## **ARAB ANTICS**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM YOUR POTENTATE & THE 2021 DIVAN































ARAB SHRINERS QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2021 - JANUARY 2022

#### The Shriners'

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

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **NOVEMBER**

6 SPORTSMAN EVENT

8 Stated Meeting

11 VETERAN'S DAY

17 Hors d'oeuvres Golfers

25 THANKSGIVING

#### **DECEMBER**

4 Breakfast with Santa

9 Ladies Christmas Luncheon

13 Stated Meeting—Elections

24 CHRISTMAS EVE

25 CHRISTMAS

31 New Year's Eve

#### **JANUARY**

1 NEW YEAR'S DAY BREAKFAST

1 Antics Submission Deadline

9 Divan Planning Meeting

10 Annual Meeting

22 East-West Shrine Bowl

#### Bingo EVERY Friday Evening



#### **Elective Divan**

Potentate Kurt Lawson
Chief Rabban Jeff Neal
Assistant Rabban Doug Hodge
High Priest & Prophet David Johnson
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Jeff Neal, Chief Rabban
Doug Hodge, Assistant Rabban
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Paul Honaker, PP Imperial Rep
Alt: David Johnson, High Priest & Prophet

## Central States Shrine Association Representatives

Kurt Lawson, Potentate
Jeff Neal, Chief Rabban
Doug Hodge, Assistant Rabban
Don Horttor, PP, Past President CSSA
Alex Parker, CSSA 4th Vice-President
Alt: David Johnson, High Priest & Prophet

#### **Arab Shriner Building Trustees**

Steve Lavin (2021) Te Steve Haslett (2021) Howard Marlow (2021)

Terry Harbert (2022) Allan Just (2022)

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## **A Message From Your Potentate**



Kurt Lawson
2021 Potentate

We've had a full schedule of activities since the last edition of the Antics. In August, the Ladies went on a Ladies trip to Nebraska for a weekend, the Provost Guard had their annual Fish Fry which was super yummy, and we hosted the Grand Lodges Area 5 membership meeting in late August.

September was busy with our normal monthly meetings, but we also had a Ceremonial on September 18<sup>th</sup> where we initiated eleven (11) new nobles. Our Ceremonial looked a little different than normal because the city of Topeka had rescheduled their annual St. Patrick's Day parade from its normal date of March 17<sup>th</sup> to September 18<sup>th</sup>. Since the city was having a parade, we joined in, and I'm glad we did. A normal St. Patrick's Day parade in Topeka is huge, but this rescheduled parade was not. Because of that though, it allowed

the days Ceremonial schedule to stay on track. Beverly and I were also honored to attend the Potentate's Balls of Ararat Temple in Kansas City, MO and Abdallah Temple in Overland Park, KS.

The October calendar is super full. Some members flew to Las Vegas to volunteer at the Shriners Hospital for Children Open Golf Tournament. A Camel Herders degree was performed for those eligible to receive it. You must be the first line signer for two (2) new members to be eligible. The Antiques had an incredible car show on a beautiful fall day where they had ninety-five (95) cars registered. I was honored to choose my favorite car for a Potentate's choice award, a customized '59 El Camino.

We just returned from a wonderful Mystery Trip that was full of pleasant surprises. About one hundred (100) nobles and ladies boarded busses and hit the road at 8:00 am on a Friday. We drove east a few hours before stopping for lunch in Columbia, MO (It is part of Moolah Temple in St Louis.) We then drove on to St Charles, MO where we had a super generous dinner. After dinner, we had a comedy troupe come in to entertain us. They were interactive with the audience, particularly Bubba, Bubbette, and of course, Bob Whitehead. Russ and Tracy Hardy had arranged for us to go tour the St Louis Shriners Hospital for Children, but the hospital had to cancel that tour because of Covid concerns. They devised a Plan B where we went over to Moolah Temple in St Louis, a representative from the hospital

came over and gave us a presentation and a virtual tour. Afterwards, we spent the afternoon in a historical district of St. Charles. Our group went to dinner where our last surprise of the day was when previous national patient ambassador Madelyn Hubbs and her parents Melissa and Jeff joined us for dinner. Madelyn spoke about her journey as a Shrine Hospital patient. It's always amazing to hear her story.

Also in October, we had a Family Feud membership event on the 23<sup>rd</sup> which was well attended, and several prospective members and their ladies joined us. Our second Meat Raffle of the year was held, and many people went home with bundles of meat. Closing out October will be a combination event with the Sun Devils hosting their Halloween Costume party, and the Membership team promoting a concert featuring a local band Chance Encounter.

Coming up fast are the Sportsman's Event on November 6<sup>th</sup>, Hors D'oeuvres has been moved to <u>Thursday</u> the 18<sup>th</sup>, Breakfast with Santa is December 4<sup>th</sup>, and our annual Temple Elections will held on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

I am continually surprised by the generosity of our membership and their ladies. The donation of time, talents, and treasures has been inspiring and sometimes overwhelming. You are a pretty good bunch of people to be around, and I appreciate it more than I can put into words.

#### **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:

November 8, 2021 December 13, 2021

## A Message From Your First Lady



As the sunlight fades and our days get shorter, it is apparent the change of a season is upon us. The holidays are approaching and soon we will ring in a new year. As my year as First Lady of Arab Shrine is winding down and with Thanksgiving a few weeks away, it is a time to reflect upon this year and to be grateful and thankful for the many blessings in our lives.

I am thankful and honored for having the opportunity to serve this year as your First Lady. I am truly grateful for the love, friendship, encouragement and support I have received. Thank you for all the kindness you have shown me.

I am thankful for this wonderful organization and the great work our Nobles and ladies do to support and promote the fraternity and the most amazing philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children. I am thankful for having had the privilege and opportunity to assist with taking a local shrine patient and his parents to the St. Louis hospital this year. This was a very rewarding experience and one I will always cherish.

I am thankful for the outpouring of support received this year with all the ladies' fundraisers and events. Our recent Purse Bingo fundraiser was a huge success. We netted over \$3,700, gave away over \$4,000 worth of purses and had over 100 ladies in attendance. This was an incredibly fun event! The ladies joined our Nobles in October for dinner prior to the Stated Meeting then retreated to Spikers Oasis for a fabulous charcuterie demonstration from the "Cheese Lady" at Hy vee. The evening was full of laughter, some wine and cheese and a whole lot of fellowship. I would be remiss if I didn't share what a wonderful time, we had with 100 of our Shrine friends on the Mystery Trip this year. Russ and Tracy Hardy knocked it out of the park with their planning and preparations for this trip. EVERYONE had a great time, and this trip and experience will be another memory that I treasure.

As the end of our year approaches, please check your calendars for

upcoming events including the Sportsman Event on November 6<sup>th</sup>, Breakfast "Donuts" with Santa at the Shrine on December 4<sup>th</sup>, the Christmas Ladies Luncheon at the Shrine on December 9<sup>th</sup> and the New Year's Day Breakfast on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

In closing, I am truly grateful for all of you and the experiences I have been blessed with this year. Words cannot express the gratitude and appreciation Kurt and I have for allowing us to serve you this year. It has truly been an honor! In turn, we thank you for continuing to strive and make Arab Shrine a better Temple.

We wish you a happy and healthy holiday season and look forward to ringing in the New Year with each of you!

Bev





## THESE WE DO NOT FORGET

Larry Whisenhunt D: 7-16-2021

Claude Lee D: 8-23-2021

Bob Commons D: 8-31-2021

Ralph Brewer D: 9-13-2021

Charles Waugh D: 9-20-2021

Bob McVay D: 9-21-2021

### **ARAB SHRINE POTENTATES**

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

## **Arab Shriners Gold Medallion Club**

**President:** Paul Clarkson, P.P. (Diana) **Vice President:** Brian Hagmeier, P.P. (Nadyne)

#### **Gold Medallion with Ruby and 4 Diamonds (50 Petitions)**

Paul Clarkson, P.P.

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

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

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

Robert Gifford Lynn Holt, P.P.

#### **Gold Medallion with Ruby and Diamond (15 Petitions)**

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

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

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

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

Royce Keyser, P.P. Smokie Siecgrist Mark Stephenson Larry Tice, P.P. Bob Whitehead, P.P.

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

Brandon Adams
Josh Anderson
Gary Ashton
Clark Allemang
Stan Bartley
Donnie Bohannon
Floyd Bradley
Ron Buchanan
Jack Call
Robert Dark
John Duncan
Roger Elsbury
Roger Farthing
Brian Hagmeier, P.P.
Terry Harbert

Steve Haslett
Keith Heumann
Curt Hogan
Alan Holt, P.P.
Paul Honaker, P.P.,
Imp Rep.
Bob Inman
Mike Jenks
Dale Jepson
Steve Kramer, P.P.
Howard Marlow
Paul McAlister
Harold McElfresh
Rick Meador
Rick Moody, P.P.

Chris Munk
Gary Pettijohn
Kyle Purcell
Don Riffey
Milo Riley
Mike Riley
Larry Rogers
Dale Rohling
George Sauer
Lee Schwartz
Ron Scrinopskie, P.P.
Rich Siecgrist
Rick Smith
Roy Sullivan, P.G.M.
Richard Temps

Drew Torkelson
Mike Turnbull
Eddie Van Horn
Bob Weibel
Jarred White
Todd White
Jim Whitehead, P.P.
Ralph Wild
Royce Wilson



## **Membership Minute**



Andrew Piper
Membership Director

Everything that you do as a Noble has an impact on the membership team. From wearing an Arab shirt around town to talking about the temple with your non-Shriner buddies, anything will help the cause. The reverse is also true... Inaction will hurt us even more. Two big things that I am asking for now:

1. Please go out and like the Arab Shrine Membership Facebook page. Share the information that comes out

and point potential members to our page.

2. Please be visible out in the community. Seeing a Shriner around town may be just what it takes for someone to become interested.

Contact information for Membership: Andrew Piper (785) 220-7404 or <a href="membership@arabshriners.org">membership@arabshriners.org</a>

## Fall Ceremonial



Please welcome our newest members and their ladies





11 New Members!



Congratulations to Noble Clayton Devlin Shriner of the Year 2021

Thank you to everyone who joined us for this special day





St Patrick's Day Parade September 18, 2021









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## THE ARAB SHRINE CIRCUS IS BACK!!! February 25, 26, 27, 2022

After sitting out the 2021 year we are in high gear planning the 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Arab Shrine Circus. There will be some noticeable changes this year with performances, Stormont Vail Event Center, and possible COVID Protocols.

I met with Jim & James Hamid, Hamid Entertainment Group LLC, at Imperial this year and they gave us many new ideas for our Circus. For years we have talked about the loss of exotic animals. That time has finally come to pass! While searching for elephant acts in 2020, Jim Hamid scoured the east coast and the acts were very scarce. It has now reached the point that we will no longer have the exotic animal acts, such as the Elephants and Tiger acts. Johnny Rocket has now ventured out with his own motorcycle shows and will not be performing at our Circus. We will have back the motorcycle jump act as we have had in the past, which has been one of the best performances we have had. Jim and James are planning to bring us more and better acts with this Circus.

Stormont Vail Event Center (formally known as the Shawnee County Expo Center) has finished the remodeling of the Event Center. It looks fantastic! Some of us did a very early walk through so that we could get a good idea of the new layout. We have tentative plans for where our Toy Booths we be placed. The back areas where our hospitality room, money & audit rooms, Provost Guard room and Directors Staff rooms are, will be the same as they were last year.

The Event Center has a new electronic sign streaming the circumference of the arena. We are negotiating with the Event Center to sell banner advertising for the electronic signs this year. They also have a jumbo Tron in the middle of the arena. We have not received permission yet, but Ill Sir Larry Dain is diligently working with the Event Center to sell premium ads on the jumbo Tron.

It is entirely too early to tell about COVID protocols, but we are sure there will be some in place at the time of our Circus. Since the Event Center is actually owned by the County we will obviously follow any protocols the County Commissioners require at the time. There is a good chance that all seating will be General Admission. If that is the case, we are considering not extending the floor seating on the south end to give us more room on the Arena floor.

We are going to market our 2022 Circus as "We Are Back". We are going to focus on the fun & excitement of being able to attend our Circus after being cooped up for over a year. We will be looking at advertising on billboards this year and will ask for Unit sponsors for the billboards. We will also be advertising in various Topeka magazines this year. Our TV advertising will also focus this year on children's programing which can only be done through Cox Cable. We are also going to use non-conventional TV advertising through the internet streaming venues. This will allow us to focus on our target market.

T-Shirts have historically been a favorite among our Circus patrons. Each year we have a new design for the shirt. This year we are asking art students in our local schools to enter a contest for the best Circus T-Shirt design. The winner of the contest will receive \$250 in art supplies and complementary tickets for their art class classmates. We will announce them as winners in the arena and ask them to be Honorary Ring Masters. We will also award three educators \$100 each in art supplies.

We will be giving away a Drone and Laptop at intermission as we did in 2020.

Again we will ask the Units to help sponsor these items.

Your Ad Packets are ready for you to pick up if you have not already! Please see your emails and see when you we be able to pick them up. Ad sales are a huge part of our Circus sales. If you have never sold ads, please consider selling some. We may even have some extra ones in the office, ask Chris. We have increased prices slightly for the first time in many years; however, we have also increased the number of comp tickets for each ad category. For the last several years we have asked on the sale sheet to submit ads in electronic format. Becky Drager who lays out the ads for the book, recommended that we ask this of our advertisers about 4 years ago because the ad will be much clearer in the program. We realize that some of our long-time advertisers do not have an electronic version and as we have the last several years; we are more than happy to accept those who do not.

We will hold our Circus Remotes again with the Arab Shrine Clowns. In 2020 they were a huge success! Our remote at the Toy Store had more young families attend than we have ever seen! We will again gather at Red Robin Restaurant, Toy Stores, and Pizza Ranch in Emporia.

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

Ill Sir Paul Honaker, P.P. Circus Chairman



## **Clownin' Around**

The past several months have been different for everyone including the **CLOWNS!** Yes, we have been attending parades and making people smile and laugh, but there have been differences this year just like the last. We didn't have a Picnic. We are NOT having the Winetasting event. But don't worry, we have been doing things!!!! The **CLOWNS** have been working a <u>BIG</u> project that will involve the entire Temple. Maybe by the time you are reading this, it will have been announced. We hope everyone helps us with this endeavor for the Temple and that it will continue for several years. In the meantime, be looking and attending any and every parade so you can see one or some of the wonderful Arab Shrine **CLOWNS!!!!!** 

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

Here we are beginning the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the year. The year began by coming out of the shadows of the year from Hell, 2020.

The Swiners started slow at the start of 2021. This gave us time to clean and repair the big grill, prior to our first request for cooking in April, at the Meat Raffle.

In May we served a full dinner for the Clowns, and later in the month for the Provost Guard and their Ladies.

In June, the Swiners were requested to cook for the Annual Golf Tournament at Village Greens.

In August, the Swiners and the Brews Brothers co-sponsored Hors d'oeuvres Night, where the Swiners cooked burgers and dogs for a well-attended social evening.



We are now preparing to cook burgers, brats and hotdogs for the Antiques Annual Car Show, October 9<sup>th</sup> as well as the upcoming Family Game Night on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

A very productive year for a group of Nobles who just have fun grilling at home and at this temple.

## Shriner's Children's Open

Arab Shrine Volunteers included Sharyl and Bob Whitehead, Wende and Kevin Watt, Vinnie Southiere, Dan Hartzell, Leo Perry, Brad, Cheryl, Brett, and Janelle Koehn











### **Greetings from the Arab Golfers!**

#### ANNUAL FALL OUTING—SHANGRA LA OKLAHOMA

On September 19<sup>th</sup>, 45 golfers headed to Shangra La Oklahoma for their annual fall outing. This is a beautiful resort, with some rather tough courses to play. The weather couldn't have been better, which made up for lost golf balls and higher than preferred scores. There were 11 golfers who came early enough to play on Sunday. Monday had 26 golfers which included 4 ladies. Tuesday is for the men only which is our tournament day. Tuesday teams were picked by drawing playing cards.

First place score was 68 and was Russ Hardy, Mike Jenks, Ray Hauke and Howard Marlow. The second place team was Harlan McNinch, Duane Crosier, Bob Weibel, and Gary Ashton. They tied with 1<sup>st</sup> place, so handicap holes were used to break the tie. Last place was Jim Carroll, Russ Kromminga, and Steve Haslett. I know these guys well and they tried really hard! No score seemed to be available at the time of this article.

There were a couple prize holes, longest drive over age 75, won by Larry Polter, longest drive under age 75 was Mike Jenks, the closest to the pin on first shot was Bob Weibel, and the longest putt was won by Jim Whitehead.

Monday, the ladies enjoyed a day walking thru Harbor Village, which has a pioneer era setting. Several ladies enjoyed making Rag Dolls. The village included an old dentist office, a bank, pioneer glassware and dolls and many other things. After that, they went to a winery.

Tuesday, the ladies enjoyed brunch at the Lakehouse which included Bloody Marys and Mimosas, followed by plenty of shopping.

The evenings after dinner included great social time together with lawn chairs outside gathered in a circle.

Favorite beverages were had and lots of stories about golf. Larry Rogers does not like that course just so ya know!!! For a \$1, you could guess how many tees were in a jar. The tees included a prize in the middle and if you guessed correctly, without going over, you won the tees, the prize and half the pot. Roy Sullivan's guess of 801 took the prize. However, after the money was put in the jar with the tees, Tracy Hardee hot glued the lid on. As of Wednesday morning, the lid was still on!

Great weather, fun golf, good friends made for a wonderful fall outing.

**Steve Haslett** 

**Director**, Golfers Of Arab Shrine



#### BE SURE YOUR ESTATE PLAN IS IN ORDER!

#### 5 Key Elements of an Estate Plan

- Financial Power of Attorney: This important legal document grants permission to a named person to manage your financial affairs should you become incapacitated. This person must be someone you trust who has financial acumen.
- 2. Will: This legal document directs the distribution of your assets (other than the ones that are distributed by other methods). You name an executor/personal representative to oversee this distribution. In addition, you can appoint a guardian in your will to take care of minor children.
- 3. Beneficiary Designations: The determination of the persons and charities that will receive your retirement-plan assets and life insurance proceeds is made through a beneficiary designation. Given that retirement-plan assets are often a person's first or second largest asset, it can be argued that the beneficiary designation is the most important component of your estate plan.
- 4. Health Care Documents: These documents help make sure your wishes about health care are followed. These documents include appointing a health care surrogate, your living will, a HIPAA waiver, and possibly several others.
- 5. **Charitable Beneficiaries:** Charitable gifts from your estate allow you to express your gratitude to and support of charities such as our organization that have made a difference in your life.

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

## **Arab Shrine Parade's**

The parade schedule has been very dynamic this year. The previous year has made a number of communities, and city planners, reluctant to plan, and prepare for a number of events, including celebratory parades.

The Parade Marshal has been very busy, attempting to keep the schedule up to date. Additions and /or changes to the schedules seem to happen daily. I have been able to update these changes with the assistance of various members, almost daily input. Thanks to all who helped.

I have been requested to inform parade participants concerning Imperial Parade Protocols. Imperial is requesting Parade Marshals to monitor rules and regulations. Motorized vehicles are responsible to maintain control of their vehicles, as well as any passengers participating with them.

Never throw candy, toys or anything else from your vehicles, and please refrain from consuming alcoholic beverages prior to, and during any parade.

Be safe and enjoy serving as an Ambassador for the ARAB Shrine.

Sincerely,

Roger Farthing

ARAB Shriners Parade Marshal 2021





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

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

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

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

If you have any questions, call

Arab Shrine office 785-234-5656 or secretary@arabshriners.com

## **Parade Marshal**

The ARAB Shrine Parade Schedule is slowly beginning to move in a positive direction. We are receiving requests for our participation. Parade participation is very helpful to showcase Masonry and the Shrinedom.

The ARAB Shriners need to continue to monitor the parade schedule to stay current with

upcoming events.

I continue to welcome any assistance with information concerning upcoming parades and car shows. When participating in these these events. Enjoy events please remember to

wear branded shirts and caps.

We must also remember to refrain from displaying alcoholic beverages during yourselves and always display a positive image.



Roger Ol' Rog' Farthing Parade Marshal 2021



## Legion of Honor

By: David Smith Past Commander



The country is starting to get back to normal because football season is in full swing. However, this virus is still out there, so be safe and stay healthy so you can enjoy basketball season which is right around the corner.

Larry Polter and Steve Suchsland carried the colors as a part of the Arab Shrine contingent in the Topeka celebration of St. Patrick's Day parade held on 9-18-2021.

The LOH had their first dinner meeting after being dark on September 14th. Approximately 35 members and ladies enjoyed a delicious meal provided by Dickies BBQ. At our October meeting we will be swearing in four new members into the LOH. The new members are Christopher Loftus, Bill Scott, Marvin Terhune, and Ed White. The next time you see them give them a big welcome to the LOH.

At our September meeting Commander Alex Parker conducted the missing man ceremony with special recognition of Past Potentate Jeff Hurst's brother Quinten who was killed flying a helicopter in Vietnam.

Some of our members attended the Central State Shrine Association (CSSA) Legion of Honor meeting and had a great time. At the meeting a presentation was done to honor a past member, Ron Buchannan, by creating a traveling gravel that will be used at the CSSA LOH meetings.

The annual Arlington Wreath laying is scheduled for November 3-7, 2021. All the information about the wreath laying can be found on the IALOH website. Go to www.ialoh.org/Events/Arlington Wreath Laying. This year marks the  $100^{th}$  year of the tomb. The wreath laying is a great event, and

everyone has a great time.

Just a reminder our November meeting will be our ladies appreciation dinner. We will also be showing the "Salute to Veterans" video to honor our veterans that have served and the ones currently serving in the military. It is important we honor our veterans. They are/ were the ones that keep our country safe. Let's remember "All Gave Some: Some Gave All" to give us the freedoms we enjoy today. If you are a LOH member or an Arab Shriner that has served in the military and have not submitted a picture for the video, please do. You can give the picture to a LOH officer, turn it into the temple office or e-mail it to me at kansasgator@att.net. 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.

So until next time, have fun, be safe and remember – "Shiners Help Kids – That's what we do."





## COFFEE CLUTCHERS

## WEDNESDAYS

6:30-8:45 AM \$2 PERSON

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

#### **Ritualistic Cast**

I hope this finds everybody well and in good spirits. Our September meeting was held at Tequila's North. There were twelve (12) in attendance.

We were pleased to oblige eleven (11) more nobles at our Fall Ceremonial. We welcome these new nobles and their ladies into Arab Shrine.

I had to fill two (2) positions for our ritual team as our regular people couldn't be there. A big thank you to Gary Ashton who did Chief Rabban and AJ Pence who filled in as Oriental Guide.

We will have our next opportunity to do concessions for Bingo on October 29. This will also be week 20 if the jackpot goes that far. I am in the process of lining up help for that night. We will need help from other people.

Our October meeting will be at the Blind Tiger. Looking forward to seeing many of you around the Shrine and elsewhere as we resume our fall activities.

Tom Johnson





## **Cruisin' with the Lil' Chops**

And just like that.... Summer is gone and now its Autumn!!! I do like Fall parades when the weather is cooler - both the participants and the watchers seem to have a bit more energy!!

That said, the Lil' Chops are happy to be able to parade again. We have recently paraded in Lyndon, Waverly, Holton, Valley Falls, Topeka, and the Brewster Place parade.

Upcoming parades that we are currently planning on participating in include: Eskridge and Emporia Veterans Day and of course the Christmas parades in the surrounding area.

During the last meeting, it was determined that the Lil' Chops "After Holiday" party, which is currently scheduled for Friday, January 7th, 2022, may conflict with multiple other Shrine activities - therefore the decision will be made at our next meeting whether we will move the party to Friday, January 14th. Stay tuned for a final decision.

It's nice to see Noble Paul Clarkson on a Lil' Chop during parades along with our newest member Scott Rakestraw!

Director Jeff Tarr is currently working on Brother's Jack Call's bike. Jack has been a Lil' Chop for many years but hasn't paraded with us for a long while since he was focused on the Cartoon Unit. As soon as Jeff has Jack's bike back in good running condition, watch for Jack's smile in parades!!

We recently attended the Valley Center Fall Festival and was happy to see some fellow Shriners from Midian out parading. It has been a while since I watched a parade and not participated in it! We are also including an old picture of the Lil' Chops - do you recognize everybody??

See you in the next parade!



## **Boater's**

In July the Boaters met at the country home of Russ and Tracy Hardy. Beautiful home, pool and setting, it was a perfect evening. Tracy outdid herself on the food, ribs and all the trimmings topped off by various kinds of pie. A large number of Boaters and their spouses were present to enjoy the time dipping their feet in the pool.

The August meeting of the Boaters was held at the Garden House at Lake Shawnee with a large number of Boaters and their spouses present. Gorgeous evening and perfect setting. The new deck was a big hit and was used for the meeting and after dinner conversations with very few early leavers. The evening was hosted by Kevin and Melissa Hulsing and Ted and Elna Ensley. The meal was catered by Hog Wild BBQ.

The September Boaters meeting was held at the new home of PP Larry and Linda Dain. A DJ was present to provide dinner and dancing music. A slate of officers for 2022 was presented for: Captain, Director, Lieutenant, and Antics. They, along with a potential new member will be voted on at the October meeting. The Ceremonial and the St. Patrick's Parade were discussed.

Boaters participating in the St. Patrick's Parade were Kevin Hulsing driving the truck with PP Imperial Treasurer Brad and Cheryl Koehn and their granddaughters Alicia and Brianna, and PP Pat Devlin and Ralph Wild along with some other guests riding on the Boat. It was a good day for a parade.

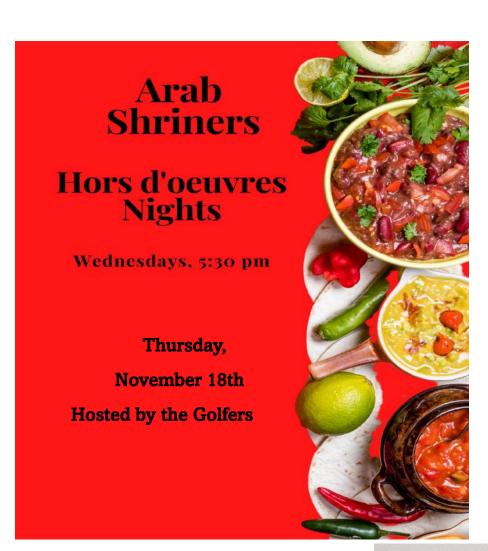
The Boater's hosted the Hors D'oeuvres at the Shrine the evening of the 22<sup>nd</sup>. A number of Boaters were present.

Submitted by Ted Ensley









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#### ARAB SHRINF BAND

On May 8,2021 we had new nobles installed. No new band members.

#### We are always looking for new band people.

Please be clear. I played my accordion (Electric) was not surprised that it failed to work when it was needed. This is since it is old (just like most of us.) It was 20 years old in 2001 when it was purchased. It had to be worked on after that. However, the show must go on. The manual part of the accordion worked so it was just fine. I rewrote all 23 band numbers so the accordion was able to play with the horns. This was done with the approval of the band.

Up to date...... Clifford was recently admitted to the "Music Teachers Hall of Fame."

We are all proud of him. He is one remaining person who made his living teaching music to many students. This is all there is report for this time!!!

In the Faith, Hope and good things for all.

Band Director Bob Provo





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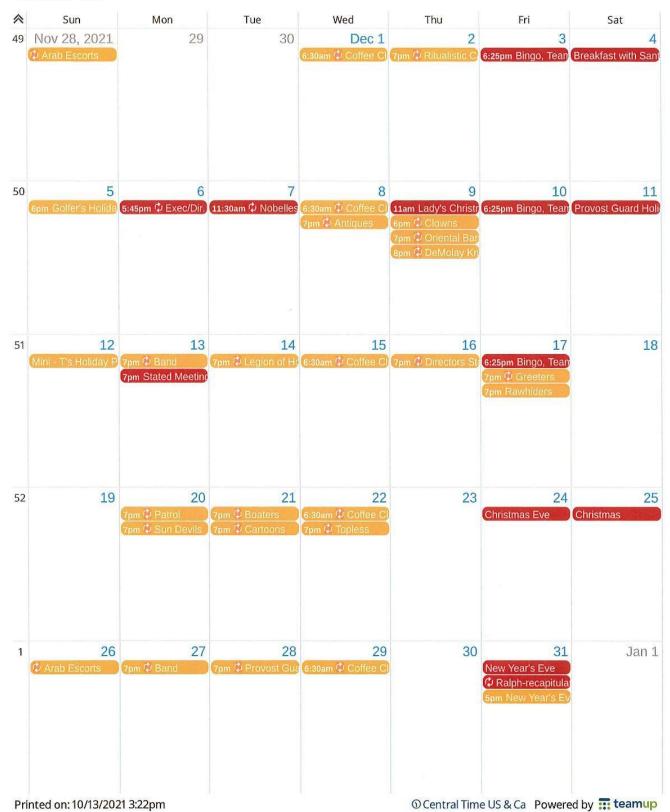


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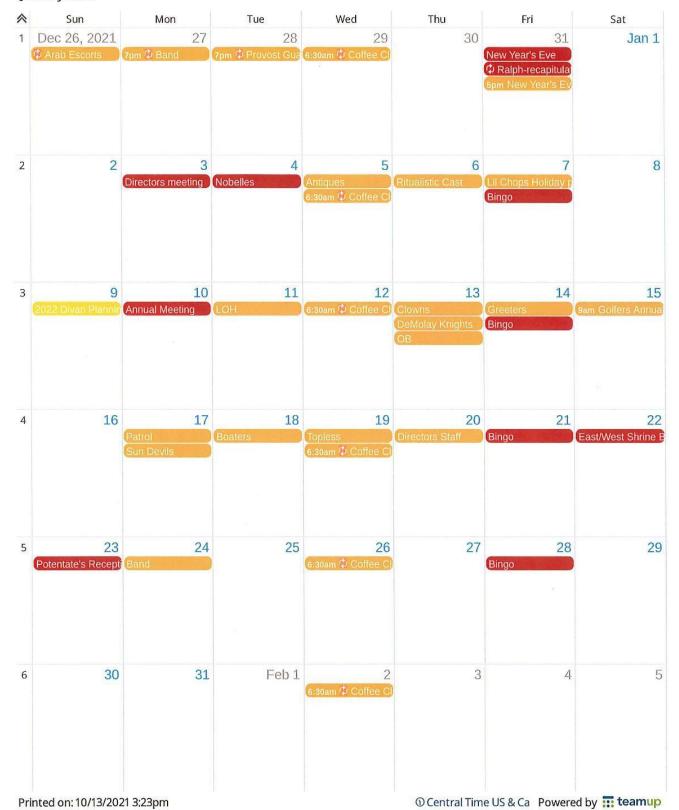
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