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Elective Divan

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

Appointive Divan

First Ceremonial Master	Mike Powell
Second Ceremonial Master	Tony Frye
Marshal	Doug Hodge
Membership Director	Brian Hagmeier, P.P.
Pubic Relations Director	Roger Farthing
Captain of the Guard	Tim Brey
Outer Guard	Bob Weibel
Chaplain	Roy Sullivan

Imperial Council Representatives

Jeff Hurst, Potentate
 Paul Honaker, Chief Rabban
 Steve Kramer, Assistant Rabban
 Brad Koehn, P.P., Imperial Auditor
 Alt: Larry Dain, High Priest & Prophet

Central States Shrine Association Representatives

Jeff Hurst, Potentate
 Paul Honaker, Chief Rabban
 Steve Kramer, Assistant Rabban
 Larry Dain, High Priest & Prophet
 Don Horttor, P.P., Past President CSSA
 Alt: Kurt Lawson, Oriental Guide

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From the Potentate

Pote's Quotes

We started the year off with a rocky start —postponing the Divan Reception for two weeks. It was a great day, and we were overwhelmed with the attendance, thank you to those who came. Special thanks go to the Reception Chairman John Cahill and his Lady, Kathy; Chief Aide Donnie Bohannon and his Lady, Ronda; Assistant Chief Aide Steve Haslett and his Lady, Deana; Lady Karen Marlow; my units; and “everyone” else who helped make it a special day to remember.



I appreciate everyone who has agreed to assist during the 2017 Shrine Year. Arab is truly blessed with many great people. I am certainly glad that all of you Nobles married up.

At their annual Super Bowl Party the Antique/Classic Car unit raised over \$5,000 for the St. Louis Shriners Hospital for Children.

All of you did an awesome job at the circus — even though the profit didn't show it. Thanks to each of you for all of your hard work. I feel that Hamid produced a great circus with some new acts this year which we all enjoyed.

Mayetta Lodge # 393 has outdone themselves this year. They raised 20 new Master Masons on February 25th. That same day Arab Shriners obligated 18 of them. That evening some of the new novices and their ladies joined us at the Shrine for the Provost Guard's hors d'oeuvre night.

Our ladies joined us for dinner at the March Stated Meeting, with a very large turn-out. It was nice to again see many of our new novices and ladies there. At that meeting we elected Ill. Sir Brad Koehn to be one of our elected delegates to the Imperial Session at Daytona Beach in July. For several years Ill. Sir Brad has served as Imperial Auditor and this year he is running for Imperial Treasurer. We wish Brad and Cheryl success in his campaign. There is a real sense of pride seeing an Arab Fez on stage with the other Imperial Divan at the Imperial Session.

Due to the decline in revenue from bingo and the circus it was decided at the March meeting to cancel the Potentate's Ball and the Circus Appreciation Dinner. Circus workers, we hope you understand because we really do appreciate all of you. A lot of work was already put in on these two events. My thanks goes to Ball Chairman Ralph Wild and his Lady, Maggie; Chief Aide Donnie Bohannon and his Lady, Ronda; Lady Cheryl Koehn and her committee; and all the others involved. Also, my thanks goes to Oriental Guide Kurt Lawson and Lady Bev who had been busy organizing the Circus Appreciation Banquet. Again, thanks to everyone!

Official Call of the Potentate

Notice is hereby given of a stated meeting of Arab Shriners at 1305 South Kansas Ave., Topeka, KS for the transaction of such business as may be regularly presented on:

Monday, May 8, 2017 - Dinner: 5:45 pm, Meeting: 7:00 pm

Potentate continued-

Jarred and Beth White arranged for a really fun filled evening with the March 11th Mystery Dinner-Theatre. It was something new for most of us, and was a great experience!

April sees us gearing up for our Membership Night on April 8th and the Children's Easter Egg Hunt on April 15th.

April 30th will be the Players Appreciation Dinner for the Shrine Bowl participants from our jurisdiction. Please plan on attending and showing the players our appreciation for what they will be doing for our kids and hospitals. This year's Shrine Bowl Game will be in El Dorado on July 29th with the banquet on July 28th.

Our own Morris Sykes will be installed as the National Commander of the Legion of Honor on April 22nd in Corpus Christi, TX. Congratulations, Morris!

We will have our second annual Shrine Hospital Screening Clinic on May 6th at our Shrine Center. Last year's event was a huge success.

Our Spring Ceremonial will be on May 20th. We hope to see you all there.

June will be a busy month with our Swap Meet, Carnival, and the Potentate's Trip to Scotland.

Yours in the faith,
Jeff Hurst



Left: Illustrious Sir Past Potentate Brian Hagmeier places the Potentate Fez on new Potentate Jeff Hurst at installation in January.

Deadline for next
Antics
June 15, 2017
Submit articles to
bkoehn3@cox.net
Please send articles
in word doc format
and pictures as jpegs.

From the First Lady

Dear Nobles and Ladies,

As I look outside and watch the beautiful snow following it's hard to believe that Spring is just around the corner. Although we have had a pretty mild winter "Old Man Winter" dealt us a challenge in January with a predicted ice storm causing us to cancel the Potentate/Divan reception on Jan. 15 and rescheduling on Jan. 29. Many, many thanks to everyone that was involved with the reception and for your hard work in making the day such a special day for the 2017 Divan. What a wonderful day! For everyone that attended, thank you so much!



The first ladies luncheon was held at the Shrine Center. We were entertained following lunch by Marilyn Foree who presented a musical program on "All That Jazz". In addition, two of our very own Shrine ladies, Cortni Hurst and Melissa Smith, joined Marilyn by singing a couple of Jazz selections which were enjoyed by all.

Our mystery dinner theatre, "A Fistfull of Hollars", was a great success. We have many wonderful Arab actors in our mist. What a fun evening, thanks to Jarred and Beth White who arranged for this event.

Jeff and I are so sorry that the Potentate's Ball must be canceled this year for the good of the Shrine. As with many businesses and Arab Shrine is a business, revenues are down and it is not feasible to go ahead with the ball this year. As we all know, we want to do what we do best, and that is taking care of our Shrine kids. Brighter days will come again!

May 6th we will be hosting another Shrine Hospital Screening at the Shrine Center. From this event last year there were several children in our area that were recommended for evaluation at one of our Shrine hospitals. It was well received by our community and we look forward to hosting again this year. John Sidwell, our representative to our St. Louis hospital, represents us well.

Our Spring Ceremonial and Ladies luncheon is scheduled for May 20th.

In June we will look forward to the Arab Carnival coming to town and the Potentate's trip to Scotland.

July brings Imperial Session at Daytona Beach, Florida and the Kansas Shrine Bowl at El Dorado.

Plans are being finalized by Karen Marlow for my ladies trip to Hannibal, MO on August 4-6. Karen always plans a fun filled weekend for us.

In closing, words can not express the gratitude Jeff and I feel for each and everyone of you who have given of your time, talents and hard work for the Shrine. We truly appreciate you.

Again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Loretta



Spring Ceremonial May 20, 2017

PROCLAMATION

Harken ye to the Potentate's call!
The blessing of Allah and his peace upon thee.
Heed well all ye Sons of Arab.

Allah the Mighty One hath spoken from the Golden Cloud which cometh down from the zenith of the Seventh Heaven. Comes the call to all ye good and faithful nobles to make a pilgrimage to the sacred city of Mecca.

Now therefore, your Illustrious Potentate will lead forth a magnificent caravan. Seek ye worthy Sons of the Desert to serve us—promising them the benevolent brotherhood according to all pious and trusty nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

The Arab Soothsayers have checked the stars in the Arabic horoscope and selected Saturday, May 20 for the ceremonial session.

ATTEST:
Alan Holt, P.P.
Recorder

Es Selamu Aleikum
Jeff Hurst
Illustrious Potentate

Arab Shrine Temple

Wee Entertainment presents the Arab Shrine Carnival

June 14-17

HWY 24 & North Kansas Ave

Wrist bands will be
available

Watch your email for further
details.



CSSA
OVERLAND PARK, KS
2017

2017 Central States Shrine Association

Labor Day Weekend in Overland Park, KS!
August 31st, September 1st and 2nd, 2017

CSSA Units Schedule of Events coming soon!

Meanwhile check out these events and details on CSSA2017.com

Wednesday

Past & Present Counterpart Dinner, 6 PM
Abdallah Shrine, 5300 Metcalf, OP KS
\$35 per person includes Camel's Milk

Pub "Walk"

www.oneblocksouthkc.com

One Block South, group of establishments
with special prices for Shriners!

Thursday

Top Golf Tournament \$45 per person

CSSA Luncheon at New Theater Restaurant

\$50 per person (Both events open to Nobles & Ladies)

Welcoming Party

@ Sheraton Lower Level Hospitalities

- Nightshirt Parade

- Ballyhoo

- Dance

Friday

Competitions

Saturday

10am Parade and Afterglow, Staging 8am

Corporate Woods, see route CSSA2017.com



Roger Farthing, Public Relations Director

Our committee has been very busy in the past few weeks with circus presentations, remotes, and the circus performances throughout January and February.

We are now busy preparing for upcoming events such as the Carnival in June, the multiple events at the zoo, multiple membership events, and the “Children’s Hospital Screening ” at the temple in May.

We need to show the communities we serve, that the Shriners are constantly raising funds for various units and clubs, and at the same time we need to inform these people that we are also searching the area for new members, and more importantly, Children’s Hospital Patient Candidates.

Please keep wearing your Shrine Branded shirts, caps and jackets, and always carry a pocket petition and the hospital referral card.

We are all a member of the membership committee, and every day is “Membership Day”.

From the desk of the Parade Director

Last year was possibly the highest number of parade participation by this temple in many years. We even added the “Velocipedes” a group of bicycle enthusiasts from the Emporia area.

We are beginning to receive a few additional parade requests as the communities in our area begin to finalize their plans for spring, summer and fall activities. I am working on the parade schedule updates on a daily basis and requesting the website be updated once or twice weekly, and that they might be included in our “blasts” as often as possible. If anyone discovers a parade and/or a car show may be scheduled, and you don’t find a reference to it in our Parade Schedule, please contact me or the office. I will contact the people involved with same and update our records accordingly.

Please plan to attend the parades in your area, and show your pride in being a Shriner. Parades keep the Shrine in the thoughts and minds of people throughout the area.

Roger Farthing Parade Marshall 2017

DATE	Parade	Contact Info	Time	Line Up	Line Up Information
Saturday, May 20	Burlingame Rodeo Days Parade	Mark Hecht 785 633-6308 markhecht@centurylink.net	3:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	More info to follow
Saturday, June 3 rd .	Flint Hills Rodeo Parade	John Weiss weissins@sbcglobal.net	2:00 P.M.	12:00 P.M.	Swope Park, East Side of Cottonwood Falls
Saturday June 17	Frankfort Sesquicentennial Parade	Larry Swanson 785 292-4246 150thparade@gmail.com	10:30 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	2 nd . St. , East of Downtown, parade will be 3to 4 blocks
Thursday June 29	Osage City Fair and Parade (Summer Time Fun)	Diane Michael 785 608-2277 M.diane27@yahoo.com	6:30 P.M.	5:00 P.M.	West end of Market St. Osage City
Monday, July 17	Waverly, Ks. Ohio Days Parade	Paul Clarkson 620 343-0506 paul@rockcreektech.net	7:00 P.M.	6:00 P.M.	8 th . & K-31/Pearson Ave. Clarkson’s home after, all participating units receive \$50.00 each.

These We Do Not Forget In Memoriam

Norman Lawrence

Created May 12, 1979
Died November 4, 2016

Jack Beers

Created May 4, 1991
Died January 4, 2017

James Garner

Created May 10, 1982
Died January 23, 2017

Tony York

Created May 12, 1979
Died February 13, 2017



Homer McElroy

Created November 21, 1959
Died March 10, 2017

Hal Logan

Created October 28, 1955
Died March 22, 2017

Roth Gatewood

Created May 6, 1978
Died March 27, 2017

Arab Shriners Past Potentates

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



Arab Shriners Gold Medallion Club

PRESIDENT: PAUL CLARKSON, P.P (DIANA)

VICE PRESIDENT: BRIAN HAGMEIER, P.P. (NADYNE)

DIVAN REPRESENTATIVE: BRIAN HAGMEIER, P.P. (NADYNE)

Gold Medallion w Ruby & 4 Diamonds (50 Petitions)

Paul Clarkson, P.P.

Gold Medallion w Ruby & 3 Diamonds (25 Petitions)

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

Gold Medallion w Ruby & 2 Diamonds (20 Petitions)

Robert Gifford Lynn Holt, P.P.

Gold Medallion w Ruby & Diamond (15 Petitions)

Donald Horttor, P.P.
Brad Koehn, P.P.
George Martin

Paul Meierhenry, P.P.
Ed Ramirez

Harold Stevenson
William "Lou" Stewart

Terry Wilson

Gold Medallion w Ruby (10 Petitions)

Merle Bradley
Larry Bryan, P.P.
Jim Curtis
Leonard Dale

Pat Devlin, P.P.
Robert Griffin
Don Hoover
Jeff Hurst

Albert Jackson Jr., P.P.
Robert Jones
Larry Kampschroeder
Royce Keyser, P.P.

Smokie Siecgrist
Bob Swafford
Larry Tice, P.P.
Bob Whitehead, P.P.

Gold Medallion (5 Petitions)

Brandan Adams
Clark Allemang
Willie Armstrong
Gary Ashton
Stan Bartley
Donnie Bohannon
Floyd Bradley
Ron Buchanan
Jack Call
Robert Dark
John Duncan
Bill Eicholtz
Roger Elsbury
Charles Faden
Roger Farthing

Brian Hagmeier, P.P.
Steve Haslett
Keith Heumann
Alan Holt, P.P.
Paul Honaker
Bob Inman
Mike Jenks
Dale Jepson
Ken Kelso
Steve Kramer
Paul McAlister
Harold McElfresh
Richard Meador
Rick Moody, P.P.
Chris Munk

Don Nisbett
Gary Pettijohn
Kyle Purcell
Don Riffey
Milo Riley
Mike Riley
Larry Rogers
Dale Rohling
George Sauer
Lee Schwartz
Ron Scrinopskie, P.P.
Gary Shofner
Rich Siecgrist
Mark Stephenson
Roy Sullivan

Richard Temps
Drew Torkelson
Bernie Toso
Mike Turnbull
Eddie Van Horn
Jarred White
Todd White
Jim Whitehead
Royce Wilson

2017 Arab Shrine Circus

I would like to thank the Nobles and their ladies, children, grandchildren, and our office staff for all of their hard work to make the Circus a success this year. It takes the work, dedication and teamwork of everyone involved to make every Arab Shrine event successful. I appreciate all the help I received from everyone to make my job as Circus Chairman easier than expected.

The fear of good weather became a reality for the 2017 Arab Shrine Circus. Every category of the Circus was down this year. Attendance was down 4.9%, toy sales down 18.9%, program sales down 37%, corporate ticket sales down 28%, noble corporate ticket sales down 30%, Expo ticket sales down 39% and Circus rides down 11.7%.

The year is young and there are numerous fundraising events to attend in the coming months. Please continue to show your support of Arab Shrine and WE can make this a great year!

Thank you All!!
 Steve Kramer
 Assistant Rabban
 Circus Chairman



Top Ad Sales by Unit

Greeters \$ 7,370

Golfers \$ 3,830

Clowns \$ 2,970

***Commissions will be handed out at Spring Ceremonial

Top Individual Ad Salesman

Jim Curtis \$ 5,185

Ill Sir PP Jim Whitehead \$ 2,525

Ill Sir Larry Pressman \$ 2,255

Top Unit Toy Booth Sales @ Circus

LOH \$ 5,187 (3)

Antiques \$ 4,729 (3)

Sun Devils \$ 4,687 (2)

Top Units to Sell in a Single Performance

Sun Devils Sat 2:30pm \$ 3,008

Antiques Sat 7:30pm \$ 2,533

Ritualistic Cast Fri 7 pm \$ 2,005

Top Floor Vendor

Kristina Kramer \$ 3,880 (all 7 performances)

2 Floor Vendors who sold over \$ 1,000

Kristina Kramer – All 7!!

Brad Buchanan - 4

Sold Banners

Ill Sir Brian Hagmeier

Ralph Wild

Jarred White

Pat Devlin

Tony Fry

Steve |Lavin

Sold over \$ 500 in Program Ads

Jim Curtis

Ill Sir PP Jim Whitehead

Ill Sir Larry Pressman

Roger Farthing

Lonnie Spiker

Harlan McNinch

Mike Hawkesworth – from 17th the 7th!!

Ralph Wild

John Sidwell

Rick Moody

Ron Buchanan

Don Prell

Gary Shofner

Sold Corporate Tickets over \$ 500

Steve Lavin

Ill Sir Jim Whitehead

Mark McClaffin

Leonard Dale

Donnie Bohannon

To all the wonderful and gracious people of Arab Shrine,

I want to **Thank You** again and again for helping make the 2017 Circus Hospitality Room a resounding success once again. Without all your help and generosity it could not have been accomplished. From the wonderful food that was donated to all the help and all the contributions that were made, it could not have been accomplished without you! We are all family working for the same goal for the kids and I am very appreciative of everything you did to help out this year and will do in the future. I look forward to providing this service again next year and seeing all of you again.

Andrea Holt
Circus Hospitality Room Coordinator



Swap Meet

Saturday June 10, 2017
9:00 - 4:00

Hwy 24 & N Kansas Ave | Topeka
sponsored by Arab Shrine

Vendors register now!

Clean out those parts bins and turn the excess into cash.

18' x 18' space \$25 before June 2, \$30 on site (cash/check)

Each vendor application will receive one vehicle parking pass.

Vendor set up beginning at 7:00 am on Saturday.

Customers will be allowed to enter beginning 9:00 am.

Parking \$2.00 donation per vehicle. No pets.

___ spaces at \$25 each (before June 2)

Make checks payable to: **Arab Shrine Swap Meet**

\$ ___ total enclosed. ___ check ___ VISA ___ Mastercard

Card # _____ Expiration _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Signature if using card _____

Questions??

Call/text Doug Hodge
785-221-5758

Arab Shrine Office
785-234-5656
Fax 785-234-5657

Mail to:

Arab Shrine Swap Meet
1305 Kansas Ave.
Topeka, KS 66612

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Not responsible for accidents.*



Potentate's Reception Memories

NOBLES, SPOUSES, LADIES, AND GUESTS

JOIN US FOR THE

2017 SHRINERS DAY AT THE "K" SHRINERS HOSPITAL FUNDRAISER

\$70.00 Per Ticket

Your ticket includes transportation, game tickets, and a tail-gating party, lunch (with chips) included, prior to the game.

Bus leaves the ARAB Temple at 10:00 A.M.

Sunday, September 10, 2017

Royals vs. Minnesota Twins

Game Time 1:10 P.M.

**Join Illustrious Sir Jeff Hurst and his
Lady Loretta, for a fun day at
Kaufmann Stadium**

Note: Sign-up sheet in the office beginning June 1;

All money due August 15th

2 buses, total of 100 passengers

**We will be joined by members of Abdallah,
Midian, Ararat, Mirza, Moila, and other
Temples for this event.**



Wild West comes to Arab Shrine



The evening of March 11th over 100 members and guests stepped into the Wild West to solve a murder. In a matter of 3 hours they were questioned revealing many secrets about themselves which led to the crime being solved about 9:00. Our Shrine attorney Scott Hesse aka Sloppy Sales was found to be guilty of the crime. We had many members and guests who dressed in costume in hopes of catching our first lady Loretta Hurst eyes as she awarded a prize for the best dressed. The prizes went to Mike Powell aka Hop Ling and Tina Frye aka Irene Lei. Our Potentate Jeff Hurst aka Cole Slaw participated in grand fashion helping Squint Eastwood solve the crime. A great time was had by all.



Unit and Club News

Arab Shrine Concert Band

The Circus was a big success for the Band. We had a good turnout for all three performances. Many thanks to the Santa Fe Band, Marshals Band, the Big Band, and all Topeka musicians who helped us out.

There were many compliments from many who attended the Circus.

These fine people spend many hours of practice to provide live music, which is what attracts people of all ages.

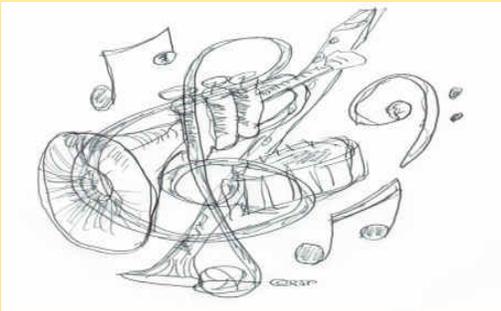
MUSIC HAS NO AFFILIATIONS AS TO race, creed or any other form of communication!

We need more music people. If you can only play one note, we can provide that!

Please contact the Shrine office if you are interested

785-234-5656

*Band Director
Bob Provo/Cilfford Manning*



Members of the Arab Band and guest players perform at the Circus.

Boaters

The Boaters look forward to another very special year. Captain Ralph Wild has established the following meetings schedule: January – Shrine Temple; February – Annie’s Place; March – St. Patrick’s Day Parade; April – Olive Garden; May – Drew Torkelson; June – Glen Feuerborn; July – Kevin Hulsing; August – Paul Clarkson; September – Dick Hanger; October – Open; November – Steve Kramer; December – Christmas Party at Topeka Country Club. It will be a fun-filled year.

The January meeting was at the Temple and Captain Ralph Wild was the host for the evening. The main discussion topic for the evening was the upcoming Circus and scheduling Boaters to work at the Circus. The catered meal gave all those in attendance the opportunity to appease their taste buds and more. There was lots of discussion about KU and K-State basketball and all the trimmings that have and will be attached to that subject matter. It was a fun-filled evening and we all left there a better person because of what we received from each other.

The February meeting was held at Annie’s Place. There were lots of Boaters present. Captain Ralph Wild called the meeting to order. The Boaters welcomed a new member Chris Martin. As is always the case the Boaters have been enriched by Chris’ presence with us. The first order of business was recognizing the Illustrious Sir and Past Potentates that were present. Captain Wild thanked the Nobles that worked at the Circus. Illustrious Sir Jeff Hurst was the last person to speak and thanked all the Boaters for their work at the Circus and all the things they do to help make the Temple all that it is. Everyone ordered from the menu and Annie’s as usual lived up to their billing as one of the premier places to eat in Topeka. It was a low-key fun-filled evening as the Boaters had the time and opportunity to get to know each other a little better.



There were lots of Boaters at the Circus having different assigned responsibilities. The Boaters working the Souvenir booth on Sunday afternoon were: Ralph Wild, Kevin Hulsing, Alex Munk and Alex’s friend Kelly, Brett Koehn and Ted Ensley. The Boaters worked the North booth on the East side of the Concourse. The business was very brisk, which was the purpose of working the booth. Again, it was a fun time and always a special satisfaction when you are doing something that will benefit Arab Temple.



Because of inclement weather the Boaters did not participate in the St. Pat’s Parade but Captain Wild scheduled a special Boaters St Patrick’s meeting at the Temple on March 21st. Abouds catered Corned Beef and Cabbage and the bar offered some Irish drinks.

Submitted by
Ted Ensley

Escorts

Drew Torkelson

Spring has sprung and by the time this article has been published you may have seen (or at least heard) us out and about. We plan on taking advantage of the weather by having several short rides this season on the weekends. These rides, with the Potentate's permission, will be held in lieu of some of the standard Tuesday meetings. Please be sure the office has your current e-mail address so you can receive the Shrine's e-mail blasts. We will alert the Nobility of any impromptu rides by use of the e-mail blast notification system.

If you are not an Escort member and you are interested in participating in a group ride with us, please let any of the officers know and we will be glad to have you join us. Let's ride!

Arab Shrine

Every Friday Night
Arab Shrine
1305 South Kansas Ave
Topeka, KS



Mini Bingo at 6:30 pm
Regular 7:00 pm

- Progressive Bingo pot can be up to \$1000 in a single game
- Pull tabs available
- Smoke free bingo hall, side area for large parties, parking lot security
- Low priced concessions - hot dogs, nachos, popcorn, desserts, beverages and more



Golfers

By Jim Davis, Secretary

At the Golfers of Arab Shriners annual meeting, held January 21, 2017, the new officers for the 2017 unit were sworn in by Brad Koehn, Past Potentate 2015.

They are as follows:
President: Larry Rogers
Vice-President: Steve Haslett
Director: Gary Ashton

Secretary: Jim Davis
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With Spring upon us, the Golfers Unit has many outings and activities planned, and have kicked off the new year with many of the unit members assisting with the Circus. The first golf outing is scheduled for April 17th in Seneca, sponsored by Duane Crosier. This will be followed with the annual brunch at the Topeka Country Club, scheduled for May 7th, planned and organized by Martin Donaldson and his Lady Linda. In September, the fall outing will be in St. Joseph, Missouri planned and organized by Director Gary Ashton, and his Lady, Kimberly Justus.

Make plans to put a golf team together (registration form can be found in this issue of the Antics) or just come out and support the 31st annual Golfers of Arab Shriners Hospital Tournament on June 19th at Village Greens Golf Course in Ozawkie. It is the golfers largest fund raiser for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children and the Children's Transportation Fund of Arab Shrine.

This year looks to be full of fun, golf challenges, and member fellowship, and is always an opportunity to meet and better know fellow unit members.

The 2017 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open brings the FedEx Cup to Las Vegas as the PGA TOUR returns to the Las Vegas valley for the 35th consecutive year. Many of the top golfers in the world will participate in the competition and help support the mission of Shriners Hospitals for Children®, from October 30 – November 5, 2017 at TPC Summerlin. For more information, visit shrinershospitalsopen.com.



Legion of Honor

By: David Smith
Past Commander



Hi everyone!

Hi everyone! Winter is over so let the spring and summer fun begin. If you are like me, you enjoy the picnics and outdoor activities that spring and summer bring. That also means it is baseball time and go cheer for the Kansas City Royals.

At our January 2017 meeting the new officers for 2017 were sworn in by ILL Sir Jeff Hurst. The officers for 2017 are Commander Alex Parker, 1st Lieutenant Tom Detrick, and 2nd Lieutenant Farrel Rose. Congratulations to the new officers. Please give them your support.

The circus was a great success. The LOH members sold a lot of toys and made a lot of kids happy. For some of the members, Farrel Rose and Morris Sykes, it made them feel like kids at the circus. I would like to thank all who dedicated their time; without **you** the circus would not have been a success. Again, **Thank You!**

We are very proud that two of our members Bill Harlow and Leland Salts were selected by the Honor Flight to go to Washington D.C. in April to see the National World War II Memorial and the other memorials. We will tell more of the story in the next Antics.



Some of our members, Morris Sykes and Lady Suzette, Al Gonzalez and Lady Laurie, Steve Suchsland and Lady Marge, Smokie Seicgrist and Lady Virginia, Charles Lang and Lady Patricia, and Arvid Bergman and Lady Barbara attended the Texas Association Legion of Honor (TALOH) in Fredericksburg, TX and had a great time. Fredericksburg is the home of the National Museum of the Pacific War which is the boyhood home of Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz. Fleet Admiral Nimitz served as CinCPAC, Commander in Chief, United States Pacific Fleet during World War II. Fredericksburg is a small German town where you can get German food, ice cream and hot sauce. Yes, hot sauce! There is one store that sells all types of hot sauce; if there is one kind there has to be a thousand. If you ever get the chance to visit Fredericksburg it is worth it.



In April members attended the International Association Legions of Honor (IALOH) convention in Corpus Christi, Texas. Will write more information about all the activities in the next Antics.

LOH Continued

Want to remind everyone about our spaghetti feed on May 13th. 1st Lt. Tom Derick is looking forward to a big group and will need a lot of support. The spaghetti is always good so mark your calendars.

Want to remind everyone the June meeting will be our annual picnic at Goodyear. The picnic is always a lot of fun and the food is great.

We are always working on the "Salute to Veterans" video for our November meeting. 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 kansasgator@att.net.

I want to encourage all LOH members to attend the monthly meetings held on the second Tuesday of each month. Our meetings are held at the Temple and the meal is catered by Abouds which provides outstanding food. If you are a Shriner and have served in the military and are interested in becoming a member of the LOH or 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 2017 calendar book for details.

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

Lil Chops By Ken Kelso

Well, not much has happened since our last article. On January 6th, we had our annual after Christmas party. We did get to see Andrea, Seth, and Alana Tanner again, which is always a highlight. This year after our introductions we had a jazz band play for us for an hour. It was something a little different for us. We would like to thank Jeff and Cindy Tarr for helping to decorate for the event.

There were a few of the Lil Chops that made it to the Potentate's Reception which is always a good time and good food. We then had a meeting of the Lil Chops to get ready for the circus. We had a light turnout, but not much to discuss. We had an extra toy booth this year on Thursday night and want to thank Rick Smith and Steve Haslett for helping me with that. Saturday morning and afternoon we had plenty of help as usual.

We had a meeting on March 15th to plan for the St. Pat's parade. We had a good turnout with a lot covered. We want to thank our Divan Rep Doug Hodge and his lady, Audrey as well as Illustrious Sir Jeff Hurst and his lady Loretta for being there. After the meeting we had sandwiches and chips provided by the unit. We never did parade on St. Pat's because of the inclement weather at both Topeka and Emporia.

I'd like to say I applaud Illustrious Sir Jeff for cutting back on expenses at the Temple.

This is it for now, but hope to see a lot of you in the future at parades and upcoming activities.

ARAB ORIENTAL BAND

Adam L. Villalobos, Secretary

I don't have a lot of news to share for this issue except the ASOB Shrine Jamboree will be upon us in just a few weeks. We are practicing weekly to prepare for the competition. The show tune, "Caravan" is definitely different from our other hit songs, but is sounding better each week. I hope we see a good showing from ARAB in Kansas City just to witness the many bands and enjoy a weekend of fun.

After much discussion, the OB agreed to work the bingo concession one night each month. It has been an interesting experience to say the least, but it does allow us to add a few dollars to our meek treasury balance.

Central States is up after the Jamboree. It too will be in Overland Park. It's always a good time when we see our brothers from the Kansas and Missouri Shrines.

Spring will be upon us soon, so here's to warmer weather and the very best to ARAB in 2017.



Oriental Band Meeting Information: *The Oriental Band meets at 7:00 p.m. every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at the Shrine in our very own private Oasis located upstairs in the Temple. We welcome any Brother who would like to stop by and see what we are all about. We have a wonderful group of men who enjoy playing music even though the majority of the members have no real musical background. We have a great time performing and we are always competitive at Central States and Imperial. We look forward to another great year of fellowship and the continuation of our efforts to help the children.*



Provost Guard

By Todd White

2017 has been a great year so far for the Provost Guard. This last winter season has seen the bar busy with a wide ranging number of events. Of course we have had our normal hors d'oeuvres nights and stated meetings. The hors d'oeuvres night in February was hosted by the Provost Guard and I would like to thank all our members and their ladies for supplying such great food! We had a great crowd and our Pitch tournament was won by a new Shriner's lady!

Other events included a packed house for the Shrine bowl watch party and chili cook off, the Super Bowl party hosted by the Antiques, Wednesday night trivia/games and a Mystery dinner that was a great time had by all in attendance. Our Wednesday night helpers deserve special recognition for their work. Thanks to Wendy Powell for being our trivia host and Beth White for handling the meals and clean up, to the following ladies for providing homemade desserts for the Wednesday night meals – Ruth White, Tammy Wiltz, Ann Crumpton, Donna Conley and Becky Bahr and finally my bartenders who dedicated a lot of time – Jarred, Dan, Kyle, Mike and Terry.

The Provost Guard has some upcoming unit functions. This March we met for a meal with our ladies, took a unit picture and conduct unit business. When April rolls around we will be doing our spring cleaning in the bar with our unit meeting following our labors. We also have a unit meeting in May before going dark for the summer. Our annual Steak Fry for members and their families will be June 24th.

Upcoming events this spring and early summer that the bar will be open include the shrimp feed April 15th, the Legion of Honor Spaghetti feed May 13th, Spring Ceremonial May 20th, hors d'oeuvres on April 21st, June 30th and July 21st. We are still open every Friday at 4:30 until 10:30 pm. Please watch the Arab Shrine email blasts for any special Friday grill nights and any Wednesday night openings. We have received a lot of great feedback the last few months and are trying to expand our openings to meet your requests.

Please remember drink specials are offered all year round. Come down and see what we have to offer. If you have a special function that you need bartended, please remember we need **30 days notice** when possible. We appreciate your patronage and look forward to seeing you at the lounge.

Special Notice from the Provost Guard

With approval from the Illustrious Sir Jeff Hurst and our Divan the bar has been given a name. We have decided to name our bar/lounge Spikers Oasis. This is in recognition of all the work that Lonnie and Jan Spiker have done for our Temple and specifically the lounge and Provost Guard through the years. Their efforts through the years have often been overlooked and underappreciated but having seen them in action now for the last few years I can say that the Provost Guard and bar would not be as successful as they are without them. So when you see them in Spikers Oasis please convey your thanks and regards for those labors. The moniker given to our wonderful lounge has been well earned by them both!



RITUALISTIC CAST

By Tom Johnson, Co-Director

Hello Everyone:

I would like to thank everyone for their help in working the toy booths at the Circus. My Lady Karen, Mike and Donna Conley, Gilbert Weidman, Bob and Becky Amyx, Bill Amyx and Max and Cheryl Menges all pitched in to help.

We were privileged to obligate 18 new nobles into Arab Shrine at the One Day conferral of the 2nd and 3rd degrees at Mayetta on February 25th. I would like to thank Paul Honaker for filling in as Chief Rabban, Mike Conley as Assistant Rabban and Roger Farthing as High Priest and Prophet. Hopefully many of them can come back for the Spring Ceremonial in May 20th. Mayetta Lodge is also doing several degrees between now and then, so this next class should be a large one.

I would like to thank everyone in the Cast for all their help for Illustrious Sir Jeff and Lady Loretta's reception. With one of our own members serving as Potentate this year we have been tasked to do some extra things. We are most happy and will do what Illustrious Sir Jeff and Lady Loretta ask us to do.

At our last meeting at Blind Tiger we voted in a new member, Shannon Davis and Lady Wendy. Welcome to you both!

We voted to send Saffron Gutierrez to Band Camp for the Shrine Bowl as she has two more years of eligibility. Noble Max is in the process of completing the paper work. We also have 2 new nobles in the Cast in the last two months and both want parts in the upcoming Ceremonial. Noble Max is getting those parts assigned.

Our meeting in April was held at Tequila's in Brookwood and our May meeting will be at the Pallett.

I want to wish everyone a great spring and summer and look forward to seeing all of you at the various events around the temple and elsewhere.

Till next time - Tom

OINK!! The ARAB Shriner Swiners

The Swiners are off to another busy year. We are scheduled to cook for (2) more functions in April. The Antiques Unit and the Membership Rush. These are repeat customers from previous years.

We are open to additional dates this year. We are also open to additional members of this fine group.

If you have an interest in cooking, grilling, complete meal preparation and having a great time with friends and nobles, contact Paul Clarkson or Roger Farthing. Paul will even pay your dues for the 2017 year.

We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

**Sincerely,
Roger and Paul**



Nobelles

On January 3rd we started off the New Year at McFarland's Restaurant with seventeen members attending. No guests today. Our new officers did a good job leading the meeting. Becky Mathers won the door prize. A good visit was had by all.

February 7th we held our luncheon at Legend at Capital Ridge as guests. After our meeting Phyllis Kelly entertained us with a few games of Bingo. Our thanks to her. Afterwards those who wanted took a tour of their facility. Nineteen members attended. Guests were First Lady Loretta Hurst, Chief Rabban Lady as our Divan Rep., Becky Honaker, and Debbie Hunt. Joan Wible won the door prize.

On March 7th sixteen members met for our luncheon meeting at El Gallo Mexican Restaurant. Also attending were First Lady Loretta Hurst and our Divan Rep. Becky Honaker. A presentation by Annette Jackson of Jackson's Greenhouse was given on Fairy Gardens and information on timing for planting things in the spring. Door prize was won by Beth Snook.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	1 Exec/Dir. Mtg	2 Nobelles Clowns Sun Devils	3 Coffee ☕ Clutchers Antiques Claybusters
7 GOLFERS BRUNCH	8 STATED MEETING Band	9 LOH Arab Escorts	10 Coffee ☕ Clutchers
14 	15	16 Boaters Scottish Rite	17 Coffee ☕ Clutchers Arab Patrol Special Meeting
21	22 Golfers Topeka CC Scottish Rite	23 Provost Guard	24 Coffee ☕ Clutchers Topless
28	29  MEMORIAL DAY	30	31

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Ritualistic Cast	5 Bingo 4	6 Shrine Hospital Screening Bedouin Ball
11 Oriental Band	12 Bingo 1 Scottish Rite Golf Tourney Shawnee CC Cartoons	13 LOH SPAGHETTI FEED Arab Patrol Cartoons/Lil Chops Cook Out
18 Cartoons Director's Staff	19 Bingo 2 Greeters	20  SPRING CEREMONIAL Ladies Luncheon Akdah Ball
25 Oriental Band	26 Bingo 3	27 Scimitar Ball

MAY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
4	5 Exec/Dir. Mtg	6 Nobelles	7 Coffee ☕ Clutchers Antiques Clay Busters
11 Rawhidars	12	13 CARNIVAL SET-UP Arab Escorts	14 Coffee ☕ Clutchers  ARAB CARNIVAL
18 	19 Golfers Children's Tournament  Village Greens	20 Boaters	21 Coffee ☕ Clutchers Mini T's
POTENTATE'S TRIP JUNE 18-27 SCOTLAND			
25	26	27	28 Coffee ☕ Clutchers
POTENTATE'S TRIP JUNE 18- 27			

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Ritualistic Cast	2 Bingo 4	3 Lil Chops
8 Oriental Band	9 Bingo 1	10 ARAB SWAP MEET Arab Patrol
15 ARAB CARNIVAL	16 Bingo 2 ARAB CARNIVAL	17 ARAB CARNIVAL
22	23 Bingo 3	24  PROVOST GUARD STEAK FRY
POTENTATE'S TRIP JUNE 18- 27		
29	30 Bingo 4  Hors d'oeuvres by Divan	

JUNE 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
2	3	4  4TH OF JULY	5 Coffee ☕ Clutchers Antiques Claybusters
9	10 Exec/Dir. Mtg	11	12 Coffee ☕ Clutchers
IMPERIAL SESSION 8th THRU 12th			
		Arab Escorts	
16  ANTIQU ICE CREAM SOCIAL	17 Golfers Onaga	18 Boaters	19 Coffee ☕ Clutchers Lil Chops
23	24	25  Neosho Valley Shrine Bowl Players Steak Feed	26 Coffee ☕ Clutchers
30	31		

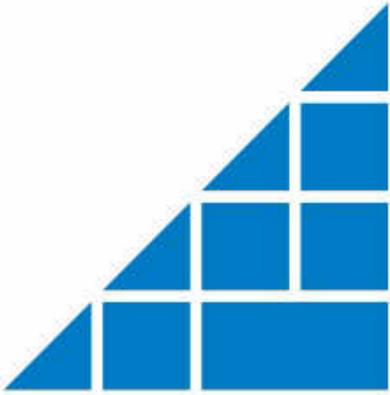
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6 Ritualistic Cast	7 Bingo 1	8 IMPERIAL Arab Patrol
13 Neosho Valley SC Oriental Band	14 Bingo 2	15
20 Cartoons	21 Bingo 3  Hors d'oeuvres by Antiques Greeters	22
27 Oriental Band	28 Bingo 4  SHRINE BOWL EL DORADO	29  SHRINE BOWL EL DORADO

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
		1 Nobelles Sun Devils	2 Coffee ☕ Clutchers Claybusters
6 LADIES TRIP	7 Exec/Dir. Mtg	8 Arab Escorts Clowns	9 Coffee ☕ Clutchers Antiques
13	14 Golfers Sabetha	15	16 Coffee ☕ Clutchers Arab Patrol Bus Trip Mini T's Lil Chops
20	21 Golfers Sabetha	22 Boaters	23 Coffee ☕ Clutchers
27	28	29 Provost Guard	30 Coffee ☕ Clutchers CSSA CEREMONIAL OVERLAND PARK, KS

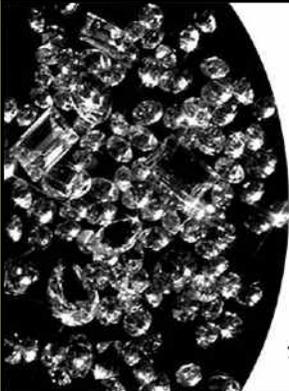
Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Ritualistic Cast	4 Bingo 1  LADIES TRIP 4TH - 6TH	5
10 Oriental Band	11 Bingo 2	12 Arab Patrol
17 Potentate's Surprise Birthday Party Director's Staff	18 Bingo 3  Hors d'oeuvres by Swiners & Brews Bros. Greeters	19  PROVOST GUARD FISH FRY
24	25 Bingo 4	26
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22	MELVERN	MELVERN	1ST MONDAY
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