh Barr, (Tessa)**

## Gold Medallion w Ruby & 4 Diamonds (50 Petitions)

Paul Clarkson, P.P.

## Gold Medallion with Ruby & 3 Diamonds (25 Petitions)

Larry Pressman, P.P.                      Frank Seufert, P.P.  
John Taylor

## Gold Medallion with Ruby & 2 Diamonds (20 Petitions)

Robert Gifford                              Lynn Holt, P.P.

## Gold Medallion with Ruby & Diamond (15 Petitions)

Donald Horttor, P.P.                      Paul Meierhenry, P.P.                      Harold Stevenson  
Brad Koehn, P.P.                              Ed Ramirez                                      Bob Swafford  
George Martin                                      Terry Wilson

## Gold Medallion with Ruby (10 Petitions)

Merle Bradley                                      Don Hoover                                      Larry Kampschroeder  
Jim Curtis    Jeff Hurst, P.P.                                      Royce Keyser, P.P.  
Leonard Dale                                      Albert Jackson Jr., P.P.                              Smokie Siecgrist  
Pat Devlin, P.P.                                      Robert Jones                                      Larry Tice, P.P.  
Robert Griffin    Bob Whitehead, P.P.

## Gold Medallion (5 Petitions)

Brandon Adams                                      Paul Honaker                                      Dale Rohling  
Josh Anderson                                      Bob Inman    George Sauer  
Gary Ashton    Mike Jenks    Lee Schwartz  
Clark Allemang                                      Dale Jepson    Ron Scrinopskie, P.P.  
Stan Bartley    Steve Kramer    Gary Shofner  
Donnie Bohannon                                      Paul McAlister                                      Rich Siecgrist  
Floyd Bradley    Harold McElfresh                                      Rick Smith  
Ron Buchanan    Rick Meador    Mark Stephenson  
Jack Call    Rick Moody, P.P.                                      Roy Sullivan, P.G.M.  
Robert Dark    Chris Munk    Richard Temps  
John Duncan    Gary Pettijohn    Drew Torkelson  
Roger Elsbury    Kyle Purcell    Mike Turnbull  
Roger Farthing    Don Riffey    Eddie Van Horn  
Brian Hagmeier, P.P.                                      Milo Riley    Jarred White  
Steve Haslett    Mike Riley    Todd White  
Keith Heumann    Larry Rogers    Jim Whitehead, P.P.  
Curt Hogan    Ralph Wild  
Alan Holt, P.P.    Royce Wilson





**Chaplain  
Mark Varble**

# Chaplin's Corner

The lapel pen of the Grand Master of Kansas, Dale Morrow, is a Perfect Ashlar coming out

of a Rough Ashlar. He presented me with one of his pens at the 2019 Kansas Shrine Bowl and highly praised the significance of the Fellowcraft lesson of the Ashlars. This conversation sent me on a quest to learn more. Here is what I've learned. I agree with Most Worshipful Dale on the vital lessons contained in understanding the masonic principles of the Ashlars.

Rough and Perfect Ashlar are stones that serve to symbolize a man's spiritual and moral life. In history, only large buildings were made of ashlar. Other buildings were built with brick and wood. Rough ashlar were cut and raised by apprentice masons. They did that under the supervision of Fellowcrafts. The Master Masons were the general supervisors. The Master Masons had proved themselves as those that could make ashlar for the Master to best fit them for the builders use.

The Rough Ashlar and the Perfect Ashlar are symbolically used in the Fellowcraft Degree. The Rough Ashlar represents an uninitiated before he becomes "enlightened." The Perfect Ashlar represents the Mason who has received "light", strives to live a purposeful life, and does all he can to receive "more light".

A Rough Ashlar is in its natural state as an imperfect stone. An imperfect ashlar can be made perfect, but some major flaws are difficult to change, and these flaws can weaken a structure when the ashlar is fitted into the structure. This applies to both men and stones. A flawed ashlar can bring in negative thoughts, bitterness, envy, and divisions that weaken the body.

The Perfect Ashlar is shaped into something better. Likewise, we become shaped into a being that has been tried by the square of virtue, encircled by the compasses of the boundaries given by the Creator. As Freemasons we must seriously and consider our personal responsibility to have a lifelong passion to becoming a more perfect ashlar.

In Holy Writ we find these words, "Whoever is patient has great understanding, but one who is quick-tempered displays folly. A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones. Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God." Proverbs 14: 29-31.

Jerry Kramer spent 11 years in the NFL as a right guard for the Green Bay Packers. His career and post-football life is a lesson for us in becoming a more perfect ashlar.

Despite being a member of ESPN's NFL's 100 Greatest, and the NFL's Greatest of All Time 50th Anniversary Team, he was not inducted into the Hall of Fame. In his 11 NFL seasons he had 20 surgeries including removal of wood splitters from his abdomen and spine, lead shot removed from his liver, and after a bout with colon cancer he had a colostomy. He was selected as an All Pro 5 times. He was the



greatest lineman on one of the greatest teams that ever played. Yet he was overlooked.

Finally, February 3, 2018 at the age of 82, Jerry was elected to the Hall of Fame. He was the last person on the 100 greatest of All Time and the last person on the 50th Anniversary team to make it into the Hall. Despite having his hopes dashed so many times, Jerry was gracious, "I felt like the NFL had given me 100 presents in my lifetime. If I were to be upset

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# From the Desk of the PR Director



**Rick Smith**  
**Public Relations**  
**Director**

CSSA 2019 took place in Sioux City, IA this past September and Arab Shrine shined once again, Thanks in part to Tony Frye and his Lady Tina,

for the 5th year in a row took 1st place in the Nightshirt parade with their theme, ZZ Top "Gimme all your Lovin". Congratulations and Thanks to all who attended and participated.

As the fall season is upon us there are still many events that take place in the communities across the State of Kansas. There are 47 parades on the calendar this 2019 year and the list continues to grow.

With Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas parades coming I encourage all the units and clubs to participate. The parades throughout the state are well attended by the various Arab Shrine units and that exposure to those communities show that Shriners have fun and fellowship while supporting our children. Be sure and watch your calendars, emails, and check out the website. [arabshriners.org](http://arabshriners.org) and [facebook.com/arabshriners](http://facebook.com/arabshriners) for the details!

Bingo is doing better than anticipated, surpassing the Circus as our biggest fundraiser thanks to those Nobles and their ladies who have been contributing time and effort working the floor to make it such a success.

All of these efforts will only be as successful as your commitment to support and attend them, and to work and communicate with

the Nobility. Remember, it will take all of us working together to improve and increase our great fraternity. Together we can make a tremendous difference helping the kids and have some fun doing it.

At Imperial Session, we saw the unveiling of new Imperial Potentate Jeff Sowder's "Just One" campaign to increase Shriner membership. A simple but powerful idea drives this initiative: If every current Shriner resolves to recruit or restore "Just One" noble to his temple, the ranks of our brotherhood will swell tremendously. If you have any questions about the "Just One" program, please contact the Membership Development Department by email at [membership@shrinenet.org](mailto:membership@shrinenet.org)

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# Boaters Unit

by Ted Ensley

The July meeting was held in the Garden House at Lake Shawnee. The meeting was hosted by Ralph Wild. The weather, setting and food were superb. A special thanks to Lieutenant Roy Sullivan and Lady Becky for being the first to arrive and the last to leave making sure the refreshments were present and refreshed. Captain PP Paul Clarkson convened the meeting in a near perfect outdoor setting. Director PP Pat Devlin gave a report on special ways the Boaters could support the Temple and by doing so would give long-term sustainability to the Temple and the Boaters Unit. There was a reminder that at the August meeting a picture the calendar would be taken and all that would be present were asked to be appropriately dressed for the picture. There were no surprises in the Treasurer's report given by PP Brad Koehn. A number of Boaters and their ladies were present for a very special evening.

The August meeting was hosted by PP Paul Clarkson and Lady Diana on the shores of Lake Sherwood at the clubhouse. In anticipation of a very special time there were lots of Boaters and their ladies in attendance. The menu was ribs with all the trimmings prepared by a neighbor and friend of PP Paul. The food matched the setting of Lake Sherwood, i.e., first class. The meeting was convened by PP Paul. The Boaters adjourned to the outdoors to a perfect setting for the taking of the calendar picture. There was discussion about the future of Arab Temple and its stability, growth and financial future and the necessity of developing strategies for the future to recruit, retain and re-engage members that are absolutely necessary for the livelihood of Arab Temple. It was a very special time together, again, thanks Paul and Diana for serving as hosts for the August meeting.

The warm evenings of summer have given away to another season change and this year in September finds the Unit at Kevin and Melissa Hulsing's lovely home. This year the weather could not have been better for an inside/outside gathering of the Boaters.

There were lots of Boaters present with one thing on their mind, to enjoy each other's company with good conversation, camaraderie and all the other things that take place in a place and time that feels so right in doing so. The evening spent at the Hulsings did just that and we would all like to thank them for inviting us to be their guests. The food was great. The monthly meeting was called to order by Captain PP Paul Clarkson. There were a number of Temple discussions, and a reminder that everyone, if possible, could help with the Friday Night Bingo. The bingo revenue is important to the well-being of the Shrine and there has been some shortage of helpers. Again, a great evening, thanks.



Greeting from the Arab Antiques & Classics Unit. We have had a busy summer attending a number of car shows all around this area. By the time the article is printed we will have had our annual car show Saturday Oct 19th down at the Arab Shrine Temple.



Congratulation to Doug Hodge for 1st place in the road course at CSSA. If you want to go for a ride in his Rat Rod you will need to show your updated Tetanus shot records. We have been holding our monthly meeting through the summer. If you would like to join us, please feel free to contact an Antiques member for a unit application.

We will be holding our annual Superbowl Party in February 2020. Keep your eyes open for future BLASTS from the temple pertaining to the event. We will tickets available, so contact any Antiques member for information. It is a fun time to be had by all.

Here are a few shots from our annual Antiques Car Show. We had over 70 entries this year. A big thank you to all those that brought car(s) to the show. Also a big thank you to our Sponsors. We could not have pulled this off without you!



This may seem to be early to write about the Circus, but before you know it the Circus will be in town!

As you may have heard by now, we have changed the basic Circus Committee structure and have moved to a permanent Circus Chairman. I have volunteered for this position for the next 3 years. One stipulation to me volunteering was that Noble Andrew Piper serves as my Assistant Circus Chair so that he can learn the Chair position and take over in three years, which he has volunteered to do.

Our goal of committing a permanent Circus Chair to the planning and organizing of our Circus was to bring consistency to the Circus Committee. We seem to try and re-invent the wheel each year with a rotating committee and unfortunately some aspects of the planning process fall through the cracks. We have been planning and holding our Circus for 80 years. We mostly continue to do the same thing each year with only minor changes. After each Circus we wonder why we did not do as well as prior years!

Another goal is to narrow the committee and not have as many involved in the planning process. We have combined some of the planning tasks that in the past involved several members and narrowed them to one Noble. That being said we have talked with “most” of the Nobles on the current committee with the planning process. The ones we have not met with yet; we will soon! You probably also noticed we did not have a meeting in August as we have in prior years. We will have a meeting in January

2020 as we have in prior years to tie up loose ends.

This first Circus may not see huge changes on the surface; however, we have already started making some changes. Some changes may work great, others not so great, but in order for us to take our Circus into the future we cannot keep doing the same things each year.

We are going to be using the Stormont Vail Event Center (formally known as the Expo Center) to handle more aspects than we have in the past. This year they will be printing all of our tickets. We will be able to print the minimum amount we feel we need and if we need additional tickets they can be printed right away and readily available. The cost is considerably less than we have paid in prior years.

One of the biggest changes with our tickets will be with the Nobility tickets. This year we will not be mailing nobility booklets. We will send the letter that we have in the past to explain the price of the tickets and the Grand Parent program we have. This year we will ask the Nobles to pick up their tickets from the office and pay for them at the time they are obtained. This will allow you to purchase the exact amount of tickets you want, no more than you want or no less than you want.

We are planning to offer a family pack of tickets to include “possibly” parking or maybe a free toy with the purchase of the family pack.

We will also be offering early sale of tickets on “Cyber Monday” so



that parents and grandparents can include them as stocking stuffers for Christmas.

We will possibly be changing our bike give away. We are currently considering giving away iPads, a drone, bicycles or even a combination of all. As we have in prior years we will ask our Units to help sponsor whatever product we decide to give away. We hope to help spur the sales of our programs to improve the program sales. We will also change the process at intermission in order to shorten the amount of time spent with intermission.

The office made a special effort to put together the Advertising Packets early this year. The sales of ads for our programs are a significant part of our Circus income budget! You should have received an email that your packets are ready to pick up at the office. If you are unable to pick them up from the office, as in prior years I will have them at the Directors Meeting in October to give to your Unit Directors. You will notice that we have changed the ad sales order form to hopefully make the sales packages simpler and cleaned up the pricing to help you with your sales.

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# **Oriental Band**

**by Adam L. Villalobos**  
**Secretary**

As promised, the OB participated in the Waverly parade in July. In fact, there were multiple Shrine units in attendance, which made for a fun parade. As always, Paul Clarkson and his Lady hosted a wonderful barbeque afterwards at their home. It was a great evening for all. The food was delicious and the OB sounded pretty darn good in the parade.

September brought us Fall Ceremonial, which is always a good time. We welcomed seven new Nobles. The OB performed a couple of numbers for a stunned audience. We are good at startling people. Actually, we played the same song twice. It sounded better the second time, but no one was the wiser. We also served up our famous Moodyritas at the hospitality, which are always a hit. Big thanks to Kim and Diana for the queso and chips.

Of special note, we had three OB members receive Shrine service pins. I received my 15 year pin, Rick

Moody received his 25 year pin and Paul Clarkson received his 30 year pin. Congratulations!

We are fortunate to have the Imperial Session in Kansas City in 2020 and it is our plan to compete with other Oriental Bands from around the country at this very special event. We enjoy the competition, but more importantly, we look forward to the camaraderie with our fellow oriental bands.

The award winning Arab Shrine Oriental Band is seeking new members to join our fabulous musical unit. Though 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 musette (horn). We are currently in need of horn players, but welcome any Noble who just wants to have fun playing any instrument or just being a member of our fun loving group.

If you are in search of a new unit or second unit that is fun, easy going, and enjoys music, please consider the Oriental Band. We meet at 7:00 p.m. the 2nd Thursday of every month at the Arab Shrine. 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](mailto:avillalobos3@att.net) or 785-806-0197. Thank you.

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## **Arab Shrine Band**

**By: Bob Provo, Director**

We had a successful fall ceremonial. We had half of the band on sick leave, However, the performance was successful. Initiated 7 new Nobles. In addition to a New song. A rendition of Blue Berry Hill. I had to play the bells because of the short fall of Others not there. I wrote the bell part from the score, as the part was missing from the Folder. In all, it was a great time for all.



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# MEAT RAFFLE

## NOVEMBER 3RD - 3PM

Do you like winning meat? Do you like pizza & keg beer? Are you willing to accept meat off a table from a stranger? If so, then don't miss this event!

Each spin of the "Meat Wheel" is a chance to win 1 of 45 meat packages. Bring a friend, a cooler (for your winnings) and join the party.

### ADMISSION: \$10

includes, entry to the party,  
slice of pizza and keg beer

### RAFFLE TICKETS: \$1 EACH

45 meat prizes! There will be  
15 raffle rounds. Each round  
will have 3 spins of the wheel



### BRING YOUR BIG COOLER

You'll need it for all the  
meat you can win!  
Raffle rounds include  
steaks, roasts, chops,  
brats, poultry and more!

**ARAB SHRINE - 1305 S. KANSAS AVE, TOPEKA, KS**



# What the heck is a “Meat Raffle”?

Have you seen “the wheel”??? It’s made an appearance a few Friday nights now in anticipation of a new fund raiser we’ve been working on.

We’re always looking at new and fun ways to raise money for the Temple. At Oriental Guide school I learned of something that many other Temples are doing. After a several calls and lots of information shared, we’re ready to bring this new fundraiser to Arab. The origins of meat raffled are unclear, but they are becoming a regular and well-established part of the fundraising activities in other parts of the country.

For example, Minnesota is one of a few states to regulate and keep track of earnings from charitable gambling, and last year nonprofits earned around \$12 million from various events, the majority of which were meat raffles!

Most meat raffles share some commonalities. After paying your admission, (which includes food and a drink), selecting a seat at a table and partaking in a beverage of choice, (typically beer or

fountain soft drink), the fun starts with exchanging your large bills for \$1 bills. This makes the job of the ticket sellers easier and speeds along the sales process.

The raffle itself is divided into “rounds”. At the beginning of each round, the emcee will announce the number of spins of the wheel for that round. Ticket sellers walk around the room at the beginning of each round selling tickets. Each ticket will cost \$1 and will count for every drawing in that round. The more spins per round the better your chances are of winning multiple prizes with the same ticket. This means that if the wheel lands on your number for any spin that round you win! Prizes often includes bacon, meat sticks, ground beef, steaks/chops and poultry.

These events are a fun time and great social gathering. Bring some friends – the larger your group the more people who have tickets and the better chance someone in your group will win. Pro tip - if you plan to attend: Get there early and be prepared to raise your hand for

raffle tickets as soon as the word is called - the tickets are limited and sell out quickly!

So – bring coolers for your winnings and please join us at Arab Shrine’s first Meat Raffle! Before we go “live” with the public we’re having a “trial run” on November 3rd for Shriners and friends. Tickets are \$10.00 and available at the office – but hurry we will be full after the first 200 are sold. While this is a trial run the prizes and fun will be real!

By the way - if you see any of the many folks who have participated in working on the wheel please extend your appreciation! I know that Mike Allen, Illustrious Sir Steve Kramer, Kimberly Justus, Gary Ashton and Melissa Rogers have had a hand in the construction and painting of the wheel. Also, the dolly was provided by Nick Cornelison, paint was donated by Bob and Dianna Swafford, Keith Bricker provided the plywood and Tracy Hardy donated the numbers. I apologize if I overlooked anyone else who assisted.

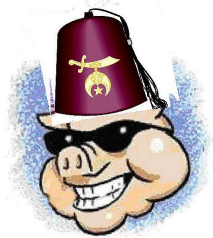
## Clowns

by Whiznut (Brad Pollman)

Greetings one and all from the Arab Clowns! Wow has it been a busy year. Seems like just the other day we were clowning up for the circus and now we’re preparing for it again. In August all us clowns got together for miss Bev’s birthday! Wow was it a blast and just because we were all there together, we went ahead and had a meeting. Between school starting, summer ending and parades we planned for another spectacular Clowns’ Wine Tasting event. It was a HUGE success! Oh how wonderful it is to seeing people laughing and having fun! If you have never attended our Wine Tasting event, you MUST plan on it next year.

Fall is a great time for Parading. Not too hot or too cold. Keep checking the website for a parade near you. Remember, a parade with Arab Shrine Clowns is NEVER a bad parade. When you are reading this we will have participated in Boo at the Zoo and other events.





# **Swiners** **OINK!! OINK!!**

**by Illus. Sir Paul Clarkson  
and Roger Farthing**

The Swiners are again receiving requests from a number of people and units to take advantage of our culinary talents.

The big question always seems to be the money. Please remember that we do not charge for our services. Also, there are a number of ways to plan your meals with us.

You just decide what you would care to have cooked and

served, where you would prefer to do this, and give us a call to discuss the options available to complete your dining plans.

Please contact Illus. Sir. Paul Clarkson or myself, as early in advance as possible, and we will go from there.

As always, we are always looking for more people to assist us with our tasks of cooking and serving our fellow Nobles and their Ladies. Illus. Sir. Paul and I will take care of your dues.

## **Masonic Liaison**

**by Roger Farthing**



We are all aware that the Kansas Grand Lodge Building has been sold to an entrepreneur from Oklahoma.

A number of local lodges and organizations have been renting space on the second floor for various events and meetings. The Grand Lodge had given these people notice to find other

locations for these events as soon as

possible.

Grand Lodge hosted an on-line auction to help clear out the basement storage areas. The auction having been concluded, the next move was to completely clear the building and prepare to move into a new location. The move to vacate the 1st floor has been a real process.

The new owner has since informed the Grand Lodge that they could remain in the building for an undisclosed amount of time while they continue to search for a new location. The lodges and other bodies have been informed that they may continue holding their meetings and events in the second floor lodge room until further notice.

Therefore, a number of appendant bodies are continuing to search for necessary floor space throughout the area.

Additional information will be forthcoming in the near future. In order to stay informed, I would suggest that you visit your local lodge each month.

## **Nobelles**

**by Eileen Rogers**

We held our meeting July 2 at the Temple. The hostesses were the officers. Herman's BBQ beef with the trimmings was the menu. That was our Fourth of July indoor picnic. July birthdays were honor. Guests were Diana Osterhout and Susan Jordan, daughter of Marnie Lamar. Kathy Cahill, lady of John (High Priest and Profit) stood in as our Divan Rep., who was at Imperial.

August 6 found us at the Landing – 29th and Croco Road. We had a very good turnout with 32 members attending. Also with us First Lady Peggy Coots and Divan Rep Linda Dain. Both spoke on upcoming events. Nancy Eicholtz won the door prize.

The day after Labor Day (September 3) we held our luncheon meeting at Perkins. Twenty-one members attended. Marilyn McKenzie and Marilyn Hunt were our hostesses. The door prize was stamps won by Kay Vernon. Everyone always enjoys receiving stamps. Our guest was Diana Osterhout, whom we always enjoy seeing. Divan Rep Linda Dain went over events to come. We were saddened by the death of member Pat Oppitz on August 23.



# Clay Busters

The Clay Busters went to Sioux City Iowa this past August to compete at CSSA in Trap and Pistol. Usually, Sporting Clays is offered as a competitive event. However, the things that are usual were missing this year at CSSA. Due to the sudden passing of the person at Abu Bekr that oversaw CSSA, a mad scramble followed to finalize the events. Pilgrimage Chair HPP John Cahill worked his tail off to make a good situation out of a bad situation. Despite all the hullabaloo and mad rush, CSSA was much fun.

Sioux City is located on the banks of the Mighty Mo, aka Missouri River in NorthWest Iowa. The CSSA events took place in Iowa, South Dakota, and Nebraska. In comparison to other years, the turnout from all temples including Arab was quite small.

At the night shirt parade, Arab Temple under the guidance of Tina Frye finished first – again again again again. Yes for the 5th consecutive year! The regular parades, afterglow, hospitality room (thank you Russ and Steve), Marketplace, competitions, fellowship with nobles were all top notch. A good time was had by all who attended.

The Clay Busters did not have enough participants to fill out a complete 5-man trap team. Despite having only 4 shooters, the Arab Temple Clay Busters finished 1st in the B division. That means our 4 guys (Tony, Mike, Curt, and Mark) outshot 50 percent of the other teams. Tina Frye placed 1st in Optics Pistol. Tony and Mark tied for 3rd in Pistol. Shazam! The Clay Busters

did quite well.

So, what is the secret to effective shotgun shooting? Jeff Miller, the best Arab trap shooter, says it comes done to two things. One, “don’t aim. If you aim, you will miss. Forget about that bead on the end of the shotgun barrel. It was put there

to tempt you into looking at it. Just put your cheek on the stock, swing through, and squeeze the trigger.” Two, “keep your head down. Don’t look up to see the target break. If you look up, which you know you shouldn’t, you will miss.”

Jeff has been the State Champ in Trap several times. Jeff has shot Trap all over the United States and has killed big game animals on more than one continent. He is one of the best authorities on the art of Trap shooting.

Likewise, Tony Frye is one of the best Sporting Clays shooters in Kansas and has been State Champ on more than one occasion. Tony has harvested game birds on more than one continent. Tony’s instructions for breaking Sporting Clays is like Jeff, “cheek on the stock, eye on the rock, catch it and break it.” Curt Hogan says, “swing



through and shoot in the empty place in front of the clay. Those targets don’t fly backwards.”

With great instructors like Jeff and Tony along with Curt’s humor, breaking clays doesn’t have to be a mystery. It just takes time and practice.

Come join the Clay Busters.

# CSSA



# Sun Devils

by Paul Honaker, Secretary

The Sun Devil Unit has started growing in the last year. In addition to welcoming Chief Rabban Larry Dain & his Lady Linda; we welcomed HPP John Cahill & his Lady Cathy, and Tanner Hogan & his Lady Heather. We received a couple of serious inquiries at this year's Ceremonial.

Sun Devils again this summer have attended many parades. We have made our Unit known in Holton, Valley Falls, Dover, Strong City, Dodge City; Kansas Shrine Bowl and Sioux City Iowa; CSSA Parade. We showed up in Waverly and then enjoyed the great hospitality of Ill. Sir Paul Clarkson PP and Lady Diana for burgers and brats.

Although we have shown up in force at all of these parades, mechanical issues sometimes will still raise its ugly head! While in Strong City, Noble David Tillotson's car broke down and he walked a good portion of the parade. In downtown Valley Falls my car came to a dead standstill and I hitched a ride in the black limousine of Noble Jim Curtis.

As in the real world, if your car breaks down while you are on the road, you call for a wrecker service to tow your vehicle to the shop to get fixed. The Sun Devils decided that we needed the same road assistance as the real world. Keith Bricker, Curt & Ryan Hogan, Tony Frye, Nick Cornelison and Tracy Hardy put their creative, artistic and mechanical skills together and built the Unit our very own wrecker.

In Dodge City, Kansas Keith Bricker and Paul paraded in the annual Shrine Bowl parade in a long and fun parade. Dodge City rolled out the red carpet for the Shriners and fun was had by all in attendance.

Competition was somewhat good again this year at CSSA. We had almost our entire Unit attend and compete for the coveted 32 Roadster trophy. In typical Sun Devil fashion, we had several mechanical issues arise. Noble Steve Belveal went to make his turn to come back through the obstacle course and his car refused to go any further! Steve was able to get it moving again and did finish the course. We had one major upset this year though! Since I have been competing as a Sun Devil, I have finished with the fastest time in the obstacle course each year. We now have a new winner who should hold the title for years to come. David Tillotson came away with



the fastest Sun Devil time in the course this year. Although most of us felt our times were not good enough to place, as a Unit we did take 2nd place this year and walked away with a trophy! As always, we had great support from our ladies at our competition and the parade. Thank you, Sun Devil Ladies!

And last but not least Arab Shrine took first place again for the 5th year in a row in the CSSA Night Shirt Parade. Thank you to our very own Tina Frye for all of your work and creativeness to make this had again this year and the prior four years.

Be on the look out for a great Sun Devil fundraiser starting soon and culminating with a Valentines Day Party in February 2020.

# Knothead's Notes

## Volume One

You may be asking yourself, 'Why is this guy putting an article in the Antics?' Well, I have some information that I'd like to share and I don't get to see everybody who reads the Antics to share it with in person, so I asked Illustrious Sir Steve if I could write an article and he said yes.

Today, I'd like to tell you about Imperial Session this year and next year. In 2019, it was held in Nashville. I'd never been there before, so it was a treat to be able to attend Imperial Session for the first time in a city that I was getting to visit for the first time. The city is cool, and I'd recommend it to anybody. The convention was a learning experience for me. All through the year, members submit proposals for changes to Imperial. Those proposals go through a process to insure that they are valid proposals, and the ones that are deemed to be valid are discussed and voted on for either approval or disapproval. Some votes are specific to the fraternity, and others are specific to the hospitals.

To me, this year's most productive vote was when it was voted to allow the board of the directors and the board of trustees of the individual hospitals along with the Imperial hospital board of directors to approve making changes to how their individual hospitals operate without having to wait until the yearly imperial session and have their proposed operational changes voted on by all of the voting delegates.

With this new process, a few weeks after the Imperial Session was over, the boards of the Houston and Galveston hospitals along with the Imperial hospital board voted to combine the services that they provide into one location instead of two. Some of services that they provide were redundant, so combining the hospital and their services into one brick and mortar location is going to save Shriner's Hospitals for Children a ton of money. It's just a good example of the hospital leaders trying to be good stewards of the hospital systems money.

In 2020, the Imperial Session will be in Kansas City, Mo from July 4 -9. I mention this now so that hopefully you can put it on your calendars and plan on attending. It's never going to be held any closer than Kansas City, plus, your attendance will be supporting the outgoing convention of Imperial Potentate Jeff Sowder from just down the road in Toronto, Kansas who is the only guy to ever serve as both Grand Master in the state he is from, and Imperial Potentate. The convention will have all of the normal competitions like Clown competition, (Provost Guard) shooting competition, OB competition, motor corps competition, patrol competition, and there may be others that I don't know about. The parade is incredible, and to me, it's amazing to see the creativity of fellow Shriners in what they dream up and create for parade vehicles.

Please consider adding the Imperial convention to your schedule for next July. It is an event that is well worth attending.



**SAVE THE  
DATE**  
**Imperial Session**  
**July 4-9, 2020**  
**Kansas City, Missouri**

# Lil Chops

by Jeff Tarr

Well in spite of the rainy year, the Lil' Chops have managed to participate in a few parades. We paraded in Dodge City at the Shrine Bowl parade, in Topeka at the Mexican Fiesta parade, Ohio Days in Waverly as well as a parade in Valley Falls. We also took 3 bikes to CSSA in Iowa and paraded in 2 parades over the weekend - one in Iowa and one in Nebraska. Just as a side note, while we did take 3 bikes, only 2 turned out to be functional at a time so we honored our potentate with a functional bike and Steve Hazelett and Jeff Tarr both took 1 parade. Always an adventure for the Lil' Chops!

The next scheduled parade for the Lil' Chops will be the Veterans Day Parade. We will most likely split up so we can participate in both Topeka's and Emporia's parades. Just a reminder to all - Emporia is the founding city of Veteran's Day!!! God Bless our Veterans and their families!!

Lil' Chops had a hospitality table at the Fall Ceremonial to welcome the new Nobles into the Shrine Family. We had a little bit of excitement when a fellow Shriner happened to notice that somebody was attempting to extricate Roger Potters Lil' Chop off of his trailer!! The Gentleman(sarcasm) left pretty rapidly when he was called out!!!

We have ordered new Lil' Chops caps and visors so if you are interested please give either Jeff or Cindy a call to get one!

A special thanks to the Antics Editor for her patience in my delinquency in getting this info to her in a timely manner - the refueling outage is my only excuse. Andrea - you are a Rock Star - thanks!!



## 2019 Noble of the Year

This year I have been very honored to serve as the 2019 ARAB Shrine Noble of the year.

This is truly a significant honor because it is recognition by my fellow nobles, for service, loyalty, and caring.

I wish to thank the members of the ARAB Shrine for helping to make this special honor possible.

The year will go fast, and I look forward to thanking each of you personally

My Lady Marilyn and I will never forget that evening, with our family and friends.

Thanks So Much! Roger Farthing



# Ritualistic Cast

by Tom Johnson

Hello again, everyone. I hope everyone has had a good summer. We welcome everybody back as we go from refreshment back to labor and resuming our Fall activities.

We were happy to originate seven new nobles at our Fall Ceremonial. I would like to especially thank Rick Meador and the Patrol and Bob Provo and the Band for their assistance in the first section. We look forward to working with you every ceremonial.

I would also like to thank Bob Amyx for securing us new costumes over the summer. They are much easier and a lot more comfortable. We donned them for the first time at ceremonial.

I would like to thank everyone who helped set up the stage on Friday night and also our unit members for doing their parts on Saturday.

I received a lot of good feedback regarding our performance. Everyone I called or spoke to showed up. Thanks to all the brothers for their work.

We worked the concession stand on August 30th. A big thanks to everyone that helped. We are very thankful that we have other units to support us. Our next concessions opportunity will be November 29 – the Friday after Thanksgiving.

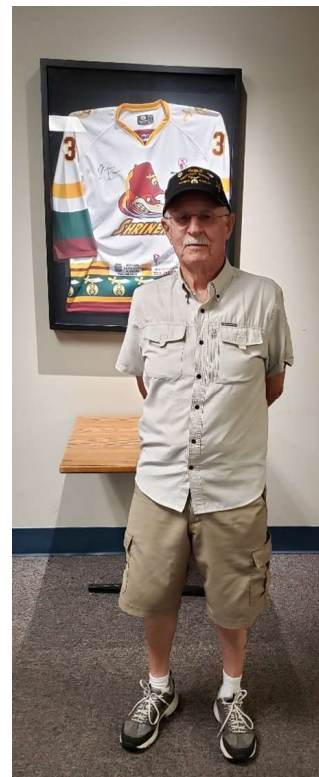
I know it is a little early, but we will be thinking about coat checks as winter and the holiday season will be coming. We will do our usual three with the second Saturday in December for the two unit Christmas parties, the New Year's Breakfast and the Potentate's Reception. We will always provide coat checks at other times when requested to do so.

I would like to welcome all our new nobles into Arab Shrine. We wish you and your families the best. We look forward to getting to know you better and seeing you at the various events. If anyone one of you are interested in joining the Ritualistic Cast, please let myself, Mike Conley or Bob Amyx know. We would be most happy to have you.

Till next time – Tom.

# Provost Guard

Danny Helton, Quartermaster of the Provost Guard, is moving to Arizona. Danny has been a member of the Provost Guard for 38 years. He served as Chief of the Provost Guard from 1995 to 1996 before becoming the unit's Quartermaster. Danny will remain a Honorary Member of the Provost Guard. The Provost Guard wishes Danny good luck in his retirement relocation. Thank You for your service to the unit.



Breakfast  
with  
Santa  
-12.7.19-





# ARAB SHRINERS SPORTSMAN'S EVENT

## Saturday, November 9, 2019

Arab Shrine 1305 S. Kansas Ave, Topeka, KS

Doors: 2pm  
1st drawing: 3pm

### THE RAFFLE TICKETS: \$50

Each ticket has a chance to win 1 of 26 guns! With each ticket purchased; you can buy an extra \$20 ticket for the 50/50 raffle. All tickets purchased & turned in by September 1 are eligible for September 9 early bird drawing.

### THE EVENT EXTRA TICKETS: \$10

Each ticket includes admission to the Sportsman's Event on November 9. Extra event only tickets are \$10 each. There will be complimentary food, pop & keg beer (21+) and games with prizes. Extra guns will be given away at the event.

### THE GUNS

#### Bolt Action Rifle

- Franchi Momentum 6.5 Creedmore
- Remington 783
- Ruger American Ranch .300 Blackout
- Savage Axis XP .308 Win
- Savage Axis XP .223 Rem

#### Single Shot Rifle

- Henry Singleshott Brass Magnum

#### Lever Action Rifle

- Mossberg 464 Lever Action 30-30

#### Semi Auto Rifle

- Remington 597 .22 LR
- Savage 64 .22 LR
- Savage A22 .22LR

#### Semi Auto Shotgun

- Beretta A300 Outlander 12 ga
- Benelli SBE II Classic 12 ga
- Stoeger M3500 Camo 12 ga
- Winchester SX4 Upland Field 12 ga

#### Over/Under Shotgun

- CZ Drake Walnut 20 ga
- Stoeger Condor 12 ga

#### Pump Shotgun

- Remington 870 Express 12 ga
- Benelli Nova Black Synthetic 12ga

#### Revolver

- Ruger SP101 .357 Magnum
- Taurus Judge 45LC/.410

#### Semi-Auto Pistol

- Browning 1911 Black Label .380
- Kimber Micro .380 (Desert Tan)
- Browning BuckMark .22 LR
- Beretta Nano 9mm
- Sig Sauer P320C Nitron Compact 9mm
- Springfield XDS .45 ACP

#### Early Bird Drawing

- Kimber Micro .380 with Rosewood Grips

### FAQ

- **Minimum age to purchase a ticket?** You must be 21 years of age to purchase a ticket.
- **How will I be notified if I win?** You will be called the day of the event or shortly thereafter. **CLEARLY** write your name and phone # on the ticket! We will ship to a FFL Dealer if you're out of town.
- **Do I need my ticket to attend the event? What if I lose it?** We keep a list of tickets sold.
- **Where can I buy tickets on-line?** [ArabShiners.org](http://ArabShiners.org)
- **My son is 14, can he attend with me?** Yes. Tickets to the event are \$10 & can be bought there.
- **Can anyone attend the event or is it for Shriners only?** Shriners and non-Shriners may attend the event. There is a \$10.00 charge for those that did not purchase a ticket.
- **Are the tickets tax deductible?** No. All proceeds will benefit Arab Shrine General Fund and are not deductible as a charitable donation.

### THE FINE PRINT

All Federal & State laws will be adhered to. All guns are handled through FFL dealer, Bill Senne, Senne's Guns, 15680 134th Rd. Hoyt, KS. All proceeds benefit the Arab Shrine and are not deductible as a charitable donation.

**PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS AT ARABSHINERS.ORG  
OR CALL THE ARAB SHRINE: 785-234-5656**

# Coffee Clutchers

by Jim Driggers

If you are in need of some “man” time (and we all do) and want to share ideas or lies with other nobles or friends, you need to stop by the shrine on Wednesday, any Wednesday, year-round for coffee and a donut.

**Who doesn't love a good donut and some coffee to start the day!**

The cost is only \$2.00 which is a good deal when you consider the ideas you will receive from fellow friends or soon to be friends (if you move around to other tables and meet new people)

We meet between 6:30 and 8:45 every week, so come on down and bring another Shriner or a friend to have some fun conversation with other men. You can come and say Hi then head off to work or you can stay the entire time and gain some knowledge from some really smart guys.

So, stop by and have some laughs or serious conversation with the rest of us, we would love to see you.



eggs + flour + milk + sugar + salt + oil = 11.2.19 PANCAKE FEED

**Arab Patrol Pancake Feed**

# Golfers in Gretna



# Greeters

Seven Greeters enjoyed greeting at the fall ceremonial. At the hospitality we had ice cream, which was enjoyed by all. The Greeters continue to meet monthly, with our ladies, at various venues around Topeka. We look forward to greeting you on New Year's Day at the annual breakfast. We will see you at the circus!



Jim Curtis, Bill Latimer and Lee Schwartz



Marvin Menke, John Sidwell and Lee Schwartz

## Circus Food Room: Call for Volunteers

Hello everyone, the time of year has arrived again to remind you that the Circus will be here before we know it. I again will be asking for any donations for food, monies or your precious time. As in past years there have been so many people volunteer to help and bring food that I can never thank you enough. Your generosity is so overwhelming during this all Temple event and my deepest appreciation goes out to each one of you. If you are new to the Shrine, please feel free to come join us in the food room. We welcome all help.

I am going to be asking for your help in any way you can. As you may already know, all the food items are donated or purchased with your contributions. The Temple does not pay for any of the food that we all enjoy so much or any of the supplies. We have eaten some of the best food around at this function. If you can work any of the times listed, please call me or e-mail me and I will get you on the list. I especially need helpers on all 6 performances to help make sandwiches, veggie trays, setting out desserts, salads and our famous deviled eggs and all around replenishing the food on the tables. Any donations of food or money you feel comfortable giving, so we may purchase any items needed to serve all the workers, would be greatly appreciated. If you are giving a check donation, please make the check payable to and send to:

ARAB SHRINE CIRCUS FOOD ROOM

C/O Barb Whitehead, Circus Food Room Coordinator

2342 NW Humphrey Rd, Silver Lake, KS 66539

I want to thank each and every one of you for anything you can do to help. Your consideration is deeply appreciated.

Barb Whitehead

785-230-4286 | barbara\_whitehead@yahoo.com

### **FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28TH**

PERFORMANCE TIME IS 7:00 p.m.

The room will be open from 4:30 p.m. until after the intermission. 3-4 helpers starting at 3:00 p.m.

### **SATURDAY FEBRUARY 29TH**

PERFORMANCE TIME 9:30 a.m.

The room will be open at 7:30 a.m. 3-4 helpers starting at 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

### **SATURDAY FEBRUARY 29TH**

PERFORMANCE TIME IS 2:30 p.m.

3-4 helpers starting at 11 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We will not be closing the food room during the Saturday performances.

### **SATURDAY FEBRUARY 29TH**

PERFORMANCE TIME IS 7:30 p.m.

3-4 helpers starting at 4:00 p.m. until we close for the evening which should be soon after the intermission.

### **SUNDAY MARCH 1st**

PERFORMANCE TIME IS 12:30 p.m.

The room will open at 10:30 AM.

3-4 helpers to arrive at 9:30 a.m. and help until 3:30 p.m. Again, we will not be closing between performances.

### **SUNDAY MARCH 1st**

PERFORMANCE TIME IS 5:30 PM

Arrive at 3:30 p.m. I'll take as many as would like to help as this will be a long shift, so we can load up all the stuff for return to the temple.

# Nomads



# CAMP

The Nomads have enlightened my experience with what I thought I knew about camping. These fellers and their ladies know how to camp! Gone are the days of tent camping, praying the wind didn't blow too hard, and for heaven's sake please don't rain. Ah, the good ole days of getting up at sun up, running up the hill to the latrine, returning to build a fire, fix breakfast, belt down a gallon of coffee, hit the water for fishing, return at noon, try to sleep in the heat of the day, fixing supper, and falling unconscious into the sleeping bag for what feels like 15 minutes before it's time to do it all over again. Space saving tips like using a Frisbee that can double as a toy and a dinner plate was the norm.

The Nomads are new breed of campers. Their rigs are some of the finest things you can drive or pull behind a truck. All the comforts of home are present and then some. From the simple, overhead rain shower heads, to

the sublime, granite counter tops, they have it all. These rigs are complete with satellite TV, WiFi hotspots, AC, indoor and outdoor TV, stereo systems, indoor and outdoor kitchens, ceramics, china, microwaves, auto-level systems, awnings, and storage galore.

Much has been learned in the first year of the Nomads. Brian has some great planning ideas that will make the camping experience enjoyable. He keeps an inventory "check list" of things that need to be in the camper. When something runs out, he notes it on the checklist. Steve says that no checklist is complete without foods that can be served hot or cold.

No inventory of things for camping would be complete without a good stash of batteries and a wide assortment of lights. A head lamp is great for working on stuff when you need both hands free. A lantern is ideal for providing general light. Spit Fire's, Sure Fire's, and G2's are all excellent for rummaging around and finding stuff. Nothing beats a Mag Light for running to the privy in the middle of a moonless night, especially if you have lost your

faith is scientist assurances that Bigfoot doesn't exist. Remember, these same guys took seventy-six years to downgrade Pluto to a "dwarf planet." Here's my take: If Pluto can get smaller, Bigfoot can get bigger. I want the ability to blind the big ape and clock him over the noggin. The Mag Light delivers.

Few things can try a relationship more than when it comes to backing the camper into the campsite. Brian keeps it simple and recommends "back end first, front end last". Whereas Mike says "listen to your wife, breath deep, and stay calm." Curt has possibly the best wisdom of all "remember you are going to spend the entire weekend with the person who is helping you back your rig. If it's not right, it is the fault of the one driving and not of the guide."

Back in the good ole days, which really weren't that good, sitting around the campfire or in the woods, a square foot of Ensolite foam was my throne. Today's campfire seats are the things of legend. The King Tut Egyptian Throne is a good example.

"Exquisitely embroidered in the rich palette of Egypt." Sure, eighty-four pounds is heavy for a camp chair. But kings don't have to do chores and Orschlein Farm and Home has it on sale.

No campsite would be complete without a healthy amount of joe, aka coffee. The deal here is to drink several gallons of the stuff each morning while discussing with the home boys the merits of hash browns, home fries, and breakfast potatoes. The discussion usually drifts to the comparisons of bacon and sausage types. The nomads are unanimous

## Circus, Continued from 14

We have 32 Nobles out of over 788 Arab Shrine Members who sell ads for our Circus Program. That is 4 percent of our Nobility who sell ads; or 95.93 percent of our Arab Shrine Members who DO NOT SELL ADS. Please consider selling at least one ad if you do not sell ads currently!

Our Circus has historically been our Temple's biggest fundraiser. This year Bingo will overtake the Circus! We basically have three sources of income as a Non-Profit organization; Circus, Bingo and membership Dues. With decreasing membership numbers and the projections of decreasing members, we cannot afford to let up on our all of our revenue sources. We are asking your help in any possible way you can bring our Circus back to our largest fund raiser.

## Chaplain, continued from page 9

or angry about one I didn't get would be kind of stupid."

Where others might have grown bitter after being denied so many times in favor of other players, Jerry wasn't. His attitude was chiseled in stone. It illustrates the way we can move from being a rough ashlar to a more perfect ashlar. Namely, avoidance of what Zig Ziglar calls "stinkin thinkin."

Proverbs warns us to safeguard our hearts against the corrosive nature of jealousy and envy which "rots the bones" (Proverbs 14:30). When we become preoccupied with what we don't have --- health, finances, recognition ---and fail to recognize the many things we do, the peace of God will elude us.

Our earthly desires may not be fulfilled as his were. Yet we can have an attitude of gratitude when we focus on the many ways God is generous to us. Chiseling away our rough edges and allowing the inner perfect ashlar to emerge is a matter of the will. Refusing to give in to those elements that "rots the bones" gives "life to the body". No matter what we want but do not have, we can always enjoy the life-giving peace He brings to our lives.

May we take the lessons of the Ashlar seriously so that we can become more knowledgeable, move from darkness to light, give peace to the body, and honor God.

So Mote It Be

## Nomads, continued from page 29

in the opinion that they eat better while camping than they do at home. Whether it is the grandkids getting pancakes every morning or Steve's perfectly scrambled eggs, it is all substantial and yummy.

Who makes the best pot of coffee? The award goes to Cary. Why? Keith reports, "Cary has the first pot ready in the morning, so his has to be the best."

When it comes to building a fire one Nomad stands out above all others, Keith. Keith is the King of kindling and has been known to use Non-dairy creamer or Sterno as a fire starter. His secret to a good fire is to "plan early." He prefers to cook over a wood fire but if he is in a rush the charcoal briquets will do. Curt, Mike, and Keith's culinary skills are a tribute to Keith's 3 zone firepits, i.e. hot, medium, and warm.

Somethings, though, have not changed. The beauty of getting out into the open country. Gazing at the dome of stars that are so clean and sharp they almost hurt to look at. Surveying the starts and finding the Big Dipper reminds one of their own mortality and the beauty and grace God has provided us. It is an escape from the world of busy offices, work life, deadlines, household chores, and shaving cream. It is here that the scab of daily existence is stripped clean, leaving just the core of what it means to be alive. Whether in a tent numb with cold and exhaustion or in the Taj Mahal Camper life has a renewed meaning and balance.

### From the Editor

Thank you for your patience with my work on the Arab Antics. It is greatly appreciated! I'm enjoying continuing the practice of an awesome magazine!

# ARABAntics

Articles work best if submitted in a Microsoft Word file. Photos work best as a high resolution graphics file. For more information, please send me an email. If you'd like an Antics ad made for an upcoming event, please let me know as soon as possible and include the following: the event, date, issue to be included in, should it be sent to office for e-blasts.

The deadlines for the next issue is January 2 (February/March/April).

If you have any questions or are ready to submit stories for future issues, please contact me at andihartzell@gmail.com.

# Mystery Trip: Destination Quincy, Illinois



# Kansas Shrine Bowl moves office location to Spring Hill

The Kansas Shrine Bowl is excited to announce the relocation of their office to Spring Hill from their former home in Lenexa. The Kansas Shrine Bowl had been in Lenexa since 2014, after moving from Wamego, where it was for many years.

The move serves a couple of purposes. First, the new location is more convenient for both full-time staff members, as Executive Director, B.J. Harris, moved to Spring Hill earlier this summer and Office Administrator, Jana Becker, lives in south Olathe. Most importantly, the new location offers significant cost savings, which will help meet the fundraising goals of the Kansas Shrine Bowl.

“We’re excited to settle into our new home and even more thrilled to see the decrease in our expenses,” said Harris. “We think Spring Hill will also be a great home for our operations, the community has already been incredibly gracious, and I expect them to be a wonderful partner as we continue to grow.”

The new physical address of the Kansas Shrine Bowl is 702 S. Webster, Suite B, Spring Hill, KS 66083. The new mailing address is P.O. Box 53, Spring Hill, KS 66083. All phone numbers, email addresses and website information will remain the same.

The Kansas Shrine Bowl is an all-star high school senior, East vs. West, football game put on each year in Kansas, by the Kansas Shrine. It is a 501(c) 3 non-profit charity that produces annual events and related activities, with net proceeds benefiting Shriners Hospitals for Children. The game has been played throughout Kansas each summer at host cities across Kansas and will return to Topeka on July 18th, 2020.

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# Kansas Shrine Bowl Announces 2020 Head Coaches

As the 2019 Kansas high school football season approaches, The Kansas Shrine Bowl Board of Directors is excited to announce the selection of our 2020 Head Coaches. Goddard's Tommy Beason and Washburn Rural's Steve Buhler will serve as the Head Coaches for the 2020 Kansas Shrine Bowl, to be held Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> in Yager Stadium at Moore Bowl on the campus of Washburn University in Topeka. Beason will lead the West and Buhler the East. The head coaches are selected by a vote of the previous games staff, including fellow coaches, camp directors, trainers and managers.

For the second time in just three years, the Goddard Lions will have a head coach leading the West squad. Tommy Beason will follow in the footsteps of his predecessor in Goddard, Scott Vang, who led the West in 2018. Coach Beason led the Lions to a 4A Runner-Up finish with a 10-3 record in his first season at the helm in 2018. Coach Beason earned his B.S. in Biology Education from Sterling College and completed his Masters in School Leadership from Baker University. Tom and his wife Colleen have three children, Derek, Owen and Reese. "I am honored to be a part of the Shrine organization and do a small part to help," said Beason, "I'm excited for the opportunity."

For the second straight year, the East squad will be represented by a head coach from the Capital City. Washburn Rural's Steve Buhler is no stranger to the

Kansas Shrine Bowl, as this will be sixth time coaching in the game and his second as head coach. Buhler led the East squad in 2008 while he was at Rossville. Coach Buhler led the Junior Blues to a 7-3 record in 2018. Buhler is 30-27 at Washburn Rural and 150-81 overall. Coach Buhler joins Silverlake's C.J. Hamilton, Pittsburg's Larry Garman and Hayden's Tom Stringer, who each served as the East Head Coach two times. Coach Buhler earned his bachelor's in Communications from Benedictine, his Master's in Communications from Fort Hays State University and his Education Certificate from Newman University. Steve and his wife Shelly have three children, Matt, Mitch, and Maura.

"It's a great honor to serve as a head coach in the Kansas Shrine Bowl," said Kansas Shrine Bowl Executive Director, B.J. Harris. "The fact that it is decided on by a vote of their peers, is certainly a special thing for our coaches." "Our 2019 coaching staffs were filled with quality coaches, any of them would be of been great for our game." "Coach Buhler and Coach Beason each bring tremendous experience and energy and they definitely understand the meaning behind our game," added Harris, "I'm looking forward to working with them this year."

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Beginning in 1974, the flagship event has been the East/West All-Star Football Game. As of 2019, the West leads the series with 28 wins, the EAST has 17 wins, and there has been one tie. Notable alumni include current former All-Pro Wide Receiver Jordy Nelson, NFL Hall of Famer Barry Sanders, former Kansas State and Kansas City Chiefs Linebacker Gary Spani, former Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year and Super Bowl Champion Linebacker Mark Simoneau and many others.

The Kansas Shrine Bowl also includes the Kansas Masonic All-State Marching band camp, held annually at each host site. The week also includes the Kansas Shrine Bowl Cheer Camp, which culminates with performances at each game.

Other bowl weekend activities include, the Kansas Shrine Bowl Appreciation Banquet, the state's largest Shrine Parade, Shriner's Hospitals for Children Free Screening Clinic, Strong Legs Run 5k and Walk, Junior All-Star Challenge, High School Football Combine/Clinic and 4-Man Golf Scramble.

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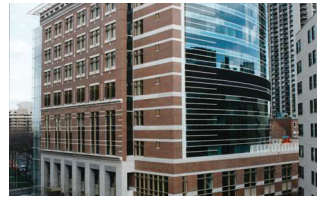
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357	Alta Vista	Alta Vista	First & Third Monday
109	Americus	Americus	Second & Fourth Monday
32	Auburn	Auburn	First Tuesday
234	Axtell	Axtell	Third Monday
259	Beattie	Beattie	First & Third Wednesday
169	Blue Rapids	Blue Rapids	Second & Fourth Monday
79	Burlingame	Burlingame	First & Third Wednesday
66	Burlington	Burlington	Second & Fourth Wednesday
70	Carbondale	Carbondale	Second & Fourth Wednesday
20	Circleville	Circleville	Second & Fourth Monday
419	Delia	Delia	First Wednesday
138	Dover	Dover	Second Thursday
12	Emporia	Emporia	First & Third Monday
205	Eskridge	Eskridge	Second & Fourth Monday
67	Frankfort	Frankfort	First & Third Wednesday
42	Holton	Holton	First Thursday
152	Lebo	Lebo	First & Third Monday
27	Leroy	Leroy	First & Third Tuesday
101	Lyndon	Euclid	Second & Fourth Wednesday
91	Marysville	Marysville	First & Third Tuesday
393	Mayetta	Mayetta	Second & Fourth Thursday
22	Melvern	Melvern	First Monday
25	Oketo	Oketo	First & Third Monday
188	Onaga	Onaga	First Wednesday
62	Overbrook	Ridgeway	Second Tuesday
162	Sabetha	Sabetha	Second & Fourth Monday
50	Silver Lake	Lake	First & Third Thursday
248	Tecumseh	Albert Neese	First & Third Thursday
17	Topeka	Topeka	First & Third Wednesday
51	Topeka	Orient	Second & Fourth Tuesday
90	Topeka	Golden Rule	Second & Fourth Thurs
225	Topeka	Siloam	Second Thursday
402	Wakarusa	Wakarusa	First & Third Wednesday
75	Wamego	Wamego	First & Third Wednesday
85	Waterville	Sutton	First & Third Thursday
257	Westmoreland	Westmoreland	Second & Fourth Monday

# Join Us in Kansas City for the 2020 Imperial Session

The 146th Imperial Session of Shriners International will take place in Kansas City, Missouri, July 5-9, 2020. All nobles, ladies and their families are invited to join Imperial Sir Jeff Sowder and Lady Cheryl for the fraternity's biggest event of the year.

Kansas City is such a friendly place that you'll feel welcome from the moment you arrive. Combining a new urban spirit with traditional Midwestern sensibility, Kansas City offers an array of food, history, art and family-friendly activities. Come enjoy "the Paris of the Plains" with us while celebrating the fun, fellowship and philanthropy that makes Shriners International the greatest fraternity in the world.

## America's Heartland

The Power & Light District is conveniently located near the Imperial Session convention center and hotels. With more than 50 restaurants, bars, shops and entertainment venues, the Power & Light District offers something for everyone. Explore the area via the Kansas City Single Loop City Tour, a 90-minute narrated event. And no trip to Kansas City is complete without a stop in The Plaza, a unique, 15-block shopping and dining district distinguished by its Spanish-inspired architecture.

Traveling with the kids? They'll love Worlds of Fun and Oceans of Fun, a combined amusement and water park covering 300 acres. Or try Go Ape Treetop Adventure, a zip line canopy tour that your family won't forget. For something more warm and fuzzy, check out the Kansas City Zoo, Crown Center's Sea Life Aquarium or Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead. Don't miss lunch at Fritz's restaurant, where a working model train delivers your food right to your

table. Other great family venues are Union Station's Science City and Planetarium, LegoLand, and Crayola Kansas City.

History lovers won't want to miss the National World War I Museum and Memorial. Arranged in a narrative style, the exhibit takes visitors on an epic journey through this historical era, allowing them to experience deeply personal stories of courage, honor, patriotism and sacrifice. Students of presidential lore will recognize the Kansas City area as the birthplace of President Harry S. Truman, who was a member of Ararat Shriners for more than 50 years. Visit the Harry S. Truman Library & Museum to learn more about this fascinating citizen, president, and Shriner. Another historical highlight of the city is the Gangster Tour.

To absorb a little culture, check out the Bloch Galleries, which feature paintings by Van Gogh, Picasso, Cezanne and Monet, as well as Chinese and Contemporary art collections. The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art features everything from ancient to contemporary works. Both are free. Or take in a show at the Kansas City Rep, one of the best-kept secrets in the Midwestern theater scene.

Feeling hungry? Kansas City is known all over the world for three things – barbecue, steaks and craft beers. For barbecue, try Arthur Bryant's, Gates BBQ or Smokehouse BBQ. Top choices for steaks include Majestic Steak House and Pierpont's at Union Station. Craft beer breweries and small wineries can be found throughout the city.

## Kansas City Convention Center

The 2020 Imperial Session will be held at the Kansas City Convention



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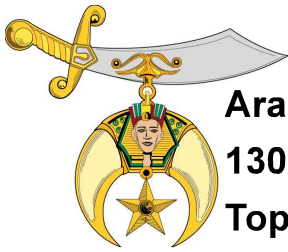
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