

ARAB ANTICS

*HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM YOUR
POTENTATE & THE 2020 DIVAN*



**ARAB SHRINERS QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER 2020 - JANUARY 2021**

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."

Last year, we made a lot of plans for 2020. Since then, things have changed. Before we hold any events listed below, we'll evaluate the COVID-19 situation for each date to determine if it is safe for the event to take place. Updates will be posted on Facebook and sent out by e-blast. If in doubt, please call the office before an event!

NOVEMBER

- 7 Sportsman Event
- 9 Stated Meeting
- 21 Potentate Roast Potluck
- 26 Thanksgiving-Office Closed
- 27 Office Closed

DECEMBER

- 5 Breakfast with Santa/Brunch with Bad Santa
- 10 Ladies Christmas Luncheon
- 14 Stated Meeting Elections
- 24 Christmas Eve-Office Closed
- 25 Christmas-Office Closed
- 31 New Year's Eve

JANUARY 2021

- 1 New Year's Breakfast
- 11 Annual Meeting
- 17 Potentates Reception
- 18 East-West Shrine Bowl Watch Party

Elective Divan

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

Appointive Divan

First Ceremonial Master	Keith Bricker
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Marshal	Todd Starin
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Public Relations Director	Rick Smith
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Outer Guard	Leo Perry
Chaplain	Mark Varble

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Larry Dain, Potentate
Kurt Lawson, Chief Rabban
Jeff Neal, Assistant Rabban
Brad Koehn, PP Imperial Sir
Paul Honaker, PP, Imperial Audit & Finance Rep
Alt: Doug Hodge, High Priest & Prophet
Alt: David Johnson, Oriental Guide

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Jeff Neal, Assistant Rabban
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Alt: Doug Hodge, High Priest & Prophet

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A Message From Your Potentate



Larry Dain

2020 Potentate

From the Potentate

Well, here we are again, sitting and waiting. Much of this year has been a year of sitting and waiting. At present it looks like we will finish the year largely sitting and waiting. There are very few things in our control. Of the few things we can control, we did a good job. Your Divan and I continue to meet every month evaluating what we can do based on the restrictions.

We will finish 2020 with the operating funds of Arab temple in solid shape. This is largely due to getting the circus completed, the Cupid fundraiser by the Sun Devils, the \$10K bonus we received

from Imperial for David Regan race car raffle, and not spending money except where necessary.

Although, our temple will be financially fine going into 2021 we need, we must, focus on the nobility. I am not going to sugar coat it. The inability to meet and fellowship has hit us hard. That is why I continue to urge the Divan to reach out to each of the officers of their respective units and clubs. Personal contact is crucial for future success. One day this virus will be behind us. Our connection to each other will not only sustain us today but position us for a great restart – whenever that may be.

Although our traditional Shrine Calendar has been ditched, we will be finishing the year by having Stated meetings in person (limited attendance) and via Zoom. At present the Shawnee County Health Department has limited our indoor gatherings to not exceed 25 people. Some units have elected to meet via Zoom. If you wish to have a unit meeting via Zoom, just call the office and let us know. As we find new ways to keep rolling, I cannot stress strong enough that your health is the most important thing. Please stay healthy and safe.

If we take the long view of things, this stoppage will be a mere blip on the radar. Arab Shriners serve a much greater mission than to ourselves. Our cause is that of helping children. Let us be more determined than ever before in making *Love to the Rescue* a reality. Shriners help children. That is what we do. We will continue to take kids to the hospital, and we will serve our Children's

Hospitals better than ever before. I am asking you to consider donating to the St Louis Hospital during this upcoming season of giving. You can write a check made out to Shriners Hospital for Children - St Louis and send it to the temple office. We will take care of it from there.

Oh, how I would love to meet, wear my fez, and see your smiling faces. Rest assured we will emerge from this as Shriners with an even stronger resolve. We will embody Shriners International Imperial Potentate Jim Smith's slogan "*Having Fun in 21.*" Let us finish the year strong by staying in contact with each other, giving to the hospitals, and helping each other. If you hear of any brother in need, contact the office and let us know. In closing, I would like to give a special note of appreciation to those who are keeping our world moving during this state of emergency. The doctors, nurses, truck drivers, mechanics, grocery store clerks, schoolteachers, meat cutters, food service workers, police, and countless others who are keeping us moving forward. Likewise, our van drivers who are continuing to transport our kids to St Louis are doing tremendous work. We are all in your debt and owe you a new level of respect. I hope to see you soon. Try and keep a positive attitude. Be Safe and Be Positive.

Fraternally,

Larry
Arab Shrine 2020 Potentate

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 9, 2020

December 14, 2020

January 11, 2021

A Message From Your First Lady



With summer behind us, I watch as the leaves on the trees begin to change colors and I am awed at how beautiful the seasons are! This is a time to reflect on the journey Larry and I started 7 years ago to become your Potentate and First Lady of Arab Shrine. The opportunity to serve on the Divan has given us many great memories and friendships we will always cherish. It seems like just yesterday and now we are gearing up for the year end and with that will come a new beginning. This year has been unlike any

other year. We have been faced with a pandemic that we are still trying to figure out and to say the least it has been a challenge for all of us. We were faced with the decision of having to cancel many activities to keep everyone safe and stay in compliance with the state and county guidelines.

With that being said, guidelines have eased up a little so we can begin to look forward to some activities. In October we are looking forward to our new Noble dinner and a Trunk or Treat for some Halloween fun! We are working on the logistics of having Christmas with Santa, Brunch with Bad Santa, and the New Year's Breakfast.

I am looking into rescheduling a few activities for the ladies please watch the email blasts for more

information to come.

Our ladies Christmas luncheon will be held at Arab Shrine on December 10th. I am hopeful to seeing many of you that day and looking forward to celebrating our friendship and the holiday together.

As this year comes to an end please remember

“Friends are like seashells we collect along the way”

Thank you,
Linda Dain



A new take on "Walk This Way" by former (St Louis) patient raises awareness to support Shriners Hospitals for Children

To help give back to the health care system that she credits with transforming her life, Ali McManus, a past patient of Shriners Hospitals for Children and a singer-songwriter, has released a new music [video](#) for *Roll This Way*, her sassy take on Aerosmith's classic hit *Walk This Way*.

Born with a rare bone disorder, McManus has been in a wheelchair since she was 7. As she has addressed on the title track of her previous EP, *Unbreakable*, people tend to see the wheelchair before they see *her*.

Where *Unbreakable* laments that short-sightedness, *Roll This Way* knocks down the walls, breaking the stigma and revealing McManus' feisty, vivacious nature. *Roll This Way* is a cheeky statement that McManus, now in her early 20s, won't let anything stop her from having a good time and living life to the fullest.

The video also features Steven Tyler pushing Ali in her chair while singing along to *Roll This Way*. In fact, Ali wrote the song after her producer Jack Douglas, who worked with Aerosmith, told her the story of recording *Walk This Way*. Her response: "I can't 'walk this way,' but I can roll this way!"

In this new recording, with all new lyrics including her clever replacement of the phrase "just give me a kiss" to "just give me a push," Ali serves up a new kind of fearless inspiration for those navigating disabilities.

"I am so proud of her for following her dream with determination and persistence," said Angie Nenner, RN, who has served as Ali's nurse coordinator since she was 10. "I know that her music and her story will touch the lives of many young patients who are struggling to find their way. She is truly an inspiration to us all."

In the video, Ali is hanging with her girlfriends, cruising Los Angeles in a 1969 cherry Buick convertible and taking over a roller rink while "skating" with friends. With choreography by Marisa Hamamoto, who specializes in working with dancers with disabilities, Ali dances with the other girls in scenes that promote inclusion, serving as a normalizing image of life in a chair.

Roll This Way is an anthem for embracing what makes us different, inspiring people of all backgrounds to live a life without limits. Ali encourages viewers to donate to one of two charities: [Shriners Hospital for Children](#), where Ali received multiple surgeries (she is a Shriner's youth ambassador for the St. Louis Shriners Hospital and performs at fundraisers, as well as in the hospitals), and [Janie's Fund](#), a charity founded by Steven Tyler that is dedicated to assisting young girls who are victims of abuse. All Shriners Hospitals for Children donations will go to the St. Louis and Tampa hospitals. McManus also will be donating royalties from the song. As *Roll This Way* reflects, Ali McManus lives her truth, basking in her best life with no boundaries. As she'll proudly tell anyone she meets, "I'm just a normal girl who happens to sit in a chair all day."

JAMES R. "JIM" SMITH ELECTED IMPERIAL POTENTATE

A Ben Hur Shriner Will Lead the Fraternity
for the 2020-2021 Imperial Year

★ James R. "Jim" Smith of Georgetown, Texas, was elected Imperial Potentate, part of the 12-member body that helps govern the Shriners fraternity, in Tampa, Florida, on July 11, 2020. He is serving his 10th year as a member of the Boards of Directors for Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Smith became a member of the Imperial line to make a difference. "I really thought I could help," he said. "We need to strengthen the temples and ensure they are places where people want to go, and are welcomed. We have to make it attractive to join. To put it in business terms, we need to offer a better product."

His Masonic Journey

Smith became a Mason on Feb. 13, 1999, and a Shriner in 2004. He joined the fraternity as a way to acknowledge and give back to the organizations that assisted a nephew who had orthopaedic difficulties, and received care at Shriners Hospitals for Children – Chicago throughout his childhood.

Smith joined Zor Shriners in Madison, Wisconsin. When the family moved to Georgetown, Texas, he joined Ben Hur Shriners in Austin where he participated in the Provost Guard and helped transport children to and from the Texas Shriners Hospitals. He also was a member of the Board of Governors for the Houston Shriners Hospital.

In 2009, Smith served as Potentate of Ben Hur Shriners. That year, the temple had a balanced budget for the first time in many years and was awarded a Gold Membership Award for a net gain in membership. It was the first time Ben Hur Shriners had achieved gold status in 38 years.

Fun and Fellowship

Smith believes the fraternity needs to emphasize and focus on its original purpose of bringing fun and fellowship to a Masonic organization.

"When the Shriners fraternity started in 1872, its purpose was fun and fellowship," said Smith. "We did well with that – but we've lost our focus. As Imperial Potentate, I will try to put Fun and Fellowship back in the fraternity."

Smith has established a Fun and Fellowship Council to help find ways for "Nobles and ladies to have a good time."



Finding that "better product," and promoting it effectively, will positively impact the fraternity's membership numbers and future, which is critically important to the Shriners organization, Smith said.

Family, Faith and Education

A native of Racine, Wisconsin, Smith spent his childhood summers on his father's family farm. "I really enjoyed that time. It was a great way to be raised," he said.

Growing up, the importance of family and faith were deeply instilled – to this day, he continues to uphold the conservative values and Lutheran faith of his family.

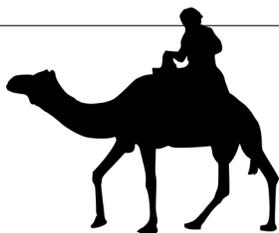
Smith received his bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Wisconsin. He studied for his MBA at the Keller School of Management in Chicago.

The Smith Family

Mary Lou Jones and Alice Smith shared a classroom when both were young teachers. Her husband, Bob Jones, was a friend of Jim Smith and arranged a blind date to bring the future Mr. and Mrs. Smith together. Jim and Alice were married 10 months later in Alice's hometown of Kilkenny, Minnesota, and celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary in August.

As Jim's career with a conveyor systems company progressed, the family moved quite often, mostly to various cities in Wisconsin and Minnesota, but they also spent time in Illinois and on the East Coast. Eventually, they purchased a fuel company in Phillips, Wisconsin, which was their last move before retiring to Georgetown, Texas.

The Smiths have a son, Jason, and a daughter, Abby, and five grandchildren. The fraternal tradition will continue in the Smith family for at least the next generation – both Jason and Abby's husband, Greg, are Shriners.



THESE WE DO NOT FORGET

James T. Blackburn D. 6/23/2020	Ralph E. Rose D. 3/10/2020	Gerald Stitt D. November 2019
Charles H. Hoffmeister D. 1/26/2020	Gary Shofner D. 6/30/2020	Dr. Royce Walz D. 6-10-2020
Ronald Persing D. 3/16/2020	Kim Emmons D. 5/11/2020	Bill Davis D. 9-2-2020
Lawrence Heide D. 3/26/2020	Richard Logsdon D. 3/5/2020	Billy Jones D. September 2020
Richard D. Donovan D. 7/11/2020	Jim Musick D. 4/3/2020	Eldon Johnson D. 10-8-2020
	Clayton E. Shown D. 3/11/2020	Ed Winkler D. October 2020

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 Kroger*	1996 Jerry Teichgraeber*
1936 Charles Moore*	1966 Waldo Haflich*	1997 Frank Siefert
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. Juther Dodd*	1973 Martin Foltz*	2004 John Janes*
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 McClafin*
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 Ducksworth*	2016 Jim Whitehead
1956 Waldemar Metzenthin*	1986 Albert Jackson, Jr.	2017 Jeff Hurst
1957 Harold Jasperson*	1987 Cap Grover*	2018 Paul Honaker
1958 Carliss Swain*	1988 Bill Koehn*	2019 Steve Kramer
1959 Lloyd Raish*	1989 Richard Magathan*	2020 Larry Dain
1960 Nels 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.
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 Kampschroder

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
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Social Distancing Success

Everyone is aware of the threat of Covid-19 and the totally negative effects this pandemic has had on this country, as well as the rest of the world.

Closer to home, the ARAB Shriners have been forced to cancel practically every activity that we have enjoyed for decades, including the Kansas Shrine Bowl.

The Kansas Shrine Bowl Committee made a bold decision to hold the 47th Annual Shrine Bowl on July 18th as planned.

Obviously, this was going to require a complete new set of rules to maintain cleanliness and daily sanitization, to a level never before required. New plans were set, approved by all of the appropriate parties, and initiated to perfection by all those involved.

The players, coaches, and administrators were isolated the entire week of the game,

their living quarters, their meals, and their practices were monitored 24 hours every day prior to kickoff.

Topeka's Hummer Field, Saturday night, July 18th found a limited number of spectators, parents, and family only, practicing social distancing, and excessive hand sanitization, while maintaining a very positive attitude concerning the necessity of this game.

The teams and the coaches gave everything they had. It was a fun game to watch, and in the end the West team was victorious, along with our Shrine Kids, at Shriners Hospitals for Children.

I watched several people from around the state working hard to do the right thing. The people at Hummer Park were busy all afternoon and evening sanitizing and re-sanitizing doors, door handles, table

surfaces, chairs, and stair railings to maintain the cleanest, most sanitized facility possible.

To this day, I have not heard of one case of Covid 19, related to this event. A victory for all, and positive proof that an event such as this could be completed in a very safe and sanitary manner, if everyone does their part.

A big **Thank You** goes out to the entire Shrine Bowl Committee, and the folks at Topeka's Hummer Sports Complex, for a job well done.

I for one, appreciate your efforts.

Roger Farthing



The Chaplain's Corner



This will be the last Chaplain's Corner for 2020. Unfortunately, 2020 did not turn out so hot for Ills Sir Larry or our First Lady Linda. All the plans for a standout year was shuttled in March. As I reflect on the heartbreak that is theirs, I am continually amazed by positive attitude and enthusiasm of Ills Sir Larry. In this time of history, he is, without a doubt, the right man for us.

Receiving and Giving Light

I am reminded of the Apostle Paul's letter to Philemon and the lessons in leadership it contains. I see so many of these attributes in Ills Sir Larry. This short book, only 1 chapter and 25 verses, contains a powerful message. Paul is dealing with slavery, a social condition prevalent in the ancient world. He treats the topic of social roles and the profound change that a relationship with God makes.

Onesimus was one of Philemon's slaves. He had run away and ended up with Paul. Paul writes to Philemon. As the owner of a slave that has ran away, Philemon has the legal and social control of the situation. Paul addresses Philemon as a man who has choices in how the situation is to be handled. The question is, what will Philemon do now that the slave has been found. Will he exert legal rights or

will he take the high road. Philemon's faith has a target, that target includes how he treats others who he thinks are less than he.

Paul could easily 'pulled rank' and told Philemon what to do with Onesimus. Paul though does not act from a place of power and authority. Instead he appeals to Philemon to do the right thing, not out of compulsion but of free will. He is to view Onesimus, not as a slave, but as a 'dear brother' "both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord. Welcome Onesimus as you would me." Onesimus may have had one status according to society, but now he is an "apostle." The fellowship of faith provides another way to look at him. He is a brother.

What drives believers is the commandment to love your neighbor, regardless of who they

Submission & Ad Information

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

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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 December 15, 2020

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

The Chaplain's Corner *continued...*

are, enemies included, as yourself. This is predicated on the fact that all people are made in the image of God. Paul states he is sending Onesimus back to Philemon but the nature of the relationship between the two has changed. Onesimus is now a believer. Paul, Philemon, and Onesimus are all, now, equal and slaves to Jesus Christ.

This short book teaches us much about leadership. Namely, our relationship with God shapes how we treat others. We are to view others, not in terms of

social rank, but in terms from within the faith. This changes everything. Paul's leadership role in the ancient world was not primarily about power but grounded in relationships. It is not about doing a job or task, it is about forgiving and honoring the other person to be a new, changed person. We are to act out of best choices rather than compulsion. We are to act not out of status but, with an eye to service, lead others and guide them to be better.

Ills Sir Larry and First Lady Linda, thank you for the opportunity to serve you and the fraternity in 2020. Most of all, thank you for the leadership you have shown, putting self-second, and serving the needs of others. Thank you for rising above your traditional shrine roles, urging us to serve and think of others. Your selfless example of service is a great example to all of us.

So, Mote It Be

Mark

Membership Minute

Hello Nobles! This year has been something that we could never see coming. COVID has changed the way we look at everything and has made it difficult on all of us. With that being said, I need your help. 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.



Andrew Piper and Lady Laura

Contact information for Membership: Andrew Piper (785) 220-7404 or membership@arabshriners.org



Arab Shriner Circus Update...

Hello Nobles and Ladies.

It has been awhile, and I have missed seeing you.

We are headed towards 2021 with both excitement and concern.

Jeff Neal, Doug Hodge, and I met with our Circus Chairmen recently. It is with deep regret and an abundance of caution for the well-being of our Nobles, Ladies, Hamid Circus performers, and the public in general that we came to the consensus that we were NOT going to be able to hold our annual Arab Shrine Circus in February 2021 like we normally do. I have proposed some possible reschedule dates to Illustrious Sir Paul Honaker, our Circus Chairman. He has reached out to Jim Hamid to see if any of those possible reschedule dates will work for Hamid Circus. If we can identify a date that works for Arab Shriners and Hamid Circus, we would then need to reach out to the Stormont Vail Event Center and see if our date would work into their schedule.

Truly, I think that we have more questions than answers at this point, but we are investigating.

I was recently reminded that back in 2009, when the Cash Calendar program began, it generated over \$20,000 in income for the temple. In this time of Covid and social distancing, Temples and units/clubs are struggling to generate income. The Cash Calendar program affords units and clubs the opportunity to generate some income for themselves as well as the temple. You know, a lot of our normal fund raisers revolve around having large gatherings where we feed, provide drink, or entertain those who attend. With the Cash Calendar program, you can still generate income without having large gatherings. I encourage units and clubs to embrace this opportunity to generate some income for themselves and the temple. I encourage

you to buy, buy, buy, and sell, sell, sell. They are a great gift giving idea.

I intend to have Cash Calendars ready to distribute at the October Stated meeting if we are able to have it. If we are unable to have the October meeting in person, we will figure out a way to get calendars into your hands. I would love to order more calendars because all the first printings have been sold.

One last thought. Check on your fellow nobles and ladies. Make sure that they are doing okay, and if not, see whether there is



June 5 – 12, 2021



Join Chief Rabban Kurt & Lady Bev Lawson at the Riu Palace Aruba

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karen@funinsuntravel.com

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Arab Shrine Concert Band Update

The Shrine Concert band is looking forward to performing as part of the Stated Meetings again.

These dedicated Shriners and musicians have played for all the Stated Meetings, Circus', and Ceremonials for years. They are available to play for social get togethers for any Shrine organization with planning ahead and availability of members.

With help from friends, we can play all types of music - Patriotic, Jazz, Rock, Swing, Polkas, Ceremonial, Holiday, and much more. Shrine Band members also play in many other community groups like the Santa Fe Band, Marshall's Band, Topeka Big Band, Fairlawn Road Band, Topeka Polka Band, Jayhawk Alumni Band, Clubs, and many more.

Because of age and lack of a float to ride on, we regret that we can no longer perform in area Parades.

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Update from the Antiques Unit



Greetings to All

Hope all are staying healthy and safe in these trying times of Covid-19.

The Antiques Unit is sad to announce that the **2020 Car Show** for Saturday Oct 10th is

canceled due to safety concerns. We will see what comes of the **Super Bowl Party** and how the pandemic is going in February.

The Antiques are still planning on meeting monthly and trying our best to keep Unit members informed of what is going on.

Please continue to **Wash Your Hands, Wear a Mask** and **Social Distance** when at all possible!

Stay Healthy and Stay Safe!

Antiques Unit Sec

Scott Crawford

The Swiners...OINK!! OINK!!

Roger Farthing &

Paul Clarkson

Throughout the Pandemic, The Swiners continue to stay active with various requests from a few of the units.

During the Shrine Bowl week, The Swiners cooked noon meals, one evening meal, and assisted Neosho Valley, with the Players Steak Feed. We cooked burgers and brats for the Shrine Bowl Golf Tournament as well.

Recently, we cooked burgers and brats for the Golfers Annual Children's Hospital Tournament at Village Greens in Ozawkie. It was necessary to call in

additional assistance. HyVee furnished all the food and condiments necessary to make this lunch successful.

The Swiners have been requested to prepare the steak dinner for the New Noble Recognition Dinner, October 17th. We look forward to help make this dinner a success as well.

The Swiners are looking for additional members to join this group. The dues are paid by Paul and Roger. Call us soon catch all of the good times.

Fraternally,



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PULL...SHOOT! Clay Busters Update

This past three months the Clay Busters have gone to Ravenwood on the first Wednesday evening of each month. After a lively time of putting lead in the air, they have gone to Tailgaters for food and refreshments.

Shooting sporting clays is a great opportunity sharpen the ole shootin eye before bird season. The environment is always relaxed and welcome to novice and experts alike. Ravenwood is a favorite of locations because of its proximity to Topeka. Also, every year they sponsor the Ladies Charity Shoot with proceeds going to Arab Temple Travel Fund. Over the past 20 years they have donated more than \$40,000.

The price for target shooting is the cost of shells plus \$25 for fifty targets or \$40 for one hundred targets. The 13-station course is set in woodlands, over water, and in prairie grass. Many of the presentations are made with the bird hunter in mind, representing unpredictable speed and movements of birds in flight. The types of targets include report pair (targets thrown individually), true pair (targets thrown as a pair), quartering pairs (targets quartering), spring teal (up from the feet or fast incomers), crossers (targets that cross), incoming (targets that start far away and come toward you), overhead (targets that are thrown behind and often overhead), and those rascally

rabbits (targets that hop along the ground and jump like rabbits!)

The best tip for shooting sporting clays is to focus on the target, cheek on the stock, swing through, and squeeze the trigger. You match the speed of your gun with the speed of the target when you swing through. When this happens, magic occurs, and the clays explode. To increase your odds even further work on stance in the box, gun mount, initial hold point, and desired break point. It can be a mental challenge. Keep positive and keep believing and good things will happen. Wanna know more about the Clay Busters, give Tony Frye a call.



JERRY GANTT RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF OUR PHILANTHROPY

Jerry G. Gantt of Lincolnton, North Carolina, was re-elected President of Shriners Hospitals for Children in Tampa, Florida, on July 11, 2020. As president, he also serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Gantt is currently serving his 16th year as a member of the Board of Directors for Shriners Hospitals for Children. He served as Imperial Potentate in 2015-2016.

An Able Leader

As Chairman of the Board, Gantt will continue to guide our health care system, Shriners Hospitals for Children, toward a more efficient and effective care model that meets both the needs of today's patients and families and the expectations of the health care industry.

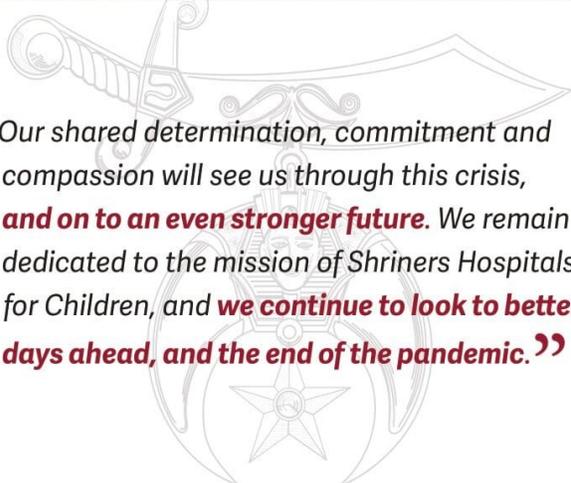
Long-range plans also include creating Centers of Excellence that will offer care for all four of our major service lines and developing many more access points to our health care system by establishing more local affiliations and collaborative efforts, as well as expanding outreach efforts. In addition, Gantt is determined to work with the leadership teams to ensure that all our resources, including beds and buildings, are used wisely, effectively and efficiently. Implementing these changes will allow Shriners Hospitals to effectively reach more kids in more places, and offer our unique brand of life-changing health care to as many children as possible, regardless of where they live.

Gantt has proven his ability to work well with all types of people and balance different viewpoints, which will continue to help him successfully lead Shriners Hospitals during a time of significant changes and unexpected crises.

A Little Background

Gantt became a Mason in response to the organization's compassion and concern for others, especially orphaned children. He was raised a Master Mason in 1971 and quickly learned of another organization that helped children. He became a member of Oasis Shriners in Charlotte, North Carolina, in 1972. In 1980, he joined Arabia Shriners in Houston, Texas, where he held numerous offices, including being chairman of the Five-Year Planning Committee and serving as Potentate in 2002.

In 1993, he was appointed to the Board of Governors of Shriners Hospitals for Children – Houston, a position he held for 10 years, serving as Chairman in 2002 and 2003. In 2005, he was elected to the Imperial line as Imperial Outer Guard.



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As a member of the national Board of Directors, he has served on virtually every committee, including Budget, Building and Equipment, Public Relations and Strategic Planning. He has also served as Liaison Officer to seven Shriners Hospitals.

As Imperial Potentate in 2015-2016, he worked to strengthen the relationship between headquarters' staff, the Boards of Governors, the national Joint Boards and the temple Divans.

Facing the Future

While the 2020 Imperial year is starting under difficult circumstances, as the pandemic continues to disrupt lives and plans around the globe, Gantt is confident of the future of our organizations.

“We are people of hope. Although we are unsure of some aspects of the future, we are continuing to prepare Shriners Hospitals for Children for its second hundred years, and implement our strategic plans to restructure and streamline our health care system to meet the needs of the future, and the expectations of both our patients and families and the health care industry,” said Gantt.

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Nomads Camping Out

By Mark Varble Camping Extraordinaire

Webster defines Nomad as:

1) a member of a people who have no fixed residency but move from place to place usually seasonally and within a well-defined territory; 2) an individual who roams about. At Arab Shrine the Nomads are a group that roam about, primarily in Eastern Kansas in their travel trailers and RVs.

The Nomad camping season started with a few hiccups due to COVID, campground closures, and water damage from the floods of 2019. Although fireworks did not fill the skies there were plenty of joy's, thrill's, and ahhh's around the campsites. Here are some tips from the Nomads to ensure your trip is a successful one.

Brian H – Make a checklist and keep it up to date. This will ensure you do not leave anything behind. One list should be of maintenance essentials (gloves, duct tape, batteries, cords, lightbulbs, etc.) and one of household essentials (spices, utensils, bedding, TP, etc.)

Curt H – Make sure your stuff works before getting to the campsite. Nothing is more aggravating than realizing something is broke.

Mike C – backing a trailer is a

piece of cake. Pulling through where you do not have to back is better.

Jim D – Keep your sense of humor. It is fun and not meant to be taken too seriously.

Keith B – Set your alarm clock to go off 30 minutes after Cary C. He makes the best coffee and is the first to make it each morning.

Cary C – bring extra firewood, sit back, and watch the master fire builder Keith B do his magic.

Steve B – after stopping by and getting your first cup of joe from Cary, swing on over and enjoy a cinnamon roll. Becky makes the best cinnamon rolls. PS, cinnamon rolls are not donuts.

Tony F – have plenty of fans on hand. Fans are great for keeping mosquitos and flies at bay. Also, the dogs like to sit in front of the fan.

Cary C – you always eat well when camping. A real joy this year was the live Maine lobsters that were flown from Portland, Maine to Lake Shawnee.

Here are some additional tips for camping.

If Momma ain't happy, nobody is happy. But the same can be said of Daddy's.

Honesty is sometimes a bad policy.

Anytime you surprise her with flowers on the campsite, she will question your motive but love them.

Anytime you can back the trailer and hit the spot on the first try, she will think you are as savvy as the guy that invented the corn dog.

Speaking of corn dogs, never feed leftover corn dogs to the family dog.

Interested in joining the Nomads? Just contact one of them and they will be glad to tell you more about the Arab Nomads. As always, camping is not camping without the joyful youthful sounds of kids. Kids and grandkids abound on the Nomad campsites. Bring yours and they too will enjoy new friends and the thrills of camping.









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Hospital Dads in NEED of Drivers

I hope this moment finds everyone in good health, because of this corona virus our travels to St Louis Children's Hospital have been suspended until a safer time, we will get through this trying time together.

I want to remind everyone we still need volunteers to drive our patients to the Shriners Hospital; it only cost you a one time fee of one hundred dollars, this is what being a Shiner means, helping Children to a better way of Life.

Brian Hagmeier, P.P.
President

Bob Weibel
Vice President

Harlan McNinch
Treasurer

Parading as Shriner's

By Roger Farthing

Parade Marshal

Thanks to the COVID 19 Pandemic, the ARAB Shrine has seen a big savings in fuel expenses to the active parading units. The pandemic has reaped havoc with so many of the normal shrine activities, our parade schedule is no exception. I received confirmation Monday that the Maple Leaf Celebration has been

canceled for 2020.

I am working to get confirmation on Veterans Day Parades in Topeka and Emporia. The parade in Emporia is probably going to happen no matter what. The next parade I am currently showing would be the Miracle on Kansas Ave in Topeka, December 5th. Watch the ARAB

Shrine blasts for additional information concerning the Christmas Parade.

Let us hope for a more parade friendly 2021.

Fraternally Yours,
Ol' Rog'



Through
Darkness

I Shine

The Stories
of Connor
and Mia

★ Every year, Shriners Hospitals for Children selects two National Patient Ambassadors to represent its patients. The ambassadors share their stories about the obstacles they've faced and how the health care system has made a dramatic difference in their lives.



Connor

"I want to help other kids feel good about themselves and their differences."



Mia

"This community consists of the best people, and it truly makes my heart soar to know I'm a large part of it."

CONNOR, 14, was born with a bilateral incomplete cleft lip and complete cleft palate involving the hard and soft palate. As a newborn, his condition was so severe that he was unable to create the suction needed to feed. By the time he was 3 weeks old, he was failing to gain weight and was about to be admitted to a hospital. That's when a friend who was also a Shriner recommended the family contact Shriners Hospitals for Children — Chicago.

There, his RN care coordinator gave Connor's mother, Kelly, a special syringe, making it possible for her to finally feed her baby. From that moment, Connor began an extensive treatment plan of surgeries and interventions that will continue until he is 21, so that some repairs can be made after he has stopped growing.

Connor's condition affects not only his teeth and his ability to eat, but also his speech, hearing, and social and emotional well-being. In addition, Connor has a connective tissue disorder that eventually made it difficult for the active teen to participate in contact sports.

Connor's can-do spirit and supportive family have helped him find many ways to pursue his passions. Connor umpires for youth baseball, acts as a physical education mentor for other kids with disabilities at his school, and is an advocate and community volunteer. But above all else, Connor is a golfer. He maintains a busy training schedule and hopes to one day become a pro. Along with his family, Connor is part of a large local annual fundraiser, a golf tournament that has raised more than \$200,000 over the years for Shriners Hospitals for Children.

"I want kids to know that no matter what they look like, or how they walk, or what makes them different — that they shouldn't let anyone else make them feel bad," Connor said. "I want to help other kids feel good about themselves and their differences."

MIA, 16, was born with a severe case of infantile idiopathic scoliosis. Her journey with Shriners Hospitals for Children began at age 2, when she was first seen at the St. Louis location. Mia's treatments have included halo traction to gradually straighten and stretch her spine, as well as nearly 20 surgeries.

During her extensive time in the hospital, Mia and her care team developed a tight bond, and Mia considers the people she knows at Shriners Hospitals — her doctors, nurses, therapists and even the security guard — family. She has served as a patient ambassador for Shriners Hospitals for Children — St. Louis since she was 4 and has appeared in promotional videos and media interviews. Mia's passion is theater and singing, and she was featured singing *I'll Be Home for Christmas* in our holiday commercials. Mia is also part of the Shriners children's choir that performed in the recording of Foreigner's new version of their hit song *I Want to Know What Love Is*.

"I am so honored to be in this position," Mia said. "For as long as I can remember, I have always loved Shriners Hospitals. Not just because of the life it has given me, but the real love that comes from it. This community consists of the best people, and it truly makes my heart soar to know I'm a large part of it."





Legion of Honor



By: David Smith

Past Commander

We hope everyone has stayed safe during the pandemic and these troubling times. The pandemic has caused the world to change and look at things differently. As our country starts to get back to the new normal please take the necessary precautions to keep you and your family safe. Due to technical problems our last couple of articles were not posted in the Antics. So, I am going try to get you up to date on the LOH happenings.

Our October meeting was held at the Air Combat Museum, 40 members were in attendance. During the meeting we inducted four new members, Roger Brooks, Scott Rakestraw, Steve Skrzypek and Carlin Honaker. The next time you see them give them a warm welcome to the LOH. After the meeting members were able to tour the museum. The museum is a great place to visit.

Members from the Arab LOH took their annual trip to Arlington, VA in November for the wreath laying ceremony at the "Tomb of the Unknown Soldier." This year we were there during Halloween and the attendees put on a Halloween costume party.

The costumes were great; even our members got involved. Upon completion of the Tomb wreath laying, members laid poppies at the Canadian Monument paying tribute to the Americans that served in the Canadian armed forces during WW I, WW II, and the Korean War. After the wreath laying, members returned to the hotel for the "Remembrance Luncheon," a traditional Thanksgiving meal. If you ever get a chance to attend one of the ceremonies and see the changing of the guards and the laying of the wreath, it is a moving experience. The International LOH performs the ceremony each year in November, so please try and attend one of the ceremonies.

Our November meeting was our lady's appreciation dinner. We had over fifty members and guests present. The delicious meal was catered by Grandma Wocks. The meal was served by the Rainbow Girls and we want to thank them for doing an outstanding job. The "Salute to Veterans" video was shown at the November meeting to honor our veterans that have served and the ones currently serving in the military. It is important we

honor our veterans especially after some of the events that have occurred this year. Our veterans and military are the ones that keep our country safe. Let us remember "All Gave Some; Some Gave All" to give us the freedoms we enjoy today. I am always in the process of making the new video for next year, so 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.

Our Christmas party at the Capital Plaza hotel was outstanding. The party was attended by 36 members, friends, and relatives. The entertainment was provided by Gloria Deo Singers, a wonderful group of young people, that performed both patriotic and Christmas songs. Everyone had a wonderful time.

At our January meeting we elected the new officers for Year 2020. The new Officers are Ron Buchanan, Commander, Shannon Davis, 1st Lt. Commander, Alex Parker, 2nd Lt. Commander, Steve Suchsland, Adjutant, Gale Vernon, Treasurer, and

Legion of Honor *continued...*

Dean Owen, Captain of the Guard.

In February, the circus came to town and the LOH toy booth help make the circus a big success.

At our March meeting we celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a traditional menu provided by About's. Everyone enjoyed the

food and had a great time.

The LOH was honored to present the Colors during this year's Shrine Bowl. The flag-bearers are Left to Right: Steve Suchsland, Richard Watson, Todd Starin, Larry Polter, David Tillotson, Steve Skrzypek, and Shannon Davis.

If you have served in the military and would like more information about the LOH we would like to have you as a guest at one of our meetings. Contact any of the officers in the 2020 calendar book for details.

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





Legion of Honor



FIRST LADY ALICE SMITH'S FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

Rising Stars Helps Patients Discover Their Potential

We are all proud of Shriners Hospitals for Children's commitment to providing wrap-around care — maintaining a family-centered approach and caring for our patients' overall health and well-being.

This can mean different things for different patients. It can include finding ways to help them play with their friends, enhance their education, enjoy a hobby and live more independently.

"For many children, reaching their goals is often possible, but they may need to approach them in a different way," said First Lady Alice Smith. "Sometimes an assistive device can make all the difference. In my program, *Rising Stars*, I want to highlight the ways that Shriners Hospitals help kids realize their potential by providing assistive devices and other support."



"We all want our children to be happy and successful," said First Lady Alice. "I want to help our patients move from the Shriners Hospitals system to successful, independent adult lives."

Treating Unique Needs

For some kids, independence means that they want to be able to feed or dress themselves. Shriners Hospitals therapists help with that by evaluating each patient individually and working to find or create a custom tool, such as cutlery for persons with a hand or limb difference or devices to assist with dressing or grooming for persons with limited use of upper extremities.

Other assistive devices are mobility aids, such as crutches, walkers and wheelchairs that help patients learn to walk or regain that ability and to move about independently. There are also computer-driven augmentations to help those with speech and communication difficulties.

Integrating Technology

We also use assistive technology in our therapy programs, through the availability of various systems such as body weight supported gait training and functional electrical stimulation bikes. To help patients enjoy a higher quality of life, we also provide, or make families aware of, adaptive recreation opportunities and items to provide additional kid-friendly mobility, such as adaptive toy cars or bikes.

Women Working Together

Women have always encouraged others and influenced change in society. Today, women have a greater opportunity than ever to support the work that they hold dear.

As First Lady of Shriners International, Lady Alice is pleased to support *Women & Philanthropy*, which is now in its second year. Membership is open to women of all ages and backgrounds. The only criteria are having a heartfelt desire to make the world a better place and a passion to improve the lives of children. *Women & Philanthropy* will support First Lady Alice's *Rising Stars* program.

First Lady Alice invites all women, including those who are Shriners Hospitals for Children physicians, nurses, therapists, administrators, vice presidents, members or volunteers, as well as women worldwide who support the life-changing work of Shriners Hospitals for Children — to join this mission-driven community by committing to an annual gift of \$500. Membership includes a commemorative necklace, collectible pin, special event invitations and other opportunities.



To learn more, please visit lovetotherescue.org/first-lady-program.

Floating Boaters Update

We had our first meeting in 6 months on August 18th via the Zoom app on the internet. We had 12 members participate for about an hour including a short business meeting and plenty of jocularly the rest of the time. We will be having an in person social meeting in the backyard of Brian Hagmeier on September 15th with social distancing and masks as needed. We are planning this will be a regular dinner and social for just the guys this time, with the hope we may be able to expand it to include the ladies in October.

The Boaters, like all the other units and clubs at Arab Shrine have struggled for months with the COVID Pandemic and all it has changed in our personal lives and the activities at the shrine. We look forward to the October Stated meeting, whether in person or on the internet and hope it is a step forward in the quest for some level of normalcy for each of us.

If we cannot meet in person next month we will once again do the Zoom meeting instead, please plan to join us for the fun and information. Please be safe and we hope to see all of you this Fall at Arab Shrine.

Brian Hagmeier, PP

Captain, Arab Boaters



From the PR Director's Desk

While writing this I hope it finds you all well and safe. 2020 has been a year that many would rather forget with the Covid 19 pandemic canceling a lot of the summer and fall activities. Fear not as someday this will all be behind us. There are numerous events that still may take place in hopes that CDC guidelines and the Governors recommendations will allow. Believe me that there is nothing I would like more than to spend time socially and sharing fellowship with all Shriners. Phone calls are great however it is the smile and the look in your eyes that convey the true sense of communicating.

Still in the works as far as events are something like a Parking lot Trunk or Treat, the Sportsman's raffle, a Parking lot Picnic, and a few more are being discussed as time goes by. Membership should always be in the back of our minds as we continue to increase the number in this great fraternity.

Many of the Blue lodges have not been able to meet and some consider meeting outdoors in order to get work done. Just One Card's are available in the office and must be filled out completely when entered in the system. Watch for the email blast and log into the

website www.arabshriners.org and facebook.com/arabshriners. We will get through this in time if we all work together. Please stay safe and prayers to those that have lost friends and family members during this pandemic.

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Ritualistic Cast

Hello Everyone!

I hope everybody is doing well with everything going on. The only thing going on with us since we are not having a Ceremonial, we have been hired to do the Fez lecture on October 17th as we welcome 10 new candidates and are looking forward to that.

It is my sincere hope that everybody stays well and hopefully comes out on the other end of this pandemic.

Until the Next Time.

Tom Johnson



ARAB SHRINERS

Coffee Clutchers Paused

At this time, holding a weekly meeting with refreshments is not cost effective. There are not enough people in attendance to support the expense of the coffee & donuts.

So, we are pausing until more people can attend.

We look forward to enjoying coffee, donuts & conversation with everyone in the future!

Lil' Chops on a Roll...

Well, it has definitely been a messed-up year for the Shriners with a majority of our parade/social activities being canceled due to concerns with the Corona Virus. However, the Lil' Chops did manage to parade in Toronto, Kansas on July 4th to honor Imperial Sir Jeff Sowder. I believe that there were more people in Toronto on July 4th for the parade than actually live in the county normally! It was great to get out and about finally. It was also great to see the David Ragan Nascar Monster Energy Cup 2019 Ford Mustang go rumbling down the parade route. The Lil' Chops subsequently purchased 10 raffle tickets in hopes of winning the Ford Mustang. Sad to say, we did not win the car.

We were able to parade in Osage City on Friday, July 10th with a social being held at Brother Rich Avery's

house before and after the parade. Apparently, the residences of Osage City were not too concerned with the Corona Virus since there were lots and lots of people attending the parade. It was a hot evening for a parade but the social after the parade helped cool us down.

As usual, a group of Lil' Chops made the trek to Waverly for the Ohio Day's parade on Monday, July 13th, followed by a social at Paul and Diana Clarkson's farm. Apparently, the cancellation of the Waverly Fair hurt the normally great parade spectator attendance this year. But it is always great to see the smiles on the children's faces when the Lil' Chops run around in circles during parade.

With the cancellation of many of the parades we normally attend, we have been spending our time working on an enclosed

trailer that Lil' Chop DJ Hendrickson graciously donated its use for the Lil' Chops. With tie-downs, air vents, a small cabinet installed it is ready to haul multiple Lil' Chops around to the parades. Also, most of the Lil' Chop bikes that the unit owns, which are all for sale, have been made parade ready and are being stored in the trailer. The trailer will definitely make life easier trying to keep all of the Lil' Chops hardware together in one location. Thanks again to DJ!

Due to all of the issues this year, we haven't had any recent Lil' Chop meetings to discuss things. We are hoping to have a meeting later in the year to discuss whether we will be having our annual post-Christmas party and to plan for our Vidalia Onion fundraiser. We will be in touch.

We are hoping that we will be attending some parades late in the year at Council Grove, Emporia, and Topeka. Hope we see you along a parade route soon! Life's short - enjoy the ride!



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