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### The Shriner's Pledge

"I Pledge allegiance to my Flag and to the Country for which it stands, one Nation under God, Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."

### Arab Antics

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Potentate	Jim Whitehead
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Assistant Rabban	Paul Honaker
High Priest & Prophet	Steve Kramer
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# From the Potentate



Dear Nobles and Ladies,

On behalf of my Lady Barb and I, we want to thank you again for allowing us to lead our Nobility for 2016. My how time flies when you're having fun! With the Circus behind us, it is time focus on the many objectives we set forth at the beginning of the year: bringing in new members; having fun and fellowship; and supporting our Shrine children.

We started out the year with a celebration for the Temple to meet the elected and appointed leaders of Arab Temple at the Potentate's Reception. Thanks to all who came. A special thanks to the decorating committee and the Golfers who helped make this event special. One final thank you goes to Ill Sir Bob Whitehead & Lady Sharyl for all your hard work on this event. You really know how to throw a party, bro!

The Circus was a great success!! Beautiful weather did not hurt us a bit. Paul Honaker (and Lady Becky) did an outstanding job of chairing the Circus and making everything come together. Thanks to all who volunteered. The list of names are endless. We are proud of our Nobility and Ladies for their support. We hope everyone felt the love at the Circus Appreciation banquet in March.

The month of March was certainly busy. St Patrick's Day parade was fun and well attended. Magic with Timothy was a hoot! Everyone had a great time. We had dinner with our Ladies before Stated meeting. It was well attended. YOSHI had their March Madness party. Grand Lodge of Kansas was held in Topeka, and the State Capitol was re-dedicated for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a huge showing of Masons. The Easter Egg Hunt at Goodyear was a blast! A special thanks to Mike & Wendy Powell for your help. You waskelly wabbit! We hope you brought your kids & grandkids out for fun & pictures with the Easter bunny.

April brought a membership "Rush Night" for prospective new Masons and Nobles. Thanks to all who helped. I hope to see a bunch of new members from this event. Stated Meeting was held in Emporia, with the ladies meeting at the Emporia Country Club. Thanks to all who helped and participated. The Potentate's Ball was fabulous! We all enjoyed our friends and counterparts at our hospitality. We love to show off our Temple! Bob and Diana Swafford did an amazing job coordinating everything. Thanks to all, especially the decorating committee and the Golfers. One last event in April was the Shrine Bowl Players Appreciation Dinner. The Footbowlers sponsored the Shrine Bowl Players Appreciation dinner, honoring those local high school seniors that will be playing in Emporia on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Great job!

Ah, May brings the smell of shotgun powder in the morning. Please come out and support the Hospital Dad's Shoot at Ravenwood on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Spring Ceremonial is Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>, let's see how many new Nobles we can obligate that day. We are going to have a Carnival in Topeka on May 26,27,28 at Hwy 24 & Kansas Ave. The Potentate's trip to Alaska is May 27-June 8.

June brings us parade season, Red, White, & Blues BBQ, Golfers Hospital Tournament, and Scavenger Hunt. There is also a C2A (chance to advance) class in Wichita. Next up in July is the Imperial Session in Tampa, more parades, Fiesta luncheon, Comedy night, and Shrine Bowl in Emporia, GO EAST!

CSSA in Little Rock is just around the corner, please make plans to represent our Temple. Be proud of who we are, and what we do. Come out and be part of the fun and fellowship. Remember, "**Shriners are, Fore the kids!**"

Yours in the faith,

Jim Whitehead, Potentate



## 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 9, 2016 - Dinner: 5:45 pm, Meeting: 7:00 pm**

# Spring Ceremonial May 21, 2016

## 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 21 for the ceremonial session.

ATTEST:  
Alan Holt, P.P.  
Recorder

Es Selamu Aleikum  
Jim Whitehead  
Illustrious Potentate

## Arab Shrine Temple



# Arab Shrine Carnival Family Summer Fun

## Topeka

HWY 24 & North Kansas Ave  
May 25 - 27; 5 - 9 pm  
May 28; noon - 9 pm

**11 rides**  
**10 game/concession trailers**  
**Wrist bands available**

**Volunteers needed  
to help with parking!**

**Call**  
Larry Dain, 785-221-5575



## CSSA 2016

*Hosted by Scimitar Shrine  
Little Rock, AR  
August 24-27, 2016*

### Tentative Schedule:

*Wednesday, Aug. 24*

*Thursday, Aug. 25*

*Friday, Aug. 26*

*Saturday, Aug. 27*

*Market set-up, VIP dinner,  
Counter Parts dinner, pub crawl  
Opening, meetings, Ladies Luncheon,  
BBQ dinner, Ballyhoo, Nightshirt  
Parade*

*Competitions, Banquets, etc.*

*Parade, Afterglow Bash, Banquets*

*Mark your calendars now!! More info to follow.*

# From the First Lady



Dear Nobles and Ladies,

Spring is almost here, and the events are well under way. The Potentate's Reception was enjoyed by all in attendance. The first ladies luncheon was held at the temple, and those in attendance had an opportunity to enjoy Al and Mary Jo Struttman from Moburts. A big thank you goes out to many that put in countless hours at the circus to make it a huge success, and fun was had by all that attended. The Potentate's Ball chairs, Bob and Diana Swafford, did a fabulous job planning our Ball! A big thank you to them! May brings the Spring Ceremonial on the 21<sup>st</sup> with the ladies luncheon at the Women's Club and also the Potentate's Trip to Alaska.

Plans are being finalized by Karen Marlow for my ladies trip to Eureka Springs, AR on August 5-7. Please mark your calendar for a fun filled weekend.

Thank you to all of you for your help with the fun we have had so far this year and with more to come.

Sincerely,

Barb Whitehead



Ladies of the 2016 Arab Divan



First Lady Barb with her Luncheon Welcoming Committee

## Upcoming Ladies Events:

May 21, 2016  
Spring Ceremonial Luncheon  
Women's Club

August 5-7, 2016  
Annual Ladies Trip  
Eureka Springs, Arkansas

Watch for more details  
about these events.



**Stay connected** with other Arab ladies on the Arab Ladies Facebook page. If you are not receiving emails about our events, contact the Shrine office at 234-5656.



Arab ladies having fun creating at Prairie Glass Studio.



# GOLFERS OF ARAB SHRINERS 30<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL 4-Person Amateur Scramble Golf Tournament

**MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2016**  
**9:00 AM Shotgun Start**

June 27, 2016 - Rain Date

**Village Greens Golf Course**

**Ozawkie, Kansas**

1/2 mile east of the junction of highways 4 & 92



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Proceeds for the Benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children & Childrens Transportation Fund of the Arab Shrine

Sponsored By: Golfers of Arab Shriners, Howard Marlow, Jr., President

For information, contact Larry Rogers, Vice President, 785-633-5641

Complete registration form below and mail with check by June 6, 2016 to:

Larry Rogers - 5633 SW Foxcroft Cir S #102 - Topeka, KS 66614    Make checks payable to: Golfers of Arab Shriners - Tournament

Name (Team Captain) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, St, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, St, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, St, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, St, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Team will be using \_\_\_\_\_ private carts.

Other Donations: \_\_\_\_\_ Hole Sponsor - \$200.00    \_\_\_\_\_ 1/2 Hole Sponsor - \$100.00    \_\_\_\_\_ Cash Donation - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Hole Sponsor/Donation Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Proceeds for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children and Childrens Transportation Fund of the Arab Shrine)



## **Roger Farthing, Public Relations Director**

From the Desk of the Public Relations Director-

The Public Relations group has been very busy. The circus being our biggest task for the year, circus meetings, promo sites, the media visits before and during the circus. I was necessarily absent for the first few days of the circus. During my absence the Public Relations committee members took over, and obviously did an outstanding job.

Now we enter the 2016 parade season, which is always a great opportunity for Shriners to be seen in communities large and small. This is very important for membership growth. These small towns in particular, are always excited to know we will attempt to participate in their events. Your unit participation makes our job easier. Be SAFE!

The utilization of our Shrine building for unit meetings, and events, is another way to show off our entryway and lounge to people who are not yet members. The Provost Guard hosted the last Hors D'oeuvres event on a Saturday afternoon. Featured activities included a pitch tournament (9 tables of 4), a dart competition, (no reported injuries), as well as a number of folks who were seen in lively conversation. All told a fun evening for all who participated. More than 100 people were in attendance. Another example of trying something new, by the Provost Guard unit, our membership committee and the assistance of the Potentate and the Divan.

The ARAB Shrine sits at the South end of downtown Topeka, and therefore we need to be seen as an active part of the community, especially now, as the Downtown Re-Vitalization Project comes closer to completion. There are also plans to do some major re-vitalization to our premises.

All of this is a positive point for our membership growth. We are all a part of the membership committee, and every day is membership day.

It is a great time to be a Shriner. Be proud of who we are and what we do.

Roger Farthing  
ARAB SHRINERS Public Relations Director

# **RED WHITE AND BLUES PICNIC**

## **JUNE 18, 2016**

## **LAKE SHAWNEE**

**Watch for details**



# These We Do Not Forget In Memoriam

**Dan E. Turner**  
Created April 12, 1976  
Died November 14, 2015

**Steve Roche**  
Created May 1, 2004  
Died February 19, 2016

**Thomas "Tommy" Jamrozek**  
Created October 10, 1998  
Died December 21, 2015

**A. Sterling Baumgardner**  
Created May 10, 1980  
Died February 17, 2016

**William J. Garrett, Jr.**  
Created June 24, 1978  
Died December 22, 2015

**Clyde C. Stadel**  
Created November 16, 1968  
Died February 22, 2016

**Floyd L. Casebier**  
Created May 10, 1985  
Died December 30, 2015

**Robert E. Duffens**  
Created May 11, 1985  
Died February 23, 2016

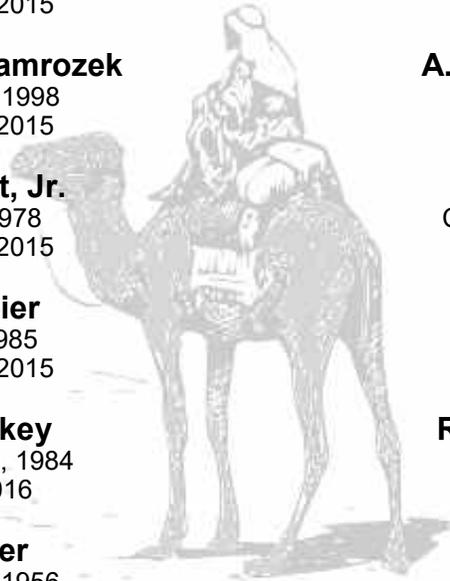
**Richard A. Stuckey**  
Created November 10, 1984  
Died January 8, 2016

**Richard D. Hutcherson**  
Created March 16, 1970  
Died March 2, 2016

**Robert S. Potter**  
Created October 20, 1956  
Died February 8, 2016

**Gary L. Bomholt**  
Created May 28, 1961  
Died March 7, 2016

**Glee S. Smith**  
Created May 16, 1952  
Died February 10, 2016



## Arab Shriners Past Potentates

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 Jaspersen 🐪	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 🐪	
1949 John Lewis 🐪	1971 Dale Moorman 🐪	1993 Paul Gibbons 🐪	
1950 Paul Rogers 🐪	1972 Ansel Searles 🐪	1995 El "Andy" Anderson 🐪	
1951 J. Glen Davis 🐪	1973 Martin Foltz 🐪	1996 Jerry Teichgraeber 🐪	Deceased 🐪
1952 Ernest Thomas 🐪	1974 Jack Quinlan 🐪	1997 Frank Seufert	
1953 Scott Kelsey 🐪	1975 John C. Dicus	1998 Larry Pressman	



# Arab Shriners Gold Medallion Club

PRESIDENT: PAT DEVLIN, P.P. (LYNDA)

VICE PRESIDENT: LARRY TICE, P.P. (PHYLLIS)

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

Walter Schwarz  
Harold Stevenson

William "Lou" Stewart  
Terry Wilson  
Darrel Witham

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

Merle Bradley  
Larry Bryan, P.P.  
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  
Jim Barnes  
Stan Bartley  
Jack Beers  
William W. Bennett  
Donnie Bohannon  
Floyd Bradley  
Ron Buchanan  
Ed Burkert  
Jack Call  
Jim Curtis  
Robert Dark  
John Duncan

Bill Eicholtz  
Roger Elsbury  
Charles Faden  
Roger Farthing  
Brian Hagmeier, P.P.  
Keith Heumann  
Alan Holt, P.P.  
Bob Inman  
Jim Jackson  
Mike Jenks  
Dale Jepson  
Ken Kelso  
Bill Koehn, P.P.  
Chris Lewis  
Paul McAlister

Harold McElfresh  
Rick Moody, P.P.  
Chris Munk  
Kip Myers  
Carl Nelson  
Don Nisbett  
Gary Pettijohn  
Kyle Purcell  
Don Riffey  
Milo Riley  
Mike Riley  
Larry Rogers  
George Sauer  
Lee Schwartz  
Ron Scrinopskie, P.P.

Gary Shofner  
Rich Siecgrist  
Mark Stephenson  
Roy Sullivan  
Richard Temps  
Drew Torkelson  
Mike Turnbull  
Eddie Van Horn  
Jarred White  
Jim Whitehead  
Royce Wilson

## THE ARAB SHRINE CIRCUS WAS A SUCCESS!!!

By the time this Antics is published, we will have had our annual Circus Appreciation Dinner. All those that worked hard to make this Circus a success we will have recognized and thanked for your hard work. The top sales units and individuals will have been recognized. All of the units that worked toy booths, toy room, vendors, hospitality, doors and the arenas will also have been recognized.

The fear of "good weather" was overcome, and attendance was very close to last year. The numbers will have all been presented at our Stated Meeting.

I just want to again say THANK YOU to every Noble, their Ladies, Children, Grandchildren, Office Staff and anyone else who helped make our Annual Shrine Circus a success this year. Without you it would not have happened! The incredible hard work that everyone contributed to it just shows how the teamwork in our Temple makes every Arab Shrine event a success. You also made my job as Circus Chairman much easier than I expected it to be, and I appreciate that. Thank You All!!

**Paul Honaker,**  
Assistant Rabban,  
Circus Chairman



### Toy Room Crew-

Well our 8th year is in the books and once the dust settles I think we will be real close to a record breaking year. We struggle every year to find a way to say thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the circus a success for the toy room. This year I found a poem and added a few notes specific to our group.

#### **Shake hands with a volunteer!**

Volunteers are a very special breed. **\*Toy Crew\***

They're not afraid to step in when they see the need. **\*Can anyone fix one more Princess Wand?\***

They're always willing to lend a hand, **\*Dale Jepson needed many\***

To lift someone up who's sinking in quicksand. **\*Jarred was in over his head!\***

They always have something encouraging to say, **\*How about a Sparkle Monkey?\***

And they manage to say it in the kindest way. **\*No orange or yellow balloons please!\***

They share their skills, talents and time. **\*Stripping toys and blowing up balloons.\***

And in return, they don't ask for a dime. **\*Free drink on Sunday, maybe an orange t-shirt, or Ann's cookies.\***

So the next time you meet with some volunteers, **\*New nobles are perfect they don't know any better.\***

Shake their hands, and let them know you're happy they're here. **\*Even former 1<sup>st</sup> ladies!\***

Unknown Author

If everything went as expected, we will have over \$80,000 in sales for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row. Thank you very much. As you finish reading this note of thanks, make a mental note to be available in 2017, because you are already on the schedule. Let 2017 be the year of the *Sparkle Monkey!*

Thanks

**Jarred & Beth White**

## To all the wonderful people of Arab Shrine,

I want to **Thank You** over and over again for helping make the 2016 Circus Hospitality Room a resounding success!! Without all your help and generosity, it could not have been accomplished. From the fabulous food that was donated to all the help in the food room 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 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



# Circus Memories

News From

## St. Louis Shriners Hospital



### Hospital Trivia

I thought I would start each update with a trivia question about the St. Louis Shriners Hospital. In April of 1924 the St. Louis Shriners Hospital was opened. Why did the Shriners decide to open hospitals across the United States?  
Answer below.

### Working to become an Employer of Choice!

Several new initiatives have been enacted by the administration in 2016 to boost employee morale and make Shriners Hospitals for Children – St. Louis an employer of choice in the Metro area.

One of these programs is the “Cup of Champions.” Each week, a Shriners Hospital thermal mug is presented to a non-managerial “Cup of Champions” winner who has been selected from the previous week’s winner, in a kind of Pay-it-Forward gesture. The winner cannot be a manager or director, selected by a manager or director, or be chosen from within the same department as the previous week’s winner.

Administrator John Gloss, the winner’s manager/director and a team of staff completely surprise the winner in his or her work area in front of coworkers and the winner is then featured on the big four-monitor display in the lobby, in the employee newsletter and on the hospital’s Facebook page.

All of the winners have been very surprised and excited about the award and we’ve heard a lot of buzz in the halls about who the next winner will be!



### We need your help!

Please look through some of your recent, and even archived, photos of your important events, fundraisers, ceremonials, dinners, dances and other functions to find the best of the best that you would like to see on canvas and hanging in the hospital.

One corridor is dedicated to our Temples and we’d like to see at least one photo from each of our 22 represented. These will be placed semi-permanently on a contemporary wire-framing system in the east hospital entrance corridor and will be a prominent feature of our hospital tours so make sure the photos you select are appropriate and something you would like to see showcased for quite a while!

Send your photos to John Sidwell at [jsidwell2@att.net](mailto:jsidwell2@att.net)

**Trivia Answer-** in the 1920s the children of the United States were struck with an epidemic called Poliomyelitis more commonly referred to as Polio. It caused weakness often involving the legs but may less commonly involve the muscles of the head, neck and diaphragm. Shriners opened hospitals to give free treatment to the children struck with this disease



# Screening Clinic

for Children with Bone, Muscle, or Joint Problems

**Date:** Saturday, May 7, 2016

**Time:** 9:00 am – Noon

**Location:** Arab Shrine Temple  
1305 S. Kansas Ave.  
Topeka, KS

**For more information:** 785-438-7111

**Walk-ins welcome!**

*Sponsored by the Arab Shriners*

**Conditions treated at Shriners Hospital for Children – St. Louis:**

- Arthrogyposis (Stiff Joints)
- Cerebral Palsy
- Clubfoot
- Hip Conditions
- Osteogenesis Imperfecta (Brittle Bones)
- Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis
- Limb Deformities
- Limb Length Differences
- Neurological Disorders
- Rickets
- Scar Revisions
- Scoliosis
- Specialized Plastic Surgery
- Spina Bifida/Myelodysplasia
- Spine Conditions
- Sports Injuries

*Children are eligible to receive care if they are under the age of 18 with a treatable orthopaedic condition. Income, financial status and/or insurance coverage has no impact on eligibility for services.*



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# Hospital Dads' Shoot

## Ravenwood Lodge

## May 14, 2016



Registration– 8:00 AM  
Shooting begins at 9:00 AM  
Lunch provided

# **NOBLES, SPOUSES, LADIES, AND GUESTS**



**JOIN US FOR THE**

## **2016 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, July 24, 2016**

**Royals vs. Texas Rangers  
Game Time 1:10 P.M.**

**Join Illustrious Sir Jim Whitehead and his  
Lady Barbara, for a fun day at  
Kaufmann Stadium**

**Note: Sign-up sheet in the office; All money due July 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.**



# Topeka Valley Scottish Rite Annual

## RiteCare<sup>®</sup>

# Golf Tournament

## Dinner and Auction

*Friday, May 13, 2016.*

*Great Life Shawnee Country Club*

*913 SE 29<sup>th</sup> Street, Topeka, KS*

### **Four-Person Scramble**, at 11:30 A.M.

*\$75 per person, includes Shotgun Start for 18 holes of golf, with cart,  
Dinner and Auction;*

### **For the Non-Golfers & Family Fun**, beginning at 4:00 PM.

*Team Putting Tourney and "Duck, Duck, Golf"*

### **Social hour, Live & Silent Auction** at 5:30 p.m.

*(No fee required for live or silent auctions);*

### **Dinner at Great Life Shawnee Country Club** at 6:15 p.m.

*All members and friends are welcome to the Social Hour and Auctions*

*—whether you golf or not—*

*5:30pm start time*

*We would love to see all fellow Shriners join us and Help us finance*

*RiteCare Clinics in Kansas—*



# From the desk of the Parade Director

Parade information is now beginning to appear, although with varying degree of details.

The St. Patrick's Day Parades seem to signal the beginning of the parade season. I will attempt to update the parade schedule 1 or 2 times a week as information is received.

Please contact me if you discover a parade scheduled in our area. It would be great to know the name of the parade, city, and possibly a contact name, in order to update our website.

I can be contacted by calling 785 806-9898, or e-mail me at [topzon1@swbell.net](mailto:topzon1@swbell.net).

Your units should be discussing attendance at CSSA, August 25, 26, and 27, in Little Rock, Ark. Should be a great time.

Have a great parade season, have fun, keep the ARAB Shriners in the public view, and BE SAFE throughout the year.

Roger Farthing  
Parade Director 2016

## IT'S A MYSTERY.....

Join Illustrious Sir Jim Whitehead and Lady Barb for the



# 2016 Potentate's Mystery Trip

## September 30-October 2

How often will you get the chance to board a chartered bus to an unknown location with 100 other Shriners and their ladies. You won't want to miss the fun! Spots fill quickly!

Call Diana in the office at 234-5656 to be added to the reservation list.



# KANSAS SHRINE BOWL

ALL-STAR FOOTBALL SINCE 1974

**July 30, 2016**

**Emporia State University**



**Circus Memories-**

Left- Circus Director, Cash Barngrover enjoying a bicycle ride.

Top- Members of the 2016 Divan march in with patient Malia.

Left- Members of the Arab Band entertaining the crowd.



# Unit and Club News



## Antique/Classic Car Unit

By  
Steve Lavin, Director

The New Year is here and the Antiques are busy getting ready for the parades. January 6<sup>th</sup> our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting was at the Billard Airport Restaurant where we met to plan the upcoming Super Bowl Party. We had 38 people in attendance including Illustrious Sir Brad Koehn and his Lady Cheryl. We voted in two new members to our unit, Ken Kelso and Larry Kampschroeder. Thank you guys for joining our unit. Illustrious Sir spoke of the new things going on at the Hospitals and the upcoming ads we will be seeing. He thanked all the Antiques for their support this past year and hopes that we continue this support with the new Potentate for 2016. Thank you Sir, it was a great year!



February 3<sup>rd</sup> the Antiques held our meeting at the Shrine with a steak fry provided by the Arab Swiners. The meal was excellent, and everyone enjoyed this for a change. We had 66 people in attendance. 2016 Illustrious Sir Jim Whitehead along with his Lady Barb attended, and the officers for the unit were sworn in. This year Doug Hodge will be President, and the other positions will remain the same as 2015.

February 7<sup>th</sup> brought the Super Bowl Party to the Shrine. The attendance was up this year with 160+ people, which made the party a big success this. The addition of the big screen TV system made viewing the game much easier for all.





As always Thank You to all who helped with the party and those who attended. Thank you to the Provost Guard for opening the bar for the party. A Special Thank You to those individuals and Cytec for contributing to the rental of the TV system. Your support in doing this was greatly appreciated.



## Antiques continued

The Antiques again supported the Shrine Circus working the Toy Booths and providing a bicycle to be given away. Thank you to all the members who worked the Circus this year. Your help in doing this is what makes the Shrine Circus a success each year.

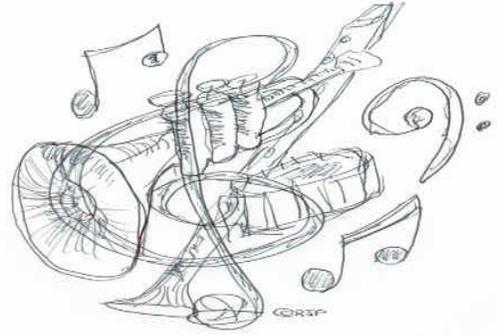


**SHRINERS ARE,  
"FORE" THE KIDS**

Deadline for next Antics  
June 15, 2016  
Submit articles to [bkoehn3@cox.net](mailto:bkoehn3@cox.net)

Please send articles in word doc format and pictures as  
jpegs.

# Arab Shrine Concert Band



Once again, we had a great circus!  
Thanks to the Santa Fe Band, the Topeka Big Band, our band regulars, and some outside musicians, we had over 20 people for three performances.

Live music always tops recorded music, and we are on the lookout for new band members. If you enjoy playing a musical instrument and would like to join our band, please contact any band member.

A big thank you to ALL!

Bob Provo- Band Director

# Arab Shrine

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

# BINGO!



**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

# Boaters

There were eight members of the Boaters Unit chartered in 1971. Now the Unit begins its 45<sup>th</sup> year in 2016 with 36 members. There are still three charter members; Bill Koehn, P.P., Richard Hanger and Ted Ensley. We must always remember where we have been to have some understanding of where we are going.

The first meeting of the new year was at the Temple with Bruce Wedel hosting the meeting. It was a typical cold evening but the Boaters as usual braving the weather to be present for Boaters camaraderie that makes the Unit very special. Abouds catered the food. Captain Wedle convened the Unit for a meeting with the focus on meeting schedules, locations and hosts for the meetings. The other topic was the Circus and assigning Toy Booth volunteers. Illustrious Sir Jim Whitehead installed the 2016 officers. Fun and fellowship enjoyed by all.

The February meeting was at Annie's hosted by all Boaters present. The meeting was well attended and many of the local, state and national issues received some intense discussion with some individual satisfaction being received. Captain Bruce Wedel convened the Unit for the month's meeting. Divan Representative Bob Gifford spoke about the Circus and other upcoming events at the Temple. Director Ralph Wild spoke about the importance of supporting all of the scheduled events of Arab Shrine with special emphasis in the Circus. Brad Koehn, P.P. and Brian Hagmeier, P.P. had words of wisdom for the Unit members. A fun evening with great fellowship that is very common to the Boater's meetings.

The Boaters outnumber the Circus Clowns at the Circus. Glen Feuerborn helped with the ushering. Ralph Wild, Bruce and Suzette Wedel, Mark and C.G. Varble, Kevin Hulsing and his son and daughter, Kevin and Wende Watt, Ted and Elna Ensley and Dave Sterbenz helped with the toy booth. Brad and Cheryl Koehn, Brian and Nadyne Hagmeier and Bob and Diana Swafford helped where needed.

The Boaters extend their sincere sympathy to the Honorable Judge Sam Crow and family on the passing of Ruth, beloved wife and mother and grandmother. For all of the rewards and joys of Ruth and Sam's good life together, their very highest priorities were always about "their boys," about family as a unit of shared goals and direction.

The Boaters also extend their sincere sympathy to Bob Duffen's wife Jean. Bob was a long-time Boater and he and wife Jean were active in the Unit. Bob devoted over 40 years to Duffens Optical and Duffens Contact Lens companies.

The Boaters look forward to a great year.

Submitted by

Ted Ensley

Pictured at right:

Bruce & Suzette Wedel, Kevin Hulsing, Ralph Wild, Kevin Watt, and Elna & Ted Ensley at the Circus.





Hank Hulsing, Paul Clarkson, P.P., Bob Whitehead, P.P., and Ryan Mohwinkle – Good Conversation



Kelly Peel, Alex Munk and Roger Farthing – Christmas Party



Bob Swafford, Mark Varble and Drew Torkelson enjoying being a Boater



Brian Hagmeier, P.P., Brad Koehn, P.P., and John Stauffer – John conversing with Past Potentates



Dave Sterbenz and Bruce Wedel Inspecting the boat decorations for the St. Patrick's Parade



Ryan, Erin, and Brecken Mohwinkle enjoying their ride in the St. Patrick's Day parade

# Clowns

Jeff Neal

## Send in the Clowns

It seems a resounding theme during the Circus season; "Send in the Clowns!" and send them in we did! In the months leading up to the Circus, members of the Arab Clown Unit were in attendance at two ticket presentations, six pre-Circus publicity remotes as well as "Circus School", before the center ring was ever filled.



With the coaching and guidance of Bob "Willie" Swafford and Alan "Smokey" Barrett, once again the Clowns entertained the crowds with tomfoolery and signing of autographs before the Circus and then again with the skit performed at intermission. (Note to self, NEVER ask for a pie!) In addition to the "clowning around", Illustrious Sir Lynn Holt and his lady Andrea were leading the charge in the hospitality room. In all, the Unit and our Ladies put in nearly 800 hours in support of this year's showcase event.

As we recover from the busy schedule leading up to and during the Circus weekend, we look forward to some of the upcoming events on the calendar. March proves to be a

busy month as well with one of our two fundraisers fast approaching. For several years the Clowns have worked the Kansas State Wrestling Tournament providing staffing in the play area. This weekend gives us another chance to interact with the kids and contributes to our Unit's abilities to support various Temple activities.

In an attempt to have a little fun that *didn't* require makeup (at least for the guys), on March 8<sup>th</sup> we met with the Ladies for fellowship and a meal at Annie's Place with a good time being had by all.



As a new addition to the Unit, I'm constantly amazed at the endless dedication this group of Shriners has not only toward their craft but also providing a memorable experience for the folks they engage with - both young and old.

Thanks to Illustrious Sir Jim Whitehead, the members of the Divan, and the nobility for all of your support during this busy time of year and thanks to all those who helped make this year's circus a resounding success.

**It's "fore" the kids.**





This is the final “clown walk around” for Clifford “Kip” Myers who passed on March 15, 2016 – He was 85 years young, yet still a teenager at heart.

Kip was a member of the Legion of Honor having served four years in the U.S. Navy aboard a submarine tender the U.S.S. Nerius. He was a member of the Hospital Dads and the Coffee Clutcher’s Clubs and joined the Arab Shrine Clown Unit in 1995. Kip’s clown name was “Sparky,” because he had worked at Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. for 25 years before retiring as a certified welder. “Sparky” was well known by children attending the Arab Shrine Circus in his distinctive purple & sparkly outfit and was always sought out by them for a picture or an autograph. When he was spotted in the crowd at the circus this year, members of the clown unit paraded up to see him and his Lady Nancy for hugs.

Kip never served as an officer in the Clown Unit. However, he was a clown leader and mentor helping many of us with balloon tying and clown make-up. He was a one-of-a-kind character, a comic and a trickster in his own right. One of his gags is legend in our unit - when helping a rookie clown put on their first clown face he always suggested they remove clown make-up with peanut butter. As you might expect it didn’t work out and it looked like, well – you know. So you had to be on your toes with Kip, yet he never embarrassed a fellow clown in public or tried to show them up. Kip brought honor to the entire unit when he was named the Arab Shrine Nobel of the Year for 2005.

Kip and his Lady Nancy were married nearly 65 years with a son, two daughters and many grandchildren; another testament to their love for family. And more than that, Kip and Nancy had extended family working for years to bring joy to children with disabilities. They collected hundreds of new and repurposed stuffed animals to donate to the children in our Shriners Hospitals. And a few years ago the hospital in St. Louis could no longer accept stuffed animals due to health regulations. However, the hospital continued for a time to accept those brought by Kip and Nancy, because “Sparky” always had the toys hygienically cleaned. They continued to collect bags and bags of stuffed animals and would sell them at the Arab Shrine Circus, raising thousands for philanthropy.

The Clown Unit had an opportunity some years ago to assist Abdallah Shrine Clown Unit tying balloons at the grand opening of Nebraska Furniture Mart in Wyandotte County. Our clown unit was struggling financially at the time and we needed the funds, however I and other new clowns lacked the basic skills. Kip came to the rescue and coached us through with on-the-job training as each of us took turns standing at his side. Our success at that pivotal event stabilized the unit financially and led us to other balloon tying projects like the Goodyear Retirees Holiday event.

Kip as “Sparky” the clown was active in other areas of the community and I recall seeing him at many Kansas State University annual “Catbacker” picnics making purple and white balloon hats for any and all in attendance. He was named Volunteer of the Year in 2004 from Cappers Foundation for his service to children in need and projects like the St. Patrick’s Day Blarney Breakfast.

Bump-a-nose “Sparky”! And say howdy to “Raggs,” “Whitey,” “What,” “Clumsy” and our other clown brothers. I’m certain the kids are lined-up and waiting patiently – so there is much clowning to do in that great “big top in the sky.”

Respectfully submitted by, Bob “Willie” Swafford



# Golfers

(Proud to be home unit of Potentate Jim Whitehead)  
by Charlie Shinn

The Golfers Unit hit the ground running after our annual meeting in January. With many events and outings planned for the year, we started off by helping in several areas of the circus from selling toys to manning the membership table. A great event that all Shriners can be proud of. The Golfers also sponsored Timothy Master Magician and Hypnotist on March 12<sup>th</sup> at the Shrine Temple with over 200 in attendance. Social Events Chairman Martin Donaldson, and his Lady Linda, have planned several golf unit socials for the year and on April 9, eleven couples enjoyed the Spring Golfers Outing at the

Columbia Dinner/Theatre in Wamego featuring the musical "Oliver". The annual brunch at Topeka Country Club is scheduled for May 1, and the Scottish Rite Golf Tournament is May 13 at Shawnee Country Club.

With sunshine and warm weather upon us, the Golfers kicked off the monthly golf outings on Monday, April 18 in Seneca, sponsored by Duane Crosier. There are seven more regular monthly golf outings scheduled and then the fall outing September 18-20, being planned by Director Gary Ashton, and his Lady, Kimberly Justus. The golfers are looking forward to a very busy, fun filled summer.

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 30th annual Golfers of Arab Shriners Hospital Tournament on June 20<sup>th</sup> at Village Greens Golf Course in Ozawkie. Larry Rogers, 2016 VP, and his Lady Melissa, have planned this year's tournament. It is the golfers largest fund raiser for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children and the Children's Transportation Fund of Arab Shrine. You will have the opportunity to meet, and possibly golf with, Cierra Brumback from Girard, Kansas, a St. Louis Shriners Hospital Patient/Ambassador. We can't guarantee the best golf round of your life, but we can guarantee tons of fun while supporting the Hospital.



## ***WELCOME NEW MEMBERS***

***RALPH ANDERSON  
ACTIVE  
GLEN FEUERBORN  
ASSOCIATE***

2016 Golf Unit Officers and Potentate: Harlan McNinch (out of uniform)-Treasurer, Larry Rogers-VP, Jim Whitehead-Potentate, Steve Haslett-Treasurer, Gary Ashton-Director, Howard Marlow, Jr.-President. Bob Weibel-Divian Rep (not pictured)



George Sauer hoping he read the line correct on this putt!



Golf Unit Fez strip gets 15 minutes of fame at the Shrine!



Another beautiful day on the golf course! Probably ruined by these four guys!



Golfers helping man the Membership Table at the Circus.





# Greeters

*Bill Latimer*

Fourteen Greeters welcomed 350 Nobles, Ladies, and Guests to the 2016 New Year's Day Breakfast. The Shriners enjoyed a delicious meal consisting of scrambled eggs, sausage and biscuits. Traditional Eggnog, Bloody Marys, and Screwdrivers were also available to toast the New Year.

Members and their ladies enjoyed a delicious meal at McFarland's, where the Greeters held their January meeting.

In lieu of a February meeting, the Greeters elected to greet at all seven Circus performances. It is always a pleasure to see the joy in the children's eyes when they see us in tuxedos. The Greeters purchased and gave away two bicycles at The Arab Shrine Circus.



The Greeters' March meeting was held at Brewster Place on March 18, where some of our members reside. The food was top shelf as usual. The Greeters welcomed a new member to the unit at the March meeting, Harlan McNinch, and his wife Dorothy.

One of our members, John Sidwell, is an Associate Board Member of the Board of Governors for the St. Louis Hospital. John has taken on another role, when he joined his fourth committee, Research. In addition to Research, John is also on three other committees for the St. Louis Hospital: Plant and Facilities, Health and Safety, and Community Outreach.

The Greeters will be greeting at the Screening Clinic for Children with Bone, Muscle, or Joint Problems, which will be held at the Arab Shrine Temple on May 7. We hope to see you at the Screening Clinic.

***It's great to be a Greeter!***



**Potentate's Reception-** Members of the Whitehead family, Lady Barb presenting Illustrious Sir Jim with his Potentate's ring, and members of the 2016 Divan



# Legion of Honor

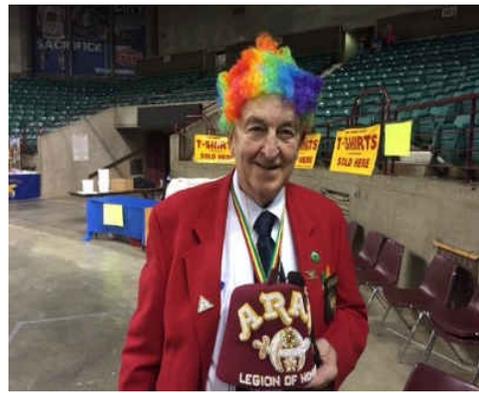
By: David Smith  
Past Commander



Hi everyone! Winter is over so let the baseball and back yard BBQs begin. If you are like me you enjoy the fun, picnics and outdoor activities that summer brings. That also means the World Series Champion Royals will be playing baseball. Let's cheer them on to another World Series title this year.

At our January 2016 meeting the new officers for 2016 were sworn in by ILL Sir Jim Whitehead. The officers for 2016 are Commander Steve Suchsland, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Larry Lehman, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant Alex Parker, Treasurer Gale Vernon, Quartermaster Ralph Brewer, and Color Guard Captain Dean Owen. Congratulations to the new officers. Please give them your support.

The circus was a great success. The LOH had 19 members that sold a lot of toys and made a lot of kids happy. For some of the members, Ron Buchanan and Bill Davis, 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!**



Once again the LOH spaghetti feed was an outstanding success due to 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Commander Larry Lehman's excellent organizing and coordinating. Want to thank all the LOH members and ladies that volunteered their services to make the spaghetti feed a great success. Without your support the spaghetti feed would not have been possible. We only heard good comments on how delicious and generous the meal was.

Congratulations to Larry Lehman for being selected LOH Member of the Year. Larry was certainly deserving of the honor. We want to welcome our two new members Don Jacka and his lady Janice, and Larry Polter. Welcome to the Arab LOH. Next time you see Don and his lady Janice and Larry give them a big welcome.

At the beginning of the year Ron Buchanan, our Adjutant for many years, stepped down and passed the torch to Bill Davis. We want to thank Ron for his many years of dedication and service to the Arab LOH. Without his support and attention to detail, the LOH would not have run smoothly. I also, as a Past Commander, want to thank Ron for his support; without him, my year as Commander would have been very challenging.

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 2016 calendar book for details.

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

# Lil' Chops

Ken Kelso

Let's hope this finds everyone as good as the weather has been, which is Great! Although we have not been parading, the Lil' Chops have been somewhat busy with other Shrine functions. The first one being our annual after Christmas party we had Jan 8th at the American Legion in Emporia. We had a pretty good crowd of



about 70 people show up. We enjoyed a supper catered by Pizza Ranch, and as usual it was really good. Then after



the meal we had a little program where we showed a DVD from the Shrine, and we had 2 guest families that were in attendance. First, we had our shrine family from Bonner Springs, Seth and Andrea Tanner and the newest addition to the family Alana, (who never lacked for attention all night). Then, we introduced a family that lives here in

Emporia, Nicole Gannon, her mother, and brother. Both families gave a good talk, and we were glad to have had them. We then gave out raffle prizes, with our fellow Lil' Chop and longest away traveler, Steve Kramer, winning the main prize.

Next was the annual meeting. Some of us attended and saw another Lil' Chop installed as our Illustrious Potentate Jim Whitehead. Then, the next weekend some of us attended the Potentate's Reception at the Temple. On Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, we had a Lil' Chops meeting at the American Legion. We almost had as many from Topeka at it as from Emporia. It was a good meeting though, and we munched on pizza afterwards.



Our next and biggest event was the Circus. We worked the toy booth Sat. morning and afternoon as usual. We also gave a bike away in the afternoon. Besides that, some of us ushered throughout the weekend. Thanks to all that helped work at the circus, and thanks to all that helped with getting the kids from Emporia up there on the buses. A big thank you to Chad and Laurie Kurzen and Jack Call for all the arrangements for getting the children to Topeka. Your work is appreciated, whatever you did.

Parade season officially opened on March 12th with St. Patrick's Day parades in Topeka and Emporia. We hope to see a lot of you at upcoming events.

# MINI-T'S

Our first activity of 2016 was working a toy booth at the Circus for the early Sunday performance. We had a great turnout. Members working were: Clark Allemang, Don Blaylock, Richard Donovan, Bill Douglas, Pete Euler, Larry Gamblian, Ray Garrison, Richard Herrman, Lane Ryno, Larry Schneider, and Monte Zinn. It is always fun to see, and share in the excitement of the kids as they experience the circus.

Our unit held a social on the evening of March 5<sup>th</sup>. We all brought a quart of chili that we mixed together to make chili that we had never had before or would never have again. It was delicious! There were also several yummy desserts to choose from. The evening started off with a snag, when we had to change venues at the last minute. The Emporia VFW came to our rescue and allowed us to gather there. We certainly appreciated that.

We were saddened over the death of Sherry Becerra, wife of Noble Al Becerra. Al and Sherry joined the Mini-T unit in 2009. Sherry was a joy to be around, a very loving person and always upbeat. She was a strong supporter of the Mini-T's and the Arab Shrine. She will be greatly missed.



Mary Alice Magathan passed away at her home in Emporia on January 19, 2016 at the age of 91. Mary Alice was the wife of Richard Magathan who passed away in 2002. Richard was a member of the Mini-T's for many years and was Potentate of Arab Temple in 1989. Richard and Mary Alice were a big part of the Mini-T's. They were both very active in the unit, joining in and helping with all activities including CSSA competitions. The year Richard was Potentate, Dean Marsh and some of the other Mini-T's built a train to surprise Richard at the Potentate's Ball. The engine was built over an electric golf cart and pulled a

caboose. The engine was numbered 89 on the front and had Magathan Express on the side. The caboose was lined with carpet. With Dean and Bill Hunt serving as engineers and Bob Lostutter, Mike Turnbull, Harold Goff and Larry Gamblian as conductors; they escorted Richard and Mary Alice into the caboose and drove them in to the ballroom. How fun this was for everyone involved. This is one of many good memories of the Mini-T family.



# ARAB ORIENTAL BAND

Adam L. Villalobos, Secretary

Spring has just about sprung! It's been a mild winter so far, but we are more than ready for the warm summer weather. I guess we are more similar to the Camel than we realized.

I understand that the Circus was a success. That is great news for Arab. The OB did their part by thrilling the circus attendees with our classic hits and selling toys. Up next is our participation in the St. Patrick's Day parade on March 12. We're looking forward to this parade as it is one of the biggest in Topeka.

It is also time for us to begin our preparations for Central States in Little Rock, Arkansas. We have not competed in Little Rock before, so our members are really looking forward to it. Speaking of OB members; I'm very excited to announce that we have snared two unsuspecting Nobles into our ranks. Larry Dain and Danny Adams are our newest members. They can now proudly wear the garb of the Mighty, Mighty Arab Oriental Band. I'm sure they will add to the fun, camaraderie and competitive spirit at CSSA. Welcome Larry and Danny.

We look forward to a fun and prosperous 2016 under the leadership of Illustrious Sir, Jim Whitehead. Additionally, we welcome our current Divan Representative, Robert Gifford. He'll never be the same after spending time with the Oriental Band or maybe the OB will never be the same after spending time with Giff.



Stay tuned for the very latest on the Arab Oriental Band. We are way more exciting and interesting than the Kardashians and our bottoms aren't as big.

## **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

Todd White

The year 2016 has started with a bang as expected. The bar has been very active with our normal Friday functions and the addition of trivia being played on every other Wednesday for the first 3 months of the year. The Provost Guard served a very packed lounge on February 27<sup>th</sup> when we hosted hors d'oeuvres night. We tried something new with a classic ice cream social night and a pitch tournament on a Saturday evening. We were happy with the response from the nobility and their ladies. Over a hundred people were there to enjoy the ice cream and sweets, with many of them choosing to join in for the pitch tournament. Congratulations to Becky Sullivan and Jarred White for being the winning players in the tournament. Trivia and pitch will be returning in August and September, so we hope you can make it down in the fall for some of the fun.

As this article is being written, we are preparing for the Magic show, Yoshi March Madness and Circus Appreciation night. We hope you were able to make it to these functions. Upcoming activities that we hope to see you at include the hors d'oeuvres nights on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, June 24<sup>th</sup> and the May 21<sup>st</sup> Spring Ceremonial.

Mark your calendars now for a busy summer with us at the Temple. The bar will be open for the Mexican Fiesta on July 9th, a comedy show on July 23rd, and the Provost Guard Fish Fry on August 13<sup>th</sup>.

Please remember we will be offering drink specials all spring and summer. Come down and see what we have to offer. Once the Irish beers run out in March or April, we will be adding the Mexican beers back to the coolers. In addition, a new one case a month order of specialty beer will be added to the coolers each month until they are gone. The first will be an IPA. Our first ever offered in the bar. If you like hoppy beer be sure and come down to give it a try.

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.



**Light Hors d'oeuvres**

## Arab Shriners Lounge

Every Friday at the Arab Shrine  
4:30 to 10:30 pm  
Members & Guests Welcome

**June 24: Divan**  
**July 22: Antiques**



# RITUALISTIC CAST

By Tom Johnson, Co-Director

Hello everyone, hope this finds you well and in good spirits.

The cast has been very busy this winter, as we have had three successful coat checks, the four unit Christmas party, the New Year's breakfast, and the Potentate's Reception. A great big thank you to all of our nobles for their generosity and support. We have enough money in our treasury to sponsor a band student to the All Masonic Band Camp at the Shrine Bowl, and also support the various projects as to the maintenance and upkeep of our building.

The cast manned a toy booth at the circus on both Friday and Saturday nights. A big thank you to Noble Gilbert Weidman, Lady Karen Johnson, and Lady Cheryl Menges on Friday and to Bill Amyx, Bob Amyx and Lady Rebecca on Saturday.

Our February meeting was held at the Blind Tiger. We had our Illustrious Sir Jim Whitehead and Lady Barb and Divan rep Larry Dain and Lady Linda as our guests. Potentate Jim Whitehead installed the following officers for the upcoming year: John Swain- President, Jack Sanders-Vice President, and Bob Amyx-Secretary Treasurer. Congratulations to these fine brothers.

Our next big project will be the Spring Ceremonial which will be on May 21<sup>st</sup>. We will be calling and getting the lineup for the work. Hopefully, we will have a big spring class as our area lodges have been very busy doing degree work.

A big thank you to Noble Max for setting up coat check and toy booth workers. Although he is no longer Director, we will rely on his vast experience in setting up our various events.

Our March meeting was held at McFarland's.

Until next time,  
Tom

## OINK!! The ARAB Shriner Swiners

The Swiners are getting busy again. We have 3 more opportunities to serve the various units. The Potentate has requested that the Swiners do another Hors d'oeuvres type event on a Saturday afternoon, later in the year.

This year the Swiners were proud to give away a bicycle at the Shrine Circus.

Certainly glad that we purchased 10 Temple calendars again this year. They are paying off in a big way.

We are still looking for new members. Our dues are very reasonable: \$0.00

**Roger Farthing & Paul Clarkson co-Directors**



# Sun Devils

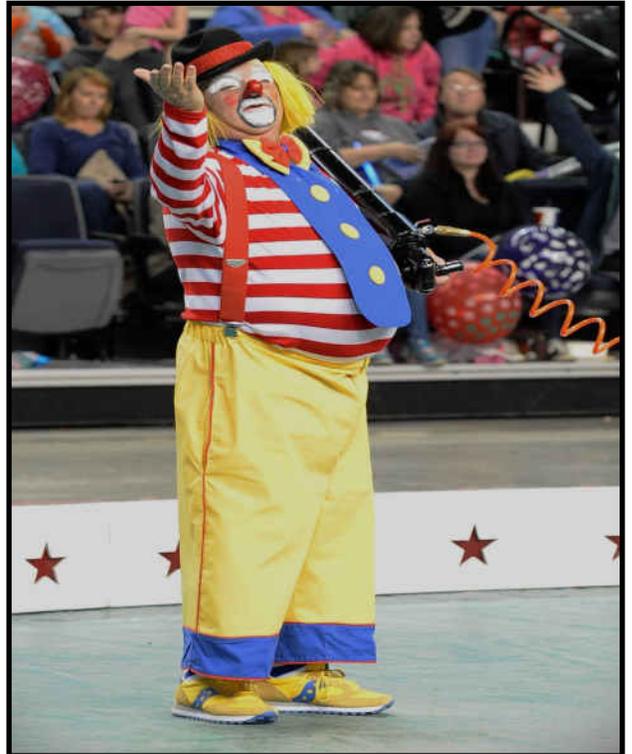
By Paul Honaker, Secretary

The Sun Devils are getting ready for Parade Season!!

In February 2016, we conducted our annual work day. We spent a full Saturday morning changing tires, oil, spark plugs, and wheel bearings to ensure the cars are in top shape for not only parades, but also for competition at Central States in Little Rock, Arkansas. To ensure that the members of our Unit had the strength to complete the task at hand; Lady Becky Beveal provided homemade cinnamon rolls. These were not your usual cinnamon rolls since they were about twice the size of a normal one!

In January 2016, at half time of the Chiefs 1<sup>st</sup> playoff game, we all converged on the home of Mark & CG Varble. Once the game had completed we loaded a short bus and embarked on our monthly social event, a "Progressive Dinner". Our second stop after the Varble humble abode was Biggs BBQ for great steaks, some ribs, and beer. Our final stop was at the Lady Bird Café on Mass Street for ice cream and chocolate & root beer malts!

In February 2016, we regularly treat our fine Ladies to a special Valentines Dinner Surprise. This year, it was hosted by Keith & Patty Bricker at Tony & Tina Frye's shop. (Tony's shop floor is so clean it can be used as a restaurant). The Ladies were treated to the great sounds of MW Roy T. Sullivan and his group of singers. After they were given their serenade and roses, we dove into the BBQ spread assembled by the Bricker's. Keith used his artistic talents with a chainsaw and wood burner (and a little help from Pinterest) to make all of the table centerpieces. They were a small log with hearts with our initials burnt into them. Thank you, Keith & Patty and Tony & Tina.



Wait....We thought he was a Sun Devil!



Even though we do not parade when the weather gets wintery, we do stay busy. We have regular socials on a monthly basis with our Ladies, in addition to working Bingo, hanging out at the Shrine Temple, and hunting!

# CLAYBUSTERS

Jeff Miller

**SPRING IS HERE THE CLAYBUSTERS ARE SHOOTING!**



What better way to start the spring shooting season than with a turkey hunt and mushrooms surrounding you! The author does not know where he took this picture!

The Claybusters are starting a new shooting season as daylight saving time has begun. We are meeting at Ravenwood for our first mens' night shoot of the year. It will be a time for catching up with our fellow shooters as the winter months always have us going our separate ways. The first shoot will be filled with hunting stories, both success and well you know not so successful! Somebody always has bought a new gun or two. You know a guy or gal can never have too many guns. Which reminds me, bring a friend to the Arab Shrine Sportsman Raffle on October 15, 2016 at the Shrine Temple. Another date I want to mention is the Hospital Dads' Sporting Clays Shoot May 14, 2016 at Ravenwood. Come to one of these events this year and bring a friend.

If there is a new Noble out there interested in shooting, please contact a Claybuster for information.

The Claybusters highlight of the year is competing at CSSA. This year we will be traveling to Little Rock, Arkansas. We can use all the shooters we can get, because the competition is fierce. The CSSA shooting competition involves both the men and women, with both competing for trophies. CSSA is so much more than just competing. You will meet life long friends from the Central States area. There are many events to attend and participate in for Arab Temple. There will be shopping, hospitalities, banquets, and the infamous nightshirt parade. There is never a dull moment. As my lady and I travel throughout, to different Shrine events, we have gotten to know many people from other Temples that we have met at CSSA. Hope to see you all in Little Rock!

"Now, Boys let's grind some rock!" This is a saying an old trapshooting friend used to say before we started shooting.



A youth shooting trap in Colorado. We have shoots that involve the family!



## Yoshi

The Yoshi's held their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual March Madness kickoff party on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> in the Temple lounge. Great fun was had by all as we watched the NCAA tournament kick off, as well as celebrated St. Patrick's Day and Kyle Purcell's Birthday! This year we had 100 entries in our bracket challenge, up from around 70 entries last year. We



want to extend a special thanks to the Brews Brothers, the Provost Guard, Beth White, and everyone who brought food and participated in our bracket challenge and 50/50 raffles!

## Brews Brothers

The Brews Brothers' goal is to introduce craft beer to Shriners, and to help them discover and enjoy the many flavors available. The Brews Brothers recently provided beer for the Yoshi's March Madness party. We invited everyone to a meeting on April 18th at the Shrine. We are planning a summer picnic. Watch your email for details.



## Shriners Coffee Clutchers



Wednesday Mornings  
at Arab Shrine  
6:30 to 9:00 am

Come on over for coffee and doughnuts!  
It's always fair weather  
where Masons get together.  
Bring a guest, all Masons are welcome.



# Nobelles

January 5<sup>th</sup> we met at AJ's NY Pizzeria with seventeen members attending. Doreen Tefft had her granddaughter as a guest. Our officers who agreed to go for another year are President Beth Snook, Secretary Ranona Boyd, and Eileen Rogers as Treasurer/Publicity. Coming on board as Vice President is Dorothy Richardson. Divan Rep. Loretta Hurst was with us and gave her usual updates on events.

We met at Perkins Restaurant on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Twenty members attended and two guests. We were honored to have with us (since our Divan Rep. Loretta Hurst could not be with us) First Lady Barb Whitehead and Asst. Rabban Lady Becky Honaker. Joan Wible won the door prize. We were saddened to learn of the death of Maxine Vogel on January 20<sup>th</sup>. She was a member until her health declined.

On March 1<sup>st</sup> (a day bringing March like a lion) we met at the Blind Tiger. Sixteen members attended, also our Divan Rep. Loretta Hurst. The door prize was won by yours truly. It was a note pad by Precious Moments and a packet of beautiful Thank You cards. No other news of note at this meeting.

Eileen Rogers  
Publicity



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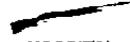
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
1 GOLFERS BRUNCH	2 Exec/Dir. Mtg	3 Nobelles Clowns Sun Devils	4 Coffee ☕ Clutchers Antiques Arab Patrol Claybusters
8 	9 STATED MEETING Band	10 LOH Arab Escorts	11 Coffee ☕ Clutchers Lil Chops
15	16 Golfers Marysville	17 Scottish Rite Boaters	18 Coffee ☕ Clutchers Arab Patrol Special Meeting
22	23 PAST POTENTATES' LUNCHEON	24 Provost Guard	25 Coffee ☕ Clutchers Topless
29	30  MEMORIAL DAY	31	
POTENTATE'S TRIP MAY 28-JUNE 8			

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Ritualistic Cast	6 Bingo 4	7
12 Oriental Band	13 Bingo 1 Scottish Rite Golf Tourney Shawnee CC	14  HOSPITAL DAD'S SHOOT Za-ga-zig Ball
19 Director's Staff	20 Bingo 2 Greeters	21  SPRING CEREMONIAL Ladies Luncheon @ Women's Club
26 Oriental Band	27 Bingo 3	28 POTENTATE'S TRIP

MAY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			1 Coffee ☕ Clutchers
POTENTATE'S TRIP MAY 28-JUNE 8			
5	6	7	8 Coffee ☕ Clutchers
POTENTATE'S TRIP MAY 28-JUNE 8			
12 Rawhidars	13 Exec/Dir. Mtg	14  LOH FLAG DAY PICNIC	15 Coffee ☕ Clutchers Antiques
19 Happy Fathers Day!	20 Golfers Children's Tournament  Village Greens	21 Boaters Scottish Rite	22 Coffee ☕ Clutchers Arab Patrol (Ladies) Mini T's
26	27	28	29 Coffee ☕ Clutchers

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Ritualistic Cast	3 Bingo 4	4 Lil Chops
9 Oriental Band	10 Bingo 1 Greeters	11 Red, White, Blues Picnic ISIS Ball
16	17 Bingo 2 Cartoons Cookout	18  Red, White, Blues Picnic ISIS Ball
23	24 Bingo 3  Hors d'oeuvres by Divan	25 SCAVENGER HUNT
30		

JUNE 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
3	4	5	6 Coffee Clutchers
IMPERIAL SESSION 2nd THRU 7TH - TAMPA, FL			
	4TH OF JULY		Arab Patrol Claybusters Antiques
10	11	12	13 Coffee Clutchers
PROVOST GUARD STEAK FRY	Exec/Dir. Mtg		
17	18	19	20 Coffee Clutchers
	Golfers Topeka Cypress Ridge	Boaters Scottish Rite	Cartoons
24	25	26	27 Coffee Clutchers
31		Neosho Valley Shrine Bowl Players Steak Feed	

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Bingo 4	2
		IMPERIAL
7	8 Bingo 1	9
IMPERIAL		MEXICAN FIESTA PARADE WITH FIESTA LUNCHEON
	Ritualistic Cast	
14	15 Bingo 2	16
Oriental Band	Greeters	
21	22 Bingo 3	23
	Hors d'oeuvres by Antiques	PATROL COMEDY NIGHT
28	29 Bingo 4	30
Oriental Band	SHRINE BOWL EMPORIA	SHRINE BOWL EMPORIA

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	1	2	3 Coffee Clutchers
	Exec/Dir. Mtg	Nobelles Clowns Sun Devils	Antiques Arab Patrol Claybusters
7	8	9	10 Coffee Clutchers
LADIES TRIP		Arab Escorts	
14	15	16	17 Coffee Clutchers
	Golfers Sabetha	Boaters Scottish Rite	Lil Chops
21	22	23	24 Coffee Clutchers
28	29	30	31 Coffee Clutchers
	Golfers Lake Shawnee	Provost Guard	

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5 Bingo 1	6
	LADIES TRIP 5TH - 7TH	
Ritualistic Cast		
11	12 Bingo 2	13
Oriental Band	Golf Scottish Rites Tournament Shawnee CC	PROVOST GUARD FISH FRY
18	19 Bingo 3	20
Director's Staff		Hors d'oeuvres by Swiners & Brews Bros.
25	26 Bingo 4	27
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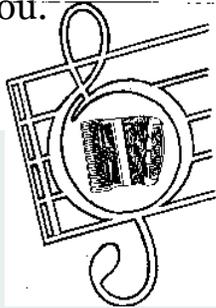
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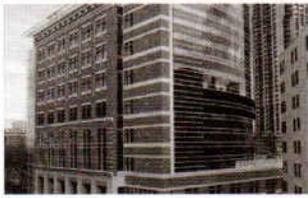


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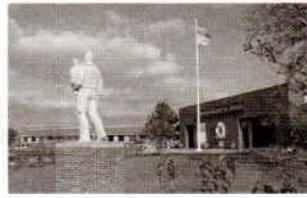




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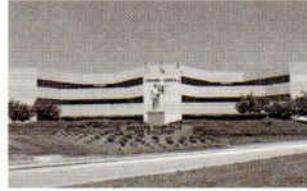
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357	ALTA VISTA	ALTA VISTA	1ST & 3RD MON
109	AMERICUS	AMERICUS	2ND & 4TH MON
32	AUBURN	AUBURN	1ST TUESDAY
234	AXTELL	AXTELL	3RD MONDAY
259	BEATTIE	BEATTIE	1ST & 3RD WED
169	BLUE RAPIDS	BLUE RAPIDS	2ND & 4TH MON
79	BURLINGAME	BURLINGAME	1ST & 3RD WED
66	BURLINGTON	BURLINGTON	2ND & 4TH WED
70	CARBONDALE	CARBONDALE	2ND & 4TH WED
20	CIRCLEVILLE	CIRCLEVILLE	2ND & 4TH MON
419	DELIA	DELIA	1ST WEDNESDAY
138	DOVER	DOVER	2ND THURSDAY
12	EMPORIA	EMPORIA	1ST & 3RD MON
205	ESKRIDGE	ESKRIDGE	2ND & 4TH MON
67	FRANKFORT	FRANKFORT	1ST & 3RD WED
42	HOLTON	HOLTON	1ST THURS
152	LEBO	LEBO	1ST & 3RD MON
27	LEROY	LEROY	1ST & 3RD TUES
101	LYNDON	EUCLID	2ND & 4TH MON
91	MARYSVILLE	MARYSVILLE	1ST & 3RD TUES
393	MAYETTA	MAYETTA	2ND & 4TH THURS
22	MELVERN	MELVERN	1ST MONDAY
25	OKETO	OKETO	1ST & 3RD MON
188	ONAGA	ONAGA	1ST WEDNESDAY
62	OVERBROOK	RIDGEWAY	2ND TUESDAY
162	SABETHA	SABETHA	2ND & 4TH MON
50	SILVER LAKE	LAKE	1ST & 3RD THURS
248	TECUMSEH	ALBERT NEESE	1ST & 3RD THURS
17	TOPEKA	TOPEKA	1ST & 3RD WED
51	TOPEKA	ORIENT	2ND & 4TH TUES
90	TOPEKA	GOLDEN RULE	2ND & 4TH THURS
225	TOPEKA	SILOAM	2ND THURS
402	WAKARUSA	WAKARUSA	1ST & 3RD WED
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