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***Happy Holidays to All Our Nobles and Ladies
from the Midian Divan, Trustees, Chief Aide And Ladies***

POTENTATE'S

Wow, here we are in December and everyone is getting ready for Christmas. If you missed our Festival of Trees event around Thanksgiving, you missed an awesome event. We had a lot of trees this year and all of the swag underneath them. Of course, we can't forget Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus who always attend this event. They want to know what the children want for Christmas.

Midian's Childrens' Christmas is a little different this year. It is Breakfast with Santa. The Chefs are going to be cooking up pancakes and sausage for the little ones this



HAROLD BREWER

MESSAGE

year. There will also be clowns, face painting, and some games. So, bring the little ones out.

The Divan is getting busy now with all the unit and clubs Christmas parties happening. Some are happening on the same nights and at some distance apart. I will attend as many as I possibly can.

I want everyone to have a safe and fun Christmas with family and friends. Don't be like me and try to eat all the goodies at your Christmas events!

**Yours in Faith,
Harold Brewer
Potentate 2024**



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 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.

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

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Date	Day	Parade Location	Line up	Time
12/7	Saturday	Derby Christmas Parade		6 PM
12/7	Saturday	Hutch Christmas Parade	5 PM	6 PM

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.



Midian Shrine Tentative Schedule of Events

Subject to change

DECEMBER	JANUARY 2025
Dec 1 Festival of Trees	Jan 3 Awards Banquet 6:00 PM
Dec 7 Aides Appreciation Dinner 6:00 PM	Jan 11 Done Party -Thanks for the Memories 7:00 PM
Dec 10 BOD Meeting @ 5:30 PM	Jan 14 BOD Meeting @ 5:30 PM
Dec 14 Midian Children's Christmas Party	Jan 15 Divan Meeting 5:30 PM Stated/Elec. Meeting 7:30 PM
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	

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Midian Shriner Drivers Wanted

We need Shriners and Ladies to help transport our patients to Shriner's Hospital in St. Louis.

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Please contact Julie at juliem@midianshrine.org or Steve at stowns@cox.net

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DONATIONS

Noble Steve Schmitter
& Lady Judy

Membership Minute

The Christmas OPPORTUNITY

As we close in on the end of 2024, we are presented with yet another opportunity to build membership with friends and family.

Almost all of us will be hosting or visiting family and friends this holiday season. What better time than this to ask your family members to become a part of our fraternity? Do they really know what we’re about? Are you promoting the brand?

There’s no reason to be “overbearing” about this, but you could certainly let them know that it would mean a lot to you if they would consider joining our fraternity. Don’t put anyone “on the spot” in front of everyone else but have a one-on-one conversation with the good men you know.

Relate a story to them of how the Masonic Fraternity has made a difference in your life and find a way to let your prospective member that we could use a good man like him in our ranks. Seize the opportunity to be a mentor to a younger man by letting them know that it’s important to be a part of something in their life bigger than themselves.

Our Legacy Program continues to grow. Do the rest of your family really know how big of a deal that is? Do YOU really know how big of a deal that is? Shriners are family – include yours.

While we’re out shopping and visiting, let’s remember to wear some branded apparel showing our support for our Blue Lodge and for Midian Shrine Center.

We challenge you to talk to someone about our great fraternity and what it could mean to THEM to join us. Remember to focus on “WIIFT” What’s in it for THEM.

We have one more scheduled Masonic Information Night in 2024. At 6:30 pm on December 17th, we’ll hold our last formal night at Midian for the year. Bring a Prospect!

Have a wonderful Christmas Holiday and “Let’s Go Midian!”. Let’s make 2025 the best year yet for Membership Growth and Retention.

In Memoriam

Through November 19, 2024

NAME	BORN	CREATED	DECEASED
Noble E. Paul Teneyck	01/01/1943	11/23/1968	10/21/2024
Noble Jefferis M. Mead	07/05/1930	11/03/1952	11/02/2024
Noble Andrew B. Johnson	11/19/1942	05/05/1979	11/06/2024
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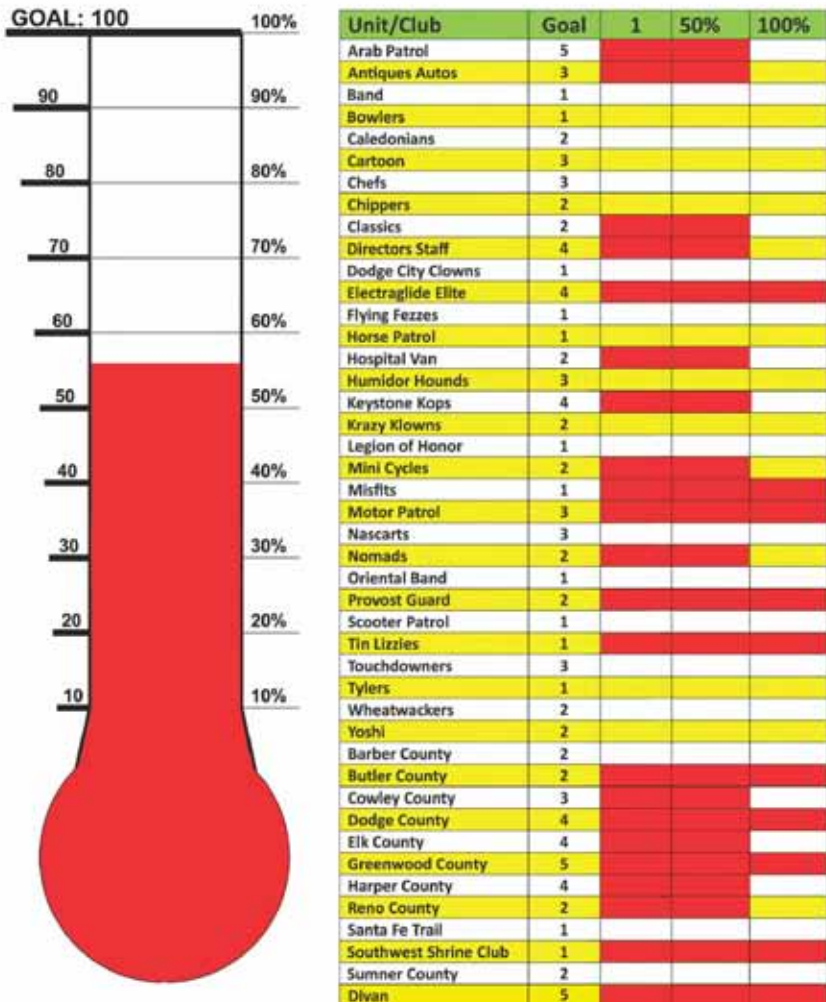
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or assistance please call:

- Jeff Sowder 620-583-4228
- John Auch 316-259-6092
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- Bart Ogden 316-648-6525
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Gold Rush to Success

2024 Membership Goals



MEMBERSHIP Opportunity!

Discover what the Masonic Fraternity is all about!

Join us on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 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.

We Make Good Men Better. We Make Better Men Leaders.



Welcome New Nobles! Fall Ceremonial 2024



CLUBS

Greenwood County 3-Wheelers

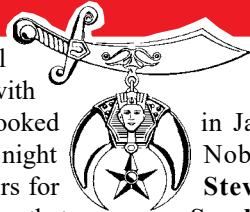
CARL "C.F." COX
Reporter

We had another successful "Grab-a-Slab" event in November with just over 100 slabs of ribs sold, cooked and delivered. Thanks to the Friday night prep crew and the Saturday smokers for making it happen, not to mention those that sold and delivered the ribs. Special thanks to Noble **Andrew Porter** for picking up and delivering the ribs Friday night, heading up the project and to Noble **Lonnie Nichols PP** for the use of the She Shed once again!

Our October Prospect Night has resulted in 9 Blue Lodge petitions who will likely be on their way to being a Shriner as well as 1 restoration petition. Remember, every day is membership day!

Even though Fall Ceremonial parade was rained out, we had a good showing at the Veteran's Day parade in El Dorado the following Saturday. We had five 3-Wheelers in the parade, and they were even joined by 1 Misfit. Maybe they were all Misfits...who knows?

It's hard to believe that the year is almost over. Where has the time gone? We elected our 2025 slate of officers at our November



meeting, and they will be installed and take the reins in January. The 2025 officers are Nobles: **Scott Starkey**, Captain; **Steve Richard**, Lieutenant; **Jeff Sowder PP**, Secretary; and **Jed Morse**, Treasurer.

You all should have received an invitation to our Christmas Party on December 7. This is a catered meal and the cost is \$15.00 per person. Just a reminder that reservations are due December 1 to Noble Jeff Sowder PP. The party is hosted by our Captain Noble **Travis Wyss** and Lady Tamara at the She Shed with social to start at 6:00 PM. This is always a fun event to wrap up the year. Hope to see you there.

Speaking of the holidays, Lady Jeleane and I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

There will not be a regular Wednesday meeting in December, so our next regular meeting will be January 8th at the Shed, with hospitality at 6:00 and a meal and meeting to follow.

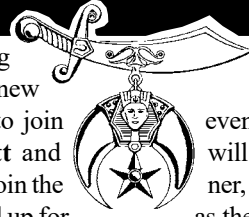
UNITS

Midian Classics

#2 ON THE LIST
Reporter

The Classics November meeting was held at Midian Temple. Two new nobles submitted an application to join the Unit. Noble **Jayson Moffett** and Noble **Zack Whitener** elected to join the Classics and get their cars polished up for the next parade. Welcome Nobles.

The December meeting and Christmas party will be Sunday, December 8th at Firebirds Bar & Grill, located somewhere between Webb Road and Greenwich Road on east 13th street. Beer time is 5:00 PM and dinner will be served at 6:00 PM sharp. Even though VP **Groff** has been confined to recovery for the last month, he has arranged for a large screen TV in the Christmas party room



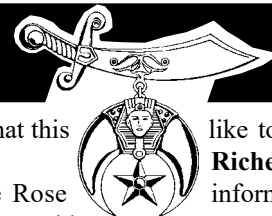
so that we will not miss the KC Chiefs football game later that evening. Election of the 2025 officers will take place after the Christmas dinner, as well as other business necessary as the new year approaches.

The next scheduled parade for the Unit is the Derby Christmas Parade on December 7th at 6:00 PM. A gathering at around 4:30 will take place at Noble Towns home so that the Unit can proceed to the parade line-up as a unit. It is hoped that all members will make it to the parade without their car just conking out, as with the last parade in Derby.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!



Horse Patrol



GEORGE FINLEY
Reporter

Merry Christmas! We hope that this was a good year for all of you.

We will be going to Prairie Rose Ranch on December 21st. If you would

like to be part of us, please call **Ray Richecky** at 316-250-4374 for more information.

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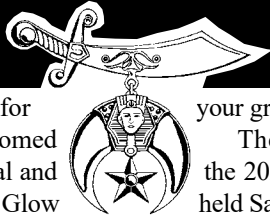
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Provost Guard



BRIAN CAVANAUGH
Reporter

November was a busy month for the Provost Guard. The unit welcomed new nobles at the Fall Ceremonial and provided hospitality at the After Glow Party. The unit also sponsored a tree at this year's Festival of Trees event.

We had a great afternoon of fun and fellowship at **Carl Losey** and Carol B's place. **Carl** and Carol provided Buster's Burgers and access to their wobble traps and pistol range. Many burgers and delicious sides were enjoyed by all that attended. Somehow a bowling pin ended up on the pistol range which attracted a lot of lead. Thanks again **Carl** and Carol for

your gracious hospitality!!

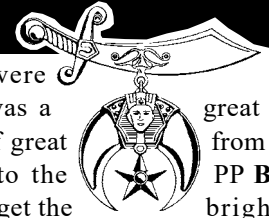
The Provost Guard is organizing the 2025 Fun Shoot at STC. It will be held Saturday, May 10th. This is always a great time. Please visit our Facebook page for signup information or if you'd like to sponsor a station. I would like to challenge all Midian Units and Clubs to form a squad and compete in this great event.

The Provost Guard meets on the first Wednesday of every month @7:30 at Midian. Please join us for a meeting and/or dinner beforehand in the Oasis.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Keystone Kops



BOBBY "TURF" DUKES
Reporter

The ghost and goblins were out in force Halloween. It was a good time for all with lots of great costumes. Congratulations to the winners but, sorry I forgot to get the names of the costume winners, picked by the band. Thanks to everyone dressing up and thanks to Uncle Fester for "keeping the light on". He was a bright spot of the night. No other units came up with a skit so the Kops entertained the crowd with their "adult" version of Shrek N Donkey. Hoping to get some other units to try their hand at a skit next year. You don't know the fun you're missing.

Ceremonial went off with a clap of thunder, lightning and buckets of rain. But that did not stop everyone's determination to still have a good time. Only the second time I can remember in 28 years that the parade was canceled, but the celebration went on. With good food and a great band, we had a hardy after party and hope our new nobles and their families enjoyed themselves. Congratulations to all of our New Shiners. Hope you find a fun unit that interests you and your family and you make yourselves at home and join in on

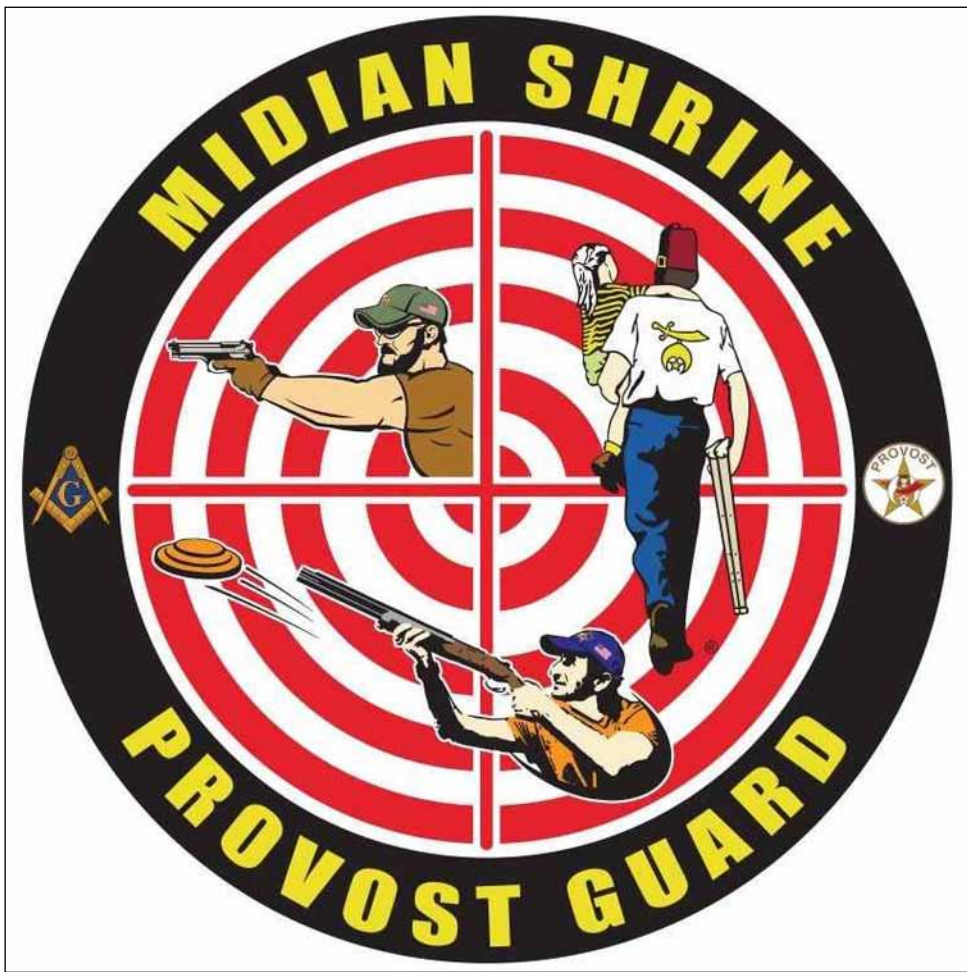
the fun and fellowship. It was great to see an old friend who came from Texas to join us for Ceremonial. **PP Berkley Conn [1995]** came and brightened up the room with his charm and wit. Some think he missed his calling, as he is hands down, the "joke master". Good to see you, old friend, Thanks for coming by.

The Kops held their elections in November and elected these Officers for next year. Chief **Heath Catron**, Capt. **Steve Graham**, Lt. **Jeremy Cates**, Sgt. **Bobby Dukes**, Member at Large **Jarrold Phillips** and Treasurer **Darrin Cox**. Congratulations guys and wishing you a great year.

The Kops are preparing for our last hoorah of the year, our Christmas party. Open after 8ish to all to come by and join us for a toast.

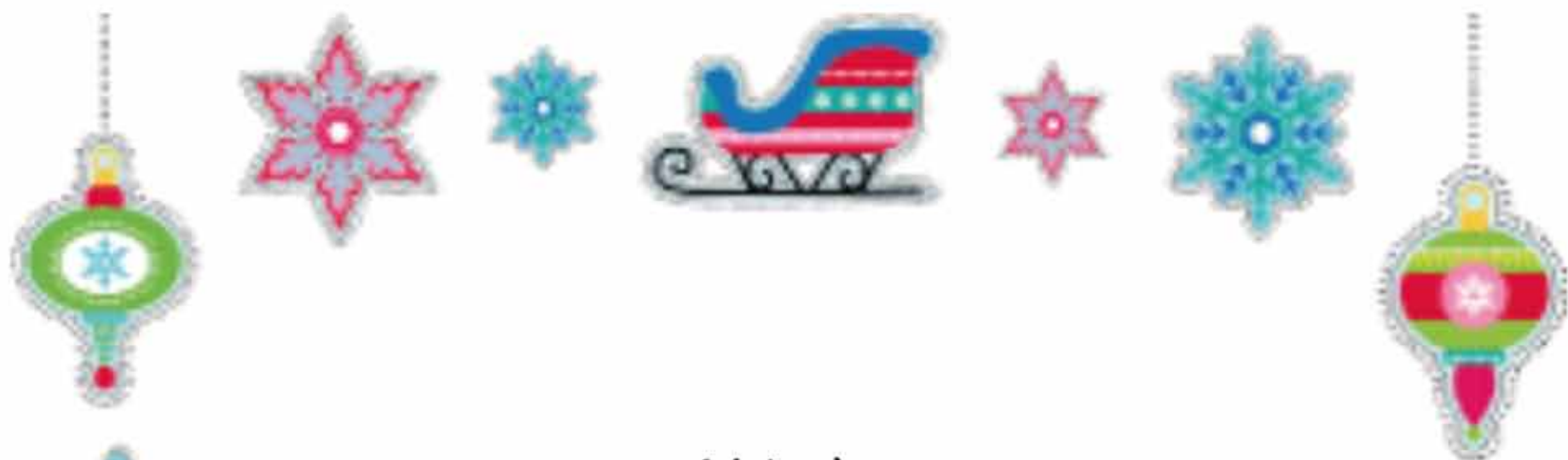
It's tough being a Kop; Congratulations to **PP Ron Capps** on his election to the Shriner Children Board of Trustees. We can't think of a better man to represent Midian with the Shriner's Hospitals.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from our family to yours.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 FEZTIVAL OF TREES	2 ANTIQUE AUTOS YOSHI KEYSTONE KOPS KOPPETTES BAND REHEARSALS	3	4 PROVOST GUARD MOTOR PATROL TOUCHDOWNERS	5 DIRECTOR'S STAFF	6	7 AIDES APPRECIATION DINNER ANTIQUE AUTOS CHRISTMAS PARTY GREENWOOD CO SHRINE CLUB
8 MOTOR PATROL CHRISTMAS PARTY CLASSICS	9 BAND REHEARSALS ARAB PATROL	10 TRUSTEES HOLDING CORP / BOD 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	13 ELECTRAGLICE ELITE	14 MIDIAN CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY ARMY/NAVY GAME IN OASIS KEYSTONE KOPS CHRISTMAS HARPER COUNTY
15 TOPICS DEADLINE	16 DON BAND OFFICERS HUMIDOR HOUNDS NASCARTS	17 KULINARY KUTIES MASONIC INFO NIGHT	18 TILERS DIVAN/LADIES STATED MEETING	19 LOS WAYS AND MEANS WHEATWACKERS DIVAN CHRISTMAS PARTY	20	21 BUTLER COUNTY CHRISTMAS PARTY ELK COUNTY CHRISTMAS PARTY
22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE - MIDIAN CLOSED	25 CHRISTMAS - MIDIAN CLOSED	26 MISFITS MIDIAN OFFICE CLOSED	27 BUTLER CO MIDIAN OFFICE CLOSED	28
29	30	31	DECEMBER			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JANUARY			1 NEW YEARS DAY - MIDIAN CLOSED	2 CHRISTMAS TEAR DOWN DIRECTORS STAFF	3 AWARDS BANQUET	4 DON SOUP LUNCH
5	6 ANTIQUE AUTOS YOSHI KEYSTONE KOPS KOPPETTES	7 BAND REHEARSALS	8 MOTOR PATROL BOD CHEFS CLASSICS MINI-CYCLES GREENWOOD COUNTY LEGION OF HONOR DODGE CITY COWLEY CO	9 CARTOON FLYING FEZZES HARPER COUNTY HORSE PATROL	10 ELECTRAGLIDE ELITE	11 DONE-THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES
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19	20 DON BAND OFFICERS HUMIDOR HOUNDS NASCARTS	21 KULINARY KUTIES BAND REHEARSALS	22 CALEDONIANS KRAFTY KREW HOSPITAL VAN DRIVERS	23 MISFITS	24 BUTLER CO	25 LAUNCH EVENT
26	27	28 BAND REHEARSALS MASONIC INFO NIGHT	29 LOS MID STATES MEETING	30	31	



Midian's
Children's Christmas Party

COME HAVE
BREAKFAST with SANTA

Saturday, December 14, 2024

9:00 am until Noon
Mecca Ballroom

Pancakes with a variety of toppings
sausage
Milk, Juice, Water (coffee for adults)

Clowns, Face painting, Games



Million Dollar Band

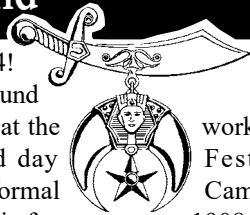
RICK MILHON
Reporter

This is our last chance at 2024! Let's give it our best! November found the Million Dollar Band playing at the Fall Ceremonial on the second day of the month. Even on such a formal occasion playing music together is fun. We work to play pieces as well as we can with attention to detail and concentration. It's all good!

As we go to press, the Concert Band is scheduled to play at Reflection Ridge Retirement Community on December 9, Wichita Presbyterian Manor on December 11, and Prairie Homestead Senior Living on December 13.

The Dixiekatz are scheduled to entertain at Cowtown on December 14 and at Stated Meeting on December 18. At Cowtown we expect to play some Christmas music that might have been heard in an 1870s Kansas town.

In this holiday season let's consider the composer of two musical works that have graced seasonal



concerts for a number of years, Leroy Anderson. The two works are Sleigh Ride and Christmas Festival. Anderson was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts June 29, 1908 to parents who emigrated from Sweden. Theirs was a musical family, the father playing mandolin, mother playing organ and guitar, and Leroy playing piano. He took up trombone to play in the Harvard University Band. He began composing music at age 12. While a graduate student at Harvard, Leroy arranged novelty numbers for the band. It was these that led Boston Pops Orchestra director Arthur Fiedler to hire him to compose music for the Orchestra. Our two seasonal numbers were among them.

An interesting sidelight is that Anderson was drafted in the U.S. Army during World War II, where his fluency with several languages found use as a translator and Interpreter in the U.S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps.

Motor Patrol

CHAD TOMPKINSON
Reporter



The Motor Patrol took in a couple of parades in the last month. We attended the Douglass parade and had a great time. The next outing was for the Arkalalah parade where we were represented by **Kent Butz** and **Al Cooper**!

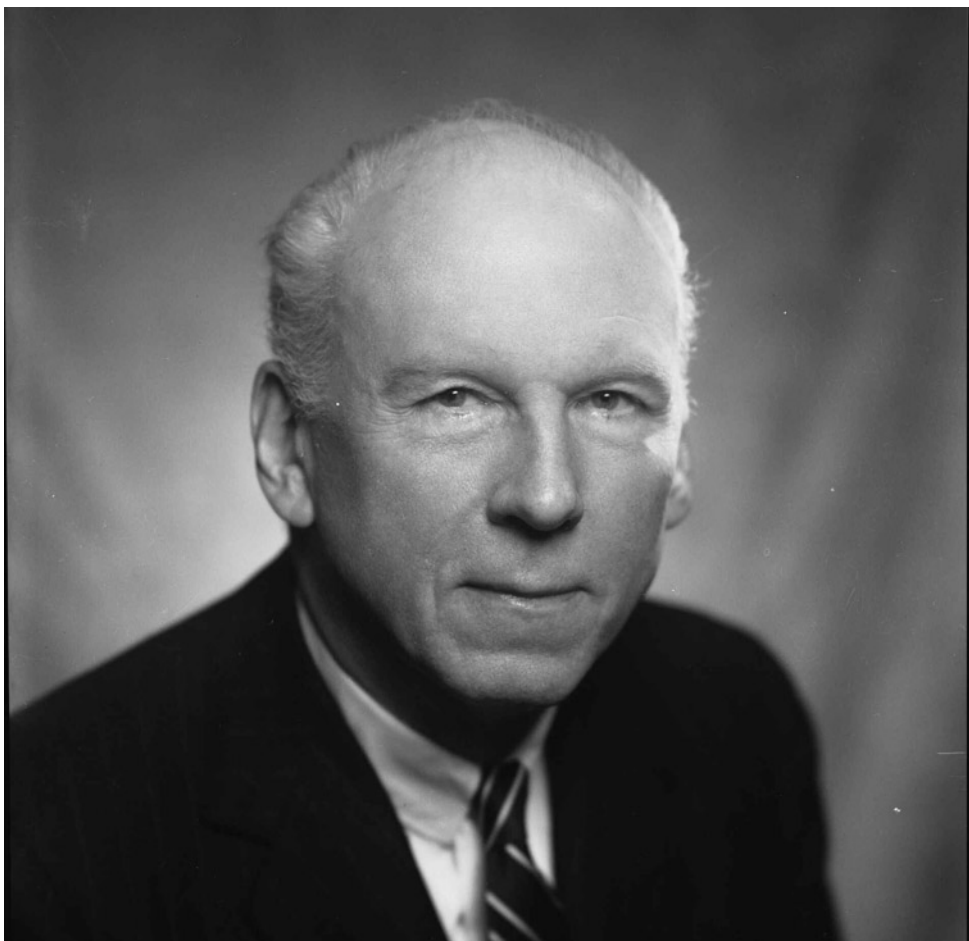
Along the way we also had several members at the Harper County steak feed and did our best to eat 32 oz of steak. It was child's play. We topped it off with some shrimp cocktail that **Jeremy Woodson** found at the gas station. The club also had several members at the Midian Halloween party. Brace yourself for next year... rumor has it, **Lynn Ungles**, **Ron Capps**, and **Alvin Turner** are working on costumes so that we can all attend as a top tier Boy Band.

That was enough of a distraction, back to matters at hand. The next venture of the month was Pre-glow and Fall Ceremonial. We had more than our share of fun, chipped away at our membership goal, broke away for a club lunch, welcomed the new Midian members, and then closed Midian in the

evening hours. Apologies to anyone that had to watch me dance, I won't do it again for a few months.

In November we had a meeting at Marquee Motors thanks to the hospitality of **Jeff Breault** and solved many problems of the world. It can be difficult making the world a better place but we enjoy making it look easy. The next week we met again for a business meeting at Midian and mapped out a few things to finish the year strong. It was great seeing **Robert Ragsdale** and **Dave Johnson**. Last, but not least, we got away for a short trip courtesy of our Captain **Jeremy Woodson** and had a little R&R. Attached is a picture from the trip where I'm guessing **John Auch** just gave Captain **Woody** some important life altering advice.

- Finally, some more words to live by....
- 1.) If you're not having enough fun, you're not spending enough time with us!
 - 2.) Remember the truth doesn't sell newspapers.
 - 3.) Who would ever want to leave this????



Antique Autos

KEE CLAAR
Reporter

Parade stickers are here. Be sure you get one. Antique Auto club dues are due by the end of January and considered late on February 1.

Social for November was held at Mosley Street with 20 in attendance.

Jeff Wesley, who bought a ticket at the Haysville Fall Festival, won the Firetruck Pedal Car.

We are getting new Antique Auto shirts. Please get with **Grant Richecky** to pick up and pay for. We had to get a different style because we have new members and the other shirt style is out of business.

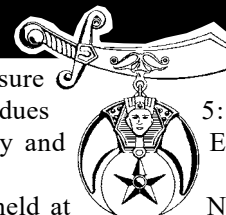
DECEMBER 7TH IS OUR

CHRISTMAS PARTY – 5:30 PM – DIRTY SANTA GIFT EXCHANGE.


December birthdays belong to Noble **Kent Butz** and Noble **Mark Armfield**.

Happy Anniversary to Noble Mark Armfield and Lady Melodee.

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



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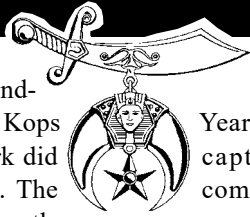
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Arab Patrol

NORM CONLEY P.P.
Reporter



The patrol supported the November Stated meeting by attending and we had a presence at the Kops Halloween Party. The Land Shark did not even get an honorable mention. The social highlight of the month was the Patrol breakfast at Spears West on Sunday October 27.

The Patrol formed the honor guard and presented the colors at Fall Ceremonial. In attendance were Captain **Brian West**, Lt. **Devon Olson**, PC Ill. Sir **Jay Danler**, PC **Kyle Rhorer**, Noble **Nick Rohr**, Noble **Roth Christopherson**, Ill Sir **Doc Rensner**, Noble **Alan Geist**, Ill. Sir **Norm Conley**, and Noble **Gabe Hughes**. The parade was cancelled because of rain.

The November membership meeting was well attended by members. Patrol ladies Amber West, Traci Danler, Beth Olson, Anita Simpson, Jackie Wilson and Melanie Rhorer joined us to do planning for Christmas. We have a lot of choices for dress at our party from a Tux to Business Casual at the Candle Club. The Gnome Trees for the Patrol at FOT will be a first. **Brian West** and Lady **Jamie** represented the patrol at the Veterans party at Midian.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Patrol. I know the captain will have a memorable coming year with the special gift prepared for him to remember this year as Patrol Captain. It will be presented at our Christmas party at the Candle Club on December 21.

Spanky (**Bill Stevenson**) and Dottie need our good thoughts. Candy Mitchell is recovering from Shingles. **Devon Olson** and Lady Beth's daughter has been suffering from a mysterious malady and all of them need to be in our thoughts.



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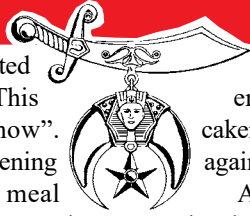
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Arami Court

JAN HIEBERT, PGHP
Reporter



Arami Court #101 recently hosted their annual "Trash Bag Show". This year the theme was "Horror Show". About 140 guests attended. The evening started with a unique, gourmet meal complete with themed appetizers and dinner. The food tables were decorated with skeletons, spiders and other "scary" things. Check out the photos. Dinner included homemade chicken pot pie complete with chicken feet popping out of the crust, a molded jell-o ring embedded with dentures, and skeleton head cakes. It was a delicious and amazing spread! After dinner the guests were entertained by a myriad of LOS members, the Potentate, Past Potentates, Divan members and Rainbow Girls who modeled their "spooky" fashions made of trash bags. There were some very creative costumes. "Malificent", our very own Lady "Phil," was the first- place winner. The Queen of Hearts and the traffic cone were also winners. Finally, there were quite a few opportunity-to-win Halloween-themed baskets which were donated by units and individuals. All in all, it was one of our best fundraisers. A HUGE thank you to the Electraglide Elite for taking care of the "Grog" Station. It was a "howling" good time!

The official visit of our Grand High Priestess, Lady LaDonna Seger, could not have gone any better! Over 60 guests attended a dinner at Midian on Friday evening. The food was delicious. Lady LaDonna shared information about her special project with the crowd. Two additional Grands joined us the next day - Lady Diana Schmidt, Grand Treasurer and Lady Valarie Byrd, Grand Associate Princess. Our Ladies brought in their favorite dishes for a carry-in lunch. That was followed by the official meeting. To top the visit off Lady LaDonna found our books to be in good order.



Thank you to each and everyone who purchased one of our cakerolls. It was a super fundraiser once again. Watch for them again next year. Arami Ladies are happy to have a break from the Fez-tival of Trees. No more candy making, cookie baking, or Christmas tree decorating. Time to relax before the next big project.

Beef sticks are still available in a myriad of flavors. They're great if you need a little protein snack. They sell for \$3.00 for 2. Check with Lady Julie Smith to order some.

This year for Christmas we are collecting an array of items for the kids in the Wichita Children's Home. They sent us a list of appropriate items. We filled it as best we could. The kids will have a Merry Christmas!

We gathered items, prepared baskets and delivered them again this year for our members who are shut-ins or whom we don't see often. They are very appreciative of our efforts and we love doing it.

Lady Dee Guthrie placed an order for new teal colored Court shirts. If you didn't get your order in to Lady Dee. I'm sure she'll likely have enough for a second order.

Our Court holiday party will be held on December 8 at Lady Melinda Nichol's she-shed in Eureka, KS. The dinner will be catered and cost \$16 per person. Contact Lady Melinda or Lady Cheryl Sowder to reserve your place. Until next time, take care of one another.

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