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## POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



**HAROLD BREWER**

Well, Fall is here. We are heading into the last three months of the year. Thank goodness it has been cooling down somewhat. It doesn't seem possible that this year is almost over.

I was overwhelmed with all the trophies that Midian received at the Post CSSA party in September.

If you haven't been in lately, we now have bar staff 5 nights a week. We are in the process of interviewing cooks so that we can get the food service back in. I miss not getting a meal when I am at the Shrine almost every evening. Hopefully by the time this edition goes to print, we will have a cook or two. I would really like to express my gratitude for everyone's patience during this time, searching for the right fit for Midian.

The Humidor Hounds had a fantastic Cigar and Whiskey tasting party at the Shrine Oasis on September 7th. It was a lot of fun. We had several contests, such as the longest ASH contest!

On Saturday, October 5th, we will be traveling to Dodge City for a short form at the Dodge City Masonic Lodge. Several of the Divan will be helping out with the short form. **Fred Smith**, our Ceremonial Director, will be performing this short form. Please keep this on your radar and help us out.

Until next month, take care and be safe.

Yours in the faith,  
Harold Brewer  
Midian Potentate 2024

## CSSA 2024 Celebration in the Heartland Topeka, Kansas



## CSSA 2024



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### Midian Shrine Tentative Schedule of Events

Subject to change

OCTOBER	DECEMBER
Oct 8 BOD Meeting @ 5:30 PM	Dec 1 Festival of Trees
Oct 16 Divan Meeting 5:30 PM Stated Meeting 7:30 PM	Dec 7 Aides Appreciation Dinner 6:00 PM
Oct 26 Midian Halloween Party 7:00 PM	Dec 10 BOD Meeting @ 5:30 PM
	Dec 14 Midian Children's Christmas Party
	Dec 18 Divan Meeting 5:30 PM Stated Meeting 7:30 PM
	Dec 19 Divan Christmas Party- Petroleum Club 6:00PM Social Meal 7:00
NOVEMBER	JANUARY 2025
Nov 1 Pre-Glow Party 6:00 PM	Jan 3 Awards Banquet 6:00 PM
Nov 2 Ceremonial 8:00 AM	Jan 11 Done Party -Thanks for the Memories 7:00 PM
Nov 2 Ladies Luncheon	Jan 14 BOD Meeting @ 5:30 PM
Nov 9 Veteran's Party. 6:00 PM	Jan 15 Divan Meeting 5:30 PM Stated/Elec. Meeting 7:30 PM
Nov 12 BOD Meeting 5:30 PM	
Nov 17-19 Festival of Trees Set up	
Nov 20 Divan Meeting 5:30 PM Stated Meeting 7:30 PM	
Nov 22-26 Festival of Trees	
Nov 29-30 Festival of Trees	



## 2024 APPROVED PARADE LIST

Date	Day	Parade Location	Time
10/4	Friday	Haviland Playday Parade	9:15 A.M.
10/5	Saturday	Clearwater Fall Festival	10:00 A.M.
10/12	Saturday	Goddard Fall Festival	10:00 A.M.
10/19	Saturday	Douglass Frontier Day Parade	10:00 A.M.

PLEASE NOTE: All motorized Unit Leaders. Any Motorized vehicle that is tagged and registered in the state should provide liability insurance to Midian. All other motorized units are covered during the parade under Midian's Parade Liability Insurance policy. A 2023 parade sticker for their vehicle is mandatory and available at Midian Shrine.

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Keep looking, Masonic prospects are everywhere!  
You do not have to be a detective to search out new  
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# Membership Minute

## TIME IS NOT ON OUR SIDE

Nobles, it is crunch time for membership for 2024. We are just over 30 days out from our Fall Ceremonial. As of the time of writing this article, we are severely behind the curve for 2024 creations.

Our Midian Fall Ceremonial will be dedicated to our Grand Master, **M.: W.: Doug Wilkinson**, who plans to be in attendance on November 2. We are offering a “discounted price” for every Blue Lodge officer and Past Master that becomes a Midian Shriner at the Fall Ceremonial. PLEASE talk to them in person to let them know we want them to be Shriners. A letter has been sent out to each lodge in Midian’s jurisdiction.

Please talk to your lodge brothers who are not Shriners and let them know that we want them involved in the Shrine.

Please support our Membership Information Nights. We have a great conversion rate – we just need more candidates.

Due to the upcoming holidays, the Membership Information Nights schedule will change slightly for the rest of 2024. The remaining Membership Information Nights for 2024 are October 22nd, November 12th, & December 17th. These are all Tuesday nights.

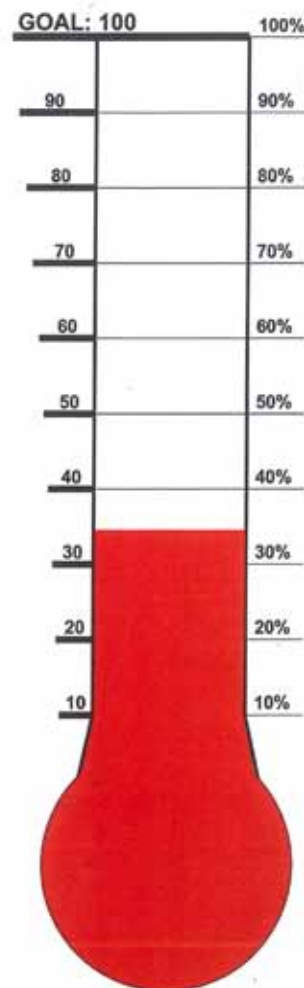
It is up to each club and unit to drive membership and some units have done a fantastic job of hitting their goal. There are a number of men working through their Blue Lodge degrees at the current time, but we need you to step up and give us your best effort for the rest of this year.

If you need help talking to someone, please contact any of the members of the Midian Membership Team and we will meet with them at any time they are available.

We are here to help with what should be the number one priority of every Midian member – Membership Retention and Recruitment.

It’s the 4th quarter of the big game and Midian needs your support and assistance for the big drive to the 2024 Membership Goal line.

# Gold Rush to Success



Unit/Club	Goal	1	50%	100%
Arab Patrol	5			
Antiques Autos	3			
Band	1			
Bowlers	1			
Caledonians	2			
Cartoon	3			
Chefs	3			
Chippers	2			
Classics	2			
Directors Staff	4			
Dodge City Clowns	1			
Electraglide Elite	4			
Flying Fezzes	1			
Horse Patrol	1			
Hospital Van	2			
Humidor Hounds	3			
Keystone Kops	4			
Krazy Klowns	2			
Legion of Honor	1			
Mini Cycles	2			
Misfits	1			
Motor Patrol	3			
Nascarts	3			
Nomads	2			
Oriental Band	1			
Provost Guard	2			
Scooter Patrol	1			
Tin Lizzies	1			
Touchdowners	3			
Tylers	1			
Wheatwackers	2			
Yoshi	2			
Barber County	2			
Butler County	2			
Cowley County	3			
Dodge County	4			
Elk County	4			
Greenwood County	5			
Harper County	4			
Reno County	2			
Santa Fe Trail	1			
Southwest Shrine Club	1			
Summer County	2			
Divan	5			

## MEMBERSHIP Opportunity!

Discover what the Masonic Fraternity is all about!

Upcoming Opportunities on October 22, November 12, & December 17 at 6:30 pm at Midian Shrine Center located at 130 N Topeka in Wichita, KS.

Appetizers and Beverages at 6:30 pm followed by a Presentation at 7:00 pm.

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Illustrious Sir Harold Brewer and Midian Shrine



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# CLUBS

## Greenwood County 3-Wheelers

CARL "C.F." COX Reporter

Our September meeting was a little light in attendance, but we still had a great time with the cookout style meal and meeting. Remember, our October meeting will be our Prospect Night and very little business will be conducted. It will be SUNDAY, October 13 and not our regular Wednesday. If you still have a prospect, make sure and get their information to Noble Jeff Sowder PP as soon as possible. This meeting will also require reservations, so make sure to get yours in! We have lots of parade weekends coming up. Please watch your email and texts for updates.

What a great time we had in Topeka at CSSA. I would like to personally thank our competition team for all of their dedication and practice. Those competing this year are Nobles C.F. Cox, Jed Morse, Steve Richard, Lonnie Nichols PP, Brandon Price and Jared Helkenberg. Even though the "Acting" Captain forgot his belt, we brought home a 2nd Place Trophy! We were only beat by the group that had high point field for all units the entire day, and then that was only 2.5 points off of our score (no, the missing belt wasn't the tipping point between first and second place!). The 3-Wheelers were definitely on their game at Topeka!



The weekend was a huge success with a fantastic lunch after competition, a big group at the banquet and 8 bikes in the parade on Saturday.

We will be doing our annual "Grab-a-Slab" rib sales in November. Plans are to prep and cook the weekend after Fall Ceremonial. If you would like to buy ribs or sell, they are going to remain at \$25.00 per slab and you are responsible for collecting the money and turning it in when the orders are placed. More to come on this in the coming weeks.

Remember... Our next meeting will be Sunday, October 13 at 4 PM at our usual place, but will be our prospect meeting with a steak feed. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Lots going on and if you are missing our meetings, you are missing out! Hope to see you there.



### MIDIAN SHRINE FALL CEREMONIAL NOVEMBER 1-2, 2024

#### FRIDAY

5:30 - ??? Pre-Glo at Midian

#### SATURDAY

- 8:00 – 9:00 Registration of New Novices
- 9:00 Novices report to Scimitar Room (Dining Room)
- 9:00 – 9:30 Band Concert in Mecca Room
- 9:30 Opening Ceremonies for Fall Ceremonial in Mecca Room with Memorial Service
- 10:15 – 11:00 New Ladies Meeting in Isis Room
- 10:15 – 11:00 First Section {Nobles Only} Mecca Room
- 11:30 – 2:00 Ladies Luncheon Social at the Petroleum Club
- 11:00 - 12:30 Lunch for Nobles and Novices at Shrine Center
- 12:30 – 2:00 Midian Experience in Mecca Room
- 2:30 Hospital Film in Mecca Room
- 2:45 Arch Ceremony with Fezzing of New Nobles
- 4:00 Shrine Parade
- 5:00 After-Glo – Shrine Center.

# UNITS

## Arab Patrol

NORM CONLEY P.P. Reporter

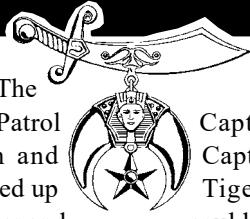
The patrol supported the August 18th Stated meeting by attending. The highlight of the month was the Patrol at the 2024 CSSA competition and convention. On the 22nd, we picked up our uniforms from the Shrine Center and still have them at home. We practiced on the 23rd. The 26th was our last practice for the competition and the parade. It was a family event with watermelon and soft drinks and the last we saw of Captain **Brian West**, who left on a cruise to see Nova Scotia with his family and his mother. He wished us luck and that was that.

We were happy to have Smitty carry the flags after coming in from Denver for

CSSA. **Mike Smith** and Karen came in to support the competition also. **Mike** is a bee keeper in Missouri now. Ill Sir **Doc Rensner** kept cadence along with **Roth Christopherson**. Friday the 30th was competition at the Stormont Vail Events Center. We competed against the

Moolah Patrol. Arab Patrol got the 2nd place trophy. The Captain's dinner was charged to Captain **Brian West** at the Blind Tiger Friday evening. The best I could tell the Patrol had two teams in the Chug and Roll competition. Shirtless Pictures from that event will be available at the Christmas Party. Saturday morning was the CSSA parade. The Midian Arab Patrol, under the leadership of Lt. **Devon Olson** got first place in the Patrol parade competition. Enter cheering here. Thanks go to the patrol ladies who attended CSSA and supported our competition. The hotel was great for those of us who spent most of our time in one of the hospitality rooms. It was great fellowship. It was a busy month. The trophies were presented to the Potentate on September 14th at the Post CSSA party.

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

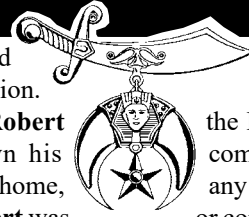


## Electraglide Elite

IAN CAZABAT Reporter

Every year has its ups and downs, and this year is no exception. On June 8th of this year W.: **Robert Miller** was called to lay down his working tools and be welcomed home, a good and faithful servant. **Robert** was many things, including a 50-year Mason, long time member of the Electraglide Elite, and the unit's past Captain.

ries were shared that evening! If you're interested in joining the Electraglide Elite to join us in our coming adventures, please reach out to any current Electraglide Elite member, or come to one of our monthly meetings held on the 2nd Friday of the month at Midian Shrine!



On the positive side of things, EE has been busy! We've been going on monthly rides, including some of the area's Poker Runs, such as the Free Runners Masonic Order Poker Run and the 3rd annual **Jim Ireland** Poker Run hosted by Harper County.

One of the most wonderful opportunities we had for fellowship was making lemonade from lemons when our Captain made the best of a scheduling conflict and EE celebrated Christmas in July! We had a great turnout at the Petroleum Club and many wonderful sto-



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
<h1>OCTOBER</h1>		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 ANTIQUÉ AUTOS YOSHI KEYSTONE KOPS	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
		13	14 ARAB PATROL	15 KULINARY KUTIES BAND REHEARSALS  <i>TOPICS DEADLINE</i>	16 TILERS DIVAN/LADIES STATED MEETING	17 LOS WAYS AND MEANS WHEATWACKERS CONCERT BAND	18	19 HARPER COUNTY STEAK FEED
		20	21 DON BAND OFFICERS HUMIDOR HOUNDS NASCARTS	22 MASONIC INFO NIGHT BAND REHEARSALS	23 CALEDONIANS KRAFTY KREW HOSPITAL VAN DRIVERS	24 MISFITS CONCERT BAND	25 LOS DINNER WITH HIGH PRIESTESS BUTLER CO	26 MIDIAN HALLOWEEN PARTY
		27	28 FEZTIVAL PLANNING MEETING	29 BAND REHEARSALS	30	31 CONCERT BAND		

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<h1>NOVEMBER</h1>					1 PRE-GLOW PARTY	2 FALL CEREMONIAL					
					3	4 ANTIQUÉ AUTOS YOSHI KEYSTONE KOPS KOPPETTES	5 BAND REHEARSALS	6 TOUCHDOWNERS PROVOST GUARD MOTOR PATROL	7 CONCERT BAND PRACTICE DIRECTORS STAFF	8 ELECTRAGLIDE ELITE	9 POST CSSA PARTY
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# Motor Patrol

CHAD TOMPKINSON  
Reporter



We've had a busy month in the Motor Patrol. We started off with a fun day of shooting at Cy Lampe's house. There was a little competition for small and large bore pistols along with some trap shooting. I can tell you that at our last 2 liaisons, Jim Hallberg and Steve Julian both placed in trap so they may not be invited back in the future. Or, we'll make them shoot with some sort of a blindfold. That's just how it works. The pistol results are locked away under the supervision of John Auch until our Christmas Party. Next, we took in a stated meeting along with a Pre-CSSA meeting.

On the 24th a slew of us attended the Mulvane Parade. The day started with gathering at the American Legion, taking in the parade, and then ending with several of us starting to clean up cars for CSSA. At CSSA, we had a great time. We had a club dinner on Thursday with Capt. Jeremy

Woodson hosting a good time at our hospitality. On Friday we had an excellent showing at competition with Jeff Breault getting a 100-point car and I believe 5 others scoring 99. Three trophies later there may have been a little celebrating. The parade went smoothly and believe it or not nobody broke down the whole trip unless you count John Auch missing his chair at lunch and hitting the floor or Alvin Turner getting his Jeepsters horn stuck on a sheep sound during the parade.

In September we had a monthly meeting at Marquee Motors with good food, good company, and good times. Several of us also got the Jeepsters out and spent a day at the Harper County Poker Run on the 7th. Lastly, several members attended the Post CSSA party to present trophies to Potentate Harold Brewer. Remember.... If you're not having fun, you aren't spending enough time with us!



# RECRUIT A SHRINER



### 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!

## Monthly Dues Payment Plans

Midian is excited to offer its members the ability to pay dues on-line or select a monthly payment plan for their dues. This is through PayPal and is very secure. You do not need a PayPal account but it's recommended. Please note that the total amount you pay is \$10 a year more than your dues. This is to help pay for the cost of this platform and you can cancel anytime. If you have a PayPal account, enter your email, if you don't click pay with credit card.

There are 5 options to enroll based on your situation. Just go to [midianshrine.org](http://midianshrine.org) and click the "Pay Dues" button to sign up!

**OPTION 1: Stay current on Midian dues. Enroll and current dues are paid.** Enrollment time is **January through June.**

- You will pay \$30 a month for the next 6 months which will pay your next year's dues. After the 1st 6 months of \$30 you will be charged \$15 a month which is applied to your future year's dues.

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

- You will pay \$15 a month for the next 12 months which will pay your following year's dues. After the 1st 12 months you will continue to be charged \$15 a month which is applied to future dues.

**OPTION 3: Stay current on Midian dues. Enroll and pay next year's dues.** Enrollment time is **June through December.**

- You will pay \$180 now plus \$15 a month for the next 12 months which will pay your following year's dues. After the 1st 12 months you will continue to be charged \$15 a month which is applied to your future year's dues.

**OPTION 4: Pay Annual Midian Dues.** No Enrollment time. This is a one-time payment and not a subscription.

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

**OPTION 5: Perpetual Life Membership.** No Enrollment time. Details to follow.

## Be a HERO to a Shrine Child



## Midian Shriner Drivers Wanted

We need Shriners and Ladies to help transport our patients to Shiner's Hospital in St. Louis. Ages 18-80 with time to volunteer.

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# Yoshi

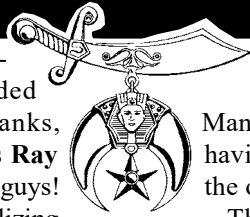
IAN CAZABAT  
Reporter

Things continue to be exciting here at Yoshi! We've added several new Nobles to our ranks, including **Shaun Reeves, Chris Ray** and **Andrew Saindon**. Welcome guys!

We have been parading, socializing, fraternizing and just having a great time overall! We went a little out of our jurisdiction (with permission) to a great parade in Cottonwood Falls, and Yoshi had a great turnout for the 4th of July parade in Derby.

As much as we love parading, nothing is quite as exhilarating as a little bit of friendly competition. We practiced for months and met up with members of 22 Shrine Temples at the Central States Shrine Association competition in Topeka, Kansas for more fellowship and some high-speed fun.

The hard work put in by everyone on our CSSA team (**Randy Buckmaster, Ian Cazabat, Brian Chestnut, Scott Jensen, Ron Parker, Jess Parker, Andrew Saindon, Jeff St. Peter** and **Pete Whitlock**) paid off as we came away with several trophies! We won 1st place in 4-wheel medium obstacle course, 2nd place in 4-wheel medium competitive drill,



and **Brian Chestnut** was once again the winner of the Fastest Man of 4 wheels traveling trophy for having the fastest individual time on the obstacle course!

This great weekend was capped with the CSSA Parade that went through downtown Topeka, where we were able to visit the Capitol building.



Missing from picture *Jess Parker and Andrew Saindon*

# Hunidor Hounds & Foxes

DOUG PETERSON  
Reporter



September 7th was our Whiskey Tasting & Cigar event. We have not had one in several years. The evening was filled with contests, silent auction, Whiskey and Cigars, food and a grand prize of a flight for two to view Christmas lights above Wichita. What a great evening.

The area in front of the stage and the dance floor was filled with tables of silent auction items, with something for everyone. The "longest ash" contest went to the winner, Illustrious Sir **Harold**

**Brewer**. The 50/50 winner won over \$300.00. Dogs, burgers and chips were prepared by Chef **Jerry Guthrie** and Recorder **Wayne Wells** PP. Thank you to all that helped make this a successful event.

If you missed this event, you missed a great evening of Fun & Fellowship.

If you are a Shriner and don't have a Unit, come check out the Humidor Hounds & Foxes. We meet the 3rd Monday of the Month at 7:00 P.M. in the Oasis.



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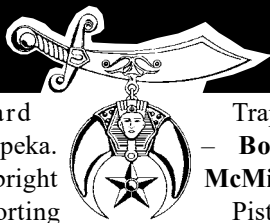
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# Provost Guard



**BRIAN CAVANAUGH**  
Reporter

The Midian Provost Guard showed up in force at CSSA in Topeka. Two squads of shooters clad in bright green shirts participated in Sporting Clays, Trap, Iron Sights Pistol and Optics Pistol competitions. All Provost Guard teams finished in the TOP 3 of all competitions entered. In addition, **Derek Cookson** took home TOP GUN honors. Congratulations **Derek!**

The shooting was spread out over two locations: Pistol events at Capital City Gun Club (Topeka) and Clays events Cedar Hill Gun Club (Baldwin City). Both facilities were top notch. Mary Watson and her late husband purchased the Cedar Hill facility in 1961. Mary has run it by herself since 1981. My sources say that she enjoyed having us there.

Thursday's events were Sporting Clays at Cedar Hill Gun Club in Baldwin City and Optics Pistol at Capital City Gun Club west of Topeka. The heat was brutal, but the squads pulled through.

Friday's events meant that the shooters were on the road again but in reverse order. The rainy morning started with Pistols at Capital City then Trap Shooting at Cedar Hill. The day finished with the awards banquet that was emceed by **Mark Seaman** (CSSA President) and **Bob Bair** PP.

Here is the list of awards:

Top Gun Award – **Derek Cookson**

Sporting Clays A Division First Place Team – **Mark Seaman, Roger Smith, Bob Bair, Steve Julian, Derek Cookson**

Sporting Clays B Division Third Place Team – **Fred McMillen, Russell Walker, Carl Losey, Wayne Reese, Brian Cavanaugh**

Trap A Division Third Place Team – **Mark Seaman, Russell Walker, Derek Cookson, Steve Julian, Brian Cavanaugh**

Trap B Division Third Place Team – **Bob Bair, Roger Smith, Fred McMillen, Carl Losey, Wayne Reese**

Pistol A Division Third Place Team – **Mark Seaman, Bob Bair, Steve Julian, Derek Cookson**

Pistol B Division Third Place Team – **Fred McMillen, Steve Towns, Carl Losey, Roger Smith**

Optical Pistol A Team Third Place Team – **Mark Seaman, Bob Bair, Steve Julian, Derek Cookson**

Optical Pistol B Team Third Place Team – **Carl Losey, Russell Walker, Brian Cavanaugh**

Individual Sporting Clays A Division First Place – **Derek Cookson** (93 of 100)

Individual Sporting Clays A Division Third Place – **Steve Julian** (88 of 100)

Individual Sporting Clays B Division Third Place – **Mark Seaman** (80 of 100)

Individual Trap A Division Second Place – **Mark Seaman** (95 of 100)

Individual Trap A Division Third Place – **Derek Cookson** (94 of 100)

Individual Trap B Division First Place – **Russell Walker** (79 of 100)

Individual Pistol B Division First Place – **Mark Seaman** (260 of 300)

Individual Optics Pistol B Division Second Place – **Bob Bair** (259 of 300)

Individual Trap Ladies First Place – **Misty Cavanaugh** (66 of 100)



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# Keystone Kops



**BOBBY "TURF" DUKES**  
Reporter

Mulvane parade was its usually long, hot day with activities for the Kops starting in the Morning. Jimmy once again offered his place for eye openers and breakfast. After a hearty breakfast and prepping the Paddy Wagon, we headed for line up and waited 'n waited. Plenty of time for socializing and hydrating while we checked out some of the other Units. It was cool checking out Yoshi and Misfits new and modified equipment. It looks like their Units are building and coming on strong. It was a hot day and everyone wanted sprayed and once again, Mulvane parade ran us out of water. After the parade, **Jimmy** and his Lady Tiyonna once again offered their place for a pizza and pool party.

The Pre CSSA party was a nice kick off to prep for CSSA. Thanks to all the Aides who laid out a good snack table for us since the kitchen is still closed. Topeka CSSA was a blast. Long ways between hotel and hospitality but it worked out for everyone with plenty of room. All the Temples had really nice and welcoming hospitable rooms. Of course the best and loudest was the Kops. At one point or another, they all came by to check out the historical, most fun hospitality room, and no one left disappointed. Thank you **Cristin** and **Kopetts** for your work on hospitality. The Kops went up against some very good competition from the other Units but came home victorious. At the Post CSSA party Chief **Richard** presented Ill Sir **Harold Brewer** with our 1st in Parade, 2nd in Uniform and 2nd in skit trophies.

It's tough being a Kop: Old timer Kop Cowboy has been coming out supporting us and at our last meeting voted Cowboy a Kops Life Time Membership! Speaking of old Kops,

Thanks to **Doc Jon** for writing our skit and helping us at every practice. Thanks to Capt. of the Guard **Dale Gibson** for supporting the Kops Chicken Max fundraiser. Chief **Hubbard's** Chiefs banquet came up all rainbows and unicorns but he did not get his 2nd Gold Whistle. Was it an over sight? Did he not have enough Gold Whistle votes? Was it because he lost our banner 4 times? The years not over yet, he still has a chance. Don't laugh too hard **Hurley**, you gave your Gold Whistle away! It did raise good money but is now enshrined in a competitors display case. India Shrine, aren't they from Arkansas?



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KEE CLAAR  
Reporter

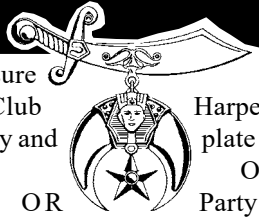
Parade stickers are here. Be sure you have one. Antique Auto Club dues are due by the end of January and considered late February 1st.

ALL TICKETS SOLD OR UNSOLD FOR THE STEAK FEED AND THE FIRE TRUCK RAFFLE, NEED TO BE TURNED IN AT OUR OCTOBER MEETING.

October 5 – Clearwater Fall Festival and parade. Line up is at 9 A.M.

October 18-20 – Haysville Fall Festival. Antique Auto will be selling tickets for the FIRETRUCK raffle.

OCTOBER 19TH IS THE ANTIQUE AUTO STEAK FEED IN HARPER, KANSAS. YOU WILL GET A 32 OUNCE STEAK, BEANS, POTATO & DRINK FOR \$25.00. AND, YOU GET TO COOK YOUR OWN STEAK!!! PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS FROM ANY ANTIQUE AUTO MEMBER or at the front desk. (no credit cards and exact change will be accepted at the front desk). A few tickets



will be available at the door in Harper. Remember to bring your own plate and silverware.

October 26 – Midian Halloween Party at 7 P.M.

DECEMBER 7 – ANTIQUE AUTO CHRISTMAS PARTY. 5:30 P.M. – DIRTY SANTA GIFT EXCHANGE.

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 OCTOBER BIRTHDAY to Noble **Richard Mardis**, Noble **Brian Cavanaugh** and Lady Diana Richecky.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY goes to Noble **Randy Edwards** and Lady Pam.

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

### Million Dollar Band

RICK MILHON  
Reporter

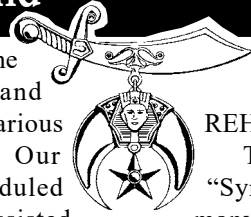
October is typically when the Polkatz, a Million Dollar Band smaller ensemble, plays for various celebrations of Oktoberfest. Our 'oom pah' members are scheduled for October 1 Regent Park Assisted Living, October 13 at Mulvane Market and Oktoberfest, October 15 at Reflection Ridge Retirement Community and October 16 as Nobles gather for Stated Meeting.

Million Dollar Band activity also includes getting our Concert Band ready for Fall Ceremonial on November 2. The Concert Band began rehearsing at Horace Mann School, 1243 N. Market St. this month. We rehearse at 7 PM on Thursdays.

Even though the Polkatz had performances, the group continues rehearsals on the first and third Tuesdays in the Mecca Room. The second and fourth Tuesdays are assigned to the Dixiekatz for their 7 PM practices.

DUST OFF THAT INSTRUMENT AND SIT IN A REHEARSAL! IT'S FUN!

This month's composer wrote "Symphonia March" in addition to many pieces used by the Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Circus during his 50 years directing the Circus Band. His name was Merle Evans, a coal miner's son from Columbus, Kansas, born December 26, 1894. He was known as the "Toscanini of the Big Top". After his circus days were through, he gave workshops and guest-led bands around the country. He was a Director of the Columbus State Bank. Evans was an honorary member of 28 Shrine Clubs. This writer heard that Evans sometimes visited Midian during the off season and directed the Million Dollar Band. Merle Slease Evans died in Sarasota, Florida on December 31, 1987.



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**Shriners Children's Texas** TEMPLE NEWSLETTER  
SEPTEMBER 2024

PATIENT OF THE MONTH:

Patient of the Month – September 2024 is Jonathan Andres Cruz Malave. Jonathan is a 13 year old male from Guayaquil-Ecuador who sustained a 90% Total Body Surface Area flame burn on April 7, 2014. Jonathan was treated in a hospital in Guayaquil for 8 months. He had several reconstruction surgeries at the Boston Shrine Hospital to correct contractures and was then seen at the Springfield Shrine Hospital in 2019 by orthopedic surgeons for foot deformities and then COVID it. At this time, his mother reported that he used a wheelchair for the most part because he could not walk independently. Jonathan has had a total of 22 procedures and can now walk on his own. A true success story.

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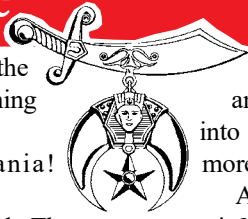
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# LADIES

## Daughters of the Nile

RHEA LYLE  
Reporter



Hello October! Daughters of the Nile has many exciting things coming up.

Quartermania! Quartermania! Quartermania!

This event is Friday, October 4th. The doors open at 6pm and the game starts at 7pm. Make sure you bring lots of quarters! Come have some fun bidding on great prizes, and enjoy a bit of shopping with our vendors! The entrance fee is only \$5.

A few of our members attended the Daughters of the Nile / LOSNA event at CSSA in Topeka over the Labor Day weekend. It is always wonderful to see our friends from various Temples. Many of these friendships last a lifetime.

Zohar Temple recently had a school supply drive. PQ Misty Cavanaugh boxed up 3 huge boxes and Noble Rick Alamo delivered them to the St Louis hospital.

Princess Regina Freige has announced a BYOB adult grape beverage tasting event at her home, date to be announced at the next Session. She also talked about possibly going to Roxie's sometime this fall for their dinner theater as a social event to enjoy good company.

Princess Rachel Range's class (2025) is having a fundraiser for an opportunity to win a 5-night stay at the 2025 Supreme Session. Tickets are \$25 each. Meanwhile Princess Regina Freige's class (2026) is selling calendars for \$30 each with cash drawings. When you buy a calendar, you are also putting

your name in for cash drawings, and if you win your name goes back into the pot for another chance to win more money!

Another great event that is coming up is Midian's Annual Fez-tival of Trees. This year Queen Missy Squires has announced that the theme will be "All that Glitters is Gold!" It will be a black tree with all gold ornaments. Under the tree, she is thinking, half date night and half family game night. If you would like to help with the tree, start collecting gold ornaments and swag and get them to a Session or Queen Missy so we can make sure that they get added to the tree.

Just a reminder, our October Session (Monday, 10/21/24) will be Past Queen's night, so Past Queens, please, wear your uniform from your year. That same night we will be having a Ceremonial and hopefully be welcoming 4 new Princesses. We will also be passing out year pins that night. Past Queen Glenda King has earned her 55 year pin. Other members being awarded year pins are: 10 years: PQ Sue Alamo, Ericka Head, Franny Hoch, Makinzie Hogan, and Kira Robinson. 35 years: Lucille Childers and Lise Fisher. Evelyn King will be presented her 50 year pin. If you are a member, please join us for this joyful event.

Interested in finding more about us? Consider joining us for one or more of these many fun events that are coming up or contact any member or our Princess Recorder: PQ Sue Alamo. Donzohar65@outlook.com.

## Arami Court

JAN HIEBERT, PGHP  
Reporter



So glad we are starting to feel the beginnings of Fall! Summer has been a \*!#!\*!#!.

Thank everyone who came out for Bunco in August. It was a lot of fun and there were super prizes.

We lost a charter member, Lady Peggy Krug, in September. Several of our Ladies acted as honorary pall bearers for her funeral service. Thank you Ladies.

September 28, we participated in the annual Wagonmater's Chili Cook-Off in downtown Wichita showcasing our "award winning" chili. We have won prizes several years for our "secret" recipe.

Our Cake Roll fundraiser began in August and will conclude in October. This year we offered Pumpkin (um,um, good), Lemon (really yummy), Banana (always a good choice) and Chocolate Cherry (Yes, chocolate!) flavors. These are homemade and make great holiday gifts or to serve at holidays get together. They keep in the freezer for quite a while. You may still have time to order some, if you do it before October 7. Contact Lady Cheryl Sowder or Lady Sandy Greeno.

In October we will welcome 10 new petitioners and 1 reinstatement to Arami Court. A ceremonial will be held at North Star Lodge on Saturday, October 5 beginning at 10:30 a.m. At the conclusion of the festivities, we will partake in a carry-in lunch. Trailers (our Nobles) will be joining us for lunch.

DO NOT MISS the Trash Bag Horror Show. You'll regret it if you do! Tickets are on sale now for October 12. Be prepared for some "Halloween" food & surprises and the outfits made out of trash bags. See Lady Sandy Greeno for tickets.

October 18-20 will find quite a few of our members at the Mid-States Unit Meet (MSUM) (our version of CSSA) in Oklahoma City, OK. It is always fun to get together with our counterparts from Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana and Mexico City.

Shortly after we return from MSUM our Grand High Priestess, Lady LaDonna Seger will make her official visit to Arami Court. In between her inspecting all of our books, she will be treated to a social, a couple of dinners and a business meeting. We are really looking forward to her visit as she is a long-time friend of many of our Ladies.

Our Ladies are again taking orders for 8 oz. filets and 4-packs of chicken fried steaks. The cut-off date is November 18. Contact Lady Dianna Clay to place your order. These are ALWAYS winners.

We are introducing a new fundraiser - Beef Sticks in 16 flavors. They will be \$1.50 per stick. Watch for them to show up soon. See Lady Julie Smith to get yours.

The Court voted to support the Wichita Children's Home this year for Christmas. We are collecting gift cards (Dillons, Wal-Mart, fast food, etc.), make-up nail care items, headphones, fuzzy socks, cologne, lotions, journals, books, winter gloves/scarves/hats, keychains, Legos, action figures, yoyos, reuseable water bottles, and more. Bring your items to Court Meetings before December. Let's make this a merry Christmas for these kids!

Until next time, take care of one another!



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