

# MIDIAN Topics

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## POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



**HAROLD BREWER**

Man, what a fantastic Sportsmen's raffle. Everyone there was having a great time. You know the winners of the guns were also having a great time. I don't have all the numbers yet but I think this was one of the better Sportsmen's Events. Everyone that sponsored a table enjoyed the steaks that were cooked by our fantastic Chef's Unit. I would like to thank all who helped out with this event. It is one of Midian's biggest money makers.

Imperial Sir **Jeff Sowder** and Lady Cheryl celebrated his birthday and their anniversary last month. Lady Lesa Ogden and several others celebrated their significant birthdays also.

Midian also had a First Responders luncheon last month. It was very well attended. First Responders drove through and picked up their lunch. The Chief of Police even came through and passed the word to his people what was going on. Jim Hallberg and the guys passed out over 500 meals that day. Thanks to the Chefs for all their help on that day. The Chefs worked their tails off with the First Responder luncheon, and again that evening with cooking for the birthday party.

I also want to say that Harper County had a great parade, even though they had to put it off a little, due to the rain coming down. It was a great Hospitality after the parade with the usual games.

Everyone had a great time at the

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## Midian's Own Wyatt Shields Headlined the August Stated Meeting



## August 2024 Stated Meeting



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STATEMENTS OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC., required by the Act of Congress of August 12, 1970, Section 3685, Title 39, United States Code of MIDIAN SHRINERS of Wichita, Kansas, for October 1, 1988 State of Kansas, County of Sedgwick

OBITUARY

Jo Della Frazier, 90, passed away on August 15, 2024 at her home in Wichita, Ks. She was born on January 31, 1934 in Searcy, Arkansas, to parents David Elmer and Myrtle (Henderson) Hynds.

She worked for General Motors MIC, and for 30 years was the office manager for the Midian Shrine.

She is preceded in death by her parents, and nine sisters.

She is survived by her daughter, Tammy Lindsey, two grandchildren; Laura Fields and Angela Robl, six grandchildren; Brandon, Brittany, and Ashley Shelton, Tyler, Colby, and Austin Robl, along with three great grandchildren; Liam, Neveah, and Elijah.

Memorial services to be held at Countryside Christian Church on August 31, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to Plane of Mercy, c/o Midian Shrine, 130 N. Topeka, Wichita, KS 67202

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Midian Shrine Tentative Schedule of Events

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## Potentate

*From page 1*

Pre-CSSA party. We had a great CSSA this year in Topeka. The units and clubs will present their winnings at the Post-CSSA party this month. The parade was also lots of fun. The Kops had a great time, along with a fantastic skit for the competition.

I can hardly wait to see all the

Trophies that our great units and clubs bring back to us. I am looking forward to the Post-CSSA party. Until then, I hope everyone stays safe and well.

Yours in the faith,  
Harold Brewer  
Midian Potentate 2024

## Membership Minute

### FALL CEREMONIAL HONORING GM DOUG WILKINSON

Midian's Fall Ceremonial is fast approaching and **NOW** is the time to talk to a Blue Lodge Mason and **ASK** him to become a Shrine-Mason. **WHO** would not be interested in becoming a member of Midian Shrine where we have **FUN** and **SUPPORT** the world's greatest philanthropy - Shriners Hospitals for Children.

And **HOW** do you provide the information to that special Blue Lodge Mason that will **SHOW** him why he should be a Shriner? By bringing him to a Masonic Information Night that is held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at Midian at 6:30 PM. At these meeting we **SHOW** those prospective members all about Midian and **TELL** them all about the wonderful work we do taking care of kids at our hospitals.

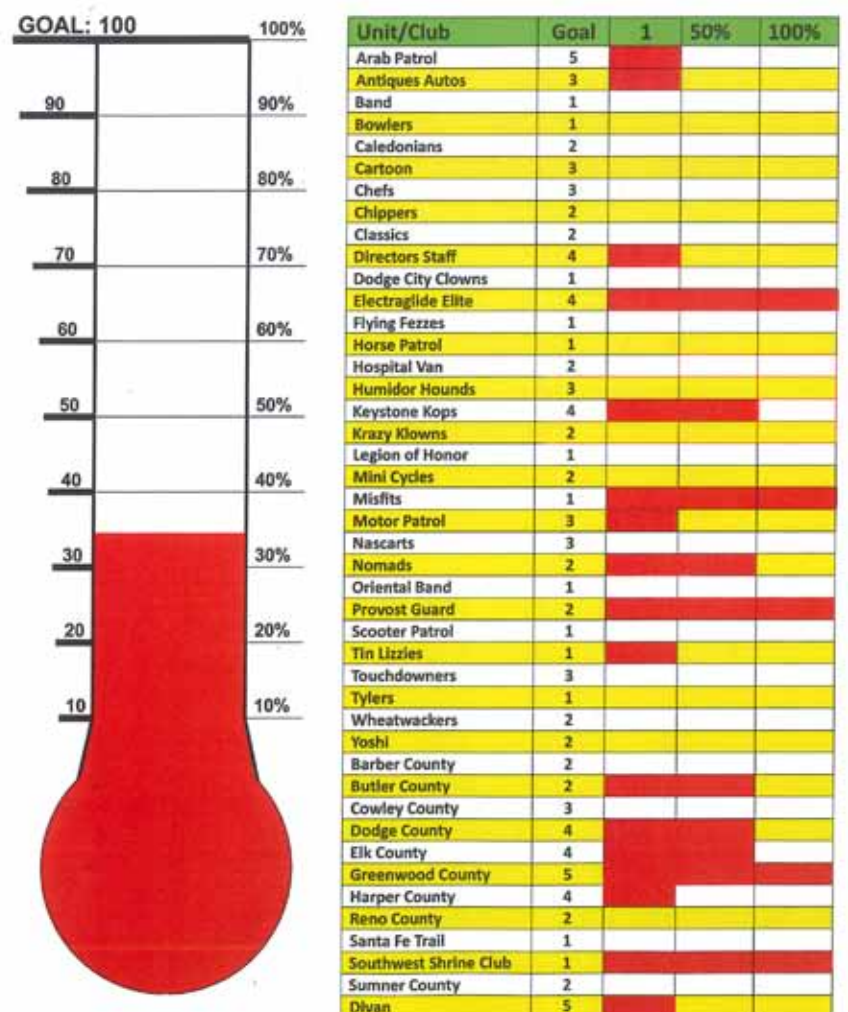
Midian's Fall Ceremonial on November 2 will honor our Grand Master Doug Wilkinson and to further build unity with the Blue Lodges in our area Midian is offering a discount price for all current Blue Lodge officers and all Past Masters. The discounted price of only \$300 includes the initiatory fee; two dinner tickets for Friday night's PreGlo; a ticket to the Lady's Luncheon on Saturday; AND his 2025 dues in full!!

**LET'S ALL WORK TOGETHER** to make this Fall Ceremonial honoring our Grand Master **SPECIAL** – this starts by having a **GREAT CLASS** of new Nobles – it is up to each of us to **MAKE THAT HAPPEN!!**

Masonic Information Nights will be held on August 27, September 24, and October 22. Our social starts at 6:30 PM and the presentation is at 7:00 PM. Find a good man who wants to be a Mason or a Mason who wants to be a **SHRINE-MASON** and bring him to a Masonic Information Night – it will change his life for the better!! See you there!!

## Gold Rush to Success

### 2024 Membership Goals

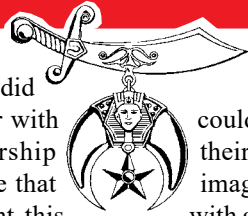


# CLUBS

## Harper County

GARY UMMEL, JR.  
Reporter

**Bonus Topics...** Aaahh Yes, The Bonus Topics Harper County did it again! We had a great Summer with successful fundraising, membership activity, and fellowship. We hope that you were in Harper at some point this Summer to enjoy our hospitality. But just in case you missed it, we have a great lineup of upcoming Fall events for you to attend. Our Annual Harper County Poker Run will be in early September and our Steak Feed with the Antique Autos will be held in mid-October. Please see one of our members for information and tickets to all of our events. Thanks goes out for a job well done by the Harper Masonic Lodge and the Bucking T Members for their efforts to manage the Demolition Derby and the Harper County Fair Hospitality. We have a few photos this month that may need some colorful narrative to explain the subject matter. First is the



picture of The Three Amigos (The Denton Boys). No one could be totally certain of the topic of their focus or discussion, but I would imagine that it had something to do with getting the party started. They do have a lot to talk about lately, Cord Denton will be cast in a remake of the ZZ Top music video 'Sharp Dressed Man'. Carson will be interviewed by The Teamsters Union, and Craig has made it onto another cover of Mad Magazine. The second picture is also very interesting, it seems that some of our interplanetary pals have attempted to colonize our clubhouse. The visiting Space Cadets staged a mock battle with a group of our guys known as The Knights of the Picnic Table. The Knights are tagged as follows, Cheese Head Chad, Rayzor, Soul Man, and King George. To Be Continued, Stay Tuned.

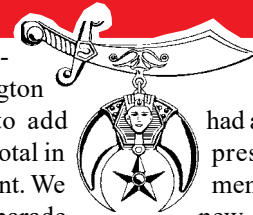


## Butler County

KEVIN WORRELL  
Reporter

We have managed to get another parade under our belt, Wellington Wheat Festival. We managed to add another Side-by-Side, with three total in the parade and five members present. We picked up a new member at the parade, which was great to spend the evening with him to get to know him and his lady. We had a good time. Our next parade on the schedule was the Mulvane Old Settlers Parade.

We are still looking for new members. If you have a Side-by-Side or 4-Wheeler and want to parade with us, just contact any member and we can get you set up. We



would love to have you. At our July meeting, we had a great turn out. We had seventeen present, one of which was a new member. We have decided to get a new club shirt and ladies' shirts that we are looking forward to sporting.

Our August meeting fell on the same night as the CSSA Pre-party so the club decided to change the August meeting to August 30th at 7 PM, with social starting at 6 PM at Bob & Luigi's.

Hope we don't miss you if you are wanting to join us.

## Greenwood County 3-Wheelers

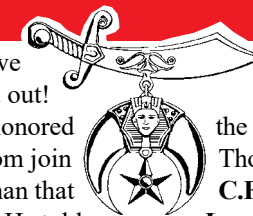
CARL "C.F." COX  
Reporter

What a fun August meeting we had. If you missed it, you missed out! We had a fantastic meal and were honored to have Trey Heitsman and his mom join us for dinner. Trey is the young man that we sponsored in the Shrine Bowl. He told us of his experiences and how much it impacted his small-town life from Valley Center and prepared him for college football where he will be playing for Friends University this fall. You could tell by his talking and the smile on his face how much it meant to him to be selected and sponsored for the event. He kept telling us he will remember this for the rest of his life and how much meeting the shrine kids and their positive attitudes even though they have been patients in the Shrine Hospitals really put the whole thing into perspective.

We had another successful pancake breakfast at the Greenwood County Fair. We fed 256 hungry fair goers which was the exact number we had last year. This is a lot of work to put together and thanks to Noble Stan Porter and his team for making it happen. Even though it takes a bunch of us to pull it off, it's a great way to get out in front of the community!

Our other community work is also done for the season and that is our beer serving. (we seem to be good at that!). We served beer at the Sportsman's Event and the PRCA Rodeo. Again, it takes a team to make it happen and reports are that everything went off smoothly.

By the time you are reading this, CSSA will be in the record books, but your CSSA



competition team have been diligently practicing and getting the bikes shined up for the big event. Those competing this year are Nobles C.F. Cox, Jed Morse, Steve Richard, Lonnie Nichols PP, and new to the competition this year are Nobles Brandon Price and Jared Helkenberg. I hear competition is pretty stiff this year, but hopefully we can bring home a trophy.

Everyone remember that "Every Day is Membership Day!". It seems like a long way off, but our 3-Wheeler prospect night will be on Sunday, October 13 at 4 PM. The club will be furnishing steaks and everything that goes with it. If you know a good man that would be a great Mason, or a great Mason that would be an awesome Shriner bring their names and address to Imperial Sir Noble Jeff Sowder PPASAP. We have hit our membership goal set by Midian already, but in Greenwood County fashion, we now have our sights set on doubling it.

Our thoughts, prayers and are with Noble Luis Escobedo and Lady Cynthia. Lady Cynthia has been having some health issues and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Our next meeting will be September 11 at our usual time and place. The menu plan is a covered dish. Lots going on and if you are missing our meetings, you are missing out! Hope to see you there.

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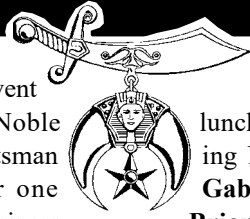
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# UNITS

## Arab Patrol

NORM CONLEY P.P. Reporter



The highlight of the month was the Patrol at the 2024 Sportsman Event at the Cessna Activity Center. Noble **Nick Rhorer** did \$12,600 in Sportsman event sales and is the number one individual salesman for Midian Shriners. The unit total sales were more than \$13,000. Nick was the master of Sportsman sales for the Patrol.

The dice game table brought in over \$5,400 in sales for the event making it the number one game unless you consider the

50/50 raffle won by brother **Jeff Breault**. We had a great lunch prepared by our Chef's including Nobles PC **Dick Simpson** and **Gabe Hughes** at the event. Captain **Brian West** chose comfort over style. Lt. **Devon Olson** called cadence.

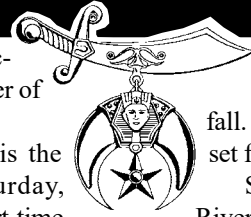
The Patrol has been working hard to get ready for CSSA.

Spanky (**Bill Stevenson**) and Dottie need our good thoughts.



## Midian Classics

#2 ON THE LIST Reporter



The gun raffle was a great success. Classics sold a record number of tickets this year.

Parade time for September is the Valley Center parade on Saturday, September 21st at 10:00 AM start time. Since we do not have any members that live in Valley Center, it has been suggested that we all go to Noble **Towns'** house after the parade for lunch, as we did after the Derby parade.

Work on membership for the Temple as well as our unit this fall. We can top the goal that has been set for our club.

September meeting will be held at Riverfront Stadium on September 11th at 6:00 PM sharp, per VP **Groff**. The ticket price for the game is a discount rate, per Noble **Jimmy**. Get your reservations in to the VP, ASAP. That's all this reporter has to say.



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8	9 ARAB PATROL ANTIQUA AUTOS YOSHI KEYSTONE KOPS KOPPETTES	10 TRUSTEES HOLDING CORP / BOD BAND REHEARSALS KRAZY KLOWNS	11 MOTOR PATROL BOD CHEFS CLASSICS MINI-CYCLES GREENWOOD COUNTY LEGION OF HONOR DODGE CITY COWLEY CO	12 CARTOON FLYING FEZZES HARPER COUNTY HORSE PATROL CONCERT BAND PRACTICE	13 ELECTRAGLIDE ELITE  NOMADS	14 POST CSSA PARTY  NOMADS
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22	23 FEZTIVAL PLANNING MEETING	24 BAND REHEARSALS MASONIC INFO NIGHT	25 CALEDONIANS KRAFTY KREW HOSPITAL VAN DRIVERS	26 MISFITS CONCERT BAND PRACTICE	27 BUTLER CO	28
29	30	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>OCTOBER</b>		1 BAND REHEARSALS	2 PROVOST GUARD MOTOR PATROL TOUCHDOWNERS	3 DIRECTOR'S STAFF CONCERT BAND	4 DON QUARTERMANIA	5 DODGE CITY SHORT FORM
6	7 KOPETTES ANTIQUA AUTOS YOSHI KEYSTONE KOPS NAVAL ACADEMY ALUMNI	8 TRUSTEES HOLDING CORP / BOD KRAZY KLOWNS BAND REHEARSALS	9 MOTOR PATROL BOD CHEFS CLASSICS MINI-CYCLES GREENWOOD COUNTY LEGION OF HONOR DODGE CITY COWLEY CO	10 CARTOON FLYING FEZZES HARPER COUNTY HORSE PATROL CONCERT BAND	11 ELECTRAGLICE ELITE SETUP FOR TRASHBAG SHOW  NOMADS	12 LOS TRASHBAG SHOW  NOMADS
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27	28 FEZTIVAL PLANNING MEETING	29 BAND REHEARSALS	30	31 CONCERT BAND		

# Motor Patrol

CHAD TOMPKINSON  
Reporter



We are saddened to hear of the passing of Howard Lee Kastens. Howard is the father of Motor Patrolman **Mark Kastens**. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

During the last month we have attended several parades. The Dodge City Parade consisted of an overnight trip for 8 members. This included the two locals, **David Cross** and **Troy Nelson**. The trip was a smashing success right up to the point that **Lynn Ungles** almost burned his Jeepster to the ground. **Lynn** had an axle bearing get hot enough to melt several parts down. Luckily everyone had a good supply of water and not the hard stuff to put the fire out. A couple weeks later, we got together to make a day out of it. This started with a parade in Halstead followed by a few stops across the region looking for refreshments. We eventually found our way to Harper for their parade. The day could have given us a little less rain, but it is what it is. After the parade, the Keystone Kops hosted their annual Cheese Head competi-

tion. I was lucky enough to win with **Ray McKee** from Harper. Some of our members also headed back to Wichita directly after the parade to attend the Birthday parties at the Midian Oasis.

We also had two stellar meetings during the month. One was of course at **Jeff Breault's** Marquee Motors where we brought in a nice meal if you like ribs and bacon. For the other meeting, we went to Riverfront Stadium and took in a Wind Surge game. Everyone had a great time, and laughs were had by all. Attached is pic of our chaperones for the evening.

Last, but not least, we had to spend a day at the Sportsman's Event. There were several members winning guns which no doubt made them happy! If you don't know who won the \$10,000, it won't be hard to find out. Feel free to congratulate the young man or give him a hard time. Your choice. As always... If you're not having fun, you aren't spending enough time with us!



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**OPTION 2: Stay current on Midian dues. Enroll and next year's dues are paid.** Enrollment time is **June through December**.

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- You will pay \$180 for one month which will pay your annual dues.

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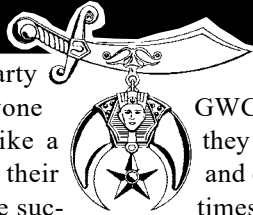
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# Keystone Kops

**BOBBY "TURF" DUKES**  
Reporter



The Red, White and Blue party was a fun time for all. Everyone enjoyed their chance to "strike a pose" with their friends to get their "mature" pics taken. The raffle succeeded in raising funds for our Plane of Mercy fund.

Our Taco social planned at the Temple had to be canceled but the Kops always has a plan B. Looking for a fun time, the Kops wondered what could be more fun than a barrel of monkeys? How about Midget wrestling! Yes, there is such a thing and yes, the Kops went and they were not the only Shrines there. Everyone had a blast and their faces hurt after from all the smiles and laughs. I believe a cult following has been born.

The Sportsman Event turned out to be another big success. The Kops as always, tended the refreshment bar with Greenwood Co. It's a good job because we get a chance to see everyone as we keep their bottomless cups full. The only hang up was this Terry [Schrant PP] guy coming by every 15 min wanting our money, then he'd disappear. The Kops

did a good job and Salute to the GWC Ladies. The ran their side like they owned the place. Always manned and cold beverages at the ready at all times. Good job, thanks for your help.

Harper parade was almost a rain out, but a higher power saw to it that the sun came out to save the day. Always a fun town to parade in and seems the whole town is out having a great time. Thanks to Harper Co for the wonderful hospitality, you always treat us right. Rumor is that the Kops were so grateful for the hospitality, Jarrod and big head Gabe sandbagged the "cheese head" contest and LET Harper Co win. So yes, Harper Co you are the "Head Cheese" of the year!

It's tough being a Kop: How tall is a tomato plant? How much does a tomato weigh? I've never heard of ninja tomatoes but apparently that's what Richard Schopf PP planted. How else can you explain how you broke your hand "picking tomatoes". Maybe he got a little carried away "squeezing" the tomatoes. CSSA 2024, here come the KOPS!



# Hunidor Hounds & Foxes

**DOUG PETERSON**  
Reporter



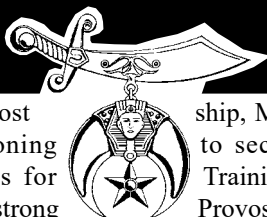
Greetings Hounds, Foxes, and Nobility. By the time this article comes out, our Whiskey and Cigar event will have taken place. By the advanced ticket sales, this should have been a great event. We had a lot of swag, raffles, contests, and of course, a great

tasting of Whiskeys. Hopefully, we will do this again next year and for years to come.

If you are looking for a Great Unit, come check us out. We meet the third Monday of every month in the Oasis at 7 PM. Until next month.

# Provost Guard

**BRIAN CAVANAUGH**  
Reporter



August meant that the Provost Guard members were busy honing their skills and forming teams for CSSA in Topeka. Midian had a strong presence in all the shooting competitions, including the newest, Optics Pistol. Midian Provost Guard was able to field two teams for all competitive events: Sporting Clays, Trap, Iron Sights Pistol and Optics Pistol. Several Ladies joined in the competition as well. Look for a full CSSA recap in next month's article.

ship, Marshall Mark Seaman was able to secure a deal with Sportsman's Training Center (STC) in Augusta KS. Provost members are eligible to receive half price memberships and other perks. This is a great opportunity to shoot at a top notch facility. Check it out: <https://www.stcsportingclays.com/>

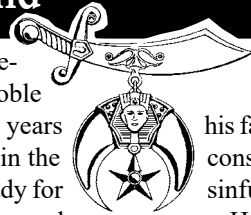
The Provost Guard members provided refreshments for the August Stated Meeting. Thank you to all who helped make this happen. Also, thank you to all members who helped with the Sportsman's Event.

We are actively working to get new members. All freedom loving Nobles and their ladies are welcome to join our monthly meeting held every first Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Temple. Some of us meet about 6:00 p.m. in the Oasis to enjoy dinner and fellowship before the meeting. Our next meetings are Sept 4th and Oct 2nd. See you there!

In an effort to promote fun and fellow-

# Million Dollar Band

**RICK MILHON**  
Reporter



September is the month to prepare for October. According to Noble Paul Miller (who spent several years in Germany) Oktoberfest is held in the latter days of September to get ready for the month of October. Of course, such scheduling puts the pressure on the Polkatz, one of the Million Dollar Band's smaller groups. We must be ready with polkas, marches, waltzes and other appropriate genres of music. We started practicing in July. Such rehearsals are held in the Mecca Room at 7pm on the first and third Tuesdays.

The remaining Tuesdays (2nd & 4th) are used by the Dixiekatz to play the tunes that make you want to move.

The Concert Band, the base of the Million Dollar Band unit, rehearses Thursdays at 7pm. For now we, too, are in the Mecca Room.

If you play an instrument, come sit in with one or all of our groups.

As in the last two months we will include info about a composer, in particular, Henry Fillmore. His compositions include marches, 'screamers' (circus traveling music), waltzes, foxtrots, hymns, novelty tunes and overtures. The Million Dollar Band has played marches such as "Americans We," "Men of Ohio," and "Rolling Thunder." Our programs have included several of his trombone novelty tunes like "Lassus Trombone."

Young Henry (born in Cincinnati, OH 1881) mastered piano, guitar, violin, flute

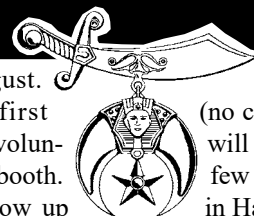
and slide trombone but he had to keep the trombone a secret as his father (composer of religious music) considered the instrument uncouth and sinful.

Henry graduated from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music in 1901, then traveled as a circus bandmaster. He met and married Mabel May Jones, an exotic vaudeville dancer. By 1926 he had returned to Cincinnati. There he was the conductor of the Syrian Temple Band and became head of the Fillmore Brothers Music Publishing business that was started by his father and uncle. In 1938 Fillmore 'retired' to Florida after his physician advised only a few months to live, which Henry defied by directing and composing music. He died in 1956. (There is much more about Henry Fillmore at Wikipedia.com.)



# Antique Autos

**KEE CLAAR**  
Reporter



No social was held in August. Sportsmen's Event was the first Saturday of August. Our guys volunteered to help the band run their booth. Members of the band didn't show up and boy were our guys busy. It's a good thing that Antique Auto had several people show up.

or at the Shrine office front desk. (no credit cards and only exact change will be accepted at the front desk). A few tickets will be available at the door in Harper.

August 28th - September 1st is CSSA in Topeka, Kansas; September 7th - Oxford Watermelon Feed; September 14th - Post CSSA Party; September 18th - Stated Meeting at 7:30 PM

December 7th - Christmas Party at 5:30 PM - Dirty Santa Gift Exchange

OCTOBER 19TH IS THE ANTIQUE AUTO STEAK FEED IN HARPER, KANSAS. YOU WILL GET A 32 OUNCE STEAK, BEANS, POTATO SALAD AND DRINK FOR \$25.00. AND, YOU GET TO COOK YOUR OWN STEAK!! Purchase your tickets from any Antique Auto member,

We are getting new Antique Auto shirts. Please get with Grant Richecky to order. We had to get a different style because we have new members.

Happy September birthday to Noble Devin Twombly, Ladies Karen Claar, Pam Edwards, Anne Falkenstein, Jan Williams and Susan Elscott.

Our prayer list for this month: Noble Willie Williams, Noble Kevin Pistotnik, Noble Jerry Elscott, Jessica Stevens, Melodee Armfield, J.R. Gelvin and Noble Randy Edwards.



## ATTENTION MASTER MASONS:

Keep looking, Masonic prospects are everywhere! You do not have to be a detective to search out new Masons. Don't forget to look in your family tree .....that is where the best prospects are hiding!

# RECRUIT A SHRINER



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY! SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Aaron J Wade  
 Adrian Squires  
 Alan B Dearden  
 Alan L Turner  
 Albert J Hawkins  
 Alexander R Lee  
 Allen D Ceynar  
 Alvin D Brumbaugh  
 Austin W Henry  
 Austin Wells  
 Billy R Warfield  
 Brent L Ebersole  
 Carl E McGinnis  
 Carl L Losey  
 Charles A Banks Jr  
 Charles D Gregg  
 Chris D Collins  
 Christopher R Fleming  
 Cort A Giffin  
 Dan B Selley  
 Dan G Roark  
 Danford M Barney  
 Daniel A Lee  
 Daniel Alcala  
 Dave Thomas  
 David E Wells  
 David J Sharp  
 David L Greeno  
 David S Clay  
 David V Robertson Jr  
 David W Ingerson  
 Derek Cookson  
 DevinLee P Twombly  
 Duane L Allender  
 Dusty L Booth  
 Ethan C Howard  
 Garret H Addison  
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 Gary E Lavigne  
 Gary R Wells Jr  
 Gregory L Piland  
 Gregory W Sharpe  
 Hal E Hale  
 Harold B Hill Jr  
 Heath P Catron  
 Hugh W Gill III  
 Hugh W Gill IV  
 Ivan G Etherton  
 Jacob R Alamo  
 James G Beasley  
 James M Rasnic  
 James R Noel  
 James W Groff  
 Jeff Breault  
 Jerod W Cox  
 Jerry L May  
 Jess L Parker  
 John C Weibel  
 John E Parker Jr  
 John F Jorgensen  
 John F Thurlow  
 John M Soule  
 John T Staton  
 John W Woody  
 Joshua A Clyborne  
 Justin J Robelli  
 Kevin C Heft  
 Kyle D Lee  
 L James Ralston III  
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 Larry P Hibbard  
 Larry W Boggs  
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 Lou R Sheets  
 Lyman J Reese

Matthew J Flores  
 Matthew Southern  
 Maurice W Bruenger  
 Michael K Haas  
 Milton W Ward  
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 Ray E Trimble  
 Raymond E Barber  
 Raymond J Thome  
 Richard A Warren  
 Richard B Fankhauser  
 Richard D Horn  
 Richard L Wentworth  
 Riffle C Lorentz  
 Riley R ReQua  
 Robert N Miller  
 Robert W Hoch II  
 Ronald A Sherraden Jr  
 Ronald D Molz  
 Ronald E Farnsworth  
 Ronald J Parker  
 S G Williams  
 Scott A Dalman  
 Sean R Morley  
 Shaun M Reeves  
 Taner R Hayes  
 Ted R Hinson  
 Thomas W Debbrecht  
 Tracey J Penwell  
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 W Keith Dalton  
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# LADIES

## Daughters of the Nile

RHEA LYLE  
Reporter



Hello Nobles and Families! We recently had the honor of hosting the Supreme Queen of the Supreme Temple, Daughters of the Nile, Her Supreme Majesty, Jackie Holloway! We also had several visitors from other Temples from around the USA. We had a great meeting! It was very informative, telling all of us what to expect and how much fun our Temple has each year! Afterward we had a wonderful potluck banquet. Everyone brought great tasting food.

So, what is next you may be asking yourselves? Well, the next big event we have coming up is our Quartermania! When is that? It will be held on Friday October 4th with the FUN beginning at 7pm. (Doors open at 6pm) Admission is \$5 and you get a paddle with admission. Additional paddles can also be purchased. I'm sure some of you may be asking yourselves..."What is Quartermania?" Quartermania is a mixture of an auction and Bingo! "How does that work out?" Well, I'll tell you of course, it's no mystery! Each paddle has a unique number on them...that number will be also on a matching ball that will go into a tumbler (like one you would see in Bingo). Each item for auction will be either a quarter item, two quarter, three quarter, or \$1...Nothing will be more than \$1!

If the item you want comes up, then you hold up your number and put that many quarters into your bucket on your table... now say you bought 5 paddles and you hold

up all 5 paddles for 5 chances to win that item. You will need to put the corresponding money in the bucket for each paddle! So, it is suggested to bring A LOT of quarters for the fun!

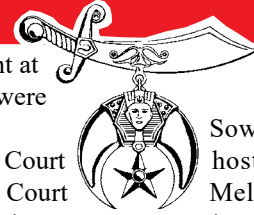
Then a number is pulled out of the tumbler and if you are lucky enough your number may be pulled out and you will win the item. Otherwise, you will get another chance as long as your quarters hold out!

To add to the fun, we'll have some vendors there too, where you can buy beautiful jewelry or yummy foods. So come on out and join in on the fun! You may just be our next winner! If you have fun here, then ladies you should think about joining our Temple and become a princess right alongside us and help us have more fun throughout the year! In our Temple we also have units similar to the Shriners. We have a Cartoon unit; this group will dress up in more of the girly cartoon characters and they join the guys' Cartoon unit and dress up for the kids! We also have a Patrol Unit that marches in many of their performances.

In prior articles, I told you that our Queen this year is Melissa Squires, and I (who am writing to you each month) am Princess Rhea Lyle, also known as Princess Badoura. However, there are two more Princesses that are part of our leading line. More to come about these two mysterious Princesses known as Princess Tirzah and Princess Royal next month. I hope you come back to find out more about our leading ladies!

## Arami Court

JAN HIEBERT, PGHP  
Reporter



Did everyone have a fun night at Bunco on August 16? Hope you were lucky enough to win prizes.

If you are a member of Arami Court and would like to order a new Court Shirt – teal in color – contact Lady Dee Guthrie ASAP.

It's cake roll time! Orders are now being taken for homemade cake rolls – lemon, pumpkin, chocolate cherry, and banana; \$25 each. These keep well in the freezer. Get some for holiday dinners, Christmas gifts, or just 'cause you like them. To order contact Sandy Greeno, Cheryl Ross or Cheryl Sowder. They are SOOOO good.

If you are considering becoming a member of Ladies' Oriental Shrine (LOSNA), contact any of our members for information and a petition. Or go to ladiesorientalshrine.org. An initiation will be held October 5. There's still time to get your petition submitted. We'd love to have you join our FUN, active Court of Ladies and at the same time

help Shriners' Childrens!

Our High Priestess Lady Cheryl Sowder and Lady Melinda Nichols hosted us for a Fun Day Picnic at Melinda's She Shed on August 25. There were games and beverages, great food and beverages, fellowship and beverages! Everyone had a super time.

Next event for Arami ladies is the "Trash Bag Horror Show" on October 12 at Midian. The evening includes dinner and the trash bag originals. Tickets are \$25 per person. This is always a "hoot" to see what unique clothes the models make out of trash bags. Come join us for the fun. Contact Lady Sandy Greeno for tickets – seating is limited!

Our Ladies are gearing up to attend the Mid-States Unit Meet in Oklahoma City, OK. This year's annual meet will be October 18-20. If you are going, get your registrations to Lady Terry Wells by September 13. It's always a great time.

Until next time, Believe!

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**NEWS FROM MARCOM:**

**2024 Annual Patient Ambassador Day Was Out of This World!**



On August 5, 2024, MARCOM hosted their annual Patient Ambassador training day at Space Center Houston. Newly named International Patient Ambassador, and former Texas Ambassador, Paige came to share her story with a dozen kids and their parents and siblings who attended over lunch.

Following Paige's inspiring presentation, the ambassadors and their families enjoyed a VIP tour of mission control and the Space Center Houston's museum.

**Hospital Tours**

To schedule a tour of the hospital, please contact **Mark Hodges** at 409-770-6536. Schedule a hospital tour, with at least one week of advanced notice, Mon. - Fri. between the hours of 9am - 3pm.

Midian's First Lady Phyllis,  
Invites you to the 2024 Fall Ceremonial Luncheon  
Saturday, November 2, 2024  
Ninth Floor Club & Venue  
(Formerly the Petroleum Club)  
100 N Broadway, Ste. 900  
Wichita, KS

Doors Open at 11:30 AM  
Introductions at Noon  
Lunch following  
Program

Kammy Kennelley Downs is a teaching artist whose artworks employ seeds, roots & plants as metaphors for the relationship between the seen & unseen in life. Her artwork practice is on Instagram:kammydowns, Facebook & her own website:  
[www.kammydowns.com](http://www.kammydowns.com)

**MENU**  
Chicken Pot Pie  
Salad, Vegetable & Bread  
Fruit crisp  
Tea, Coffee, Soda  
CASH BAR

Door Prizes  
Tickets are \$40 each and available at Midian until October 28

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**The 10th ANNUAL FEZTIVAL OF TREES**  
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**Feztival of Trees**

We will be having our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual FEZtival of Trees at Midian Shrine, 130 N. Topeka

**November 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 29, 30, December 1, 2024**

We need everyone to help with getting Sponsors, Trees / Swag, Donations, etc.

**COMMITTEE MEETING DATES: everyone invited to attend**

**Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm**  
**Monday, September 23, 6:30pm**  
**Monday, October 28, 6:30 pm**

For FEZtival questions contact: Terri Wells, 316-706-9933,  
[wwtbear@infionline.net](mailto:wwtbear@infionline.net)

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Due to 36 Team limit, Payment required at sign up