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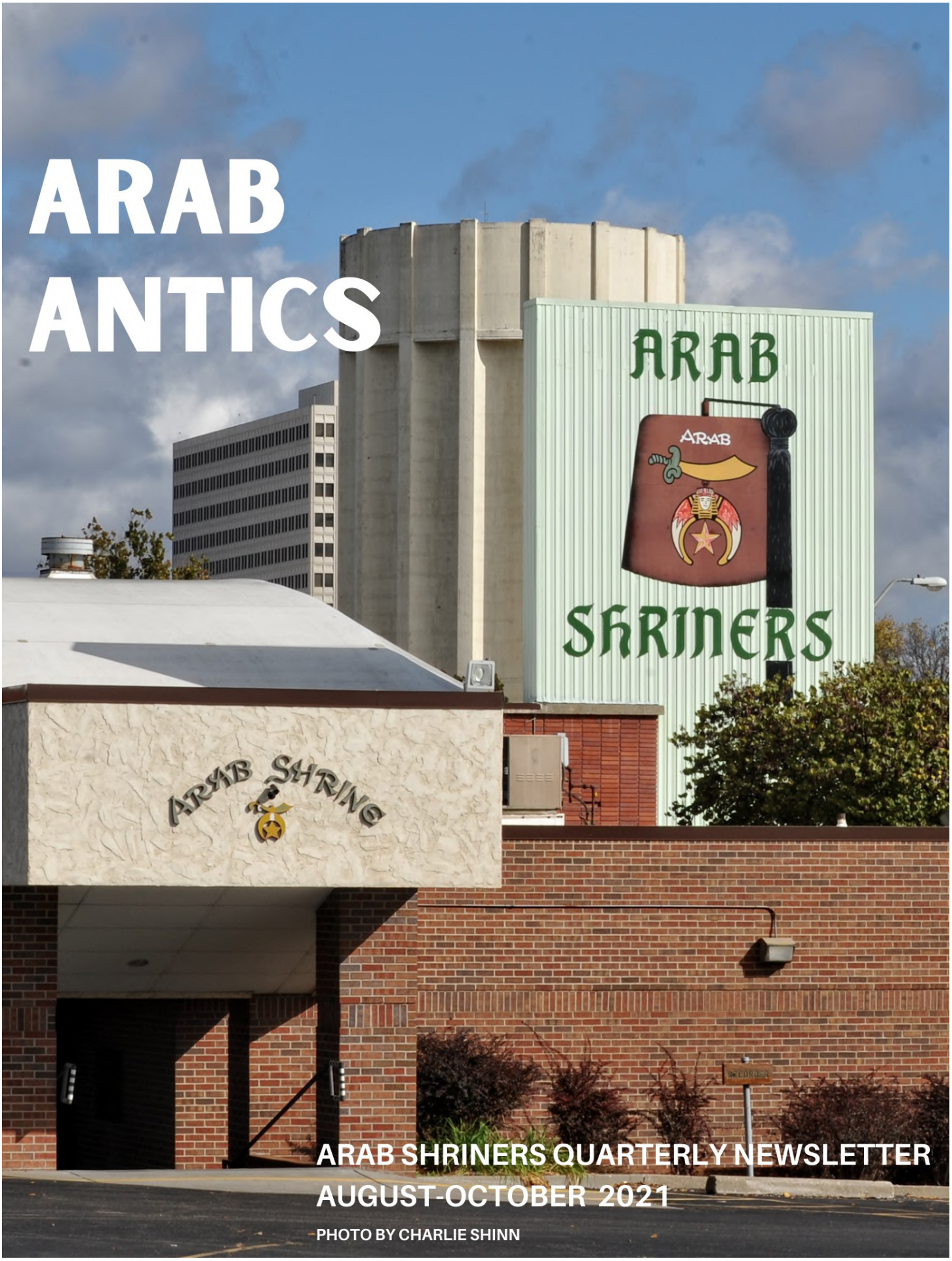

ARAB SHRINERS QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
AUGUST-OCTOBER 2021

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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

AUGUST

6-8	Ladies Trip
14	Provost Guard Fish Fry
19-21	CSSA Convention in Oklahoma City, OK
25	Hors d'oeuvres Swiners & Brews Brothers
26	Ladies Tea & Conversation 10:00 am
28	Family Movie Night—Shrine Parking Lot

SEPTEMBER

12	Purse Bingo at Shrine
13	Stated Meeting
18	Fall Ceremonial combined luncheon
19-21	Fall Golf Outing
22	Hors d'oeuvres Boaters & Rawhiders
25	Clowns Wine Tasting

OCTOBER

1	Antics Submission Deadline
4-10	Shriners Hospital for Children Open Golf Tournament-Las Vegas
11	Stated Meeting with Ladies
15-17	Mystery Trip
23	Membership Event
24	Meat Raffle
27	Hors d'oeuvres Clowns
30	Concert

Bingo EVERY Friday evening.

Elective Divan

Potentate	Kurt Lawson
Chief Rabban	Jeff Neal
Assistant Rabban	Doug Hodge
High Priest & Prophet	David Johnson
Oriental Guide	Keith Bricker
Treasurer	Kim Komarek
Recorder	Ralph Wild

Appointive Divan

First Ceremonial Master	Russ Hardy
Second Ceremonial Master	Todd Starin
Marshal	Alexander Parker
Membership Director	Andrew Piper
Public Relations Director	Rick Smith
Captain of the Guard	Ed Becker
Outer Guard	Dennis Phillips
Chaplain	Mark Stephenson

Imperial Council Representatives

Kurt Lawson, Potentate
Jeff Neal, Chief Rabban
Doug Hodge, Assistant Rabban
Brad Koehn, PP Imperial Sir
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

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Steve Haslett (2021)	Allan Just (2022)
Howard Marlow (2021)	

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A Message From Your Potentate

Kurt Lawson

2021 Potentate

I was looking at the calendar since the last Antics and boy, has it been busy. Unit, club, and temple activities have kept us all remarkedly busy, a good busy though. Along with all these activities have been learning opportunities. It seems that I learn something new every single day.

In April we had the Nobility Ball and Beach Party. It was a casual themed event this year. We were super happy to have a lot of nobility and guests join us for the day's events. We had our first Meat Raffle of the year which turned out great. Many went home with their coolers full, and we appreciate the Swiners cooking for this event. We held a cornhole tournament that brought many non-Shriners into the building for a day of competition.

In May, we held the Kentucky Derby party where we held mice races, stick horse races, and drank mint juleps to celebrate the Run for the Roses. Our first ceremonial had a bit of a new look. The ladies stayed at the temple instead of traveling off site for their luncheon. The result was a ceremonial with much less down time. We brought in 9 (nine) new members and our luncheon guest speaker was the family of a local patient who had been successfully treated at the St. Louis hospital for limb length deficiency. Later in the month, we held a successful Hospital Screening clinic, and were able to refer 3 patients to the St. Louis hospital for further evaluation and possible treatment.

In June, was the Potentate's trip to Aruba. Twenty-One of us flew to Aruba for a week of Fun in the Sun. If you have the opportunity to travel there, I highly recommend it. The island is beautiful, the people are nice, and we felt safe any place we went. We snorkeled, golfed, fished, went on a Jolly Pirate Sunset Cruise, visited an ostrich farm, took an island tour, visited the Aloe factory, and enjoyed the many amenities at the RIU Palace. Also in June, the Golfers held their Annual Tournament at Village Greens. It started off as a cool day but warmed up nicely by the time the tournament was over. The Neosho Valley Shrine Club Steak Feed in Ottawa went well. I think there were more football players coming back for seconds than I can ever remember before. Rounding out the week was the Shrine Bowl in Hutchinson. The City of Hutchinson rolled out the red carpet for the Shrine Bowl. As the day of the game began, First Lady Bev ran in the Shrine Bowl 5K, 650 feet underground in the salt mines. There were no lights on. She had to wear a bike helmet and have a flashlight to make it through that adventure. This was followed by the Shrine Bowl Parade. Representatives of many Arab Shrine units traveled to Hutchinson to parade that day. We had members from the LOH, the Topless unit, the Sun Devils, the Rat Rods, and of course, the Clowns. (If I forgot anyone, please forgive me.)

Over the Fourth of July, a few of us were in Houston for Imperial Session. Doug Hodge pulled his Rat Rod down to Houston where he took first place in his category and was a crowd favorite in the Imperial Parade. Congratulations to Brad Koehn for being re-elected as Imperial Treasurer and Paul Honaker was appointed as an Imperial Auditor!

During all this activity, our monthly Great Outdoors Raffle has been selling out almost every month, so Thank You for your support of this event. Many great prizes have been awarded.

Bingo continues to draw regular crowds every Friday night. Please consider coming out to play, or even coming out to volunteer. In early June, we had a week 20 prize of $9935.00 which we had to give away. We had over 200 players join us to try to win that night. A super busy night for volunteer workers.

As much fun as the first half of the year has been, there are still many fun events planned for the rest of the year from trips, to Hors d'ouevres nights, to unit, club, and temple gatherings, and most importantly a second ceremonial where we can bring some new members into our fraternity. One of our biggest fund raisers, The Arab Shriners Sportsman's Event is also coming up on November 6th, so please save the date.

Please join us for upcoming gatherings as you feel comfortable and help us have some more Fun in '21.

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:

September 13, 2021
October 11, 2021

A Message From Your First Lady

Summer is here and it is time for gardening, canning, fun in the sun, get -togethers with friends and family along with travel and parades! My Mother taught me how to can growing up and I enjoy canning salsa, jalapenos, and pickles. I love seeing my canning jars lined up on the counter and hearing the lids pop when they seal. That pop is music to my ears! Our family also enjoys trips to the lake to boat, fish and play in the water. It's not surprising that Summer is my favorite season! The days are longer, and there are so many activities to participate in, within the Shrine, our community and personally. It's the season to enjoy those get-togethers, share some laughter and make memories.

Our Shrine has been busy these past few months and I would like to highlight a few events. The Nobility Ball in April took on a new look this year with a casual beach theme. We had 120+ in attendance and danced the night away to the sounds of a DJ, took crazy photos at the photo booth and had an amazing dinner. Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate our nobility and thank you to Chairs, Jim and Barb Whitehead for their coordination, Karen Marlow and her team of amazing decorators and our Aides.

The Kentucky Derby party was a blast! Chairs Paul and Diana Clarkson and Steve Kramer and Peggy Coots did an amazing job creating a fun and memorable event! We enjoyed mice and stick horse races, a crazy Jockey who saddled up the spring rocking horse, mint juleps, a best "Derby Dressed" contest, raffles and prizes and a wonderful BBQ dinner!

At Spring Ceremonial, the men initiated 9 (nine) new members. It is so exciting to see the fraternity continue to grow. While ceremonial held many traditions of years past, both the Nobles and ladies came together for a combined luncheon at the Shrine. Our luncheon speaker was a local Shrine patient and his mother who shared their personal story and experience with the St. Louis hospital. Hearing their kind words and gratitude and appreciation for the Shriners makes my heart so full and proud of the work our Nobles do.

Our travels took us to Aruba for the trip of a lifetime! International travel this year was not for the faint at heart; we persevered through COVID testing, flight cancellations, long lines at the airlines and customs but it was so worth it! We could not have asked for a better group of Shrine friends and family to join us on this adventure. Aruba is a beautiful island; the people are friendly, the RIU Palace resort was amazing, and the white sandy beaches and turquoise waters were picture perfect! We toured the city sights, visited an aloe plant, an ostrich farm, went snorkeling, took a sunset cruise, there was golfing, deep-sea fishing and we spent a lot of time just enjoying paradise! A HUGE thank you to Karen Marlow for coordinating the trip and celebrating her birthday with all of us on a pirate ship!

At the end of June, we were off to Hutchinson, Kansas for the Kansas Shrine Bowl. The Shrine Bowl committee did an outstanding job planning this event and we were so proud of the support and participation from Arab Shriners for this event. I hope you enjoy some of the photos captured from the weekend. In July we were honored to be able to attend Imperial Session in Houston. It was wonderful to be able to come together for an inspirational and fun-filled week. Congratulations to Brad Koehn for his election as Imperial Treasurer, Paul Honaker for his appointment to the audit committee and to Doug Hodge who received 1st place with his Rat Rod and Doug also participated in the Imperial Parade!

Our ladies kayaking adventure had to be cancelled at the last minute due to high winds but a few of us still gathered for a cookout and fellowship. We hope to reschedule this event for September.

Kurt and I want to thank each of you for all your hard work and support this year. We appreciate everything you do to make Arab Shrine better. We are looking forward to a great second half of the year as there will be many more opportunities for Fun, Fellowship and Philanthropy in '21!

THESE WE DO NOT FORGET

Ron Buchanan
D: 1-20-2021

Eldon Danenhauer
D: 6-23-2021

Thomas Fowler
D: 1-4-2021

Mark Rezac
D: 6-7-2021

Larry Whisenhunt
D: 7-16-2021

ARAB SHRINE POTENTATES

1931-32	Dr. Norris Townsend*
1933	Al Williams*
1934	Stanley Shook*
9135	Clinton Wilcox*
1936	Charles Moore*
1937	Ralph Hinkson*
1938	John Brandenburger*
1939	Fernando LeDoux*
1940	Ray Ramsey*
1941	Sherman Bourassa*
1942	Judge Paul Heinz*
1943	Dr. Juther Dodd*
1944	Herbert Barrett*
1945	Charles R. Shrake*
1946	Sidney Long*
1947	Martin Philips*
1948	Frederick Gades*
1949	John Lewis*
1950	Paul Rogers*
1951	Jay Glen Davis*
1952	Ernest Thomas*
1953	Scott Kelsey*
1954	Henry Bubb*
1955	Robert Brown*
1956	Waldemar Metzenthin*
1957	Harold Jasperson*
1958	Carliss Swain*
1959	Lloyd Raish*
1960	Nels Nelson*
1961	Joseph Schneider*
1962	Warren Paramore*
1963	Delmer Daly*
1964	Roy Jaquith*
1965	John Koger*
1966	Waldo Haflich*
1967	Wayne Baker*
1968	Rex Smith*
1969	Archie Swan**
1970	Frank Oppitz*
1971	Dale Moorman*
1972	Ansel Searles*
1973	Martin Foltz*
1974	Jack Quinlan*
1975	John C. Dicus
1976	Donald Mahrle
1977	E. Leslie Scrinopskie*
1978	Donald Horttor
1979	James Parmiter*
1980	Ronald Mannoni*
1981	Frank Coffman, Jr*.
1982	Carol Lewis*
1983	Harlan Whiteley*
1984	Richard Hamilton*
1985	William Ducksworth*
1986	Albert Jackson, Jr.
1987	Cap Glover*
1988	Bill Koehn*
1989	Richard Magathan*
1990	Charles Hiebsch*
1991	Eldo Crider*
1992	Ray French*
1993	Paul Gibbons*
1995	El “Andy” Anderson*
1996	Jerry Teichgraeber*
1997	Frank Seufert
1998	Larry Pressman
1999	George Kenworthy*
2000	John Porter*
2001	Paul Meierhenry
2002	Royce Keyser*
2003	Larry Bryan*
2004	John James*
2005	Lynn Holt
2006	Ron Scrinopskie
2007	Paul Clarkson
2008	Don McClaflin*
2009	Pat Devlin
2010	Larry Tice
2011	Alan Holt
2012	Brian Hagmeier
2013	Bob Whitehead
2014	Rick Moody
2015	Brad Koehn
2016	Jim Whitehead
2017	Jeff Hurst
2018	Paul Honaker
2019	Steve Kramer
2020	Larry Dain

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
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.
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.
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
Mark Stephenson
Roy Sullivan, P.G.M.
Richard Temps
Drew Torkelson
Mike Turnbull
Eddie Van Horn
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 membership@arabshriners.org

ARUBA
One Happy Island

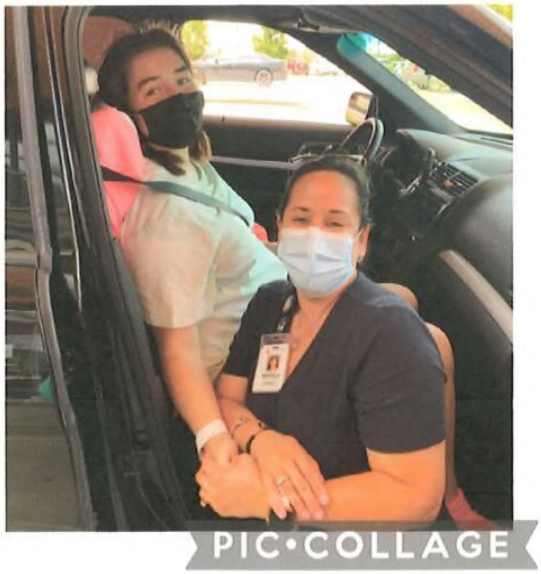
1st Place

Imperial Session

Ava Karcher, 14

St. Louis Patient

Thank you



Red, White & Blue Picnic

Fun and Fellowship in '21

Greetings from the Arab Golfers!

Golf season is in full swing and here are the results from our first (three) 3 outings.

April 19th @ Onaga - 1st flight- Bill Bunten, Harlan McNinch, Don Riffey, and Vinnie Southere

2nd flight- Ron Beavers, Marvin Menke, Leo Perry, and Randall Lindstrom

Last place- Jim Carroll, Alan Alderson, Rick Smith, and Bob Whitehead

May 10th @ Seneca - 1st flight- Allen Wise, Rod Johnsen, Darrel Break, and David Johnson

2nd flight- Jerry Crumpton, Jim Davis, John Ryan, and Jack Clay

Last place- Keith Combs, Marvin Menke, Dennis Phillips, and Randall Lindstrom

June 21st @ Village Greens our Annual Fundraiser Tournament

1st flight 1st place- Duane Crozier, Brock Corby, Tony Allenhofen, Dan Broxterman	60
2nd place- Mark Mitchell, David St John, Mike Morse, Mark Rezac	60
3rd place- Bob Weibel, Scott Weibel, Rod Johnsen, Larry Polter	60
2nd flight 1st place- Marvin Menke, Alan Alderson, Dan Crow, Terry Beeman	64
2nd place- Harlan McNinch, Don Riffey, Jim Clark, John Beatty	64
3rd place- Dale Jepson, Keith Heumann, Lonnie Spiker, Joe Witten	65
3rd flight 1st place- Ron Beavers, Jerry Crumpton, Tom Melvin, Nate Walker	67
2nd place- Jerry Grant, Beulah Grant, John Campbell, Donna Campbell	67
3rd place- Jim Whitehead, Bob Whitehead, Kevin Watt, Wende Watt	67

Thanks to Ray Hauke, VP and Tournament Director, for all your hard work. Thanks to everyone who volunteered, donated prize items, got sponsors, and helped make this tournament a success.

One final shout-out to the Arab Swiners for cooking our delicious lunch, donated by Hy-Vee.

Upcoming events: July 19th Wabaunsee Pines, August 16th Sabetha, August 30 Staley Farms Fall Outing, and September 19th-21st Shangri-La Golf Resort Monkey Island OK.

Elections & final outing September 27 Cypress Ridge. Hope to see you all at these upcoming events.

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Kansas
Shrine Bowl

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JEWELRY

MARCHING BAND
For the Kids

FOOTBOWLERS
ARAB TEMPLE

SUNSET
JEWELRY

Arab Shrine Boaters Unit 50th Anniversary

2021

Arab Golfers Unit 2021

Submission & Ad Information

Articles:

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

Photos:

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

Advertising:

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

For any information, please contact: Arab Shrine office.

Deadlines:

The deadline for the upcoming issue is **October 1, 2021**

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

Arab Greeters

The Greeter's Unit met for the first time May 14, 2021, since our Christmas party in 2019. It was great welcoming everyone and exchanging stories of events from the last year and half and we didn't wear masks.

Our unit paused to remember the passing of three Greeters in 2020, Gary Shofner, Ralph Anderson, and Jim Blackburn. Their contribution to the Shrine will not be forgotten.

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 events please remember to wear branded shirts and caps.

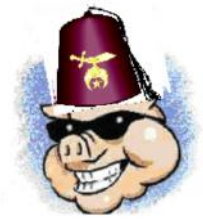
We must also remember to refrain from displaying alcoholic beverages during these events. Enjoy yourselves and always display a positive image.

Roger Ol' Rog' Farthing

Parade Marshal 2021

Ohio Days Parade
Waverly, KS

Arab Swiner's



OINK!! OINK!!

As predicted, the ARAB Swiners have been very busy throughout the 1st half of 2021.

We cooked food for the Meat Raffle in April; steak dinners for the Provost Guard and their ladies; steak dinners for the Clowns and their ladies in May; and we cooked burgers and brats for the Golfer's tournament in June.

We were blessed to have good weather which added to the fun filled success we experienced for these events.

A big thank you to all the Swiners who stepped up to help with these events.

We are still needing members who enjoy cooking. I will pay your Swiners dues for this year. Just call Paul or Ol' Rog' for info.

Clownin' with the Clown's

Summertime!! To a clown this means one thing, PARADE TIME!! Things are beginning to open back up after a very long time of covid. Because things are relaxing, several area towns have decided to have parades again. Strong City Rodeo parade and Council Grove parade were the first to begin the season. Dale "DooLee" Rohling does a great job representing Arab Shrine at functions like these for us clowns. Thank you, Dale! The clowns had good representation at this year's Shrine Bowl in Hutchinson.

Hopefully, we will see large happy crowds at these parades, and we will do our best to put a BIG smile on your face when you see us!

Summertime also means Picnics. I know of two that us clowns will be involved with this summer. With all that happening this summer, hopefully I can obtain some pictures to post in the next article. As things relax, continue to stay safe and have FUN!!!!!!

Whiznut

Brad Pollman

LEGION OF HONOR PHOTOS

Legion of Honor

By: David Smith

Past Commander

The country is starting to open back up and people are getting out and having fun. However, this virus is still out there so stay healthy so you can enjoy football season which is right around the corner.

The LOH "Quilt Raffle" drawing was done May 31, 2021, Memorial Day. The winner of the raffle was Todd Starin. The winning ticket was drawn by the First Lady of Arab Temple LOH, Daisy Parker. Facilitating in the drawing was Commander Alex Parker, cranking the stirring drum, and Adjutant Steve Suchsland. The LOH would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets and supported the raffle.

The LOH sponsored two young adults for the 2021 Shrine Bowl. The football player from Hayden High was Desmond Purnell and the band member from Jefferson West High was Jocelyn Hartley. We appreciated these young people for their contribution to the success of the Shrine Bowl being held in Hutchinson, Kansas on June 26, 2021.

Our annual Flag Day picnic was held at Tecumseh Park, Tecumseh, Kansas on June 8, 2021, with 30 members attending the annual picnic. The meal was catered by Dickie's BBQ. Dessert consisted of 4 (four) different flavors of homemade ice cream. Morris Sykes furnished brown bread, Daisy Parker supplied chocolate chip and black walnut, and Marge and Steve Suchsland served vanilla. Everyone had a great time.

At the June 26th, 2021, Shrine Bowl Larry Polter and Steve Suchsland were the flag bearing Honor Guard leading the parade.

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 100th 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 lady's 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 us 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.

Our next meeting is September 7th. So, until next time, have fun, be safe and remember – "Shiners Help Kids – That's what we do."

Oriental Band

The Oriental Band is still somewhat in limbo as we have yet to determine our path for the future of the unit. I still hold out hope that we will one day regroup and be stronger than ever. In the interim, there are multiple events being held by other Shrine units and clubs that are bringing joy back to our post pandemic lives such as Central States in August, (albeit without the Mighty Oriental Band), the Provost Guard fish fry in August, the Antiques car show in October and many other fun activities and trips.

If you have not yet joined a unit or club or are looking to be an associate in a unit, the award winning Arab Shrine Oriental Band is seeking new members. We need you now more than ever to ensure we don't fade away and become a unit of the past.

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 an instrument.

We generally meet at 7:00 p.m. the 2nd Thursday of every month at the Arab Shrine. However, we are in a rebuilding phase, so we may not meet every month until we get a handle on our status. Please feel free to join us to meet the members and check out the Unit. If you have questions you can reach me at avillalobos3@att.net or 785-806-0197. Stay safe.

Adam L. Villalobos
OB Secretary

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.

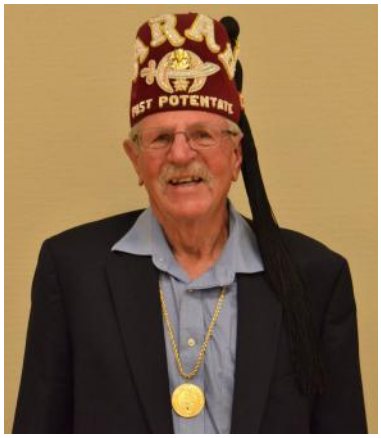
Each person that helps with bingo or pull tabs gets a $5.00 coupon which can be used in the concession stand or in the lounge. You might even consider coming down to play and bring friends…

If you have any questions, call

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

Arab Shrine Noble of the Year

Illustrious Sir Paul Clarkson



Our 2021 Noble of the Year, Ill. Sir Paul Clarkson, joined the Arab Shrine in 1989 and has been actively involved in leadership roles since he joined. Paul has been or is now President for several units and clubs that he has been in, starting early in his journey in our fraternity. He was a Charter member of the YOSHI club and was President; was one of the founders and a charter member of the Coffey County Shrine Club and has been President; is the Past President of the Neosho Valley Shrine Club; was a member of the Twin Lakes Shrine Club; member of the Gold Medallion Club, which he helped start and is President; charter member and Co-Founder of the Arab Shrine Degree Team; member of the Hospital Dads Club; Co-Founder, charter member and Vice-President of the Arab Swiners Club. Our Noble of the Year has belonged or still belongs to the Boaters, Legion of Honor, Lil' Chop's, Oriental Band, Provost Guard, Ritualist Cast, Rawhiders and the Topless Units and Clubs.

Paul's love for the Fraternity is shown by his phenomenal dedication to bringing in new Brothers and Shriners. He has single handedly brought in more than 50 new Shriners alone, which no one in Arab Shrine is anywhere close to topping. In the Gold Medallion Club, Paul has the only Medallion for 50 members.

Paul has continually assisted his Temple with its fundraising events. He has been the top seller of the Cash Calendar for many years. He has chaired several fundraising events held to assist the Temple in being financially successful. He and his Lady, Diana, host an annual picnic for all Shriners who come to "Ohio Days Parade" in Waverly, KS.

If you were to watch our Noble of the Year on Ceremonial Days you would see him walk in with the Past Potentates, then off to change clothes for the Ritualistic Cast and do his part in the first section, then on to assist the Directors Staff in one of their skits in the second section and finally grab a musette to play with the Oriental Band when they perform during the social part.

Our Noble of the Year not only participates in Shrine activities, but is actively involved in his Lodge, another leg of the stool. He has been Worship Master several times and has held an office in his Lodges for over 14 (fourteen) years and is always ready to sit in a chair when needed. He was the 2001 Mason of the Year in Burlington Lodge. He has a love for ritualistic work of both the Lodge and the Shrine where he assists the Ritualistic Cast putting on their parts during a Ceremonial or Stated Meeting when we bring someone in on short form. Paul assists his Lodge with putting on degree work and raises funds for its sick and distressed fund.

Paul has served on the Arab Shrine Divan from Outer Guard to 2007 Potentate and served as Membership Director for several years. During his year as 2007 Potentate the Arab Temple had a plus membership due to his direction and enthusiasm. His abilities in membership caught the attention of the Imperial Divan which he was appointed to the Imperial Membership Committee for this region.

Congratulations Ill. Sir Paul Clarkson, 2021 Noble of the Year.

HOW MANY AMERICANS HAVE A WILL? ONE SURVEY SAYS ONLY ABOUT 32%!

Over the last few years, the percentage has only continued to decline, and today it sits around 32%.

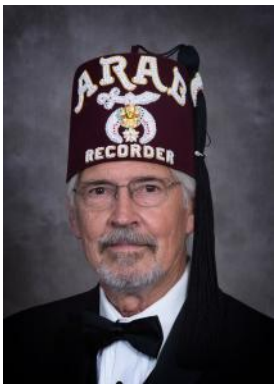
Particularly with everything that is going on in the world today, that is utterly astounding. There are so many things that can happen suddenly that the protection of a will is vital for anyone wanting to pass something on to the people and organizations they care about.

Many believe that they do not have enough in assets to warrant a will, or that their money will automatically go to their next of kin. Both assumptions are wrong. It is crucial to get the facts and put planning in place to ensure that you are the one to decide how your possessions and money will be distributed.

The cost of your estate plan varies with which documents you need and with the complexity of your situation. On average, experienced attorneys may charge $250 to $350 per hour to prepare basic estate plans and, for more sophisticated estate plans hourly fees can be closer to $350 to $600. Most attorneys will advise in advance the cost for your full estate planning package.

A well-planned estate plan is one of the most thoughtful gifts you can give.

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..



Ralph Wild
Recorder

Director's Staff

The Director staff had a Cinco De Mayo dinner at El Gallo on May 5 with our Ladies and our group picture was taken at that time.

The Director staff assisted with the set up of the Temple for the ceremonial in May.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Arab Shrine Picnic July 25.

Brews Brothers

The Brews Brothers were proud to serve (five) 5 flavors of beer for the Potentate at the Ceremonial in May.

We will be hosting hors d'oeuvres with the Swiners on August 25.

Wishing Brother Dan Hartzell, a speedy recovery and look forward to having him back soon.

2021 ARAB SHRINE CAR SHOW

Saturday October 9th

1305 South Kansas Ave. Topeka, Kansas

Goodie Bags to Car Entries, Door Prizes, Raffles, Music & Concessions

Arab Antiques & Classics Topeka, KS

Registration 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Entry Fee $20.00

18 Awards

Awards Ceremony @ 4:00 pm in Shrine Lounge

For more information

***Jim Curtis* 785-640-3625 or *Curt Hogan* 785-273-7200 or Randy Alexander 785-633-1575**

Register at the **Shrine Office** 1305 S. Kansas or **Hogan Muffler & Brake** 4018 SW 21st St.

To Register Online go to either http://www.arabshriners.org/

and click **CAR SHOW** or

https://scrawford082.wixsite.com/antiques-car-show

and Click on **Online** Registration

****Entry Fee is not Tax Deductible****

GARAGE SALE 2021 – ANOTHER BIG $UCCE$$

The third Arab Shrine Garage Sale was held Wednesday, March 31 and Thursday, April 1, in the Arab Shrine Ballroom with net sales of **$6,130.00**. Organizers Grace Kennedy and Karen Marlow along with the support of dozens of volunteers, spent several days preparing the thousands of items that were donated for the sale. Thanks to the overwhelming response from the Arab Shrine, Nobles, Ladies, and friends who contributed their personal items to the sale.

A very special thanks to the many individual volunteers (way too many to be listed!) who helped throughout the entire week with setting up tables, collecting and pricing items, moving, and assembling large items, promoting the event, selling, cashiering, boxing, loading trucks and tear down at the conclusion of the sale.

This fundraiser was established to provide a source of income for Lady Bev's special project fund and to assist in purchasing decorations, lighting, etc. to be used in the ballroom for private events and the Potentate Ball.

A big shout out to NOT JUST JUNK (2254 SW 10th Ave) for purchasing all the remaining items at the end of the sale. They commented that it was a way to give back for their son, a former Shriners Hospital patient.

THANK YOU ALL!!

Ritualistic Cast

I hope this writing finds everybody feeling good and doing well.

At the Ceremonial we had the pleasure of obligating 9 (nine) new nobles into Arab Temple.

As of this writing, many of our area lodges are going dim instead of completely dark over the summer as most of them are planning on doing degree work through the summer. Hopefully, we will have a large class at our Fall Ceremonial which will be held on September 18.

Speaking of Ceremonial, I am in the process of filling the different parts for the cast. We need a Chief Rabban for Fall Ceremonial. Kevin Heumann, who serves permanently in this role, will not be able to attend. Please let me know if you would like to help.

Karen and I were able to attend the Shrine Bowl this year. I was unable to contact our sponsored band student, Niklas St. Onge, who is from Valley Falls High School and plays the snare drums. I plan to ask him to come and speak at one of our fall meetings.

Ritualistic Cast meetings will resume in September. Have a safe summer!

Shriners Hospitals for Children Recognized Six Times by U.S News & World Report

We are proud to share that Shriners Hospitals for Children® has once again been ranked nationally in two specialties in the 2021-22 Best Children's Hospitals rankings published by U.S. News & World Report, the global leader in quality rankings that empower consumers to make better, more informed decisions about important issues affecting their lives.

The Best Children's Hospitals rankings are designed to help families facing complex and rare conditions find the best medical care for their children.

The following locations ranked in **pediatric orthopedics**:

#7 – **Shriners Hospitals for Children — St. Louis**
(in partnership with St. Louis Children's Hospital — Washington University)

#13 – **Shriners Hospitals for Children — Erie**
(in partnership with UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh)

#22 – **Shriners Hospitals for Children — Northern California**
(in partnership with UC Davis Children's Hospital)

#28 – **Shriners Hospitals for Children — Salt Lake City**
(in partnership with University of Utah Health and Primary Children's Hospital)

#41 – **Shriners Hospitals for Children Medical Center — Lexington**
(in partnership with Kentucky Children's Hospital)

The following location ranked in **pediatric urology**:

#37 – **Shriners Hospitals for Children — Northern California**
(in partnership with UC Davis Children's Hospital)

The Best Children's Hospitals rankings, which rate eligible medical centers in 10 pediatric specialties, are based on hospital-submitted data, including measurements such as survival and complex surgical outcomes, as well as use of best practices, infection prevention, advanced technologies, nursing quality, specialty-specific certifications and services, and the expert opinion of specialists in the field.

This year's rankings will be published in the *U.S. News & World Report's Best Hospitals 2022 Guidebook*, available in stores Oct. 5.

To learn more about how and why hospitals are ranked, please visit the U.S. News and World Report **FAQ page**.

Congratulations to the staff and leadership of our recognized facilities!

Yippee and yay! Lil' Chops are parading again! Nothing better than seeing the kids smiling when they see us in parades! And what a great way to remind people that the Shriners are still around and are still helping children literally all over the world!

7 (seven) Lil' Chops rode motorcycles with Paul and Dale riding bicycles in the Strong City parade and afterwards we all enjoyed hotdogs and hamburgers at a Social in Leo's shop!

We had 8 (eight) Lil' Chop riders that started the Washunga Days parade in Council Grove - unfortunately only 7 (seven) finished due to a broken chain. Gotta love those bikes!

Our annual fundraiser (Vidalia onions & fixin's) is over and has been deemed a success. We are all glad it is done, and we are airing out the onion smell from our garages and vehicles. Cindy made onions rings while we were out camping, and they were delicious - she could not cook them fast enough!

We would like to welcome Scott Rakestraw to the Lil' Chops family. Scott signed up and purchased a Lil' Chop at the Spring Ceremonial. Also, happy to share that Paul Clarkson has decided to buy a bike and start riding with the Lil' Chops.

Hope everybody has a great summer - it is nice to be back to almost normal.

Boater's

The Boater's met in April at the Temple hosted by Ralph Wild and Roger Farthing and the Unit offers a very special thanks to those members. Brian Hagmeier, PP announced that Drew Torkelson and Roy Sullivan will host the May meeting. PP Pat Devlin, PP Paul Clarkson and Larry Jackson will host the June meeting. July will be hosted by PP Larry Dain and Ted Ensley and Kevin Hulsing will host the August meeting. Brian conducted the meeting and it was agreed to sponsor Drew's niece as a trainer at the Shrine Bowl. The Unit will send money to the St. Louis hospital to fill the pantry to be used by patient's family members. The money will be sent when it is needed. Unit picture will be taken at the May meeting and name tags have been ordered for members that don't have them. It was agreed to a commitment of $100 in sponsoring the Golfer's Benefit Golf Tournament. The evening was enjoyed by all present, thanks to the hosts.

The May meeting was held at the Philip Billard restaurant and hosted by Drew Torkelson and Roy Sullivan. A good time and good food was enjoyed by all present. Thanks Drew and Roy. The business discussion was to be sure and wear the summer shirt and Khaki slacks or shorts for pictures to be taken at the June meeting. The business discussion was somewhat limited because the food preparation was taking place. It was a new and satisfying experience for most of the Boaters.

The June meeting was held at PP Pat and Lynda Devlin's home at Lake Sherwood. It is a beautiful home and setting overlooking Lake Sherwood. The view from the windows was a combination of all kinds of watercraft. Most of the members were present to participate in the Unit picture. Everything that took place was very special. Special thanks to PP Pat and Lynda, PP Paul and Diana Clarkson and Roy and Becky Sullivan.

A special moment took place to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Boater's. The Unit was formed in 1971 under the guidance of Potentate Dale Moorman and the acceptance of The Duck, a World War II landing craft and was used extensively by the Boaters in Parades and other Unit events. A special plaque was presented to Ted Ensley, one the few remaining charter members. Ted was very, very appreciative. The Boater's have flourished from that time on. Time has taken its toll on most of the Charter members.

The Unit sends its sympathy to Dave Sterbenz and his family in the passing of his mother.

The Unit lost a long-time very active member in the passing of Eldon Danenhauer. Our sympathy goes out to Linda and her family.

The Unit will be hosted by Russ and Tracy Hardy in July. The August meeting will be hosted by Ted Ensley and Kevin Hulsing at the Garden House at Lake Shawnee. Lake Shawnee is a 410 acre recreational lake. Amenities are: Ted Ensley Gardens, Aboretum, seven mile pedestrian/bicycle trail, Golf Course, Campground, 1,100 acre park, Lake Shawnee Adventure Cove, playgrounds, Boating, Fishing, Skiing, Sailing and Baseball, Softball and Soccer diamonds.

Submitted by: Ted Ensley and his lady Elna

Arab Shriners

Hors d'oeuvres Nights

Wednesdays, 5:30 pm

August 25th

September 22nd

October 27th

Arab Shriners - Sportsman's Event

Saturday November 6, 2021

Doors Open 1:00 p.m. • First Drawing 2:00 p.m.

Arab Shrine•1305 S. Kansas Ave•Topeka Kan.

$50 per ticket

Each ticket is entered into main drawing with a chance to win each of the 26 guns

(Detailed listing of guns will available soon – watch for an email blast from the Arab Shrine office for the list)

Need not be present to win – Must be 21 to purchase/win

$50 ticket includes food and beverages.

$10 guest pass includes entry, food and beverages only.

50/50 Raffle tickets also available with purchase of main ticket - $20 each

Additional games and raffles with more guns available at the banquet

(Attendance required to enter and win additional games/raffles)

Tickets available from your favorite Shriner, the Arab Temple office 785.234.5656

Or Contact Dan Hartzell 785.817.1976

All applicable state and federal laws will be followed – All gun transfers will be handled through Senne's Guns – Bill Senne

All proceeds benefit Arab Temple General Fund and are not tax deductible

If you would like to have a printed Antics mailed to you, each quarter, please contact the Arab Shrine office at 785-234-5656. Cost is $8.00 for the year

($2.00 per issue).

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Arab Shriners

Chris D.

August 2021

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
32	Aug 1, 2021	2 5:45pm Exec/Dir.	3 11:30am Nobelles	4 6:30am Coffee Cl 7pm Antiques	5	6 Ladies Trip 6:25pm Bingo, Tean	7
33	8 Ladies Trip	9	10	11 6:30am Coffee Cl	12 7pm Oriental Ban	13 6:25pm Bingo, Tean	14 Provost Guard Fish
34	15 Clowns picnic (Tony	16 9am Golfers at Sab 7pm Sun Devils	17 7pm Boaters 7pm Cartoons	18 6:30am Coffee Cl 7pm Mini - T's 7pm Topless	19	20 6:25pm Bingo, Tean 7pm Greeters 7pm Rawhiders	21
35	22 Arab Escorts	23	24	25 6:30am Coffee Cl 6pm Hors d'oeuv	26 10pm Ladies Tea &	27 6:25pm Bingo, Tean	28 Family Movie Night Grand Lodge meeti
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Arab Shriners

Chris D.

September 2021

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37	5	6 Labor Day	7 11:30am Nobelles 5:45pm Exec	8 6:30am Coffee Cl 7pm Antiques	9 6pm Clowns 7pm Oriental Bar 8pm DeMolay Kn	10 6:25pm Bingo, Team	11
38	12 Purse Bingo	13 7pm Band 7pm Stated Meet	14 7pm Legion of Ho	15 6:30am Coffee Cl	16 7pm Directors St	17 6:25pm Bingo, Team 7pm Greeters	18 Fall Ceremonial 11am Ladies Lunch
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Arab Shriners

Chris D.

October 2021

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40	Sep 26, 2021 Arab Escorts	27 10am Golfers at Cyp 7pm Band	28 7pm Provost Gua	29 6:30am Coffee Cl	30	Oct 1 Antics submission d 6:25pm Bingo, Team	2
41	3	4 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open Golf Tournament, Las Vegas 5:45pm Exec/Dir.	5 11:30am Nobelles	6 6:30am Coffee Cl 7pm Antiques	7 7pm Ritualistic C	8 6:25pm Bingo, Team	9 Antiques Car Show
42	10 Shriners Hospitals	11 7pm Band 7pm Stated Meeting	12 7pm Legion of Ho	13 6:30am Coffee Cl	14 6pm Clowns 7pm Oriental Bar 8pm DeMolay Kn	15 Mystery Trip 6:25pm Bingo, Team 7pm Greeters 7pm Rawhiders	16 Lifehouse Dualing
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44	24 Arab Escorts Meat Raffle	25 7pm Band	26 7pm Provost Gua	27 6:30am Coffee Cl 6pm Hors d'oeuv	28	29 6:25pm Bingo, Team	30 (SunDevils Hallowe
45	31 Halloween	Nov 1 5:45pm Exec/Dir.	2 11:30am Nobelles	3 6:30am Coffee Cl 7pm Antiques	4 7pm Ritualistic C	5 6:25pm Bingo, Team	6 Sportsman's Raffle

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