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## POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



**HAROLD BREWER**

Wow what a great Ceremonial we had the first weekend in May. We brought in 16 new Nobles. Thanks to our Ceremonial director **Fred Smith**, for all of his hard work. Thank you, **Matt** and **Katie**, for the Pre-glow. It was awesome.

We had some really good shooting at the Provost Guard Shoot on May 11. It was a fantastic turn out. Also had some great food by the ladies of Double EE.

On the evening of May 11, 2024, the first lady and I drove to Oklahoma City and participated in India's Potentates Ball. The theme was Back to the 80's. I don't even remember what I wore back then. We had a blast. Illustrious Sir **Dennis** and Lady **Leesa** had a great ball. I always love seeing our counterparts at these events.

On May 18 and 19 Midian's Golf Tourney took place in Winfield. There was lots fun had by all. The steaks on Saturday were cooked by the Chefs. These guys do a great job with that. If you haven't played in this tourney, you don't know what you are missing. **Kyle Rhorer** is in charge of this event and does a great job.

Yours in the faith,  
**Harold Brewer**  
Midian Potentate 2024

## Midian Shrine welcomed 16 New Nobles! Spring Ceremonial 2024



## Spring Ceremonial Parade



### Topics Reporters:

**YOUR ARTICLE FOR THE JULY 2024 TOPICS IS DUE  
JUNE 15, 2024**  
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300 words or less in lower and upper case (not all capitals)



SHRINE PATIENT MOM'S LETTER OF THANKS

My mother always told me that life is like a Ferris Wheel: sometimes you are at the top, and at other times you find yourself at the bottom and in difficulty, and you have to be strong and brave. But nothing prepares you for an accident that, in a matter of seconds, turns your life around 360 degrees.

The anguish, the pain and the paralyzing fear of knowing that at any moment my son's life could be lost, is indescribable. Every minute that he survived was a victory. In Mexico, the doctors did what they could with what they had, however, the situation exceeded their capabilities and when we thought all was lost, a Shriner named Humberto Pastrana showed up at the hospital at midnight. From that moment on, he did not let go of us. He explained who he was and the institution he represented and we asked him to help us. In a matter of hours, Matias was flying to Galveston for life saving treatment. I cannot describe the emotional rollercoaster of those first few hours and days after the accident. I thought: why is this happening? Why my son? Why me? What are we going to do? And then, when the Shriners came into our lives and we arrived in Galveston, the feeling of desperation and those dark thoughts vanished.

We were welcomed by the most wonderful team of doctors; Dr. Lee, Dr. Erickson, Dr. Sanderson, nurses, therapists, who made us feel safe, cared for, loved. My son was in the very best of hands, and knowing that, it was as though the weight of the world had been lifted from my chest.

I want to thank, from the very bottom of my heart, the wonderful people that we have been so incredibly fortunate to get to know over the last two months. I want them to know that we are deeply grateful for the way they do their job in the most professional, loving and passionate way, thanks to whom our son has been gifted the opportunity of life.

And last, but certainly not least, I want to express my deepest gratitude to the Shriners and to all those who generously donate to the Shriner's Hospitals. Without them, none of these opportunities and wonderful individuals that I have just mentioned would have come into our lives. The Shriners were there for our family in our darkest hour, and generously, selflessly and lovingly came to the rescue. They have given Matias the gift of life, a future to look forward to, and the possibility of a trip back up to the top of the Ferris Wheel - none of which we thought would be possible two months ago. For that, as a mother, I am more grateful than words can adequately express.

Sincerely,
Luz Sicilia
Matias' mom



2024 APPROVED PARADE LIST

Table with 4 columns: Date, Day, Parade Location, Time. Lists various parade events from June 1st to June 10th.

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.

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!

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Midian Shrine Tentative Schedule of Events

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Calendar table with columns for months: JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, JANUARY 2025. Lists various meetings and events.

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THROUGH 5/23/24 VANCE BURNS, CHAIRMAN

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## The Amazing Care Affair - Shriner's Children



*“The Amazing Care Affair – Shriners Children”, the St. Louis Hospital, celebrated their 100th anniversary! During that time, Kansas Masonic Foundation President, Lincoln Wilson, presented Mark Venable, Hospital Administrator, a check on behalf of all Kansas Masons for \$50,000. This brings the total charitable support to over \$400,000 in the recent past. Also pictured (from L to R) is KMF Treasurer Brad Koehn, KMF Emeritus Board Member Ron Capps and KMF Past President and Emeritus Board Member MW Jeff Sowder. Several Midian Nobles and Ladies who were also in attendance included Nobles Jeff Breault, Mark Butterfield, Richard Steele, Jim Hallberg and Jeff Geesling.*

### For MEMBERSHIP information

or assistance please call:

**Jeff Sowder 620-583-4228**  
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## Membership Minute

By JOHN AUCH

By the time you see this, almost half of the year will be gone. Let's not let the 2nd half go by without a top line.

- Your membership team has been very busy the 1st and 2nd quarters of the year, here's a quick recap:
  1. We've set extensive plans for **Recruiting, Retention, Restoration and Mentoring** and everyone is busy working them.
  2. A new membership **Jewel** has been created and distributed to everyone that has a combination of at least 5 Top Lines and Restorations.
  3. **Goals** have been set for every Unit and Club.
  4. **Goal charts** have been made and are all over the Shrine and are posted on Facebook. These will be updated as petitions are approved.

### WHERE DOES YOUR UNIT/ CLUB STAND?

5. **Imperial Sir Jeff Sowder** has created a presentation video which is available to anyone interested in doing a presentation, whether it's in a Lodge or any recruiting meeting. **YOU CAN NOW PUT HIM IN YOUR POCKET AND TAKE HIM WITH YOU!** Just ask for a thumb drive and we'll get it to you.
6. We've had **5 Masonic information meetings** including one in Western Kansas, we set up a booth at the Chisholm Trail Gun Show and we're proud to report it looks like we have over **30 new prospects** from that effort!

- **BUT WE CAN'T DO THIS ALONE, WE NEED YOUR HELP BECAUSE EVERYONE IS ON THE MEMBERSHIP TEAM.**

Your membership team has also created a “Gold Rush To Success” business card to help in your membership efforts.

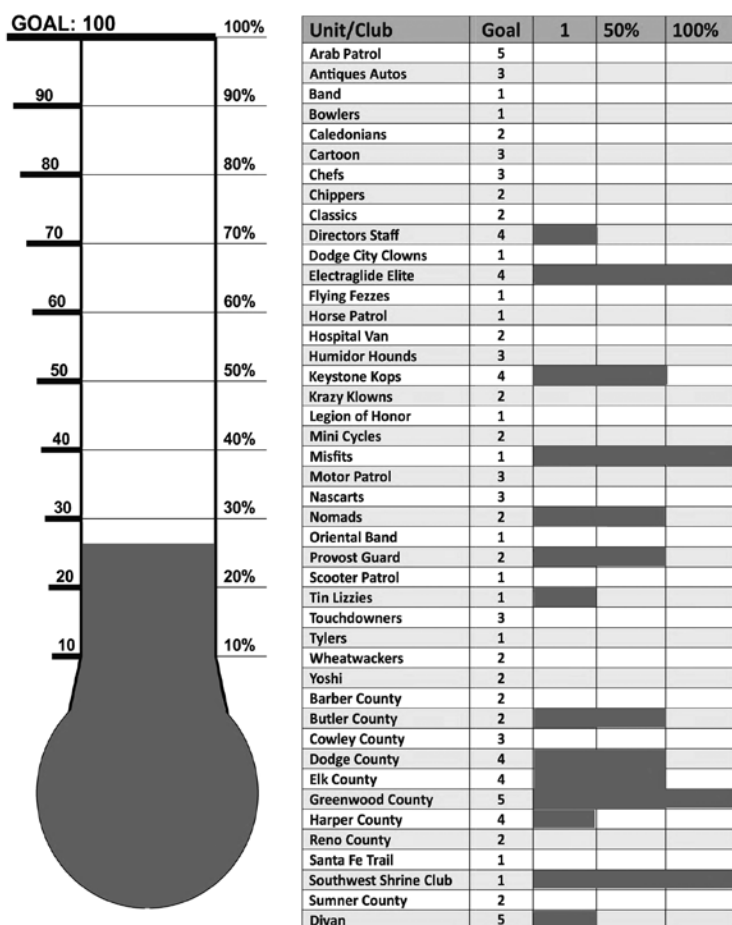
Here's how you can help:

1. Write your name and phone number on the front of the card.
2. Give it to someone you think would make a good Shrine Mason.
3. Ask them to scan the QR code on the back, there is a nice intro video done by **Illustrious Sir Bart Ogden P.P.** and a ton of information about being a Shriner.
4. Life is about **experiences** and the Shrine, as we all know, is full of fun times. So, ask them to look at Midian's calendar, which is also from the QR code, and invite them to a parade, party, Unit meeting, membership information meeting or just to the Oasis for a beverage and a bite to eat and let them experience it for themselves!

**WHAT DAY IS IT? IT'S MEMBERSHIP DAY!**

## Gold Rush to Success

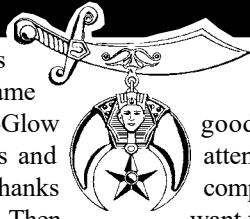
### 2024 Membership Goals



# CLUBS

## Greenwood County 3-Wheelers

CARL "C.F." COX  
Reporter



Spring Ceremonial is behind us and Greenwood County certainly came through with flying colors! The Pre-Glow Steak cookout was a huge success and our Captain Noble **Travis Wyss** thanks everyone who showed up and helped! Then, Ceremonial Saturday, Greenwood County brought in 3 new Nobles and 1 restoration. Welcome to these Nobles and their Ladies: **Blake Starkey**, **Gage Starkey** and Lady Leila, **Gavin Starkey** and Lady Abby, and **Patrick Kennedy** and Lady Deborah (restoration). Did you notice a theme of Starkey's? Noble **Scott Starkey** top lined all three of his sons at the same time. What a special day for the **Starkey** family!

As we have done for several years now, we gave away some scholarships to graduating high school seniors in May. This year we added Hamilton and Madison schools to our list for applications in addition to Eureka and of course those in our Greenwood County Shrine family. Those receiving scholarships this year are: Kyle Nichols; Berean Academy \$500 presented by Noble **Lonnie Nichols** PP, Judy Luthi; Madison \$250 presented by Nobles **Scott Starkey** and **C.F. Cox**, Brandon Jones; Hamilton \$250 presented by Principal Stephanie Nelson, and Wylee Boulanger and Cole Adkins; Eureka \$250 each presented by Imperial Sir **Jeff Sowder** PP. (See pictures I had at the Topics deadline)

Plans are underway for CSSA in Topeka. We have a good number that are planning to attend and compete at the Motor Corp competition on Friday morning. If you want to attend and compete, please let Captain **Travis** or me know soon. We need to figure out how many are going and start practicing. We also need to identify the bikes we can use for competition and what uniform we are wearing. The end of August seems like a long way off, but it's only a couple of months from the time you are reading this!

If you still need 3-Wheeler clothing, Noble **Scott Hackler** with F5 Imprint has reopened the online store for the purchase of caps, shirts and jackets. Lady Melissa Richard also has a ladies' "baseball jersey" for the ladies to order.

It is reported that Noble **Allen Hall** is recuperating at home and Noble **Larry Hibbard** is on the mend. Lady Cynthia Escobedo is also having some health issues - let's keep all of them in our thoughts and prayers.

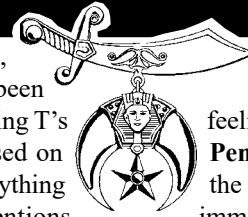
Our next meeting will be June 12th at the She Shed. Social at 6:00 with food, and meeting to follow. If you haven't been to a Greenwood County meeting in a while, you are missing out! The club is providing burgers and BEEF hotdogs for a cookout. Bring your favorite cookout themed side dish and we'll see you there.



## Harper County

GARY UMMEL, JR.  
Reporter

**Bonus Topics**...Aaahh Yes, The Bonus Topics If you have been a subscribed follower of the Bucking T's then you are well aware and versed on the sorcery that we employ on everything that we do. Of course, our intentions have always been to proceed with the utmost appropriate decorum, and to follow through, producing a strategic conclusion. That being said,... when the wheels fall off the original plan, we have to improv, and that is what we do best. It's a good thing that we have the creators of chaos, the architects of enigmas, and the designers of the shady deal all at our disposal. One anticipated upgrade that we expect to be a welcomed project is to have shades installed on the West openings of our patio canopy. This will be great, relief for our members and guests to enjoy our outdoor hospitality in the comfort of shade. ALERT!



ALERT! ALERT! Here is where the wheels fall off. I get a feeling that after **Eli Irvin** and **Tracey Penwell** spend a full day establishing the shades, that other members will immediately have them torn down. It won't be on purpose and I'm sure that no harm will be deliberate, but our progress will be tested none the less. If I had to guess, the destruction would come in the form of an impromptu human rodeo. I picture **Zach Darnell** and his fellow wranglers **Alvin Turner** and **Eric Mathes** attempting to rope and ride **George Blubaugh**, **Dennis Holdt**, and **John Soul**. At the end of the day one thing is for sure, we have fun, and we help kids. You know us, this is how we do it, this is who we are, hope to see you soon. To Be Continued, Stay Tuned.

# UNITS

## Hunidor Hounds & Foxes

DOUG PETERSON  
Reporter



What a great Spring Ceremonial! We had one of the larger classes that we have had for a while. Thanks to all the Hounds and Foxes for your support at Pre-Glow and After-Glow. Thanks to **Dale** and **Linda Gibson** for your amazing smoked meats and cheeses. Thanks to **Jason Peterson** for helping at our table.

The Hounds and Foxes have a Cigar and Whiskey Event scheduled for September 7th, 2024. The doors open at 5:00 p.m. in the

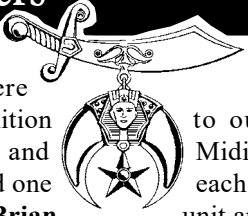
Oasis Room. Close at 10:30 p.m. There will be Whiskey tasting, Silent Auction, 50/50, and we may surprise you with more. Tickets are limited and are \$25.00 each. This is a private event and you do not need to be a Shriner to attend. All attendees must have a ticket. Contact me (316-706-5991) or **Doug Chartier**, or any Hound or Fox for tickets. You can also see me at the Shrine front desk Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## Hospital Van Drivers

VANCE BURNS  
Reporter

During the unit's April meeting, two past commanders were given a custom plaque in recognition of their service, **Doug Bogart** and **Brian Coram**. **Doug** has served one year as the unit commander and **Brian Coram** has served three years. Leadership is not an easy task, so **Brian** deserves extra kudos for serving three years in a row!

Did you know that by driving patients to and from St. Louis, you can earn points



toward the temple's annual Vision Award for service? Come to our monthly meetings held at Midian on the fourth Wednesday of each month to learn more about the unit and what we do to help kids who are a part of Shriners Children's health system.

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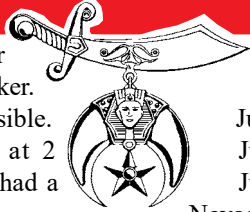
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# RECRUIT A SHRINER



### Antique Autos

KEE CLAAR  
Reporter



Hope everyone has paid their dues and received their parade sticker. If not, please do it as soon as possible.

Our May social was held at 2 Brothers BBQ. 17 attended and had a great evening.

There were 13 at the Ceremonial Parade. Afterward, our Unit served WALKING TACOS.

Upcoming events to jot down:

- June 1 – Eureka Day Parade
- June 3 – Antique Auto meeting
- June 8 – Screening Clinic

June 15 – LOS Ladies Pink

Apron Play

June 19 – Stated Meeting

June 29 – Kansas Shrine Bowl

June 30 – Imperial Session in Reno, Nevada

Prayer requests: Jessica Stevens, Noble Willie Williams, and Noble Kee Claar.

Birthdays for June are Noble Alan Orr, Noble Kevin Pistotnik, and Lady Denise Gelvin.

Wedding Anniversary in June: Noble Gary Galvin and Lady Denise.

### Arab Patrol

NORM CONLEY P.P.  
Reporter



Captain Brian West led the Patrol at Spring Ceremonial. The Patrol provided the honor guard, did the flag presentation, and led the Ceremonial Parade. The wind made it difficult carrying the flags in the parade. Those are "Patrol" tough flag carriers. Your lame and lazy reporter rode with Noble David Cross in his Jeepster.

The Patrol had a presence at the Pre-Glow. The Patrol Ladies went all out for the After-Glow with a big table filled with food. Thanks

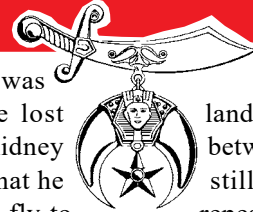
goes to those Ladies.

The Patrol breakfast social was a hit in April. It even brought out some veteran Patrolmen. On a somber note, Captain Brian West and Lt. Devon Olson stood honor guard beside the alter at the Terry House celebration of life. The ladies went all out again with the food. The family was thankful and we miss Terry.

Keep those brothers and their ladies in need in your thoughts and prayers.

### Keystone Kops

BOBBY "TURF" DUKES  
Reporter



The Kops Birthday Party was a fun and eventful time. We lost Steve Graham at lunch to kidney stones. In great pain he did what he had to do, got on a plane and fly to Aruba. Upon arrival, he left his lil "guest" in the restroom of the airport. I never knew that was an optional cure. Chief Hubbard showed us his towering inferno imitation and the fun times continued. We sincerely Thank all of you who attended and continue to support the Kops.

The Tartan Party, to celebrate the return of Ill Sir Harold Brewer and friends from their Scotland trip, was a lot of fun. It was evident that some guys look better in kilts than others. Not to be out done, our photographer showed off the Mexican version of "tartan" colors and patterns. Thanks to Dale Gibson and Lady Linda who prepared a mystery meat challenge. Many guesses were made as to what it was, but none guessed the contents. Scott Shirkey and Bobby dared the challenge and tried the Mystery meat. Fact is it was pretty good, resulting in seconds. Sorry about your luck, had to be there to know the contents.

Several Kops went to the annual Shrine fishing tourney in April. Despite the

rain, some of the teams actually landed a couple of fish. The rivalry between team Moon and team Potter still reigns. Team Moon & Jackie repeated their win of "big fish" over team Doc Kent & Steve Potter. While the guys were fishing, Gabe and Lady Emily arranged a fun evening at Philippe's for the rest of us. You can't beat good friends, food and fellowship, whether you're fishing or just sharing a meal.

Ceremonial was a fun weekend welcoming our newest Shrine Masons. Big Thanks to Darrin Cox and Lady Tina for hosting the Chiefs breakfast Saturday morning. The Chiefs put on quite the feast and Darrin was able to redeem himself by not burning the bacon this year.

Being a Kop is tough! Reportedly Moon has an issue with one of the trash cans at the fishing cabin. Well, the trash can finally won this year. Also, team Moon & Jackie, 60 poles, 2 fish?? Team Kent & Steve Potter 1 fish. Teams Kelly, Richard and Hurley. Casey, not sure if they even got on the water? Then Scott Clay, of team Scott & Jimmy Evans, couldn't even find a blow-up boat at Walmart. Better luck next year guys.

### Motor Patrol

CHAD TOMPKINSON  
Reporter



It was a bit of a slow month. We had a stated meeting on 4/17 with many of the Motor Patrol members front and center. Later in the month, we had a parade scheduled on April 27 at Benton that was cancelled. Not to waste the day, Jeremy Woodson, Lynn Ungles, Gary Donaldson, and Norm Conley still met at Stearman's before the scheduled time for lineup and had a little fellowship followed by a 5k fun run.

Our May 1st monthly meeting was at Rolling Hills for a nice meal and libations with a good turnout. The weather cooperated and let us sit outside on the patio until it was time to move inside for the meal and Captain Woody's PowerPoint presentation. The meeting was over sensitivity training and world domination.

On May 4th we had several members attend the pre-glow for Spring

Ceremonial. On Saturday the 5th, we took a new club photo (attached with present members) and had 10 Jeepsters parading with several members closing down the Oasis. Congrats to the 16 new members of Midian. Please feel free to look towards the Motor Patrol for guidance and help with developing good decision-making skills. I should point out that in the Oasis during the Kentucky Derby, John Auch was able to utilize his equestrian knowledge and track expertise to exploit Darrin Cox. Rumor has it that John took quite the payday from Darrin.

On May 8th we had our BOD meeting at Midian. It was time to map out our monthly ventures and plan some outings including several parades. Hope to see you all soon! Remember as always.... The truth doesn't sell newspapers.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>JUNE</b>						1 EUREKA DAYS PARADE FLINT HILLS RODEO PARADE
2	3 KOPETTES ANTIQUE AUTOS YOSHI KEYSTONE KOPS LOS PLAY PRACTICE	4 BAND REHEARSALS	5 TOUCHDOWNERS PROVOST GUARD MOTOR PATROL	6 DIRECTOR'S STAFF BAND PRACTICE	7 AMBASSADORS	8 DOUBLE E KIDS RUN SCREENING CLINIC
9	10 ARAB PATROL	11 TRUSTEES HOLDING CORP / BOD BAND REHEARSALS KRAZY KLOWNS	12 MOTOR PATROL BOD CHEFS CLASSICS MINI-CYCLES GREENWOOD COUNTY LEGION OF HONOR DODGE CITY COWLEY CO	13 CARTOON FLYING FEZZES HARPER COUNTY HORSE PATROL BAND PRACTICE	14 ELECTRAGLICE ELITE LOS PLAY PRACTICE  NOMADS	15 LOS PINK APRON PLAY  <b>TOPICS DEADLINE</b>  NOMADS
16	17 DON BAND OFFICERS HUMIDOR HOUNDS NASCARTS	18 BAND REHEARSALS KULINARY KUTIES	19 TILERS DIVAN/LADIES STATED MEETING - YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION	20 LOS WAYS AND MEANS WHEATWACKERS BAND PRACTICE	21	22
23	24 SPORTSMAN EVENT MEETING	25 BAND REHEARSALS MASONIC INFO NIGHT	26 CALEDONIANS KRAFTY KREW HOSPITAL VAN DRIVERS	27 MISFITS BAND PRACTICE	28 BUTLER CO	29 KANSAS SHRINE BOWL
30 IMPERIAL SESSION						

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	1 KOPETTES ANTIQUE AUTOS YOSHI KEYSTONE KOPS  IMPERIAL SESSION	2 BAND REHEARSALS  IMPERIAL SESSION	3 TOUCHDOWNERS PROVOST GUARD MOTOR PATROL  IMPERIAL SESSION	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY MIDIAN CLOSED PARK CITY JULY 4TH PARADE BAND PRACTICE DIRECTORS STAFF  IMPERIAL SESSION	5	6
7	8 ARAB PATROL	9 TRUSTEES HOLDING CORP / BOD BAND REHEARSALS KRAZY KLOWNS	10 MOTOR PATROL BOD CHEFS CLASSICS MINI-CYCLES GREENWOOD COUNTY LEGION OF HONOR DODGE CITY COWLEY CO	11 CARTOON FLYING FEZZES HARPER COUNTY HORSE PATROL BAND PRACTICE	12 ELECTRAGLIDE ELITE  NOMADS	13 THEME PARTY  NOMADS
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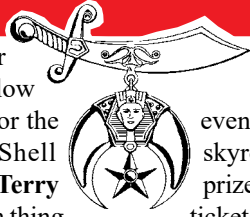
- Family Reunions
- Senior Pictures
- Animal Events
- Kids Camps
- Christmas Parties
- School Field Trips
- Company Retreats



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### Midian Classics

#2 ON THE LIST  
Reporter



We had a fantastic turnout for the Ceremonial Parade. Shown below are the first three cars lining up for the parade. Noble **Roeland** from Shell Handle, MO., rode with President **Terry** to push his car, just in case the darn thing quit running, again. After the parade, V.P. **Groff** bought refreshments for all members that were in the parade.

The May Classics meeting was held at Noble **Premier's** Car Barn and Shooting Gallery. Dinner was excellent, with V.P. **Groff** cooking the pulled pork and sliced cow. The food the Ladies fixed was great, but it was disappointing that the lady that was to fix the baked beans failed to show up for the event. Treasurer **Towns** reported that the Unit has a lot of money in the checking account, but more is required to make it through the

remainder of the year. Sell more tickets for the Sportsmen event and commission for the Unit will skyrocket. There will be a wonderful prize for the member that sells the most tickets for this year's event.

Mark your calendar for the July 4th Parade in Derby. All members are required by President **Terry** P.P. to participate and have a hot dog or T-Bone steak at Noble **Towns** house following the Parade.

None of the officers have advised this Reporter as to where the June meeting will be held. Thus, it will not be published in the June Topics.

Never forget the importance of membership and new members. Recruit one today. Support the Oasis or it will run dry.



### Horse Patrol

GEORGE FINLEY  
Reporter

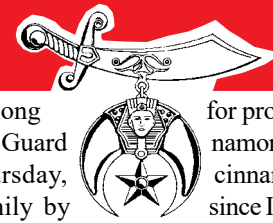


Our next meeting will be June 13th at 7:00 P.M. We will have a fundraising

update, if possible.

### Provost Guard

MARK SEAMAN  
Reporter



**Robert (Bob) Grubb**, 83, long time Midian Shriner and Provost Guard member, passed away on Thursday, April 18th, 2024, with his family by his side. He was a great Brother, Noble, and friend who will be sorely missed. He and his brother, **Larry Grubb**, have been active members for many years.

Spring Ceremonial and After-Glow were attended by several members. We had a great time meeting the new Nobles and their Ladies. We have gained a prospective new member. Welcome to him and his Lady.

Our Annual Fun Shoot was held on May 11th, 2024, at a new venue, Sportsman's Training Center (STC) in Augusta. It was a huge success. We had 48 registered shooters. A Huge Thank You to **Big Al** and Lady Anne

for providing coffee and homemade cinnamon rolls. I was told they were the best cinnamon rolls ever. I could not attend since I was at home recovering from back surgery. Thanks again **Big Al** and Anne. We

appreciate all you do for Provost Guard and the Midian Shrine. Lunch was provided by Electraglide Elite Ladies. Thank you to them. Thank you to all those who volunteered to make this year's shoot a success for our Unit and the Temple.

We are actively working to get new members. If you like to shoot or want to learn more, come to 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 visiting before the meeting. Our next meeting is June 5th. See you there!



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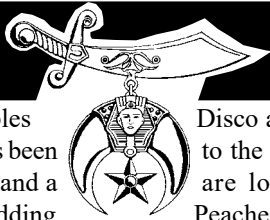


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### Krazy Klowns



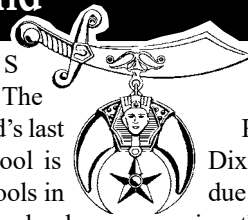
CRAIG EBERT  
Reporter

Welcome to all the new Nobles and Lady's to Midian. The unit has been very busy with gigs and parades and a wedding. Yes, that's correct, a wedding. Can you guess which one of us? Yep, it was

Disco and Peaches. Welcome Peaches, to the best Klown Unit at Midian. We are looking forward to picking on Peaches. May their marriage be full of happiness and joy.



### Million Dollar Band



RICK MILHON  
Reporter

SO LONG HADLEY! IT'S BEEN GOOD TO KNOW YOU! The Million Dollar Band Concert Band's last rehearsal at Hadley Middle School is over. Hadley is one of the six schools in USD 259 that are closing after this school year. Our rehearsals have returned to Midian's Mecca Room each Thursday night at 7 p.m.

parade. The weather was quite nice for the parade.

Rehearsals for the Polkatz and Dixiekatz are temporarily unscheduled, due to the involvement of the musicians in other groups such as the Senseney Community Band, etc.

The Spring Ceremonial went well. Welcome to the new nobles from the Million Dollar Band! The Concert Band performed in the morning. The Dixiekatz used the deactivated Oriental Band's trailer to join the

Three days after the deadline for submission of this article to the Topics, the Band is holding a picnic for its members, both Shrine and community volunteers. This year we are visiting the Chisholm Creek Park in northeast Wichita.



### Legion of Honor



GEORGE FINLEY  
Reporter

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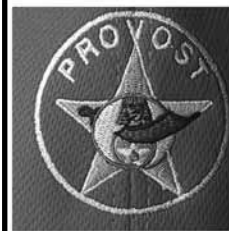


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# LADIES

## Arami Court

JAN HIEBERT, PGHP  
Reporter



The year is going by way too quickly! At our May meeting, 3 Ladies were reinstated. We welcome back Ladies Bev McWilliams, Vera Aikman and Debbie Bailey. We are very happy to have you with us.

The most recent Nomad's breakfast was May 18. We thank our "substitute cook" for preparing the meal that day, as about 14 of our Ladies were in Kalamazoo, MI at the 110th Grand Council Session. The business agenda was HUGE but we had lots of fun, too. Our mushroom (newest Lady on the progressive line of Court Officers) learned about her Grand Lady, met her class members and learned her class name and symbols. You're going to have an amazing time Lady Kelly Richecky!

The Spring Flower Sale was a wonderful success. All the folks who ordered the over 800 plants are very much appreciated. Watch this space early next year for the 2025 sale.

If you missed picking up tickets for "The Pink Apron" dinner and play, so sorry, it's SOLD OUT. If you bought tickets, put June 15 on your calendar so you won't forget to attend. We look forward to seeing you at the

performance.

October 12 will be a "hoot" as we

present the "Trash Bag Horror Show"

Come see how creative our models

are in their outfits made of trash bags

with a Halloween theme. See, I told you

it would be a hoot! More info on this as the

time gets closer.

Get ready to win prizes at the August 16 BUNCO night at Midian. It portends (look it up) to be full of laughter and fun.

Several of our Ladies are experiencing some health issues. They are in our thoughts and prayers.

The units and Court voted to submit an intent to bid on the 2026 Mid-States Unit Meet. Got a couple of steps to complete before it is presented at this year's meet in Oklahoma City in October. We have a reputation of holding really fun meets to uphold. We will do it again, Ladies.

Sending out a big thank you to Noble Dan Alcalá for supplying a very tasty birthday cake at our May meeting in honor of his lady Marilyn's birthday. You are such a good guy, Dan.

Until next time, take care of one another.

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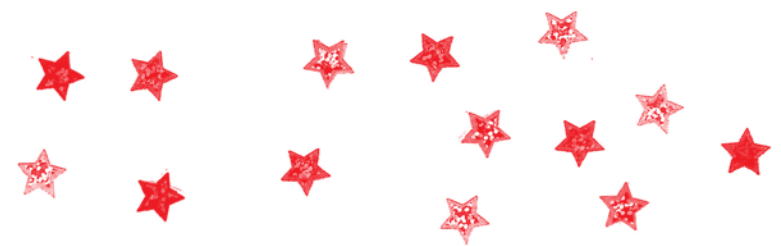


### Midian Shriner Drivers Wanted

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

Ages 18-80 with time to volunteer.

Please contact Julie at [juliem@midianshrine.org](mailto:juliem@midianshrine.org) or Steve at [stowns@cox.net](mailto:stowns@cox.net)



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July 13th 6-10 pm  
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